

AMC NEWSLETTER

COMMENTS FROM THE FLAMING JUNE CHAIR

Issue No 03/09

With the winter months now a distant memory we can now hopefully look forward to some good flying weather, according to Mr Fish's colleagues at least!

The muddy access track through the farm has now dried up and a concentrated effort was made to fill in a number of holes. Special thanks must go to Bill Case (below) who, armed with his wheelbarrow, spearheaded the pot-hole filling, with subsequent assistance from Henry, Mike Alcock, Steve Prideaux and Pete Proud. Many thanks to you all.



You will have noticed that we now have a new safety fence. Thanks must go to Henry for erecting such, and bets are now being taken as to who will be the first to put a hole in it!

The double desk trolley located by the mower cover, just in case anyone was wondering, has been designed by Les Streeter and presented to the club for the benefit of the "elderly section". Said members may load their models and field boxes onto the cart to cross the flying strip in order to save wear and tear on aging limbs and aching muscles.

Thanks Les for your efforts.

Congratulations are in order for Mike Pemberton, Andy Martin, Ron Lee and Steve Grigg on passing their A tests. It has been brought to my attention that a number of members do not have a copy of the latest AMC rule book, and were therefore unaware that all frequencies - odds and evens - can be used at both our flying sites.

A new peg board is currently being manufactured with all 36 frequency pegs.

No cows in the field

Henry's comps are now well under way and the last fun fly comp saw a record number of entries. The recent good weather has caused a number of good



turnouts by members, in fact on two consecutive Sundays the pits were overcrowded which caused the odd model to be stepped on by pilots concentrating on their flying.

There are no cows in the field at present, so I can only suggest that when the pits are very busy members with more than one model place them on the other side of the electric fence aft of the pits and behind their patch. I've noticed that some members are already doing such, which therefore should give us a little more space, and suggest an area behind the safety fence be kept clear to allow flyers safe standing.

Blackbushe Airshow

Our attendance at the Blackbushe Airshow in May was again well supported, and I'd therefore like to thank all members that helped out on the day on our stand, and to Terry and Graham for the loan of their gazebos.

Our flying slot this year was taken up by Steve Stuchbury and Mark Evans, ably assisted by Mike Pemberton and Steve's wife Valerie. Steve flew his Pitts and Mark his Extra. They both did the club proud with their flying especially as the conditions were extremely windy. Our thanks to both of them.

Members at Blacklands will have noticed the Rape being grown in the field next to the parking area. Models crashing into the crop will



be impossible to find due to the height and density of the foliage of the plants. Walking through the field will therefore cause considerable damage to the crop.

We have been asked by the farmer not to venture into the field, and all efforts will be made by the farm staff to locate and retrieve models. If any model lands in the crop please notify myself.

Anyone interested in the scheduled aerotow events this year will be pleased to note that we now have an electric powered tug. This model has been built by Norman (757) Charlton, and already has been successfully flown and tested. The tug is quite capable of towing a glider up to about 100 inches in a very scale-like manner.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club to wish Geoff (Gliderman) Bentley a speedy recovery following his recent hip replacement surgery.

Finally I am pleased to report that the mole activity at the site appears to have ceased. We caught one furry little fellow about two months ago, and Steve Prideaux gave it to the Buzzards, so maybe that did the trick, and they have moved on to pastures new!

Please fly safely and watch the noise limits at all times.

Peter Carter

Lasham Airfield Open Day - 11 July

Once again we have been invited by ATC (Aircraft Maintenance Company) to partake in their Open Day event with a static and flying display of model aircraft.

The event is open to all, with no entry fee or passes being required. We have been given the same area's for static display and flying as in 2007, so come along and show off those models as the static display always draws a lot of attention.

As you will appreciate we have to be extremely careful with regard to the flying as we will be in close proximity to multi-million pound airliners, costly vintage aircraft, a helicopter giving pleasure flights all day, and an expected 5000 members of the public.

