

# Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter – October, 2018

## ***Our next Monthly Meeting will be on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8PM in Ugley Village Hall***

A bit of good news: a local farmer found Tony's "Thunder Tiger" Trainer in one of his fields and returned it to the club flying site.

A bit of bad news: Tony repaired it and then wrote it off the next day!

Spotted James Blease's 3-D printed model up at the flying site recently. Apparently, this is the second one that he's printed off as the first one started to distort in the heat this summer! I was impressed by the detailed internal structure that had been printed – even the control rod tubes were included. Also, the surfaces were absolutely smooth – the surfaces of 3-D prints that I have seen before tended to be "ribbed". James has agreed to demonstrate his 3-D printing equipment at our November monthly meeting.

Mike Moylan would like it to be known that he will not be giving up model flying as reported in the last newsletter but will having cataract operations instead so that he can see his models again! Nevertheless, he's been selling off quite a few things and will bring some items for sale to the November monthly meeting.

Some other members will be bringing in a few items for sale, so feel free to do the same - a good opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the end of the flying season or to buy a few bits and pieces for winter projects.

### ***Events:***

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Monthly Evening Meeting from 8PM at Ugley Village Hall - Demonstration of 3-D model aircraft printing. Bring and Buy.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – AGM and pre-Xmas get together at 8PM at Ugley Village Hall.

### ***SMFC Update:***

#### *Club AGM:*

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Main topics will be reports from this year's Club Committee, the election of Club Committee Members for 2019, setting the club membership rate for 2019, and the Annual Club Awards (see below).

We can expect hot mince pies to finish off the evening to get you into the Christmas spirit!

#### *Committee Membership for 2017:*

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.

Whilst the incumbent Committee Members may be willing to continue for another year it is emphasised that all committee positions for the next year are up for election at the AGM:

Chairman. This is a leadership role and requires someone with both the stature and dedication needed to guide the club through the next year.

Club Secretary. The main role of the Secretary is communication and organising; including producing and circulating the monthly newsletter and organising the club's meetings and events.

Treasurer. Maintaining the books and providing financial guidance to the club.

Membership Secretary. Maintaining the club membership list. First point of contact for potential new members. Most of the communication from the BMFA goes to the Membership Secretary.

Safety Officer. Keeping us on the straight and narrow. Requires experience, stature, and a forceful personality.

Web Master. A specialist role but one that needs to take account of the fact that the club's web site is one of the main ways we have of attracting new members.

In practice, there is flexibility in allocating specific activities between the various committee members so if you would like to offer yourself (or to nominate someone else!) for a Committee post for the next year please speak to one of the current Committee Members.

*SMFC Club Trophy Awards for 2018:*

We are still seeking nominations for the club's two annual trophies:

Alan Banks Trophy: For achievement during the year.

Nigel Smith Trophy: For outstanding model design/building.

The trophies will be presented at the AGM so nominations please to any Committee Member – just let us know "who and why".

### ***BMFA Stuff:***

*2019 Subscriptions:* The BFMA should have confirmed their 2019 Membership rates by the date of our AGM.

*New On-line Membership System:* You should now be able to access the BMFA's new Membership System and update your personnel details. Please check it out as you may need to renew your membership on-line for next year.

### ***And Finally:***

I've not been able to get up to the flying site much lately, although I did make a special effort to do so before the cold weather closed in. I was a bit surprised to turn up on a cold but sunny Saturday to find myself the only one there. Are we now a club of fair weather modellers or had I missed a good football match on the TV?

With the first stage of my house renovations completed, I am now working on the garden – so I'm up to my neck in composted horse manure and not at all nice to be close up to! Just as well that I'm not at the flying site much!



*Laurie*