

Skyline



Sedgemoor RC Flying Club - Newsletter March 2010

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Editorial

It is the role of Skyline to get information about events to members – but if there is no time we rely heavily on email. So please let me or Andrew Moss have your latest email address, if you have one, or you may miss out as some of you did over the date of the first indoor flying earlier this month. I will continue to post notices on the pegboard, as I did for that event.

BMFA Training

Well done Adrian for passing his 'A' Certificate in poor weather on the first training day of the year. The next is in May.

To build or to buy (That is the question?) by Geoff Portlock

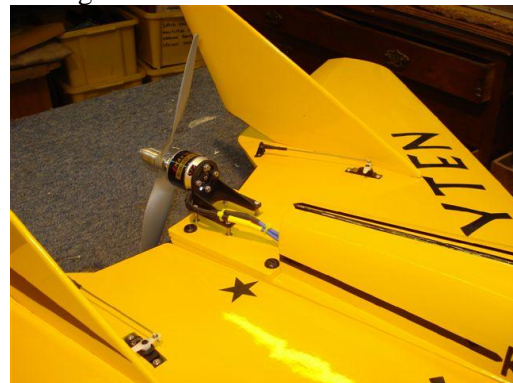
The Answer? Well it depends whether you have the time and the skills.

The Money? Makes very little difference, the cost of building your own model is similar to an 'Almost Ready To Fly' unless you have a free plan, good stock of wood, covering materials, paint etc. Take the featured model 'KYTEN'. Put out by Traplet as a plan pack the cost was £63.92, covering Profilm £34.00, additional balsa, glues, ali spars, total well into £120 to £130



Now back to the original question build or buy? We all know that 'Far Eastern Models Corp.' make some excellent models and in most cases can't be matched by the average modeller and at a reasonable cost.

So why Build? It's just down to personal preferences. There is no doubt that to complete your own model and see it perform perfectly in the air is a great feeling.



What was the question? Oh yes! To build or to buy. Well it doesn't matter as long as you enjoy your hobby.

Regards Geoff Portlock

Thanks Geoff. Three more of us are also building Kytens, and it is largely because of the appeal of creating such a beautiful craft from a pile of wood! I hope you will enter the model in the Craftsman's Cup, Geoff, the quality is great.

Club Calendar

Wed 24 th March	Indoor Flying, see below
Wed 31 st March	Craftsmans Cup and bring and buy – see below
Fun Comp 1	Sat 17 th April (Reserve Sat 24 April)
May 8th / 9th	No Flying – NSA
Sun 16 th May	BMFA practice and test day
Fun Comp 2	Sun 13 th June (reserve Sun 27 th Jun)
July 3rd / 4th	No Flying – NSA
Fun Comp 3	Sun 8 th August (reserve Sun 22 Aug)
August 14th / 15th	No Flying – NSA
October 2nd / 3rd	No Flying – NSA
Fun Comp 4	Sun 10 th Oct (reserve Sun 17 th Oct)

Craftsmans Cup and Bring and Buy.

Venue: Skittle Alley, The George, Middlezoy.

Time: 7.30.

Date: Wed 31st March

Bring along your newly built or partly built models for this model builders competition, and try and win the fine trophy. Judging will be by your peers, and different weighting given for

scratch-built, plan-built or kit-built models.

Also bring all your unwanted airframes, engines, props, 35mhz receivers, etc. And some cash so you can grab a bargain.

Indoor Flying

Indoor Flying at Junction 24 was a great success, so if you missed it come along on Wed 24th March from 7pm to 10pm.

