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We have at last returned to flying even if we do have to limit to six people at a time. This is indeed great news but be aware of the power lines, apparently they have grown taller since lockdown started and may have even taken a step closer to the Field!

There were thirteen attending the Zoom meeting this month and there was some discussion about when we could return to the Wishing Well for our meetings or even hold them at the Club. The pub option will have to wait until the pub says so but, having just checked the plan, it may be possible to hold the June meeting at the Field. A bit more discussion next month maybe.

For those who don't know, it has been confirmed that there will be no BMFA Nationals this year. Although some smaller events may take place at Barkston, large events are off the board for now. It's possible some of the competitions may take place at other venues, Buckminster springs to mind, so be on the lookout if you are interested in a particular event.

One event on the horizon, too far away for the 'Upcoming Events' yet, is the Midland Area Fly-in at Buckminster on 11th July. Midland Area members get to fly for free and if you don't hold at least an 'A' cert, you can still fly under supervision from someone who does. Pilots brief is set for 9:30am.

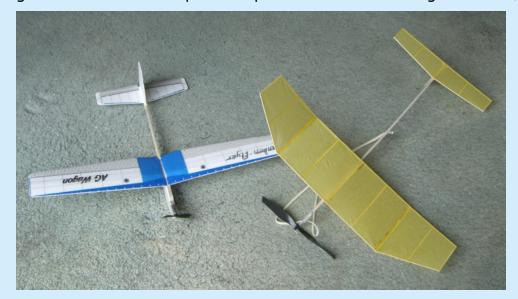
> A long awaited return to Club flying, socially distanced of course.





Proof that the power lines have grown during lockdown. The undercarriage and the power line both survived

With our own BMFA Dart free flight event coming up this year, I thought it might be appropriate to have a Free Flight Spotlight Model (or two) this month. As such here is my entire free flight fleet (my Dart is not yet built). The yellow model is a BMFA Gymminie Cricket. With a 33" wingspan it's a basic indoor duration model, very flimsy with a lot of 1/16th inch square balsa used for the framework. It was built for the last RAFMAA Indoor event just before the first lockdown and managed a 20 second flight (not quite the shortest). The other model is a combination of the foam wings and tail from a cheap rubber powered Cessna AG Wagon chuckie, the power unit from an



otherwise rubbish soft foam Chinese free flight toy and a homemade fuselage. Intended for an outdoor Free Flight Scramble competition, this sort-of works and has been christened 'Franken-Flyer'.

The final part of my 'Vehicle Reduction Program' has now been completed. The 31st of March was the last time my Quantum came to the Field. It has now moved on to it's new owner to become part of a Quantum collection.



Finally, congratulations to Matt Hutchison for passing his Solo Test this week.

Upcoming Event/ April 2021

Wed 7th Club Meeting on Zoom Tues 13th BMFA Webinair Intro to Glider GPS Racing Pt2 Tues 20th BMFA Webinair Intro to F5B Glider Flying Sun 25th Osbournby Scale Day Flying only, Enter on day. Info on BMFA Events page

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Wed 5th Club Meeting on Zoom

Sat to Mon 1st to 3rd BMFA Buckminster - Mahoney Electric Fly-in. Details on Buckminster web page.

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