

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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For those that haven't heard yet, the BMFA Record Attempt on the 15th May was a complete success. A total of 3109 models were in the air at Midday across 263 BMFA Club sites. That's an average of 12 models at each site and, as we managed 17 from the Field, we are officially above average (in a good way).

There's not much to report from this month's Club meeting. The sterling work of our mowing and mole catching Club members has kept the Field in excellent condition, suitable for the handful of retract equipped ducted fan models that now regularly appear (and my Shadow microlight, which only has 2 inch wheels).

On the 'Upcoming Events' front, the Midlands Area Fly-In is coming up on 10th July. This was good fun last year so attendance is recommended, it's also a good chance to fly at our National Flying Centre for free. Additionally the BMFA Centenary Exhibition will be taking place (again, at Buckminster) from Monday 18th July to Wednesday 31st August. Have a look at the BMFA website for details of this major event, it looks well worth getting to. A couple of other shows that would not fit on the list are the LMA Cosford Show on 2nd and 3rd July and the Woodspring Wings Show on 9th and 10th July.



Ready for a staged take off to ensure everyone's in the air at Midday!



As I've caught up with everyone else's models, this month's Spotlight Model is one of mine. Having got my first FPV Drone Racing quad in 2016, it is now considered to be 'classic' and was due for replacement. This time I decided to build from a kit rather than buy a ready-to-go model like my NightHawk. The kit is a RoboCat 270. With standard motors and a 3 cell LiPo, it won't break any records, but the flight controller has some nice gadgets. Firstly, the FrSky receiver is built in, and it's a telemetry one. This allows me

to see battery voltage and altitude (built-in barometer) on my transmitter during flight. Also, with something called 'Smart Audio' (which has nothing to do with audio) I can adjust a lot of the flight controller and video transmitter settings from my transmitter instead of having to plug it into a computer. My 3D printer was also put to good use making mounts for both the camera and the video antenna. The downside was that it took me three weeks to learn how all this worked and to set it up.



It used to just be a dinner club (left) on Thursday's, but now breakfast clubs are starting to happen as well (this was a Sunday).



The dates for our next three FunFly events have been discussed and chosen to include as many people as possible. June's event will be on the 12th, July's on the 31st and August's on the 14th.

Finally, in addition to our first aid kit and the 'What3words' app location on the hut, we now have a fire extinguisher just inside the hut door, sitting, naturally, in the fire bucket.

Upcoming Events

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.

July 2022

Wed 6th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat/Sun 2nd & 3rd

BMFA Scale Champs Buckminster

Sun 10th

Midland Area Fly-In, Buckminster

Fri to Sun 15th to 17th

Warbirds & Beer Fest Buckminster

Fri to Sun 29th to 31st

FPV Fly-In, Buckminster

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