

“It doesn’t matter about the weather, just come!”

Our last “Summer” meeting was a disaster as far as flying goes, with just Gerry, Bill, and I. Bill and I WALKED over the patch, chatting of this and that, and nearly getting blown over in the process! However, we both realized that the A.G.M was almost upon us, and the club needs a membership secretary rather urgently.

So, at the general meeting on 3rd Oct, it would be a good time to start criticising the way the club is run, and put yourself in the firing line for a job! All committee positions are up for grabs! Now there’s a thought!

Anyway, all is not lost, we have some NEW MEMBERS, I met them one Saturday up at the patch, and they were flying in a Hadstock gale. A little “Skybo1t” put up a very good performance, mind you, he had a 125 Saito up front, which pulled it around at quite an alarming rate! Anyway, I met all four of them, a nice bunch of fellers, who it transpires had to seek another club, ‘cos their own had lost its flying site (bit like a pub with no beer!). So, they (fortunately) joined us “on mass” So, a warm welcome to the new fellers!

Laurie was one of the brave ones who took a chance with the weather, and flew his small electric models better than I did with the old “Don” (which weighs a ton, and can cope with quite strong winds – it needs a good head wind too but against it can’t stop when landed!). Ron brought along his Hawker Hunter, complete with launching ramp, which went a little ardy for the first go, which caused the Hunter to turn left into the rough and required some hasty repairs. There after it behaved perfectly and flew as if there was no wind at all. It never ceases to amaze me how these little electric models cope so well in gusty conditions.

Perhaps it’s the heavy batteries? Anyway, Ron had a small electric powered Extra, all foam, and that flew just as well as the Hunter, it even took – off from the grass!

To cap it all Dane turned up the next Sunday with a foamie EDF (it looked like a Hunter). That little thing took off from the grass and flew in gusty conditions worse than the earlier Sunday! Maybe I should forsake my 25 year old Enya 90, and join the electricrisky club!

However, Bill still seems to have a lot of success with his 50cc petrol model Extra. He recently took part in a week-end “ High Alpha” shoot-out. Although Bill did not get any Gongs, he thought it was the best fun he has had in ages, although he had to admit that the Free Style flying to music was a little taxing!

So, it will soon be the A.G.M. and all of you who want to moan, can and, at the same time think about the job of membership secretary! Come on now! The job is not very arduous and it will save Jason from doing it alongside his job as chairman!

As you must know Jason spends a lot of time already working on the patch, and has succeeded in taming the weeds. So come on now volunteer for once!

Cheers Dears, Mike