

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

May, 2017

**Our next meeting will be at Hadstock on Monday, June 5th.
Come at about 4pm - stay until it gets dark.**

Mike's Chat:

Mike sends his regrets and says that he has nothing to chat about this month, as the weather so far has meant that he has not been up at the site!

It does look as though the last week in the month might provide better weather, so we yet might see Mike up at the flying site this month.

Mark Pearce has abandoned, just for a while, practicing for this year's competitions to indulge in a short cycling trip – from Lands End to John 'o Groats! (well, he should have had a tailwind going in that direction). I understand that he finished the ride pretty well on schedule but I've not heard how he's getting back!

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Forthcoming Regular Club Events:

First Monday of every month from May to October – Club Summer evening flying starting at 4PM and going on until 8. In the event of poor weather, a club night may be postponed by one week.

Club Events for the Summer Flying Season:

Old Timers Theme Day, Sunday 11th June.

Club members are encouraged to dig out their vintage models or modern built vintage designs and bring them up to the flying site for a day of nostalgia flying. This will not preclude normal flying activities, although members with "performance" machines are asked to allow space and time for the more gentle peregrinations of these old-style models. As these models mostly require light winds, the event may be postponed for a week if conditions are unsuitable on the 11th.



Scale Day.

The provisional date for the club's Annual Scale Day is 15th July, starting at 10AM. This event is a popular one and is a day devoted to flying any scale or scale-like model. There will be a mild competitive aspect, with prizes awarded to the best model and best pilot of the day, as voted for by

the club members taking part in the scale day. Normal flying can probably commence from about 4PM and it is hoped that we can get a volunteer to run the BBQ.



Family Day.

The provisional date for the club's Annual Families Day is 12th August, starting at 10AM with families encouraged to come to the BBQ, which should be up and running about noon. Again, normal flying can probably commence from about 4PM.



Other Proposed Events.

Bill hopes to arrange a visit to the South Norfolk Model Flying Club sometime during this year's flying season.

Other "Theme Days" have been proposed (helicopters, quods, gliders, FPV, etc) by some club members. If anyone would like to run such a day – and perhaps get someone else to run the BBQ, then such events can be scheduled.

And Finally:

The Spring madness that Mark is currently subject to seems to be spreading: several of my acquaintances are doing sponsored long distance walks, one lady is climbing the highest peaks in the three countries of Great Britain, and another who is too sensible to go trekking is doing a parachute jump in July, while I've just been handed an old FitBit device to encourage me to take more exercise and slim down this summer. Why can't people do sensible things at this time of year – like indulging in some relaxing model flying out in the sun – perhaps the weather is to blame!

Laurie