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The Newsletter of the Bury Metro Model Flying Club June/July 2011

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High Achievers

Sunday 3 July was a great day in many ways. The weather was gorgeous with clear skies and light winds, the farmer had taken his hay and the patch was as smooth as a billiard table. This encouraged a goodly number of stick twiddlers to turn up and take advantage of the conditions in order to play with their big boy's toys.

The sun also brought out of hibernation our Area Chief Examiner Richard Budd who was down at the field to oversee Andi Monks who, as part of his Examiners course was required to test a couple of members who wished to achieve their "A" Certification.



Andi apparently acquitted himself well and as a result is now officially our latest BMFA qualified examiner. Well done Mr Monks.

More importantly of course Matthew Warrington (aged just 13) and Jimmy Rix (of indeterminate age), who were Andi's guinea pigs for the day both passed their "A"'s with flying colours. OK so Matthew did it first time and Jimmy needed a second crack at it but that's clever dick kids for you!

New Members

Forgive me if I miss anyone out but I must welcome a host of new members to our ranks. The following esteemed gentlemen (it appears we have yet to attract a member of the female persuasion into our ranks) have joined within the last month or two:

Arthur Ainsworth, Bob Blackburn, Jamie Brace, John Foster, Ray Jones, Martyn Sheply, Matthew Warrington and David & Harry Woodhall.

On behalf of the club we are delighted to have you on board and hope that you can extract as much pleasure out of being members as we will have banking your subscription fees!! Anyone up for a trip to the seaside!!

Club Meetings

Unfortunately we have encountered problems with using St. Bernadette's social club hall recently and as a result we are considering alternative venues. Finding a venue suitable for our requirements that does not charge more than £15.00 night and is in easy reach of most of our members is not as easy as it seems and the committee are working hard to find one. Currently the best contender is the Liberal Club on Parkhill Road, Fishpool, Bury (next set of traffic lights past Gigg Lane). As soon as we establish this as a regular meeting place we will let you all know. Please be patient and accept that an occasional change of plan may be inevitable.

Forthcoming Scale Weekend

The weather gods have generally frowned upon us of late and as a result the planned Scale Event that was to be held last month has had to be re-scheduled for the weekend of **20th and 21st of August**. Meanwhile we will be sacrificing virgins relentlessly to ensure fine weather and light winds (Any willing sacrificees to contact Dave Wilson on the usual number).

I will re-iterate that this event is a FUN scale day and ANYTHING that looks like a real aircraft will be permitted to commit aviation! Don't be put off by thinking your model isn't good enough or close enough to scale. Just throw your favourite scale-like model in the car and bring it down whether or not you want to actually fly it. I know it's odd but some of us just like to look at stuff and it can be on the ground or in the air we just don't care!

STOP PRESS!! Weather permitting, we are expecting a fly past of a couple full size Tiger Moths and more during the weekend so more reasons not to miss it!!

The BMMFC Clothes Show

As you may be aware a number of our more adventurous members have visited events and fly-ins around the country in recent months. They have reported back that an increasing number of pilots and ground crew were sporting custom designed clothing bearing their respective club emblems and logos.



I am well aware that in the past attempts to promote the club by the wearing of such items of clothing has met with limited success, to say the least. Now it doesn't take a genius to figure out that if the goods on offer are not attractive nobody wants to wear them. Therefore we are spending a goodly amount of time and effort to produce a range of garments that are not only eminently practical but also spiffing to look at. In the very near future we will unveil the range which will include caps, tee-shirts, polo shirts fleeces and winter jackets. I firmly believe that you will be delighted at what's on offer and as we have secured sponsorship from a number of sources the final price to our club members will be as attractive as the garments themselves.

Safety Notices

Futaba binding 2.4ghz

When Ian Watts wanted to bind his Spitfire receiver to his transmitter, he noticed that it actually bound to Rob Tomlin's Tx which was switched on and in use at the time. Now the Futaba manual does warn users to ensure that no other transmitters are close to yours when binding, but we feel it is worth bringing this to your attention again as it could be a potential problem to the unwary.

