

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Our first Funfly event of the year has taken place in the usual 'mild hurricane' conditions. Some backwards flying and hovering descents were on display and, as the wind was from the North East, it was nicely turbulent low down. To reduce model attrition it was decided to skip the 'Touch and Goes' this time, but don't expect such leniency in the future!

This month's meeting discussed some ongoing work on the mowers and the tractor. A maintenance or working party may be required at some point to assist our valiant Cutting Crew. The moles continue to remind us they are around, so if you see a mole hill please stamp it down and let Steve Mason or a Committee member know so the new ones can be tracked.

Steve Mason also mentioned the possibility of an F3A Pilot (pattern aerobatics) giving us a talk down the Field. Everyone thought this was a good idea so keep an eye on your e-mail in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Edwin who entered his latest creation in the Osbournby scale competition last month and managed to get 11th place out of 15 which, as he said, is a definite improvement on last year.





This month's Spotlight Model is Derek Bailey's new Fun Fly aircraft. For those that did Latin at school (not me), it's called a Rara Avis, for the rest of us it's a Rare Bird. It was originally designed as an i/c model and used in the Funfly competition at the National's back in the 1980's. Derek's has been converted to electric and is preparing to test out the designers claim that it 'handles very well in strong winds'. I don't know what he's talking about, it's always just a light breeze for our Funfly Events! A few days ago (when it wasn't windy) it was successfully test flown by Malcolm.

A small band of hardy souls entered April's Funfly Event. As it was a little breezy, the rounds were kept simple, just Climb & Glide, Timed Flight, Loops & Rolls and a Spot Landing to refresh the memory.

Results are:

- 1st - Simon Roberts
- 2nd - Jim Johanesen
- 3rd - Steve Wight
- 4th - Dave English
- 5th - Mark Eggleston
- 6th - Gareth Richards

Standard windsock
position for Funfly
Event.
Note the pole
bending!

May's Event will take place on the 15th, after the World Record Attempt Flight.



Finally, my Ranger flew it's first waypoint (autonomous) flight recently, happily flying circuits just off the South edge of the Field. Should help the count at the World Record Attempt.

Upcoming Events

May 2022

Wed 4th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat/Sun 7th & 8th

ModelAir Festival of Flight

Old Warden.

Sun 15th

BMFA Centenary Model Flying

World Record Attempt AND Club

FunFly.

June 2022

Wed 1st

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Fri to Sun 17th to 19th

1. Weston Park Airshow Int.

2. Autogyro Fly-In, Winterton.

Sat/Sun 25 & 26th

Wings & Wheels, North Weald.

Sun 26th

Buckminster Swapmeet.

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