

BourneStormers Model Club



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August, the highlight of the British Summer, bright sunshine, gentle breezes and very little rain. Looks like storm Antoni didn't get the message and it followed up a wet and windy July just to keep us on our toes.

We did have a bit of good weather at the start of July which helped the Midlands Area Fly-In to maintain it's 'good day out' reputation, so I've added an extra page to this month's Newsletter to include some of Ed Mason's excellent pictures (including a perfectly timed shot of my autogyro not taking off!).

The Club meeting this month finalised some details about our Club BBQ. It will be held on Sunday 20th August alongside the FunFly event and will be a 'bring your own food' format with at least one BBQ available to cook on.

We had the news that Edwin Van Derr Maat is feeling a lot better so, hopefully, we may be seeing him in the not too distant future.



Formation ducted fan take-offs and flying still seems to be a popular way of trying to reduce the number of models. Here, one had an issue on take off but the other two proceeded to fly around aiming for the same bit of sky.



Some pictures from this year's Midlands Area Fly-In courtesy of Ed Mason's camera skills.



Signing In for the day.



Always start with a Pilots Brief.



Sabre on approach.



Fly Baby during take-off.



Upright only for takeoff and landing.



A wide range of Clubs and models.



Do you have to report near misses on the ground?



Turned out not to be an autogyro day!



To save everyone from my weird stuff, here's this month's Spotlight Model from Malcolm. This is an Aichi D3A 'Val' from VQ models. This 60" span model runs a 5045/10 motor off a 4s 4000mAh LiPo. Malcolm has been at work with his 3D printer to add a gunner and rear gun (needed a cockpit modification),

some underslung bombs and a Japanese looking pilot. Thanks Malcolm, we eagerly await the test flight.

At last, I have successfully loaded a video on to the Club YouTube page. This was of the maiden flight of my own Club build Polaris and was captured with an old head torch modified to headcam with my FlyCam One. Just have to remember to point my head at the model and fly it closer.



To take your own flight video, you have to look this daft!



Finally, the Club build Polaris Fly-In date is now set to join or replace the Fun Fly on Sunday 24th August. There are a couple of ideas of the sort of events to fly but (polite) suggestions are always welcome.

Upcoming Events

August 2023

Wed 2nd

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sun 6th

Melton and District Open Fly-In and Swapmeet - mdmc.bmfa.org

Sat/Sun 12th & 13th

LMA Elvington Show

Sun 20th

Club FunFly Event and BBQ

September 2023

Wed 6th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat/Sun 16th & 17th

ModelAir Festival of Flight, Old Warden

Sun 24th

Club Polaris / FunFly Event

Sat/Sun 30th & 1st

Model Aircraft Builders Show, BMFA NFC, Buckminster.

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