

# **Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter**

**August, 2016**

**Our next Meeting will be at Hadstock, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September.**

**Come at 4Pm, stay 'till late?**

## **Mike's Chat:**

Perhaps we were expecting too much, but for the 1<sup>st</sup> of August the weather was windy and a little cold. Luckily (and what would we do without him) Roy turned up with his "Arising Star" and Buddy Box – and a never run-out tank! Laurie tried out the new club electric trainer; a Wot 4 foamie – which true to form, lost it's undercart on landing. Paul had a go with his Acrowot and suffered a similar fate. When examined afterwards it seem that the mounting arrangement (as supplied with the kit) was paper thin Balsa, and didn't stand a chance. *(The club Wot 4 trainer will be re-enforced around the undercarriage and engine support area before it's let loose as a training aircraft!)*

Anyway, we all (apart from Alan's dogs – which were well behaved) had a go with Roy's "Arising Star" and nothing broke, although Laurie flew with great verve – put us to shame, he did!

*Cheers Dears*

*Mike*

## **SMFC Events:**

### **Visit to the South Norfolk Club.**

We have been invited by the South Norfolk Model Flying Club to come and fly at their flying site just this side of Norwich for a day. This visit will probably take place in early October. Bill Michie will be organising the visit.

### **Winter Meetings.**

Although we are still enjoying the summer, the nights will soon be drawing in and we need to plan ahead for our indoor winter meetings. The AGM will take place in early December and we will no doubt re-run our indoor chuck glider and simulator evenings, but we do need a few more topics. Any ideas would be welcomed.

## **Families Day:**

After several postponements because of other more minor commitments (such as work and holidays) and a late one-day delay because of the weather, our first Families Day finally took place at the flying site on August Bank Holiday. The fine weather brought forth a wide range of models and a good turnout of club and family members. Chris' large and attractive Tiger Moth model rather stole the show (especially when he simmered down and flew it in a scale-like fashion) but younger family members were quite taken with my quirky asymmetric canard and flying saucer models.

Thanks are due to Bill for running the flying aspects of the day and to him and Roy for providing flights for family members using trainers and buddy box systems. Nearly all of our visitors took up the chance to get a taste of flying a model aircraft. Also thanks to Mark Moulds and Linda for running the BBQ. We could have done with a few more family members to consume the output of the club's BBQ.



*Families Day – 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2016*

### **Mark's Safety Spot:**

Mark and Linda finally returned from all their competition travels with Mark (ably assisted by Linda, of course) recently gaining a Bronze at the mini-Nationals at Hurley. Let's hope that the Club's safety standards have not slipped in his absence.

### **And Finally, Maiden Flights:**

Just to show that scale bi-planes really are the best, we have news of two successful maiden flights. Tony Sparsis finally committed his stunning new 1/4 scale Stampe to aviation with a maiden flight on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, ably piloted by Bill Michie. This detailed model has been built by Tony to LMA Standards.



*Tony's Stampe*

Also, a beautiful large scale silver Piper Cub was successfully "maiden" late in the day on the Bank Holiday - a bit too late in the day for families to appreciate it (and when I was too busy to take a photo of it!)

*Laurie*