

# Bourne Stormers Model Club



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2019 has arrived so can I be the last (probably) to wish everyone a Happy New Year and the first to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Our first meeting of the year was quite well attended as it was in the 'New Year Hangover Recovery Zone', ten members turned up and we had a relaxed meeting that still got some ideas moving around.

The date for our Winter meal was re-confirmed as the 16th February at the Wishing Well. Eddie has some numbers, but if you wish to attend this fixed price, gastronomic Club get-together, please let him, or this Newsletter, know as soon as possible.

The mole problem was a main topic of conversation again this month, the main consensus being that we could look into hiring a professional to initially blitz the moles, then a few more members could be trained to set up our own traps and check on them every couple of days.

Now we are into the new year, membership fees are due, so if you haven't renewed yet please do so at the earliest opportunity. All the new membership prices were set out in the last Newsletter, with and without the BMFA element.

A resurgence of interest in RC Combat flying was noted, the popular Combat Gremlin, with a 0.25 to 0.40, being the model of choice. A lot of fun is to be had even though getting a 'Cut' is very difficult even with a long videotape streamer behind the aircraft. For those of my persuasion, there are electric versions of the Gremlin out there (including a Mini-Gremlin). The plan for the standard Combat Gremlin is downloadable from Outerozne.



The standard Combat Gremlin.  
48 inch span with a 0.25 to 0.40 up  
front. (No, it doesn't need a 0.60!)

The fuselage is a chunk of drain  
pipe, fins can be Correx and the  
foam wing is covered in reinforced  
tape.

Strong though they may be, survival  
rates in combat are low!



Art-Tech  
Diamond  
600 free  
flight  
'chuckie'.



Sonik RC  
Ranger  
600 RTF



Not a Spotlight model this month, but a current 'mini-project' of mine that is 1, interesting (maybe) and 2, due to models now available, pointless!

The plan was to make a small, hand launched rc glider from a Diamond 600 (600mm span) free flight foamie. This changed into a powered FPV model weighing under 100 grams using kit from a now-retired indoor model I had.

Currently progressed to the point shown and just needing the controls connecting up and the camera and battery fitting, the Diamond should be finished soon. I'm certainly not the first person to convert this model, RC Groups has a couple of blogs about other peoples efforts. If I was buying the radio and motor for this, it would cost me about £60 on top of the £8 the model cost at the BMFA Champs.

Why is it pointless, the Sonik RC Ranger 600. A 600mm span, 3 channel, with stabilization, RTF (with radio) for under £70.

Today I've learned to enjoy the challenge and not look at adverts for new models!

Finally, as a Club, we have some jobs to do this year. After assessing the manpower and resources required, volunteers will be requested for cleaning the tractor, fixing the door on the mower shed and possibly fixing the roller. Also we hope to scrap the old mower and the van and get a little cash from them.

To help with some of these jobs, a request is out for anyone who has a pressure washer that can run from a water butt, either petrol or capable of running off a 2kW generator.

## Upcoming Events

### January 2019

**Wed 2nd**

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

**Fri 18th to Sun 20th**

Model Engineer Exhibition at Alexandra Palace, London.

### February 2019

**Wed 6th**

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

**Sat 16th**

Club Winter Meal at the Wishing Well.

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