Restraints

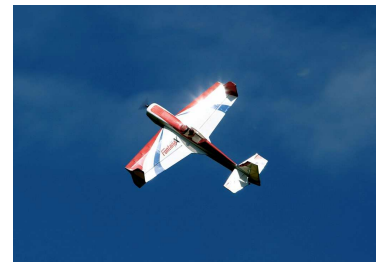
We are pleased to see that restraints are being used on electric powered models much more regularly nowadays. However I should point out that a model with its motor incorrectly connected i.e running in reverse can, if a burst of full throttle is given, shoot backwards unrestrained! Ask me how I know....Not that it was my model that did this, but I was acting as restraint with legs akimbo on each side of the tailplane. As the model shot back it made contact with my shapely shins causing me to shout "Oh Deary Me, that hurts!", of course I'm paraphrasing here as those were not the exact words I used! End result, one bruised shin and one knackered wing servo! Lesson...Check that your motor is running the right way at home and before you come to the field!!!!

Down at the Field

This popular section of Propwash looks at what's new at the field, and if it appears bias towards fixed wing models that's because I no virtually nowt about helicopters. Now I know for a fact that a number of helicopter members can indeed read and write, I think they should get their fingers out and let me know what's new on the dark side and I'll be only too pleased to print it here.

Having said that, this month I have been remiss in not assiduously making written notes of the various happenings down at the patch so with the help of a photo or two and my failing memory I'll try to fill you in as best I can.

Eb Swarbrick has been flipping knife edges with his Eflight Mini Funtana X as the photo proves and photos can't lie, can they?



Eb also frightened himself to death with his DG powered glider (ex Andi Monks). This model slips through the air like a hot knife through butter. You would have thought that as our landing patch is now one full acre in area that landing on it would cause no problems whatsoever. Yeah Right!



Our esteemed Treasurer Ian Watts has been giving an airing to one of his Spitfires recently and those of you who attended our last club meeting will attest to the efficacy of the on board sound system.

Imported from Canada this systems provides the most realistic Spitfire sounds that you can imagine. From spluttering start up through to full throttle the amazing sounds of the Merlin engine are faithfully reproduced through the speaker system.

The volume is such that it enables you to hear the "Pilots" warning of an imminent attack by the Hun and when barreling along on a low level strafing run, the cannon fire certainly makes you sit up and take notice! Golfers beware, this could affect your handicap!! Don't miss this model at our forthcoming Scale Day.

Always one for the off-beat, Steve Jones has come up with this unusual Sipa Mini Jet 2000. A twin boom home built mini jet. As ever Steve started with a 24" test bed version and once flight proven stepped up to a 36" version which has been flying successfully whenever the weather permits. For a little 'un it don't half shift a bit!! The piccie is of the smaller version. Check out the club forum builders blog for flight video.



Austin Ogedn's Krill 3D Thunder has been wowing audiences around the country with a fabulous display of 3D aerobatics. Powered by a 53 series Axi and 10s flight pack it is probably one of the most majestic models flying at the club.

Whether performing low slow knife edges from one end of the field to the other or hovering with the rudder inches from the grass, this model really draws the attention. But please remember that it's not just an exceptional model but an extremely talented pilot!

For lots more photos visit the website and follow the link to Flying Photos then Bury Club.

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Dogcam supply a fantastic range of on-board video cameras and also have offered our members a 10% discount if you use the code RCDC10 at their website www.dogcam.co.uk These cameras really are the "Mutts Nutts when it comes to recording your flights.



Top Secret

Pictured left is the latest Ministry of Brilliant Ideas concept model.

We are assisting the Ministry in developing the prototype and would welcome further assistance in bringing this exciting new form of personal transport to fruition.

Please send your full CV and details of what ideas you could bring to the drawing board to the Project Manager, Ministry of Brilliant Ideas c/o Mr Ian Watts our Hon. Treasurer along with a cheque for £50.00. (Non-refundable registration fee)

Should your design ideas be incorporated into this design we will offer an exciting prize to go along with the accolade of becoming a Fellow of the Academy of Ridiculous Transport! A title not to be sniffed at!

Caption Competition

Last Issues caption competition resulted in an avalanche of four responses of which two can't be printed (coz I didn't think they were very funny) and the third was funny but unsuitable for those of a delicate disposition!

Thus the winning caption is :

Ryan Air cost cutting appears to have reached new heights!
"When I booked a seat I expected it to be on a bigger plane than this!"

