

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

February, 2016

Mike's Chat:

Our next meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall on 7th March: "How to Get Stuck-In". We have managed to get an expert to come and show us the best way to use adhesives, and to "Keep-M-Flying"

Let's see if we can "Stick It!"

Our last meeting was the indoor "Chuck-Glider" Competition, which was entered by no fewer than nine Eager Beavers, who provided us with a very entertaining evening. Once again, Bill brought along a selection of ready-made slot-together gliders, which avoided getting sticky stiff on the hall's chairs (an unpopular pastime), and levelled the field – so to speak (no special designs – *not even a Canard from me - Laurie*).

The duration of the models was quite close, with Dave getting a total of 21 seconds, Bill coming second with 20 seconds, and Roy third with 19 seconds. A fun evening, with keen competition and good humour to boot!



A Couple of Photos of the Chuck Glider Competition

Paul Pichel is still very unwell; we all wish him well and hope he can return to a flying mode very soon.

The proposed day out at Duxford is still on so if you are interested contact Bill or Laurie.

We have to thank Laurie for the new peg board and a new windsock is expected soon. No doubt we will be able to use them in the not too distant future; the weather has been really awful of late. Perhaps we can hope for a good long summer?

Cheers, dears - Mike

Mark's Safety Spot:

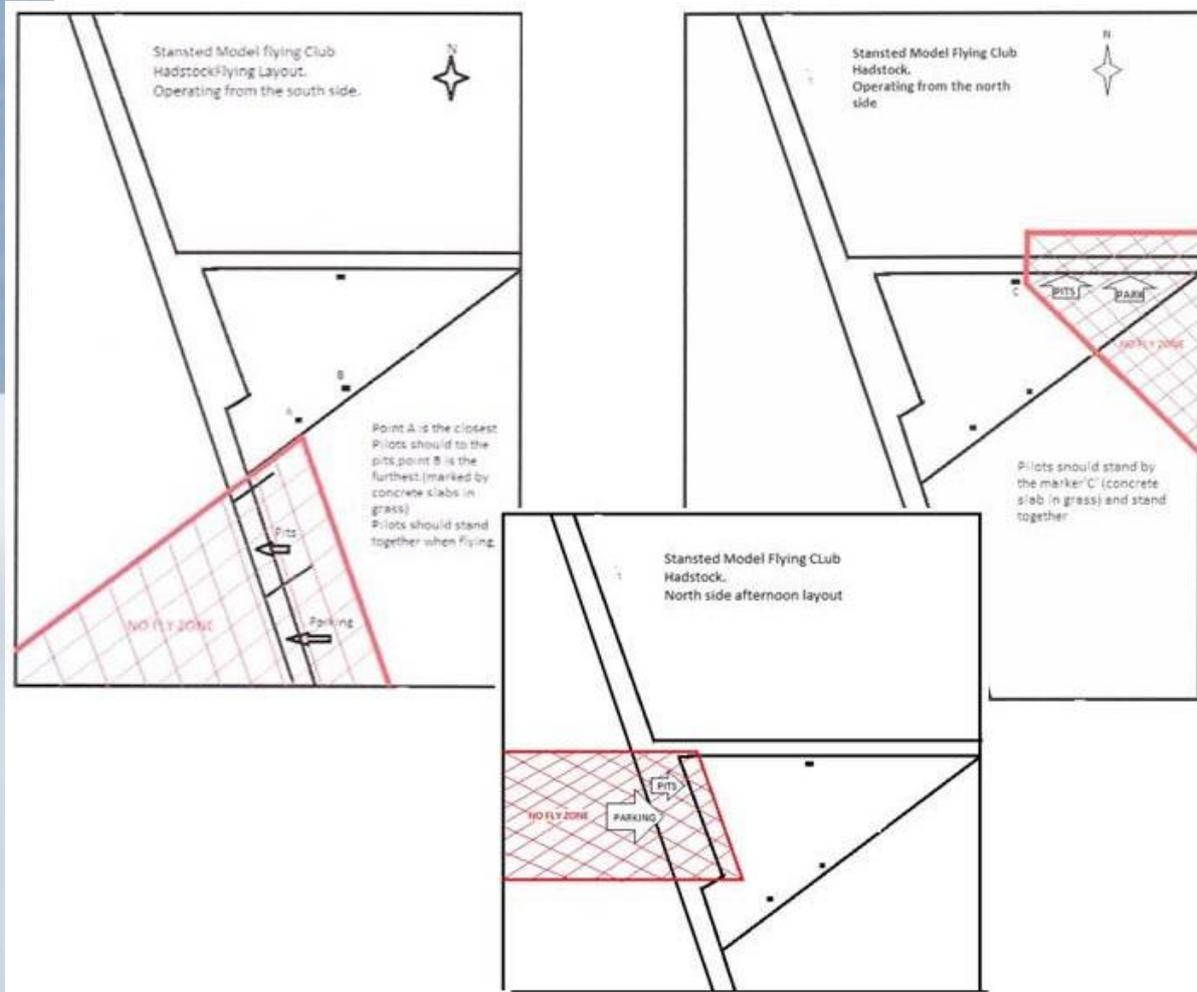
As most of you know I am the Club Safety Officer for this year and I will be adding safety related information to this newsletter occasionally. None of the comments will relate to any individuals - they will be general safety related information.