I already have about twelve members agreeing to fly as they are aware of the flying conditions, having flown previously in 2007. If anyone else wishes to fly then please let me know. BMFA B Certificate is not mandatory, but all flyers should be at least at the B standard.

This year I think it would be advisable to have a transmitter pound.

We can fly, if all the organisation runs to plan, from 10.00 hrs until 14.00 hrs. All visiting full size aircraft should have arrived by 10.00 hrs, but the odd late arrival could interrupt us for a few minutes.

There are four entrances to the airfield, and all gates will be open up to 09.00 hrs. After 09.00 hrs only the Public Entry gate C will be open.

Apart from our models their will be numerous attractions on the day including:

Full size flying display



Helicopter Flights
Boeing 737 simulator
Classic cars and motorcycles
Static displays of military and civil aircraft
Hangar tours, including entrance to selected aircraft
BBQs and refreshments
Beer tent
Kids amusements, slides, karts, etc
Steam engines

The full size display is due to start at 14.00 hrs, with the VULCAN displaying at about 15.15hrs.

So bring along the whole family for a good day out. If you have any questions contact myself on 01256 352922.

Peter Carter

AMC SUMMER 2009 INDOOR FLYING

At the Sports Hall,
Connaught Leisure Centre,
Tongham Road,
Aldershot,
GU12 4AS

7.30 to 10.00 pm
Thursdays

**June 25th,
July 23rd,
August 20th**



£3 AMC Member Flyers,
£5 non AMC Member Flyers,
£1 spectators
Flyers must be BMFA insured
Model Classes—R/C and Free Flight in separate 15 min flying slots

FLYING SITE RULES - a brief reminder

The Committee would like to bring members attention to point 6 of the flying site rules:

6. All frequencies are now in use at both sites so please ensure adjacent frequency checks are carried out.

Please note that a new frequency board at Blacklands Farm is under construction, so in the meantime if you fly on an even frequency place your peg inbetween the relevant odd numbers.

Don't forget to do your adjacent frequency check with any members using the odd frequencies on either side of yours.

Broken wing removed from caravan

A broken wing, complete with one servo, was left in the caravan for collection by Roy Nash.

It has disappeared and Roy would like it back, so he respectfully requests that it be brought back as soon as possible.

Gliding news - SO second round

On the 24th May no less than 10 of the Club's Glider Guiders turned out to fly in what was the second round of the Summer Open league. The first round was cancelled due to foul weather.



On the day the weather was brilliant in that it was bright and sunny with a good breeze to aid those high launches. It was nice to see some of our newer members taking part and in Joel West's case doing very well achieving 3rd place, and to contrast that one of our long term members in Tony Ridler still showing that he is still very competitive with an excellent 1st place. Well done Tony. I was pinned between them in 2nd, the scores are shown in the attached table and

we look forward to the next round on the 12th July.

On another front I am writing this report due to Geoff Bentley having recently endured a hip replacement operation. Ian is keeping in close touch with Geoff to give us all regular updates, and I am pleased to report Geoff is doing

very well and has already been taken to the site and is keen to get back into active flying. A few more weeks Geoff and you can start to slowly get back into the fold. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Finally the club is to hold its 5th National Open Competition on the 14th June, 18 entries at the time of writing but hopefully this number will swell as all the usual late entries come in.

Regards
Terry

NAME	ROUND 2	POS
Tony Ridler	100.00	1
Terry Weeks	95.98	2
Joel West	94.91	3
Glyn Chambers	93.37	4
Phil Goldsmith	89.18	5
Terry Pelling	85.95	6
Ian Kingsley	77.02	7
Martin Gilbert	67.99	8
Clive Learwood	66.86	9
Bill Cooke	37.54	10
	24th May	

Giant Turkey Vulture flies at Blacklands



The Birdman of Aldershot Model Club, aka Graham (Squawk) Griffiths, has done it again, this time with a 3.2 metre span Giant Turkey Vulture. Based on the original Turkey Vulture designed by Bob Hoey this magnificent beast spans 3.2 metres, has a cord of 600mm, and weighs in at 4.4 kgs. The body is thin fibre glass made using the lost foam method, whilst the wings are conventional built-up balsa. Unlike the Hoey original the controls are simply from the V tail, and motor, whilst Hoey used what can only be described as tiperons for aileron control.

