

Skyline



Sedgemoor RC Flying Club – Newsletter February 2012

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Editorial

Just a quick extra Skyline this month to make sure all members know about John Stennard's visit later in the month. See "indoor flying".

Also see the club's website at <http://www.srcfc.org.uk/> where the new weather station can be seen – it has been installed on the roof of the microlight club, and shows what the weather is actually doing at the field. Hover over the **News/Info** button, and **click** on **Weather**. The link for smartphones is there too.

And a reminder to all who have not yet re-joined the club, this is your last chance.

The subs are:

Full Senior:	£73.00
Full Junior:	£43.00
Full Family Junior:	£35.00
Associate Senior:	£43.00
Associate Junior:	£27.00
Associate family Junior:	£23.00

Send your cheque to Membership Secretary Paul Bearman,
Metcalf House
Castlebrook

Compton Dundon
Somerton TA11 6PP

Or contact him via the club email address:

sedgemoorflyingclub@gmail.com

New Members

We have a number of new members, and I want to introduce them to you through Skyline so that you can welcome them when you meet them at the field, and offer help and support if needed. And it will be: most of them are new to model flying.

First, Robin Mitchell:

Hi, attached is my current profile image which appears on my Facebook page.



I've been making models since my mother let me loose with some UHU, a box of matches

and a sharp knife.
She just said don't cut directly onto the table.
That Formica topped kitchen table is now my indoor workbench.

Some years later I obtained a single channel RCS radio and built a mini Barnstormer with an 049 glow which flew several times before needing repairs and my school model club was launched with a few friends. I had dreams of one day owning a Merco 61 with a tuned pipe.

Having arrived in Somerset, 20 years ago, I became a member at WMSA and discovered the joys and challenges of gliders. Recently I obtained a second hand Bonnie 20 with electric drive chain with trike undercarriage, so I need a runway and maybe some help getting it back down without kitting it on the first landing. Hence, since I now have two Hitec 35MHz radios, a buddy lead is work in progress. Then I just need to match the programming on each, + maybe flaps on my Optic 6.

Kind Regards

Robin Mitchell

Royston Price:



Hi, let me introduce myself, my name is Royston Price, (Charlie to my friends) as I hope we will all be soon, I am 71years of age and have been flying fixed wing models for over 30 years on and off work permitting. I first became interested in aircraft through my job as a tanker driver for Wincanton transport delivering aviation fuel for BP, ESSO and SHELL.

I was privileged to get in to see for myself some very interesting sites: Westlands Helicopter workshops, the B.A.C Filton Concord workshops and the most amazing of them all was the Air Accident investigation unit at Farnborough, the biggest jigsaw you could ever see (cannot say more - official secrets act!).

I am now retired and have time on my hands to pursue my hobby's again, In all the years I have flown model aircraft I never did take the A certificate test as the club that I was with did not require or ask for it. You just paid your fee to use the airfield and that was that. The Whitchurch Bristol airfield is now a housing estate! So I will need help from the club members to catch up. Hope to see some at the indoor flying.

My other hobby is fast motorcycles. I am a member of the TT supporters club and visit the I.O.M each year for the TT races. As I travel by car with my dog Susie there might be someone who would like to come along, all they need is a tent etc and the time, leave Somerset 5am on Friday 25 may and return on Wednesday 13 June. The greatest road race in the world, lots of fun, good food. Anyone interested? I need to book the ferries a.s.a.p. Well, it's just a thought, in case someone would like a nice cheap holiday, must like motorcycles or it would drive them mad, ha ha, LOL.

Charlie.

Also welcome to John Scott and Edward Porter.

John had his first proper flight last Sunday after years of faltering starts and was hooked! He flies a Tutor and has his own buddy box, system. Can anyone help him during weekdays? He is desperate for more training time!

Contact him at:

jeanjohnscott_2@btinternet.com

If there are others I have missed, please send me a photo and introduction, I will include next time.