Shown below are a new set of Flying Site diagrams to show where we should position ourselves when we are flying, and the parking and pits areas:

When flying from the South Side of the field (nearest to the farm), the closest we should stand whilst flying is the near slab - this gives us a safe distance from the pits and parking areas.

When the wind is from the direction of the farm we should be flying from the North Side and we should stand by the slab on that side. The no-fly zone is angled to stop flying over the grass area near the parking and pits area.

Flying from the North Side Afternoon Position helps when the sun is low in the late afternoon as we can take off and land with the sun behind us.



We will try and include the above diagrams on the back of one of the boards up at the flying site so that everyone can refer to them when they need to.

Pilots should always stand together whilst flying.

Any input from members on the above and any other safety matters is very welcome. My email address is m.e.pearce@ntlworld.com.

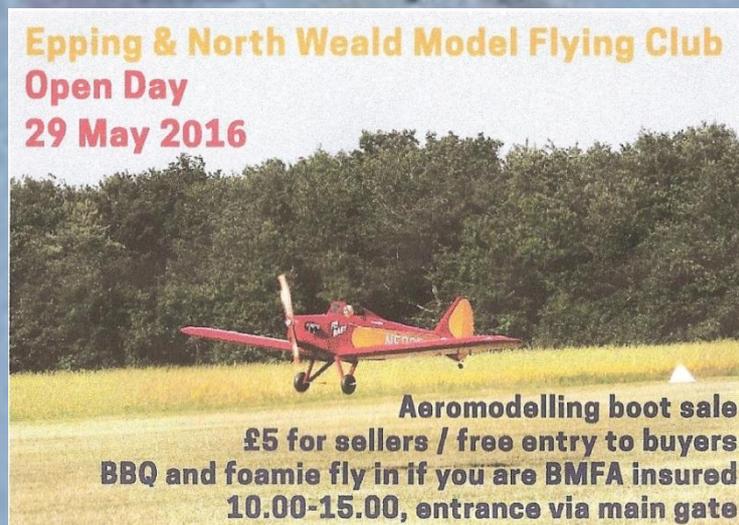
Future Events:

Our March meeting will take place on the 7th March in the Village Hall, Ugley, with a talk by Phil Gutteridge on adhesives; their types and uses. The usual convivial atmosphere, together with tea, coffee, and biscuits, will be on hand.

For the April meeting, we are proposing a fun evening of competition using flight simulators. We hope to project the simulator displays onto a large projector screen, so you will be able to see the action clearly – and barrack accordingly!

We will be hosting the GBRCAA Pattern Comp on Sunday, 17th April – ending by 17:30.

Epping and North Weald Model Flying Club are holding an Open Day at North Weald at the end of May:



(Thinks: have I actually got a foamie?)

Events for this summer include a Scale Day, a Family Day, and a Training Day.

Event updates will be posted on the club website: stanstedmfc.com

Membership Status Update:

I'm pleased to report that over 75% of last year's club members have already renewed their membership for 2016 – such early renewal is something of a record and we can now say that this club will be financially solvent in 2016! In addition, we have been approached by a member of the Bottisham Club to see if we could accept a few members from that club, which is closing down in April.

Please welcome two new members who have joined us so far this year: Paul Askew and Terry Haddock.

Nick Gourmos and John Polely have informed me that they will not be renewing their membership this year.

Emergencies at the Flying Site:

Site location information (Post Code, GPS Co-Ordinates, Routing Information) is now displayed at the top of the new Peg Board. So, if you do have to call out the emergency services, you can reel off the above information, thus increasing the chances of the emergency services actually finding you at the flying site!

Laurie