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FLYING TIMES

Folly Farm - Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 10am - 8pm. Sunday - 9-30am - 5pm.
Bank Holidays 10 am - 5pm. Electric, rubber and gliders may be flown at any time.

CLUB SHOP

'Meanad' add-on silencers	-	£5.	-	Ring Mike Smart.
Transfers	- Sheet of three	-	£1.	- Ring Bob Playle.
Training Videos	- for hire to club members.			- Ring Bob Playle.

TRAINING

Fixed wing training takes place every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Folly Farm between 2pm and 5pm **by appointment only with the duty instructor**. Please ring the duty instructor by 7.30pm Thursday for the following Saturday or by 7.30pm Friday for the following Sunday.

Please note *NO TRAINING* indicates that a Club Competition takes place that day. Telephone me beforehand if you wish to take a chance on the time available afterwards. **RG**

6 January	Bob Playle (01442 825693)	7 January	Robert Adkins (07792 511887)
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17 February	Paul Thorne	18 February	Peter Dunnett
24 February	Mike Smart	25 February	Tony Wood
3 March	Bob Playle	4 March	Richard Ginger
10 March	Richard Ginger	11 March	Robert Adkins
17 March	Paul Thorne	18 March	Mick Stiff
24 March	Mike Smart	25 March	Peter Dunnett
31 March	Robert Adkins	1 April	Tony Wood

THE NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

AGM

For those of you who weren't there, your Committee has been re-elected with the exception of Paul Yorke, who is standing down as Secretary after many years of service to the Club. Andy Bloxham has duly been elected as the new Secretary.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Paul for his many years of service to the Club, not least of all for setting up and maintaining the Club Website. Paul has also been responsible for printing the newsletter covers and issue envelopes, which has been a great help to me.

The Club Subs were approved, being un-changed from last year, hence there is no excuse not to renew your subs, **which are due now and at the latest by 31st December 2006**. (You can still send them to Paul's address)

Alan Johnson has kindly offered to pay to have the patch levelled, this has been cleared by our Landlord and we will advise you when we know more details.

There was a discussion about the BMFA and the protection of children and vulnerable adults and the consensus appeared to be that our current policy which requires a parent or guardian to be present at all times, is sufficient.

Competition Meeting Results

Following our meeting on 4th December, I will summarise the discussions as follows, the details will come in the 2007 rules in the New Year.

Power Duration & Spot Landing - remains un-changed.

Fun-Fly - This remains un-changed, but there will be only one Fun-Fly competition, the other will be replaced with the following:-

Freestyle Aerobatics - (Proposed by Chris Vaughan) You simply go out there and do whatever you can to impress for four minutes. This will be voted on by the other competitors, who will mark down their top three choices. You can only have one entry, but you may use a back-up in case of damage.

Helicopter - There will be no helicopter comp.

Peter Hales Scale - We are going to try a new format for one year and see how it goes. There will be no formal judging, static or flying, again the other competitors will vote for their top three favourites. You can enter as many models as you like, but your best score only will count for Top Gun.

Aerobatic - Remains un-changed, but Martin will

make the schedule a little easier to encourage more participation.

AULD - Remains un-changed.

Electroslot - Remains un-changed, but the two-minute limit at the start of the slot will be strictly enforced. If you are not ready, you will forfeit the slot.

Open & 100" Glider - Remains un-changed, however, it appears that some people can't sleep and want to start the competition in the middle of the night! It was reluctantly agreed that the nominal start time is 10am with no entries accepted after 10-15am. Apparently, this will be strictly enforced, although I don't know how it is going to run without a CD? Slot start times will also be strictly enforced and if you are not ready when the whistle goes, you do not fly!

There will be no glider competitions until the latter part of the year (probably August) to enable official practice sessions using the winches to take place earlier in the year.

I will work out the competition dates over Christmas and publish a calendar and the rules in the New Year. As the only driver worth watching has now retired, I will not be consulting the F1 calendar, as requested by our CD.

