

BourneStormers Model Club



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Another Christmas done and the new year starting with a wider waistline and a thinner wallet. For my New Year Resolution this year, I have decided not to make any New Year's Resolutions. As the paradox (word of the week) of that statement sinks in I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that all enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

This month's meeting was delayed by a week because the Wishing Well was closed on our normal 'First Wednesday'. Gareth put out an e-mail and, as we had twelve people turn up on the 12th, it seems to have successfully spread the word.

Alan told us that most members had already renewed their membership but, for those that haven't, this is a little reminder to do so. That reminder reminded me that there's another reminder to remind you of. This one is from Eddie about our Winter meal. If you haven't given him (or this Newsletter) your menu choices for the meal, please do so now. Eddie will be passing the list to the Wishing Well on Monday (17th) and he needs to know before then. If anyone is unsure if they have contacted Eddie yet, the following people have: Rog, Pete B, Niall, Steve W, Gareth, Malcolm, Derek, Kurt, Jon, Edwin V and me.

Steve Mason gave us some information on the Mandatory Reporting of certain model flying incidents, including a look at last year's reports. More information and the reporting form is available on the BMFA website. After a little discussion about the possible cause of some of these incidents, the correct setting of the receiver's Failsafe, to at least ensure that the throttle is cut off, was deemed to be something worth checking, especially for new flyers and transmitters (like my Taranis) that have a default failsafe set to 0% which is mid-stick (range is -100% to +100%).



It may have been cold on Wednesday, but the sun was out and the wind was low so people were flying.

This photo is from a video shot from my Ranger. With it's flight controller, the failsafe shuts off the throttle and turns the model towards it's launch point.



Just to keep you on your toes, this month's Spotlight Model is a double.

Steve Mason kindly sent in pictures of this pair of recently completed aircraft. First is a Pro Build Crescent Bullet, 50" wingspan and powered with an Irvine 46. The second is a Skyway Models Falcon IV running with the slightly larger Irvine Q61.

On Wednesday afternoon, not for the first time, we had a Chinook fly over a bit on the low side and probably under 500 feet. Although civilian aircraft are not permitted to fly below 500 feet, military helicopters are allowed down to 100 feet (lower if especially authorised) and military aircraft (fixed wing) are allowed down to 250 feet, over most of the UK. Unfortunately we'll have to keep our eyes open, it's much easier for us to see them than them to see us.

Finally, we say goodbye to Baz's Mig 15. It was up for sale but it has been reported that its intrepid Chinese pilot, Wun Hung Loh, had a known, but forgotten, undercarriage problem on a very low pass!



Upcoming Events

January 2022

Wed 5th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat 29th

Club Winter Meal at the Wishing Well at 7pm

February 2022

Wed 2nd

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

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