

Bourne Stormers Model Club

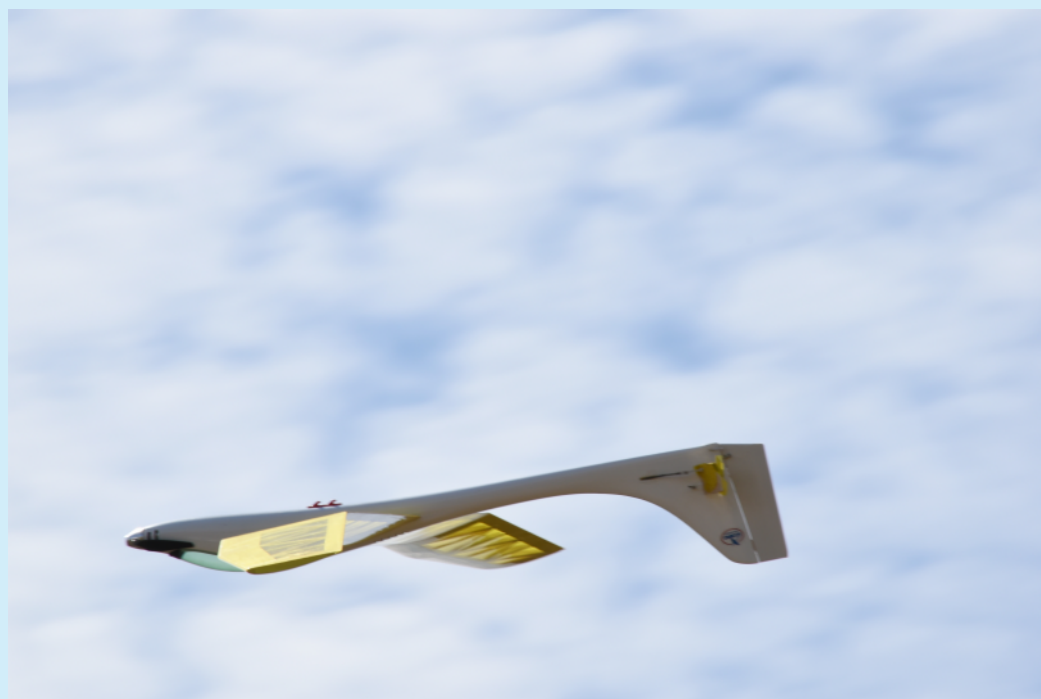


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I've been a little out of touch this month having both a holiday and the RAF Model Aircraft Association Champs happening towards the end of August. I did, however, get to the BMFA Champs on the Sunday, just before it started to rain, but I heard that Saturday was really good! Firstly, news of our Eddie. He has been taken ill and is currently in hospital, we all wish him well and hope he has a speedy recovery. In light of this, and a few other members being unavailable, it was decided at the meeting to postpone the BBQ until further notice. Don't let this stop you getting to the Field this week-end though and if you do, please bring a paint brush. After much work, the container has been repaired and is now requiring a coat of paint. Saturday is the planned day with Sunday as a back-up in case of rain.

For those that do not yet know, the Government has produced a Consultation Document on the 'Future of Drones in the UK'. Head for the BMFA website for detailed information and suggested answers but, basically, as many as possible need to respond to this before 17th September. Understand that 'drones' includes ALL unmanned aircraft over 250 grams. so it includes most normal model aircraft, not just multirotors.



This is Allan's glider just about to land, and yes, the picture is the right way up. Allan had the tailplane snap in a thermal and after some careful flying, managed to get it back to the field and land it - inverted. We can thank Roger for the picture, Allan for the skills and Mother Nature for reminding us that not all thermals are our friends!.



For the Spotlight Model this month, we have a 55" span Wifurskin that Steve Mason bought along to the field. Originally designed by J Bowmer in 1966, it was intended for 6 channel reed rc gear (rudder, elevator and engine, moving both ways) and a 0.19 cu in engine. The name is a combination of

3 RAF aircraft from the late 1920's, the Wizard, the Fury and the Siskin. The original plan can be found on Outerzone. Steve's, however, has been converted to electric with a BMI Spitz motor running on 3 cells through a 20 amp ESC. Thanks for the info Steve.

Last month I promised the story on a little mishap with my Top Dawg. Having checked my Tx, powered up the model then checked the control movements, I attempted a cross-wind take off, had problems, so decided on a hand launch. The model rolled left, neutralised a bit then nosed in at the far side of the field. Walking out to the model, I looked at my Tx again to see my MXS model selected, this reversed the ailerons and the rudder. At this point I taught myself some new words (not polite ones) and tried to work out where I had gone wrong.

1. When checking my Tx, I wanted to confirm the mode on the module was correct (FR Sky V8 not D). The switch was right, and the 'MXS' on the front was also a 'V8' mode Rx. Happy with this, I promptly forgot to change the model to 'Top Dawg'.

2. Checking the controls, the elevator moved the right way and the other controls moved. Note to self: (and reminder for others), don't just look for movement, check it's correct too. I'm publicising this embarrassing error of mine to, hopefully, prevent others from repeating it.



Upcoming Events September 2018

Wed 5th

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

Sun 9th

Club BBQ. POSTPONED

Sat / Sun 23rd & 22nd

ModelAir Scale Festival of Flight.

Old Warden, www.modelair.info

October 2018

Wed 3rd

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

Fri / Sun 12th to 14th

Festival of Pylon Racing

Buckminster.

Sun 21st

BMFA Buckminster Autumn

Swapmeet £2.50 shoppers, £6 or

£8 for sellers

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