

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

February, 2018

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Monday, 5th March at 8PM at Ugley Village Hall – A Chance for some Bombing Practice!

Mike's Chat:

Our last meeting was a "Bring and Buy" where the late Paul Pichel's modelling bits and pieces were offered for sale at shrewd prices fixed by Bill..... Paul's widow has generously donated the proceeds of the sale to the club's funds. However, somewhat overshadowed by the "good staff", I still managed to sell a Piper Cub ARTF pack to an "old Lad" from the Harlow club, aided and abetted by Gary, who shamed him into action! (*He really wanted a much bigger Cub but decided that Mike's model would do for now – and would be an easier new model to sneak into the house – LP*)

My slightly marked "Big Fun" model (compete with the wrong engine) will have to wait for another occasion That's life!

And so the weather will no doubt encourage members to "have a go" at the Bombing Simulator, and possibly "Bomb" themselves (Pete's good at that!)

Cheers Dears

Mike

March and April Meetings:

As Mike states above, the next meeting will focus our minds on bombing technique, using a bombing simulator projected onto a large white screen. We've run this event for the last two years and it has been great fun – especially for the bystanders!



The following meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 2nd April, which the more astute of you will realise is Easter Bank Holiday Monday – not an ideal day for an indoor meeting. If the weather is fine, then we will hold the meeting up at the flying site. If not, we may (if we can) move the meeting back a week and run the annual Indoor Chuck Gliding Competition.

Membership Renewals:

Membership renewals are slowing down now as most members have already renewed their SMFC Membership. I will be sending out reminders to the few members who have not renewed yet within the next few days.

The second batch of BMFA Membership Cards have just been sent out in the post. These are mainly for people who renewed their membership earlier this year. I'm awaiting a few more late applicants before I the next batch off to the BMFA.

If you've not yet received your SMFC Membership Cards, rest assured that I will get them sent out before the flying season really gets going.

Royal Aeronautical Society:

The Cambridge branch is holding a presentation on the "Airlander" hybrid Aeroplane/Airship in conjunction with the Cambridge University Engineering Society at 6PM on the 8th March. Their poster is attached to the e-mail.



This would make and interesting model!

And Finally:

Faced with this long winter weather, I fondly recall that a few years ago we had a particularly balmy period during February. So calm that I was even able to fly some of my lighter modes – most unusual for this time of the year. No chance this year – the cold snap that we are currently enduring means that I'm not going anywhere near the flying site for now - even though it is calm (and snowing) outside as I write this piece!

See you in Spring! (whenever that comes)

Laurie