

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

February, 2017

Our next meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall on
Monday 6th March at 8PM

“A fun bombing competition on the simulator!”

Mike's Chat:

Well, we had a flying evening in spite of the weather, not in the true fashion of course, but great fun never the less at our last month's meeting in the hall. From an undisclosed source, those willing to take part were able to choose a miniature ARF (complete in packet, but somewhat bent, and of various nationalities) I had a ME 109 fuz with Zero wings, which worked rather well, and flew straight-ish ..

The results (total duration of three goes) were as follows:

Laurie 9 secs, Dave 5.5 secs, Mike 8.5 secs, Ron 6.5 secs, Pete 5.5 secs, Linda 6 secs,
Roy 7.5 secs, Mark 6.5 secs, James 7 secs (new member- well done).

There were no prizes, apart from the dubious honour of beating someone else and getting the things to fly more or less in a straight line!



Annual Indoor Chuck Gliding Competition in Progress – inset: the winning model!

Anyway, our next meeting will be similar (a fun thing), when you can fly a simulator on a big screen to drop bombs on unsuspecting people (if you can avoid the trees, that is).

Cheers Dears

Mike

Forthcoming Club Winter Events:

March 6th Bombing Simulator - Fun Competition in Ugley Village Hall.

This event proved to be very enjoyable when we ran it last year and we are expecting more of the same this time.

April 3rd TBN - May be held at the Flying Site if the weather is suitable

First Monday of every month from May to October – Club Summer evening flying session

Club Events for the Summer Flying Season:

The club will be hosting a BMFA Team Selection event on Sunday 23rd April so the patch will not be available for flying by club members until after the event is complete – expected to be by 17:30.

It is proposed that the club runs a Training Day or similar in June, a Scale Day in July, and a Families Day in August.

Bill hopes to arrange a visit to the South Norfolk Model Flying Club during the summer.

Potential Legislation and Model Flying

Both European and UK Executive are considering legislating on the operation of small, un-manned aircraft, no doubt in response to the many “scare stories” related to the flying of drones. Any such legislation could affect us as model flyers.

The Transport & Tourism Committee (TRAN) of the European Parliament backed plans for the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to be granted the competence to regulate unmanned aircraft below 150Kg, including model aircraft. The TRAN Committee also backed plans requiring some form of mandatory registration and identification for all unmanned aircraft above 250 grams. Consultation is on-going.

The Department for Transport has also launched a public consultation on drones but a proposed registration policy could also apply to model aircraft weighing 250g and over.

The BMFA is pushing hard for minimum regulation for model flyers, based upon our good safety track record as flying clubs. Let us hope that good sense prevails!

And Finally:

As I've not been able to get up to the flying site lately, I've been forced to complete my model of a Taube circa 1913 by painting a couple of crew figures instead. The observer/passenger is installed and looks like he's enjoying the prospect of a nice flight but he will have to await completion of the pilot figure before he can get airborne!



Laurie