

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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To get this out quickly, I'm writing it on Thursday evening (Club meeting last night) which means I can't join you all down the Field for a bit of evening flying. I'm sure everybody will be there and a good time will be had by all. (Hint: If you can, go flying on a Thursday evening, if you have a night flyer, you can stick around a while and make the locals think there's some UFOs in the area!)

The reason that this needs to get out quickly is to make sure everyone is aware of the latest CAA complication and what can be done to help. The CAA have just put out a Consultation on the planned funding of their UAV registration scheme, asking what we think and why. Not whether or not we think it could be controlled by the BMFA or should remain separate, but just how they plan to make us pay for it! I won't go into more details here because there's better information on the BMFA website and it would just end up in a two page rant.

So, go to the BMFA website, get an idea of what's happening and what the BMFA would like you to do to help.

Other news from the Club meeting.

We are now looking to cut the grass at the Field twice a week and are looking for volunteers to help out. This will be a weekday thing and it is intended, for safety reasons, to always have two people present when cutting. Currently there are just enough people to make it work, but a few more would be useful in case someone can't make it. Also, you get to drive a tractor!

Gentle reminder: >>>>>Sunday 2nd June - Club BBQ<<<<<. Can you let Eddie or this Newsletter know if you plan to attend so we can get some numbers for the food.



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UK MODEL FLYING UNDER THREAT - CALL TO ACTION - PLEASE ACT NOW!

Following the recent sudden announcement of Flight Restriction Zones around protected aerodromes capturing the operation of all unmanned aircraft of any weight and at any height (and the unreasonable three week notice period given for our clubs and members to comply), the CAA have dropped yet another bombshell on us with no prior consultation or warning.

On Friday 25th April the CAA published a consultation (CAP1775) on their proposed charges for the registration of all operators of all unmanned aircraft between 250gm and 20 Kg- which includes the vast majority of our members - and also mandates online competency testing and age restrictions. The fee the CAA is proposing for registration is **£16.50 per annum** which we consider to be excessive and a barrier to participation. Full details of the consultation and how to respond can be found here:

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/drone-registration/> **The consultation will close on 7 June 2019 and we would ask all members to respond.**

The BMFA are asking us to respond to the consultation (read their info first) and to write or e-mail the CAA CEO, the Aviation minister and/or your MP.

For the Spotlight Model this month some, just e-mailed, info from Allan about his latest build. You will see from the picture that the model is an Exocet delta. Weighing in at 3.5 lbs (1.6kg to the youngsters) and with a 32 inch wingspan (813mm) this should hustle nicely with it's Supertigre G34 up front.



Always trying to find ways to draw in new members, Gareth has suggested putting some adverts up in shops with our website address on a set of tear-offs. Everyone agreed it was a good idea, especially as it advertised us without telling everyone exactly where we are. Other advertising suggestions came up in the form of an article requesting members in the BMFA Newsletter and/or the modelling press (Okay, RCM&E, it's about the only one left!). So if anyone feels like doing some writing, let the committee or this Newsletter know (I'll pass it on) so we don't duplicate articles.

In order to improve communication around the Club for things like 'Is anyone going down the Field today' everyone will (hopefully) be getting an e-mail invite to join the Club Facebook group. It's a 'Secret Group' so can't be found unless you're invited. Not everyone likes Facebook (I'm not a great fan, but I have joined our Group) but it can be useful so please at least consider it.



Our Facebook 'Secret Group' page.

Final bit is just reminders.

Firstly - Visit the BMFA website and see whats happening - it will affect all of us.

Secondly (Just as important) - Club BBQ on Sunday 2nd June. Let us know so we can get the food.

Upcoming Events

May 2019

Wed 1st

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

Fri - Mon 3rd to 6th

Bardney Flyers 1st Invitational
5pm on Fri - 4pm on Mon. John
Andrews 07908 544199 or email
events@bardneyflyers.co.uk

Sat/Sun 11th & 12th

Model-Air MayFly, Old Warden.

June 2019

Sun 2nd

Club BBQ at the Field.

Wed 5th

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

Sat/Sun 22nd & 23rd

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Sat/Sun 29th/30th

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