

# Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

December, 2017

***As the first Monday in January is the New Year's Bank Holiday there will be no January meeting.***

***The next Monthly Meeting will be on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8PM at Ugley Village Hall.***

## ***Mike's Chat:***

Our last meeting was the AGM where the jobs for club officials were contested for with the usual bug eyed excitement! However, when volunteers were suggested Bill proposed they should be accepted, unless someone objected, and so the meeting more or less settled down and suitable candidates were found, as follows:

Chairman – Jason Channing

Secretary – Vacant (again)

Membership Secretary – Laurie Poulter

Treasurer – Linda Shepherd

Safety Officer – Mark Pearce

WebMaster – Mark Moulds

A vote of thanks was given to Mark and Linda for the BBQs and refreshments they produced for club summer events.

A vote of thanks was given to Roy for being a great helper and good bloke.

The Nigel Smith Trophy was awarded to Tony for the large scale Stampe he built earlier this year.

The Alan Banks trophy was awarded to Ron – who was also complimented on his persistent entertainment value.

Safety was again a significant theme and, with reference to electric models, these must be considered LIVE once the battery is connected

Bill was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his sterling work and leadership over the years.

I didn't count but there seemed to be a very good turn out.

*Cheers Dears*

*Mike*

## ***Winter Meetings:***

The January meeting has been cancelled. We did hope to defer the meeting so that it did not fall on the New Year Bank Holiday but, unfortunately, the hall is being redecorated and is not available to us. The next meetings will be in February and March on the first Monday of the month, as usual. One will be the annual indoor chuck glider competition and the other the simulator bombing "competition" – not sure what will take place at which meeting, but they are both great fun!

## **Membership Renewals:**

It's that time of year for memberships to be renewed – both for the SMFC and the BMFA. The new membership application form can be found on the club web site. Increasingly, members are opting to renew their BMFA Membership direct with the BMFA through their web site – which saves the Membership Secretary a lot of work!

New SMFC Identity Cards will be issued as soon as possible after membership applications are received. BMFA Cards take a little longer to produce if membership is renewed via the SMFC but members should be assured that they are covered for insurance purposes as soon as the cheque or cash is received by the Membership Secretary.

## **BMFA:**

The latest Club Bulletin is at:

<http://www.bmfa.org/Clubs/ClubBulletins/tabid/137/Default.aspx>

The next E. Anglia meeting will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 20:15 at the Three Kings, Hengrave Road, Fornham All Saints, Bury St Edmunds.

## **And Finally – “Sassy Sangoma”:**

At the AGM Bill mentioned the fund raising his son Bob was involved in to help get this racer back into flying condition again. This aircraft is used by a Formula 1 Air Racing team to compete in the Reno Air Races in the USA. It became waterlogged when Texas was hit by the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey earlier this year and needs extensive repairs to get it back in the air. The wing was destroyed and significant damage sustained to airframe, engine and instruments due to sustained flooding.

Rob is giving a talk/presentation to the Harlow Club on Fri 5th Jan (8.00pm, Moot house Social Club, The Stow, Harlow) about his adventures and all members of the SMFC are invited to attend.



*Looks more like a model aircraft than a real one - it's even got my old RAF Squadron No on it!*

*Laurie*