

Don't forget! The "Fun-Fly" on Sat 4th Aug!

Our last meeting was the "Chuck Glider" competition (with a difference)

My poor old word processor has had rather a busy life, and nearly gave up recently! However, a new bubble jet cartridge, and stand by batteries put things in order again (I hope) So, if you have been lead astray by my rather disjointed messages of late then be told that the "Fun-Fly" will be held on Saturday 4th August, and we need lots of you to take part. There will be a Bar-B-Q, and PRIZES for attempting a challenge, so please come along to make the day worthwhile for our hard working secretary. Bill Michie.

Unfortunately the weather has been so awful of late that there is little to report, apart from a rather wild attempt to fly my little Electric model in the Hadstock wind, which resulted in a broken prop, and the subsequent delays in obtaining replacement parts. "Spares always available" what a joke! Perhaps I bought the wrong model? Anyway, the "Don" is repaired, and has been flown after major surgery (hardwood splints along the back – bone) it lands even faster now which dragged one wing along the ground to the discomfort of the ailerons! So, having re-pinned the hinges, and made the gap between wing and aileron ALMOST as small as before, and hoping for reasonable response, I may even start flying it again, when there are people looking!

Linda got into a little trouble in the wind at Hadstock, and persuaded Mark to do the landing but, like some electric models the power seemed to be lacking at the wrong time, so the Foamie Wot 4 had to take to the crops which was rather less damaging than the edge of the field which broke the prop on my "Discovery!" (When you buy it, you discover it is feeble) Those of you who (like me) can remember the "Dark old days" and Pete Cleal wi11 perhaps remember the time Pete took a deck chair up to Hadstock and a glider, and some whiskey! Pete launched the glider which found a thermal, Pete fell asleep, and then awoke to find the glider had gorn! It was never reported found or the guilty party of damage, so all was forgotten until recently. When Alan lost his very nice vintage model in a thermal in full view of Bill who was encouraged to find SOME way of attracting the models attention. All to no avail. However as I understand it, some kind farmer came across the undamaged model and so Alan and his old friend are re-united ... Ah! (The B.M.F.A. recommends your name and telephone number to be part of your model-just in case).

Anyway, the "Fun-Fly" means what it says, it is meant to be a "Fun" day, and we need all pilots to be ready for a 10 am start. So let's all get off to a good start, and lots of fun!

Cheers Dears, Mike