

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Normally in February's Newsletter there's a final reminder for our Club meal, but this year the meal came first, so instead I'll say that we had twelve members turn up and everyone had a good time.

At the Field some work is still required on the mower shed so a working party may be requested in the near future. A new door post has been obtained to replace the rotten one and will need installing, additionally some further work will be required on the paving in front of the doors. During this month's meeting someone asked about the new BMFA membership card reward scheme so I promised to look into it and let everyone know what was going on. After some searching and a good scouring of the BMFA website I've found - nothing new! The 'News' page still has the announcement made in November stating "The BMFA Rewards site will launch mid January" but there is no sign of new information or a Rewards site yet.

As the meeting went on, a discussion evolved on different methods of hinging control surfaces. As is usually the case with modelling techniques, there was no outright 'best method' decided, just a range of ways (new and old) that it can be accomplished. I did quietly mention 'sewn hinges' but it was either not heard or treated with the contempt it deserved!



The Club meal at the Wishing Well on the 1st of February.



As a pleasant change from hearing about my models, this month the Spotlight Model is from Malcolm.

As Malcolm likes to drop his aircraft into lakes, he came up with the idea of modifying one of Steve Mason's Skyway Falcon V models by turning the fin/rudder upside down to use as a water rudder and adding some floats. The result is the

'Sea Falcon V'. Shown here on its 'Does it float' test, this 60 inch wingspan model is pulled along by an Irvine 61. We await the flight test Malcolm!

During the meeting, Steve Mason mentioned that he had been contacted by the family of Brian Blizzard, a modeller who has recently passed away. Brian's model collection has been made available for sale, with proceeds going to the Club. The models are currently at Mason's Models and consist mostly of older gliders, although there are some engines and an electric aerobat. If you are interested, pop along to Steve's shop and make an offer.

Finally the BMFA Midland Area (the area that our Club is part of) will be having an Fly-In and Meeting at the BMFA National Flying Centre at Buckminster on Sunday 12th July. Pilots brief is at 9:30am and it will be free for Midland Area members if you have your BMFA membership card and can attend the meeting, otherwise it will cost £5. Flying is on 2.4GHz only. Members are encouraged to attend, partly to help shape the way Midland Area works and also because it's about time we, as a Club, went to Buckminster for some flying.

Upcoming Events

February 2020

Sat 1st

Club meal at the Wishing Well

Wed 5th

Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sun 2nd & 16th

Sleaford Indoor Flying. 2pm, £5.

Northgate Sports Hall NG34

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March 2020

Wed 4th

Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sun 1st, 15th & 29th

Sleaford Indoor Flying. 2pm, £5.

Northgate Sports Hall NG34 7DD.

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Sun 29th

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