

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

November, 2016

**Our next meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall on
Monday 7th December at 8PM**

Mike's Chat:

It's the A. G. M! Please support your Club!

Our last meeting was the first of the "In Season" (in doors), and dealt mainly with safety aspects. It would seem that we are all guilty one way or another, by condoning behaviour or performing careless acts which could put ourselves or others at risk.

No model should be unrestrained in the pits, or when power is available, on the flight line. Be aware of others' behaviour and speak up if concerned. Check your "Fail-Safe" and do a range check (a thing seldom seen these days).

The committee are very much in favour of "Buddy- Box" usage for those of us who have become uncertain flyers in their advancing years (me for instance). It gives a means of enjoying a flight or two, without stress to the pilot (and watchers) hopefully. The Club Trainer is fitted with "Buddy Box" by Bill who is always willing to give you a "Go" when possible.

Bill brought along the latest addition to his stable, an Alan Wild design pattern ship (built by Alan), which is of very low wing loading for a 2 metre size model. Bill is well pleased.

Well, in case you haven't noticed, our next meeting will be the AGM so there! There will be a free Xmas Raffle for members that attend the AGM (coo,o,o) and hot Sausage Rolls and Mince pies (hurrah). There will also be well known vacancies on the committee - which will no doubt be fought over with the usual bog-eyed excitement.

It will also be possible to pay your dues on the night, so bring your money, cheque book or a plausible excuse.

Cheers Dears

Mike

Forthcoming Club Events:

Dec 5 th	AGM, with Raffle and S. Rolls/Mince Pies afterwards
Jan 2 nd	Post-Xmas "Show and Talk"
Feb 6 th	Chuck Glider Fun Competition
March 6 th	Bombing Simulator Fun Competition
April 3 rd	TBN - May be held at the Flying Site if the weather is suitable

Annual General Meeting.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 5th December at Ugley Village Hall.

The BFMA Membership rates for 2017 are unchanged from the 2016 rates at £33 for an adult and £17 for a junior. You will be able to renew both your SMFC and BMFA Memberships at the meeting, although you can also renew your BMFA Membership on-line at: www.membership.bmfa.org. I will issue 2017 SMFC Membership Cards to club members who renew their club membership at this meeting.

AGM Agenda.

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies from Absent Members.**
- 2. Reports by 2016 Committee Members:**

Each Committee Member will briefly report on matters under their control during this year.

- 3. Club Trophy Awards for 2016:**

The Club will award the club's two annual trophies (Alan Banks Trophy for achievement and the Nigel Smith Trophy for outstanding model design/building).

- 4. Election of the Club Committee for 2017:**

The Club's Committee presently comprises: a Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer, and a Webmaster. The current Chairman, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer and Webmaster are willing to serve for another year. While all committee positions for the next year are up for election, we are particularly seeking a new Club Secretary for 2017.

- 5. Setting the Club Subscription for 2017:**

Members will be asked to vote to set the club annual subscription for the coming year.

- 6. Club Trainers and the use of "Buddy Boxes".**
- 7. Proposals for Club Events.**
- 8. Any Other Business:**

Club Electric Trainer:

Now that the club's new electric trainer – a foamie Wot 4 – is ready for use, I'm looking for some spare parts, ready for the inevitable repairs! So, if you have any bits from an old foamie Wot4 that you would be willing to donate..... They need not be in good condition – just repairable. I'm particularly looking for a spare wing. I'm also on the lookout for a couple of old 35Mhz Transmitters that could be used for an instructor-student buddy system.

And Finally, from last month's Newsletter:



Did you manage to work out what was "Rupert the Bear"'s middle name?

Well, it's: "**The**" - obviously!

You can blame my girlfriend for this childhood joke!

(However, I have since been reliably informed by an expert on the subject that he was always referred to as: "Rupert Bear" and not: "Rupert the Bear".)

Well at least this shows that some of you read to the end of the last Newsletter!

Laurie