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Editors Ramblings



Summer is over. It's getting cooler and windier which makes for some challenging flying conditions. Not that the hardy flyers are put off. You really learn to fly if the wind is blowing (within reason) so I urge you to pick your day and get down to the field.

In the June newsletter I reported that a new petrol engine developed by Laser was being preproduction tested by a group of flyers at Newground. The GA30 was installed in a Hanger 9 Ultrastick and was extensively flown by quite a few members during the testing. Some 15+ hours of flying, during which it proved to be very reliable if a little different to set up. The engine has now been returned to Laser with a written report on our experience and the airframe fitted with a DLE35RA petrol engine. The difference in performance is marked as we have moved from a 4 stroke 30cc to a 2 stroke 35cc. It is now quite an exciting model to fly whilst still being a pussy cat to land. It will be available as a large trainer for those members wishing to experience flying a larger model.

You may have noticed that the flying fields have not come through the flying season particularly well. At Newground we have very large areas of dead looking grass and the rabbits have been excavating holes which have caught more than one model during take off or landings. Pednor is also suffering from holes and cracks in the surface. The very dry weather has made repairs almost impossible despite efforts being made. We anticipate a regime of turf patching to be required when the conditions are right for them to survive.

Finally, the newsletter is getting a bit thin because you don't send me anything to include. I can only assume that you are having a boring time with your modelling activities. Don't let your end of year report read "could do better"

As always, you can contact me, Colin Hooper.

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Summary of Club Events in the next quarter

November 20 th	Committee meeting @ WHC, 20:00 (Tuesday)
December 19 th	AGM @ WHC, 20:00 (Wednesday)

Club Matters



The role of Club Treasurer has been passed by Richard Johnson to **Steve Langbridge** who is now fully engaged in the task of understanding our finances. Steve will be reachable using the treasurer@chmfc.co.uk address for all money related matters, including renewals when the time comes.

Steve is a major Pednor flyer with interests in fixed wing, heli's and multirotor flyer. He is also your contact if your interests are in multirotor flying as this is performed at Pednor.

Steve and Colin have been working to implement a few changes in advance of the club AGM and your membership renewal. As you should have seen by now, there is a revamped club website which now works well on PC's, tablets and mobile phones. The next push is to make it possible for members to renew their subs and BMFA using the website. No more individually printed renewal sheets, scrambling at the back of the AGM or postal costs to send them to you because you couldn't attend the AGM. We plan to go live with the relevant form in late December and there will be many reminders within emails that will link you to the correct page.

Our next requirement is to do away with cash and cheque payments. Renewal via the website will be possible using either your Paypal account, credit/debit card or by Bank Transfer. These methods will be possible for the vast majority of the membership. If it is still an issue then, in very rare circumstances, we are prepared to come to an arrangement subject to negotiation. All this is in an attempt to simplify what is a major headache for the treasurer with managing cash and cheque payments (50p per cheque fee) into banks by personal visits to the branch. Put another way, life is too short to faff around with a banking system that closes branches at the drop of a hat. We must move with the times. The treasurer is also a regular flyer and banking eats into his flying time.....

All renewals must be made by the end of January. Failure to do so triggers a £10 handling charge. This is less than was suggested which was a lapsing of your membership with a rejoining fee. We will, however impose that in the event that renewal subs are not received fairly quickly after the end of January.

Richard Johnson will also be relinquishing the membership role by the end of the year. Colin Hooper is taking over and has been working with Steve to

make applications to join the club much simpler by utilising a webpage. This will probably be live before the end of the year for any new member applicants. It will also utilise the same payment methods outlined for renewal. We have a policy of only offering membership to applicants where the club meets their expectations and we are confident that they will integrate well with the club. To that end we like the applicant to meet either Richard Ginger or Steve Langbridge at the field so that they can be introduced to CMFC properly. The contact choice is dictated by the flying discipline looked for by the applicant. The first point of contact will be Colin who will handle the introductions to either RG or SL.

Finally, the BMFA portal has now gone live and all members should receive an email link from the BMFA inviting them to login. This portal shows your data (contact details, achievement scheme levels, next of kin etc) and any club affiliations that you have. CMFC will be using the portal to enter your membership details on your behalf if you renew the BMFA through CMFC. This will simplify the work load for us as we no longer need to send paperwork by post to the BMFA. Exciting times.....