The first flight at Blacklands Farm in near perfect conditions produced a fabulous glide straight into a thermal, and almost immediately attracted the attentions of the local Red Kite which spent the next several minutes shadowing the gentle giant, as you can see from the inset picture. The kite eventually lost interest and drifted away. A similar response was also seen at East Worldham when Graham flew the Vulture there last Tuesday.

Have a look on the internet at (<http://www.twitt.org/1partdrib.html>) for details on the many birds Bob Hoey has built, or search on eBay for the EPP Eagle.

Chris Hutchinson

Aldershot Model Club

E-mail error ends up on road sign



The English is clear enough to lorry drivers - but the Welsh reads 'I am not in the office at the moment. Please send any work to be translated.'

When officials asked for the Welsh translation of a road sign, they thought the reply was what they needed.

Unfortunately, the e-mail response to Swansea council said in Welsh 'I am not in the office at the moment. Please send any work to be translated'.

So that was what went up under the English version which barred lorries from a road near a supermarket.

'When they're proofing signs, they should really use someone who speaks Welsh,' said journalist Dylan Iorwerth.

Man is found glued to toilet seat

A man had to be taken to hospital still attached to a stool toilet after super-glue was deliberately smeared on the seat.

Firefighters were unable to free the man and were forced to remove the entire toilet with the man attached.

The 35-year-old was in a public toilet cubicle in Shenley Hill in the West Midlands when he became stuck.

He was taken to hospital where doctors had to get into the ambulance before using chemicals to free him - toilet re-installed.

An ambulance service spokesman said: 'He appeared to be quite the worse for his ordeal other than being understandably somewhat embarrassed.'

It is thought the glue had been smeared on the toilet seat by a prankster.

An ambulance crew and a rapid response vehicle attended the scene just before 11:45 but they were unable to free the man.

'With the help of a local authority and the fire and rescue service, the man was removed from the cubicle still attached to the stainless steel toilet,' the spokesman said.

The toilet was later taken back to the public convenience and refitted.

Stampede at 1st AMC funfly comp!

They say that records are made to be broken, and that is just what happened at the 5th April funfly competition when 14 members arrived to sample the delights organised for them by Henry Theobald. Was it a stampede, well not exactly, but I reckon it is about as close to one as we in the AMC are likely to see?

The weather was excellent, with light winds, and warm sunshine. The only thing missing was a noticeboard large enough to enter all the contestants! After listing all 13 contestants, Henry had to add Don O'Neil at number 14. At least Henry was not unlucky and last at number 13.

The comp proceeded as normal until the limbo section, when the excitement really started. Henry then spent the next several minutes repairing the tape, with the help of Peter Carter and others, as at least



three competitors flew through it. Remarkably, no model was seriously damaged, although Jeff and I tried fairly hard. Jeff broke only a wing bolt, despite what looked like a serious arrival, and was back in the air within seconds, and I loosened my firewall, also now fixed.

Results as follows:

1st, Rob Trickey; 2nd, Steve Stuchbury; 3rd, Lee Regin; 4th, Dave Clarke; 5th, John Whittle; 6th, Jeff Coombes; 7th, Colin Hutchinson; 8th, Mike Alcock; 9th, Andy Cooke; 10th, Henry Theobald; 11th, Don O'Neil; and Graham Legg and Kevin Fox retired.

Colin Hutchinson

Left: Rob Trickey with an excellent performance from his very quick and nimble electric-powered model. Won the competition with this model yet again! Well done Rob.

Below: Dave Clarke also put up a great performance with his little electric Tucano. It looks like electric power is here to stay, and win more competitions

Below: Jeff (The Combat King) Coombes about to rearrange Henry's limbo tape. All models survived their limboing experience intact, or in my case, with only very minor damage to the firewall - now repaired



Don O'Neil about to start limboing with his Easydon. Very game performance from a model with only three channels