

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

October, 2016

***Our next Meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall on Monday
7th November at 8PM***

Mike's Chat:

Now, I have heard that great minds think alike, and that two heads are better than one. However, I didn't know that they can also control the weather if sufficiently determined! Anyway, Bill and Laurie got their heads together, and gave us one of the best bits of weather we've had for ages. So our extra late summer meeting at Hadstock was blessed with light winds, and sunshine, and about fifteen members, which must be a record.

And what do you know, we even had Roger Collins there, who we haven't seen for about 5 years! He also gave us a flying display just to prove he wasn't "Rusty!" - some people never seem to lose it! And I suppose one must include those who can still get a diesel powered "Chaterbox" up and away, like Chris Stewart. Not to be outdone, Jason got his diesel powered Tomboy aloft (and low)! Jason also had a very large 55cc Petrol job which droned about nicely.

Bill gave Gerry a couple of flights with his Taylor Craft, and gave me a couple of goes with the club trainer, which was much appreciated, as my confidence returns (I hope). Roy had some bad luck with his "Rudder Bug" which had a loose engine and turned right, which stopped his take off rather dramatically,

Don't forget! The AGM will be with us soon, time to get a job?

Cheers Dears

Mike



At the flying site at the October Monthly Meeting – the day was coming to a close, but there was still plenty of activity! We had the same luck at the beginning of the flying season, holding the last spring meeting at the flying site in good weather, rather than in the village hall. It's something that we will need to keep under consideration next year. LP

SMFC Events:

First Winter Meeting of the Year.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits, together with the usual convivial atmosphere, will be on hand from 8PM at the monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to bring in models for a "show and tell" session.

Annual General Meeting.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 5th December at Ugley Village Hall. We should have the BFMA Membership rates by then so you will be able to renew your SMFC and BMFA Memberships at the meeting. If you have any topics that you would like to raise at the meeting it would be helpful if you could let me know of them before the AGM.

Committee Membership for 2017:

The Club's Committee presently comprises: a Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Safety Officer, and a Webmaster. Committee membership offers direct involvement in how the club is run and its future direction. To compensate for the work involved, SMFC Membership fees are waived for Committee Members.

While all committee positions for the next year are up for election, we are particularly seeking a new Club Secretary for 2017. The main role of the Secretary is communication and organising: taking the minutes of the AGM, producing and circulating the monthly newsletter, and pushing out notices to members as and when required. The Secretary is also the main point of contact for external organisations, although most of the communication from the BMFA goes to the Membership Secretary. The Secretary would be expected to work with the Chairman to organise the Club's annual events up at the flying site and the winter meetings in the Village Hall.

In practice, there is flexibility in allocating specific activities between the various committee members so, if you would like to serve on the Committee but don't fancy carrying out a specific activity, we can probably accommodate you. If you would like to offer yourself to fill any of the Committee posts for the next year or would like to know more about these roles, please contact me or Bill or speak to us at the next meeting.

Club Trophy Awards for 2016:

The Club Committee will be deciding who to award the club's two annual trophies (Alan Banks Trophy for achievement and the Nigel Smith Trophy for outstanding model design/building) during November, so there is just time to get your nominations in - to any Committee Member.

Free Flight Anyone?

Just the other day, I was contacted by a recently retired chap from Sawbridgeworth who wanted to get back into model flying after a very long break. What he was interested in was free-flight glider flying and wanted to know if there was anywhere within, say, 20 miles of his home where he could fly such models. I did of course point out to the gentleman the advantages of "electrifying" a model glider and adding "Radio Assist" to keep the model glider close to hand - so that it could be flown from a club "patch" such as ours. I could not think of anywhere near here that he could fly free-flight but I promised to get back to him if any club members knew of such a place. Please let me know if you are aware of a suitable location or club - Newmarket, perhaps?

And Finally:

Can you answer this one from your childhood memories:

What was Rupert the Bear's middle name?

Laurie