Calendar

Indoor flying John Stennard visit.	Wed 22 nd February
Club meeting	Wed 7 th March
Competition 1	Sun18th march
Airfield Working party	Sun 25 th March
Indoor Flying – Fun Competition.	Wed 28 th March
Club meeting – Craftsmans Cup	Wed 4 April
Bmfa testing	Sun 15 th April
Club meeting	Wed 2 May
No flying, NSA (motorcycles)	Sat 12 May, Sun 13 May
Competition2	Sunday 3rd June
Club meeting	Wed 6 June
No flying, NSA	Sat 30 Jun, Sun 1st July
Club meeting	Wed 4 July
Sedgemoor fly in	?????
Club meeting	Wed 1 Aug
BMFA testing	Sun 5 Aug
No flying, NSA	Sat 11 Aug, Sun 12 Aug
Jet meet	?????
Club meeting	Wed 5 Sep
Competition 3	Sunday 30 th Sept
Indoor flying	Wed 26 Sep
Club meeting	Wed 3 Oct
No flying, NSA	Sat 6 Oct, Sun 7 Oct
Competition 4	Sunday 21 October
Indoor Flying	Wed 31 Oct
Club meeting	Wed 7 Nov
Indoor Flying	Wed 28 Nov
AGM	???

Indoor Flying	Wed 30 Jan
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Indoor Flying	Wed 24 Apr

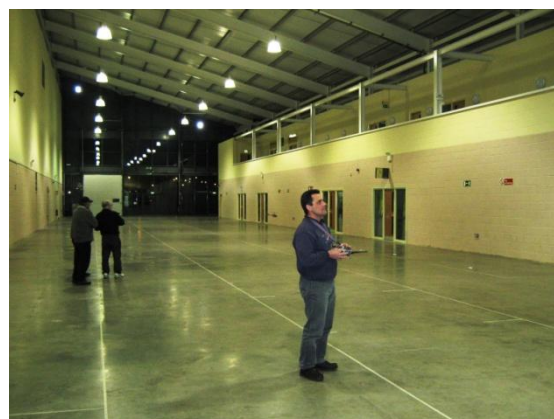
Indoor flying – John Stennard Visit

7.30. Wed 22 Feb.

John has been the writer of “Under the roof” and most other indoor flying articles in the modelling press for many years now. He visited us 2 years ago and demonstrated a huge variety of models, which led the club to holding regular indoor meetings.

John is looking forward to seeing the progress we have made, and I hope will be showing us some new and exotic models suitable for our venue. The charge will be the same as usual, £5 for flyers, free for spectators, at:

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



J24 - Tony is about to retrieve his model from the balcony.

1st ever Indoor fun competition

Will be on Wed 28th March, with events in several classes, for helis and fixed wing. This will not stop general flying.

Competitions.

As last year, it will be fun fly in the mornings, scale in the afternoons. Come and have a go, both disciplines will improve your flying.

Airfield Working party

From 10am Sunday 25 March. Please help with levelling the grass, bring a spade and bucket. Or rotary mower.

Craftsman's Cup

Wed 4th April at the George, Middlezoy – this is a low key competition for models or engineering projects you have built. Kits or plan- built models can enter.

Sedgemoor Fly in

This will be the largest event the club has put on for several years, so watch this space!

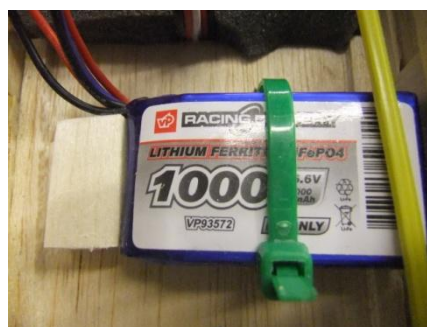
Jet meet.

Organised by the JMA along the lines of last year's successful event. Come and fly if you have a jet, spectate if you don't – I watched it last year and it was a great show, highly recommended.

Li-Fe receiver batteries.

These now power several of my models, (and transmitter). Very light and more robust than Lipos.

At last the price is right down - this battery is available for less than £10.95 from Vapextech. I have put one in my Acrowot. It weighs only 50g, less than half a Nimh, and despite being only 1000mah, has proved enough capacity, but they offer bigger ones in the same range.



That's all – there's lots going on, find out more at your 1st of the month Wednesday meetings at the George, Middlezoy.
Jeff