

# Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter – July, 2018

**Our next Monthly Meeting will be at HADSTOCK "August" 5th from about 4pm – so come when you can. It's Sunny!**

## *Mike's Chat:*

On the Saturday before club night (the 30th), there was a very good turnout (including Alan still looking for his canopy!) Steve came with his Tiger Moth, Jason and Jack showed much enterprise with their vintage models, and Jack did his best to find Alan's canopy with his drone, complete with camera!

Tony's P 47 went well, the undercart legs not bending the way some do, which made for a good take off!

Not sure how it happened, but much to everyone's pleasure, we were able to say our cheerio's to Bill and Di who are moving to Wales in the near future and called in to the Club site to say "Bye Bye"! We were all sorry to see Bill and Di go, most of us remember Bill's kind help and encouragement on the patch when we most needed it! Bill kept the club going by sheer enthusiasm and we are all grateful!

Pete and Linda were the usual providers of a splendid Bar-B-Q and even offered chairs to one or two older members (Hooray, I thought - with grateful acceptance!)

*Cheers, Dears, Mike*

## **Scale Day:**

We will be holding our annual Scale Day up at the flying site this Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. This is our most popular yearly event with a fine array of scale models present. So dig out your best scale – or even "scale-like" – models and join in the day!



The poster features the Stansted Model Flying Club logo (a blue circle with a white airplane) and the BMFA logo (a red circle with a white airplane). It includes several images of model aircraft: a biplane, a propeller plane, a helicopter, and a jet. The text is centered and reads:

Stansted Model Flying Club

# Scale Day

Saturday 28th July  
Flying from 10:30hrs  
BBQ from about 13:00 hrs  
Free to Stansted Members  
Visitors £2

There will be a prize for the Best Scale Plane and a prize for the Best Pilot on the day.  
As usual, no expense will be spared on prizes

Bring the family

As its a scale day, priority will be given to scale planes otherwise normal flying can take place.

## ***Indoor Model Flying this Winter:***

It might seem a little premature to be thinking of Winter during this glorious sunshine but up in Norfolk they know about winter weather! The South Norfolk MFC will be holding 5 indoor flying events for the 2018/19 winter season. Flying: from 5pm - 8pm.

At:	The Community Sports Centre, Norwich Road, Framingham Earl, Norfolk, NR14 7QP	On:	1st September 2018 17th November 2018 19th January 2019 9th March 2019 18th May 2019
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All model types, 100g max. Flyers £5, Junior Flyers £2, Spectators £1.50.

Contact Robert Coggan on 07799 395669, email: [snmfc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:snmfc.treasurer@gmail.com), website: [www.snmfc.co.uk](http://www.snmfc.co.uk).

## ***Instructor & Examiner Workshop:***

The East Anglia Area is running another Instructor & Examiner Workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. See attached flyer for full details.

## ***Bill's Day:***

Bill has expressed his thanks for the BBQ that the club put on for him and Di. He says it was most unexpected and he felt honoured. He thanks all the Members who turned up in support. We will be sorry to see him leave as he has done so much for the club over the years.

## ***And Finally:***

Well, we cut short a bit our long touring holiday because we got fed up with seeing that the weather was so good at home when we were suffering thunderstorms in middle Europe! We rather expected the weather to change for the worst as soon as we got back!

I've already managed to get up to the flying site a couple of times, mainly for test flying as I've been repairing several models that did not take kindly to being moved to my new home late last year. The weather has been ideal – light winds – for my sort of models, so I'm just hoping that it will stay that way for the Scale Day. Scale Day is undoubtedly my favourite event. I'm just working out how many of my more seldom flown scale models I can get into the car!



*Laurie*

# East Anglia Area

Cordially invite

All Area and Club Examiners, Instructors and  
potential Test Candidates

to a

Fixed Wing 'A' and 'B' Instructor & Examiner Workshop

Kindly hosted by Raydon & District MAC  
(near Capel St Mary off the A12)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, commencing @ 10 am**

Directions for the site will be sent to all attendees nearer the time. Please book-in early as the numbers will be limited to about 20.

The Workshop is being held in support of the BMFA Achievement Scheme and is designed to help Instructors & Examiners to improve consistency. 25 pilots attended the last workshop and rated the usefulness and enjoyment of the day at 97%! Over 70% had all their questions about the tests answered on the day.

The purpose is to allow Pilots, Instructors and Examiners the opportunity to gain experience, share information and discuss the requirements of the Fixed Wing 'A' and 'B' tests in a relaxed and informal environment. Delegates will be asked to 'score' the aspects of the mock tests, being pre-flight checks, from the pits to the take-off point, all of the elements of the flight, the retrieval and the post-flight checks - note: the demo flights will have various deliberate errors incorporated.

Following this, there will be a group critique of the test in which the Demonstration Pilot will participate. At the conclusion of each section, the Demonstration Pilot will fly the schedule to the required standards.

Refreshments and barbecue will be running from about 10.30 until we run out of food.

For further details, contact the Event Organiser, Phil Gutteridge, East Anglia Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator on [philg44@sky.com](mailto:philg44@sky.com) or 07810 547 406

## Examiner and Instructor Workshop

Programme of the Day

Arrival and Registration from 9am

Start 10am

Introductions and aim of the day

Site briefing by Club Representative

Delegate's briefing for both 'A' and 'B' – will include an explanation of the shape and position of the required manoeuvres.

Demonstration Pilot to carry out Pre-Flight checks. Delegates to score

Critique of Pre-Flight checks – all, including Demo Pilot

Demonstration of Fixed Wing 'A' with common errors included. Delegates to **OBSERVE** and score

Critique of 'A' schedule by all including the Demo Pilot to cover:

- from the pits to the flight line
- Each manoeuvre
- Recovery and Post-Flight checks

Demonstration of the 'A' Schedule to the 'required' standard.

Barbecue will be available from about 10.30 ish for bacon and egg rolls.

Barbecue will finish around 2pm, or when the food runs out  
There will be a charge of £5 that will cover feed and drink all day.

Lunch break after the 'A' Schedule 'required' standard Demonstration Flight. Discussion of Mandatory Questions during lunch.

Demo of FW 'B' with common errors included. Delegates to **OBSERVE** and score

Critique of 'B' Schedule, similar to the 'A' schedule

Demonstration of the 'B' Schedule to the 'required' standard.

Feedback. What was good, what worked, what didn't, can we improve

Close of Workshop around 4 pm

Time will be available for general flying – bring your BMFA card if you wish to fly. Mentoring is available for those practicing towards their next Assessment.

Fixed Wing 'A' and 'B' test can be carried out if required.

**If you wish to fly, please bring your BMFA Membership Card with you.**