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June 15th Club Night

PEDNOR Silent Flight

Any Electric model or Glider.

Flying and Chatting from 6 'til Dusk

Editors Ramblings



We had a very productive Maintenance Day in April which saw patch rolling, fence and shelter treatment and some paint on the container. Club thanks to (in no particular order) Pete Hodge, Steve Bull, Trevor Brunt, Trevor Mines, Austen Pearce, Richard Ginger and Richard Johnson for his background work. For once the weather was fair and it only started to rain as we were finishing off.

Flying continues to be sporadic and very weather dependant. There have been no more "incidents" involving trainers for which we are thankful.

Our Club Night for June is a Silent Night at Pednor on the 15th. If the weather is good this can be an exceptional evening of flying and chatting. The wind drops and the sun drops into the valley. Kites are frequent visitors whilst the quiet electric models are circling the patch. Some members have power gliders which inhabit the upper air in lazy glides. Have I sold it to you yet? Come on down and enjoy the chance to unwind after the hectic day.

June is also the month which features the Wings 'N Wheels show at North Weald (25th/26th) Both Toby and Richard G are display pilots so look out for them if you attend.

Finally, we have welcomed a few guest flyers recently. Please remember that if you wish to bring a guest you need to be a B flyer and you may only bring the same guest a maximum of 3 times in the year. The guest must be BMFA insured and an A flyer (minimum). We do occasionally accommodate visiting flyers at the discretion of the Chief Flying Instructor Richard Ginger.

As always, you can contact me, Colin Hooper.

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Treasurer / Membership

Following the very successful sale of Tony Jackson-Wynch's modelling effects a donation was made to the Macmillan Nurses in his memory. The Club topped the amount up with an additional amount. See their acknowledgement at the end of the newsletter.

Summary of Club Events in the next quarter

June 15 th	1st Silent Night @ Pednor
July 17 th	Bombing comp @ Newground.
July 20 th	Committee meeting @ WHC, 8pm.
August 13 th	Scale comp @ Newground
August 17 th	2nd Silent Night @ Pednor

Event Report

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30 MAY

Unfortunately the weather failed to play ball and the planned "Fun Day/BBQ" was virtually a non event. However, four pilots turned up to fly plus the ever reliable Leon Coward; Steve Bull and Steve Atherton which made up a total turnout of seven.

The morning was grey with a very light drizzle which eventually blew away in the gusty and totally unfriendly north wind. Determined to have a go we initially tried setting up the limbo poles with plain 1¾" crepe paper streamer but this quickly broke in the wind and was abandoned. Plan "B" was to use balloons anchored on the ground using the customary skewers – cotton tethers and helium was not an option in the conditions!

We flew several three minute rounds and this was tricky; the redeeming feature was that the balloons remained stationary – no "bobbling" in the wind..... Colin removed the u/c on his plan built electric model following an ultra low pass which left Austen, Trevor Brunt and RG to battle it out. Austen – flying his big Hobbyking Slick/NGH 38 four stroke petrol power – annihilated the opposition with seven bursts including three on one pass. The balloons were arranged in a close 3-2-1 formation which might have helped! Trevor and I got one burst apiece.

After a break for lunch/contemplation we decided to try the limbo again using twisted crepe streamer and this actually worked, strong enough to withstand the wind yet easy to break (unlike videotape!). No scores were counted but this looked to have great potential for both fun and spectator interest. Austen again flew a phenomenal slot despite hitting both poles and the crepe. Trevor did well to survive and got several successful passes. I chose to fly my very

tatty small OS 15 powered model fairly quickly and once in the groove notched up a fair total before carrying off the tape. Both Trevor and I opted to stand near the poles which makes life a little easier but this is not really on if you have a largish airframe.

It is planned to do further balloon bursting with short, thin canes to which the balloons are directly attached and this will also save the hassle/expense of helium gas!

To sum up, great entertainment and a tribute to all those who bothered to turn up. Particular thanks to Leon who acted as CD and chief ground assistant plus Colin as crepe paper twister/repairer.

We hope to run both comps later in the year at the planned "Gala Day" on August Bank Holiday in the revised formats which are relatively quick and easy to set up, run and clear away.

Surely we must at last strike lucky with the weather?!

So, please turn out to support the Club, fly if possible and enjoy the carnival atmosphere!!

RG

August Fun Day

Hi all

Just thought I would remind you of our Open Day on **August Bank holiday Monday 29th**. We are going to put on quite a show with Richard Ginger, Toby and Austen flying their War Birds together. Richard Ginger is also going to set-up a small limbo competition that we can all take part in (not for the faint hearted).

There will also be a general slot for flyers like myself to have a fly. Austen has very kindly said that he will fly his helicopters. If you have not seen a helicopter turned inside out, this is one not to miss.

Our team of instructors with their trainers will be on hand for anybody who wishes to have a go, husbands, wives, guests, children. It will also be an opportunity for you to bring any of those modelling items that you wish to sell, put your name and price on them, and we will sell them.

The barbecue will be set up and available for any of you that wish to cook your own food.

For those of you who do not know, we also have toilet facilities. Put this date in your diary, and hope for good weather, look forwarding to seeing you all there.

START TIME: Hope to start the show off between 11.00 – 12.00

Pete Hodge

Member's Ramblings

What's That?