Club Subs are Due

at the latest by 31st December. Subs remain the same as last year, but the BMFA have increased their fees by £1. A membership renewal form was enclosed with the last newsletter, but if you have lost this you can get one from the Secretary or download it from the website. Please ensure that you complete it in FULL otherwise we may not be able to accept your membership.

Please also remember that you will be uninsured and hence UNABLE TO FLY if you haven't renewed by 31st December AND there is a SURCHARGE of 50% for late payment. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that you pay on time, late payment causes us all sorts of problems.

Boxing Day + 1 Spot Landing Competition

There will be an informal Fun spot landing competition at Folly Farm on Wednesday 27th December at 10.30am (sorry Percy, but I didn't think they would want to get up too early as its Christmas). There should be drinks and nibbles and hopefully no blizzard this year, but even if you're still wasted, you should be able to manage this! This will consist of taking off, flying upwind for 30 seconds, cutting your motor and then trying to land on the spot. This is open to any type of fixed wing model, including gliders. We might even stretch it to helicopters, if you auto-rotate with a dead engine!

Canon Super Glider Competition

OK, the January meeting will be all about constructing and flying the attached paper glider.

If you are receiving this electronically, there will be a PDF file sent to you after your newsletter, which you can print out and bring to the meeting, along with a pair of scissors, glue and some paper clips.

If you are receiving this by snail mail, there will be a copy included, but it will be in 'greyscale'. You can either bring this or there will be some spare colour ones at the meeting. You will still need to bring scissors, glue and paper clips.

The idea is that you construct your glider and then take part in duration and spot-landing competition with it. I'm sure our CD can rustle up some prizes.

Please note, you do not bring a pre-constructed and trimmed glider with you. You must make it on the night! You are not allowed to enlarge the print, it must be the size of the A4 PDF!

Be there sharp otherwise Percy will disqualify you.

Multiplex AcroMaster



I have yet to finish mine, but I thought you might be interested in this relatively new model, which is one of the latest breed of medium sized 3D/Pattern electric models. It spans just over a metre and weighs in at just over a kilo (2.25lbs), which means it can cope with a bit of wind and is large enough to perform without getting blown away.

Whilst I love the little shockies, there are very few days that are calm enough to fly them outdoors. This is moulded from Elapor foam, which looks to be a cross between EPS and EPP and hence this model is supposed to be fairly rugged to cope with the inevitable mistakes. It is designed by Martin Muller for 'experts' or 'aspiring experts' and all the reviews I have read, have been very good. Certainly in the right hands, it is a real performer. Sadly it is not cheap (around £80) and if you buy it with the recommended power set (Himax outrunner, CC 45 ESC, prop driver and APC 11" x 5.5" e prop, you won't have much change out of £200! The recommended power set-up produces around 350W with a Flightpower 2150 3S Lipo, so this is no slouch.

It is a very cleverly designed model with lots of injection moulded parts, one of which is a motor mount which allows you to adjust the down and side thrust via four screws in the front. It is assembled using slow or thick cyano and I have used half a large bottle doing this! The wings are removable (essential for my car) and have a male and female dovetail in the roots and two large carbon tube spars, so they snap in place when you push them in from each side.

This is supposed to be able to be built in around 4 hours, but I must have taken half that time sanding off all the moulding marks and the other half applying the stickers!

Anyway, I'll report in more detail when I have flown it, but check out this link for some flying http://www.multiplex-rc.de/cms/vorschau/upload/d_videos/acromaster_kurz.mpg

And Finally.....

I thought it was time we had some **REAL** aeroplanes on the cover, hope you like them. This is a short newsletter, just to keep you informed, but the next one will be normal size.

All that remains is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that we get some nice calm flying weather in 2007.

And last of all of course, don't forget to get up bright and early for the competitions next year, I'll be thinking of you while I'm still in my nice warm bed.

CLUB DIARY

Club Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Rivets Sports & Social Club, Whitehead Way, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury. 7.30pm for 8pm.

December 27th 10.30am Folly Farm - **Boxing Day + 1 Spot Landing Competition**

January 8th 2007 8pm Rivets - **Canon Super Glider Competition**
See this newsletter for details.