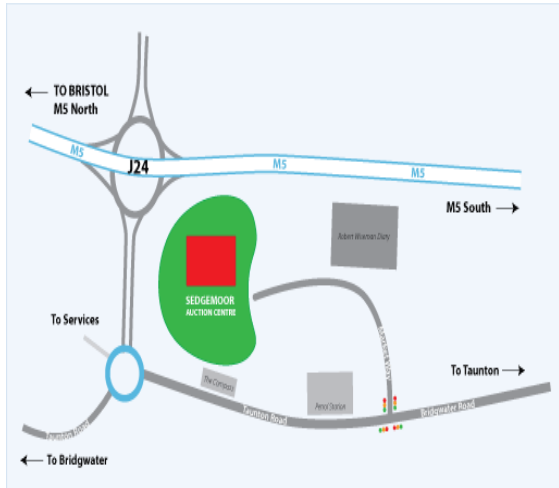


The cost is £5 for flyers, or free to watch and get ideas for next time. (the fee is payable even if you fly someone else's model!).

Enter via right hand door this time



*The Venue: Junction 24 Ltd at Sedgemoor
Auction Centre
Market Way
North Petherton
Somerset, TA6 6DF*



Phil's indoor 3D Pitts

Parkzone Vapors were seen in great numbers – we even had a pylon race for them! When guest John Stennard demonstrated literally dozens of indoor models for us in the Village Hall last year, I thought the Vapor stood out head and shoulders above the rest, and clearly others thought the same.



The Vapor

Wingspan: 14.75" (375mm)
Overall length: 15.25" (387mm)
Flying weight: .53 oz (15 g)
Battery: 3.7V 70mAh single-cell lipo
Approximate flying duration: 10-15 minutes

Directions:

*From junction 24 off the M5 follow signs to Bridgwater.
At the first roundabout take the first exit towards
North Petherton. After passing the 'Compass
Inn' on your
left you will come to a set of traffic lights, take
a left at the lights and follow the road in to our
car park past the wooden bull*

Pimp Your Vapor!

See all the weight saving mods at

http://www.eflightwiki.com/eflightwiki/index.php?title=ParkZone_Vapor

Fun Competitions

There was agreement at the AGM that we like these events that Mike has been running for several years, and we want more! So we are running FOUR this year. And we agreed that we will separate sports planes from specialist fun fly machines to give "normal" planes a chance to win. Mike will organise the first and last, Pete Ross and myself the second and third.

Fun Day 1 – by Mike Clark

It is proposed to hold the first fun day of 2010 on Saturday 17th April at 10am. Should this day be unsuitable, Saturday 24th April will be the alternative. This year, due to a new rule passed at the AGM, planes must be categorised into specialist fun-fly and sport planes. Puzzled? `twill be alright on the night.

I am unable to perform without the help that has been given me so readily these last three years; so once again, I invite anyone who is able to help to do so. I have been unable to garner any items suitable to raffle this year, so it would be much appreciated if any members have items to donate suitable for the raffle, with proceeds to club funds.

I would be happy to receive any suggestions aimed at making the fun day events more successful.

Proposed programme:

1000: meet helpers and fence off where necessary, erect mini pylons and tethered balloons. Check the peg board and scan area for rogue radio waves. Pilots using 2.4 gigs provide own pegs.
1015: pilot briefing (need someone who knows what they are talking about).
1030: pylon racing event (need two observers and a starter)
11.15: powered rise, stop and glide event (need two observers and a starter)
1215: circle landing event (need one observer, one measurer and several eggs)

1245: maximum number of landings and take offs (need one observer and a starter)

1315: maximum number of loops in thirty seconds (need one observer and one starter).

1345: burst the balloon competition, this one is for fun only (if conditions allow)

It is hoped that a volunteer will make hot dogs or some such to sell at a small profit and possibly a raffle, both with net proceeds to the club.

Certificates will be awarded at the annual general meeting .

Please, please support this event - use it or lose it.

Mike

The Rules and Constitution

These have been changed to take account of agreed changes over the last year, and will be printed off and posted to you.

One change is that two pilots' boxes will soon appear one at each end of the flight line. The upwind box is the one to use – this ensures models take off well clear of the pits. Please use them!

Fuel

There is still some left, with 5% nitro and castor oil, at £8 each. Let me know if you want some, 01749 678698

That's all, Jeff