Newground was recently offered as a venue for a critical assessment of a drone pilot working for Network Rail. As an employee he was being assessed for drone survey work on the railway. This was very much a one off and allowed as an example of "good relations" with a very close neighbour, the West Coast Mainline! We were pleased to be informed that the evaluation resulted in a pass. It was also an ideal opportunity to engage in a dialogue with flyers from the railway.

Chairman's Soapbox

Picture of Dave Baverstock and his large Cub equipped for aerotowing. Landing lights and Nav lights – 120cc twin petrol engine, 28 inch prop. Successful maiden flight on 31st August at Newground.



Member's Ramblings

Flying should be fun

by Flt Lt Trevor brunt Retired.



Well chaps I'm back, I know it's been ages and you must have missed me so let me tell you what I've been doing.



First of all last years winter project didn't go well, the Seagull Twin Comanche gave me nothing but grief, not the best kit I've ever had, looked great when finished but when the day came to maiden her it all went wrong and she bit the dust!!

My faithful P47 Thunder bolt started to give me retract problems so I changed the old mechanical one's with Hobbyking electric, not

the most reliable but good value for money.

This model is great and good fun to fly it would make an ideal first warbird for any intermediate pilot. I recently had a problem with the control surfaces, the receiver got very hot and started to smoke; not found the fault but think it was possibly a seized servo, the model is now some 3 years old and had many hours flying so I will be stripping her down for a well deserved overhaul replacing servo's receiver batteries etc ready for next season.

This summer has been so good I even dusted off both the Super Stearman and the Christen Eagle bi-planes and found that flying them wasn't as difficult as I thought so am thinking of investing in a smoke system so will be looking for some advise on what best to purchase and help with installation.



Now what you've all been waiting for next year's winter project.

Yes, after much persuading from Steve "I've now retired too" Bull, I now have the above snug and warm in my workshop waiting to be built, well "assembled" You may have noticed that there are a number of these models flying at Newground so I may need to fit some ID flashes to the wings or I could be flying mine and looking at someone else's. The

recommended power train seems to favour the DLE35RA, so if any member has one going spare for the right price then I'm your man.

Newground patch.

As most of you know I along with my wing man flying officer Jeff Deny have for the past 5 years been mowing the patch, we have however finally decided to throw in the towel at the end of this year and pass the tractor keys to some other willing member.

I'm sure there are a lot of you who would be only too pleased to have a go and hare around the patch on a little red tractor? Not a difficult job and you will earn the

admiration of all the members and a bit of spare cash towards your next model, I believe that Dave Humphrey already has someone in mind but personally think it better left to a club member or members who can visit the field and decided if mowing is necessary and then advise the members on what day this will be carried out and what time flying can commence.

Now finally, before anyone asks, yes I will be arranging the annual club new year lunch for next year, the venue and date not yet decided so suggestions please, however in past the total attendance has been between 12/15 members so any venue must be able to cater for this. Also it is normally scheduled for a week day as members like to keep weekends free for flying.

FOR SALE



2 x Turnigy Aerodrive SK3 3548-840kv outrunners

2 x zippy 4s 3300 ma 40c lipo's

2 x Hobbyking HK-100a esc's

Note: these are as new and were installed in my piper twin comanche which sadly landed in the Newground copse during her maiden flight.

They are all undamaged and were purchase at a total cost of £150.00, will accept £120.00 or near offer. I will also sell individually if required.

Contact: Trevor Brunt (home 01296 615456) (mobile 07885 787262)

Club Training

Remember that training currently takes place at Newground with either Dave Anderson, Simon Adams Austen Pearce 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.

The nominated trainer can also be found on the club website, follow the link to the calendar. <https://cheshammodelflyingclub.co.uk/calendar.php>

Month	Date	Trainer
October	6	Austen Pearce
	13	Richard Ginger
	20	Dave Anderson
	27	Simon Adams
November	3	Austen Pearce
	10	Richard Ginger
	17	Dave Anderson
	24	Simon Adams
December	1	Austen Pearce
	8	Richard Ginger
	15	Dave Anderson
	22	No Training
	29	Austen Pearce

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