It's a Hobbyking (Durafly) Komet Me-163, electric power using a 3 cell 2650Mah Pack which gives just over 5 minutes of flat out flying. The model has a wingspan of 950mm (38"), is made from EPO and comes ready to fly... you just shake the box and add a receiver. Controls are throttle, elevons, rudder and the dolly is dropped by the gear switch. I have also fitted an 'Event' switch that either ignites the



rocket motors or smoke cartridge or switches on a very powerful light to simulate the rocket burst. It actually flies under power for about the same time as the real thing, which climbed to altitude then had just a few minutes of rocket burn left before having to glide back, (fast!) to the airfield.



The model is great fun to fly, its fast and manoeuvrable and for such a small wingspan feels very steady during some screaming low passes. You tend to need every bit of control you can get so constant rudder use and throttle balancing get its round in a dramatic way. The Komet has now had 2 rocket flights which all went without incident, the plane being flown from a dive then igniting for a 7 second flyby and climb under both rocket and 'conventional' power. There is an increase in power

as the motor fires, no trim change just the ability to go straight up, which is hard to resist and emulates the real thing again! The smoke cartridges are black and leave a convincing trail for just over 4 minutes, it really looks the part chasing the odd RAF or Allied plane that happens to be up there.

The rocket motors are 18mm and burn for around 5-7 seconds with no detonation at the end of the run. Many of these motors have a detonation charge to blow the parachute out of the model rockets, (for which they were designed for) ... so you need to be careful which ones you buy! A small metal tube is inserted into the back of the plane to protect the EPO and so the plane can change cartridges easily. For just over £50 pounds, (I got mine in one of the sales) this has to be the best budget-fun I've had for a while!

Steven Atherton :: 2016

Safety Officer's Corner



This month I've got to start with a reminder concerning flying over the railway at New Ground. Twice recently Network Rail have had cause to contact us concerning train drivers reporting that planes had flown in front of trains.

The first complaint was that a 'Drone' had flown too close to a train. It was explained to the man that nobody at the field had a Drone that day and that it could have come from elsewhere especially if it was being flown FPV.

On the second occasion I met the chap from Network Rail and had a long chat with him. He said he is situated at Tring Station and he was responding to a directive from Higher Management concerning a complaint from a driver that a plane had over flown his train. I was able to reassure him that we are a responsible club and took safety very seriously. When told that a reminder in our newsletter would be issued he said his bosses would be very satisfied with that. He also told me that from his office at the station he could see our planes and often watched them and was impressed with the flying. He reiterated that occasionally the odd plane did overfly the railway but they were so high that it didn't seem to pose a problem, however it's worth remembering that we are being observed so please be vigilant.

My personal view is that the 'drone' issue has been topical in the press and when it becomes tomorrow's news we'll probably here no more.

Now for the fun part. I have very recently acquired an electric glider. This is quite a change for me as I've never flown a glider before and as my club mates at NG know, I know nothing about electrics. So a big thanks to Steve Atherton for helping me set up the glider on the transmitter cruise mode, thermal mode, crow braking I didn't have a clue. And another big thanks to Austen Pearce for helping me with something called an ESC, no me neither!

Anyway after even more fettling there have been several successful flights, although getting the damn thing to land (it just wanted to keep floating) all is well and I'm enjoying learning a new discipline.

Finally, a photo of my daughter taken recently when she was taking part in a cross country charity ride. There were 40 jumps, the last being in the photo. In case you don't recognise it it's a jet Provost, she said it wasn't very high but a lot wider than she thought.



That's all for this month, safe flying now the better weather has come.

Steve Bull - Safety Officer

Club Training

Remember that training currently takes place at Newground with either Dave Anderson, Simon Adams or Richard Ginger. You will need to contact the designated trainer by the Thursday to confirm your interest. If the weather is looking poor for the Saturday, a call will save you travelling to find training has been cancelled. On those days which have NO designated trainer, call Toby Newton or Austen Pearce who may be able to train if they have no other commitments.

Month	Date	Trainer
June	4	Austen/Toby
	11	Austen/Toby
	18	Richard Ginger
	25	Dave Anderson
July	2	Simon Adams
	9	Austen/Toby
	16	Richard Ginger
	23	Dave Anderson
	30	Simon Adams
August	6	Austen/Toby
	13	Richard Ginger
	20	Dave Anderson
	27	Simon Adams

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Dear Friends,

You've paid a great tribute to Anthony Tomas Jackson-Wynch

Thank you very much to everyone at Chesham Model Flying Club Ltd., for your kind donation of £450.00, in memory of Anthony Tomas Jackson-Wynch. We'd like you to know how much we appreciate the fact that you've chosen to support Macmillan at this time.

No one should have to face cancer alone, and your generosity and support will help us to make sure that no one does.

Your donation is special

Your donation will ensure that we help patients, carers, families and communities every step of the way. It will allow us to fund more nurses and therapists to help people through cancer treatment. Provide more information and support centres offering free and confidential advice and support us in our campaigns to improve cancer care and fight discrimination. I hope you think this will provide a fitting tribute to the memory of Anthony.

If and when you're ready, we can help you celebrate the life of your loved one. You can find out more at macmillan.org.uk/inmemory or by calling 0300 1000 200.

Thank you once again for being a part of team Macmillan. We couldn't do it without you.

With best wishes,



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