

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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December has come around again, bringing with it sub zero temperatures, howling gales and not quite enough snow for seaplanes down the Field. It also means that the Club AGM has just been held and, despite the A15 being shut in Bourne with no signed diversions, I managed to attend.

With eighteen members attending the AGM we moved back into the restaurant area instead of the 'snug' so we could all sit down. After the Committee reports, during which deserved praise was directed towards the Field Repair and Maintenance Teams, it was decided that, as per the last two years, there would be no need to increase the Club Fees. There has, however, been an increase in the BMFA Fees so the new costs are as shown below:

<u>Club Fees</u>	<u>BMFA Fees</u>	<u>CAA</u>
Junior £50	Junior £18	£9
Senior £83	Senior £40	
Veteran £73	Family Senior £40	
	Family Partner £27	
	Family Junior £14	

For those who purchase the BMFA membership cards, the price has risen to £4.50.

There was also talk about a BMFA Non-Flying Membership but there's no mention of it on the BMFA website yet.

This year the George Coleman Shield, awarded for Outstanding Contribution to the Club, was awarded to Malcolm Styles. A check revealed that, despite Malcolm's endeavours over the years, he had not previously received this award and the Committee thought that it was about time he did. AGM snack time arrived and the sausage baps and chips served up by the new management did not disappoint. This bodes well for the Club meal in January, about which more information will be emailed out when it's available. After the snack break, the Committee resigned and, as there were no other volunteers, were promptly voted back into post.

With the main part of the meeting over, there was some discussion about the Club WhatsApp group and the best way to use it. It was agreed that the current Flying Site Booking webpage was best for letting people know who was going flying in the next few days, while the WhatsApp group was more suited to who's going flying 'today'. It was also requested that a little more discipline was used to limit the extraneous posts, making it easier to see who was heading for the Field.



Just to make sure we get some pictures, this month's Spotlight Model is my own M-Zone Micro from Robotbirds. With a massive 18" wingspan and a flying weight of 35gms (an ounce and a bit) I originally built this kit using the micro electronics recommended. However, this proved unsuccessful. The Rx would shut down after a few seconds of motor use,



usually slamming the model into a maximum rate roll, so the model was relegated to a high shelf and I bought a second hand E-flite UMXtra instead. After a few airframe repairs my luck remained unchanged and, on it's test flight, trimmed 'straight and level' involved a 30 degree bank to the right

and a 20 degree yaw to the left! The UMXtra has now ceased to exist (crunched up in the bin) and it's electronics have been transplanted to the M-Zone micro. The M-Zone now works, appears to have adequate power, and has tidier wiring. I now await a chance to test fly it. In the meantime my Clik 2 has been brought out of retirement.

Simon's Tigercat on approach following a successful first flight. It's further away from the weeds that it looks.



The other award presented at the AGM was to Mark for winning the Fun Fly. Much like the League itself, the Winners plaque was a trial and error prototype while learning to use my CAD program and 3D printer.

Finally, congratulations to Derek for passing his 'A' Cert.

Upcoming Events

December 2021

Wed 1st

Club AGM at the Wishing Well

Sun 12th

Rolls Royce Hucknall MAC
Christmas Swapmeet NG16 5GA
Ring Richard on 07400921929

January 2022

Wed 5th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat 29th

Club Winter Meal at the Wishing Well

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