

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Welcome to 2026. This New Year brings with it some changes to the CAA regulations which will not really affect us, a storm, which I hope has not affected the Club membership and a year of good flying weather (always end with something funny).

Thanks again to Jon for letting me know everything that happened during this month's Club meeting. It sounded like a normal January one with very little to report except for the success of the Christmas Meal and the plan to hold our Summer Meal at the same venue.

Being that we are all astute, law abiding, model aircraft enthusiasts, I'm sure everyone will know that the CAA have altered the regulations again. New (post 1st Jan 2026) model aircraft and drones now should carry a UK0-6 marking and UK1, 2 and 3 marked models need to have a Remote ID system (this only seems to relate to RTF stuff, kits don't seem to be included). The European CO-6 markings are equivalent to the UK ones. Remote ID will not affect our 'Legacy' models for at least two more years and, according to the BMFA, possibly not at all.

The only change that may affect us is the requirement for a green flashing light attached to any models flown at night. I've got a night flyer and I'll be getting a handful of 12v flashing LEDs off E-Bay soon. The other change that won't affect us but is worth knowing, is the requirement for a Flyer ID for models weighing 100 grams or more. This used to be 250 grams. I hope I've summarised the changes correctly, if not please let me know.



The Club Christmas
Meal at the Hare and
Hounds in Haconby.



A Spotlight Model from Malcolm this month. I took the picture in September, not sure if it was the first flight but it was a relatively new model. The model is an Avious King Twin 1700, loosely based on the Beechcraft King Air, but not the one with the T-tail. Malcolm reports that it flew fine and it certainly looked good in the air.

This 1.7m span model comes

equipped with flaps and retracts and it's 4 cell, 4000mAh battery can give a solid 9 minute flight.

Just a little update, Some people know why I have not been overly visible at the Club or the meetings recently but I thought I should let everyone know. My wife's health took a turn for the worse in the second half of last year, with her bipolar medication possibly causing a form of dementia and this is making it difficult for me to get out of the house for any useful amount of time. I'm not about to give up the hobby or the Club, but taking photos for the Newsletter has become problematic, so please get your cameras out and send in yours. Next month's Spotlight Model is currently due to be my first kitcar (not the Quantum), which isn't a bad thing as I've always encouraged people to let us know about their other hobbies.

Finally, don't forget about the Club Winter Build which is the Depron Easy Glider. Here's a link to the plans if you don't have last September's RCM&E: bmac.bmfa.club/glider-build-challenge. The event is planned alongside the Unorthodox Flying Machines Event and the first FunFly of the season on 19th April.

Sorry about the lack of events in February but there isn't anything advertised that's happening in our area.

Upcoming Events

January 2026

Wed 7th

Club Meeting - Wishing Well

Sat 10th

Peterborough MFC Indoor Flying
Bushfield. FF or slow/light RC
only. peterboroughmfc.org/events

February 2026

Wed 4th

Club Meeting - Wishing Well

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