

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Firstly, apologies for the delay in getting this month's Newsletter out. Some of you will be aware of my Dad's recent hospitalisation. Last Thursday, when I was due to be writing this, I had a phone call from the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital saying my Dad was ready to be discharged and would my brother (who had been staying with me) be at their house in Dereham for him. After some frantic working out, Dad's discharge was delayed until Friday and I headed to Dereham with my brother to prepare the house, get some food in and help out for a day or two until everyone was settled in. Sometimes the fun never stops!

Anyway, back to the important stuff. I wasn't able to get to the meeting this month but Malcolm has updated me, so the main point from this month's meeting was about the Polaris / Funfly event on Sunday 24th. This will be a normal funfly event followed by the Polaris funfly. At the same time a 'Bring Your Own Food' BBQ (much like the last one) will take place on James's gas BBQ (thanks James).

Don't forget to take a quick look at the Upcoming Events, there's few things going on at Buckminster that may be of interest, the auction was quite popular last year. Also, on the Swapmeet weekend a SAM35 Gala will be taking place for those lovers of the vintage stuff.



The Sunday before the Club meeting was a busy day down at the Field. A couple of prospective new members turned up and nobody got too sun-burnt.



I know we have a couple of new models around at the moment, but to get this Newsletter out quickly, this month's Spotlight Model will be one of my long lived one's. My Ripmax Alienator is regularly seen down at the Field (especially if it's a bit windy). This model is now in it's 20th year. Initially powered with a 9.6v Speed 600 motor and 10 stubby, 1300mAh NiMh cells, it became my first model to carry a

LiPo (3S, 2P to give 11.1v and 2600mAh). After a couple more motor/battery changes it's now powered by the Mega AC22/30/3 motor that was in my Elfin and the 4 cell 1800mAh LiPo that was originally in my pylon racer. The forward swept wing gives it an unusual look in flight but makes it virtually unstallable. You can cut power, hold full up, and still fly it in to a reasonable landing.



Simon's new, large A10 on the bench before flight. As expected, it flew well and avoided the mishap that happened to my smaller version a little later.

Finally, a reminder to always take the pictures before flight. I was going to take a photo of Simon's A10 alongside my smaller version but a 'ground intervention' during my flight prevented the opportunity.

Upcoming Events

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.

October 2023

Wed 4th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sun 15th

Buckminster Swapmeet. 10am to 2pm.

Fri/Sat 27th & 28th

Buckminster Live Auction

Sun 29th

Kings Lynn MAC Swapmeet
West Winch Village Hall. 9-12.

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