

# Skyline



**Sedgemoor RC Flying Club - Newsletter    January 2007**

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## **Editorial**

*Hello from your new Communication Secretary!*

*Thanks are due to the most recent newsletter editors, John Wakefield and Duncan MacGregor. It is clear from reading the last four years' Skylines that the club used to be more active.*

*My aim for the year with the four issues of Skyline is to encourage communication and hopefully for the Club to regain some of the enthusiasm there clearly used to be.*

*More later....*

## **Chairman's Report**

Ian Russell, Chairman 2006/7

Firstly may I take the opportunity to wish all members a happy New Year and all your landings have the wheels nearest the ground first!

I have been a member since about 1989. I live near Yeovil and fly mostly jets with odd occasional airings of biplanes, electric glider etc

As elected Chairman for 06/7 this represents promotion from Vice chairman last year, but actually this will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year as Chairman, as I was in post a few years ago. So why have I agreed to do it again and more importantly why did I stop last time?

The club has tended to go through cycles of enthusiasm and commitment from the membership, I stood down last time as the membership just criticised and was not prepared to put anything back into the club or our wonderful facilities.

So what is different now?

Well over the last few years new members have joined the club, wanted to contribute more, stand for the committee and make a difference. Therefore the time is correct to try again and get the club more active and meet the general need rather than the few as was the membership's previous perception of the committee.

Here is the encouragement bit,

Please make suggestions to improve the Club, but also be prepared to contribute a little as well. The committee are willing and I believe able to make things happen, it is a club for the membership, run by the membership and we will all get what we deserve in terms of effort.

So to sign off, have a safe 2007 using and contributing to our Club

Ian R

## Craftsmans Cup and Bring and Buy.

Venue: Skittle Alley, The George, Middlezoy.

Time: 7.30.

Date: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April

Bring along your newly built or partly built models for this model builders competition, and try and win the fine trophy.

Also all your unwanted airframes, engines, props etc.

## Club members and their models.

Put that new Christmas camera to use, bring it to the field and snap your fellow flyers. My aim is to photograph ALL of us for Skyline, a way to get to know who is in our club!

Just email the photos to me.

For example:



*Jeff Cosford with Giant U-Can-Do, winner of silliest name and ugliest model competition!*

*Lots of fun, though - we Wells flyers now have four between us in all three sizes – 56, 90 and 135 powered.*

## Dates when you cannot fly, due to use by the NSA: (motor cycles)

**28/29 April**

**2/3 June**

**30 June /1 July**

**29/30 Sept**

**Note your calendar now!**

## BMFA Achievement Scheme- by jeff

Would you like to have some tuition from a BMFA examiner, or are you ready to take the A or B test? Come along between 9.30am and 1pm on one of the dates below, when examiners will be able to show you what is needed to pass the test, and test you if you are ready. My advice is do a dummy run or so with an examiner before going for it. And read the Safety Code in the BMFA Handbook. It is pages 14-30. For the B Certificate, the safety code for flying displays is also necessary reading. Questions form part of the tests.

More info at

<http://www.bmfa.org/achievement/index.html>

The dates are:

Sat 21st April

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> August

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> September

*If it is very poor bad weather, it may be cancelled, so call first.*

Examiners – I will be calling you in the next 4 weeks to invite you to test days. We will need some practice too if we have not tested for a while.

## The “C” certificate.

I am sure no club member has passed this test. Would you B Cert flyers like to try it? Let me know, as I would like to give it a go, but not on my own.

## Notes on the AGM held 13<sup>th</sup> December

Reports from Committee

Ian Russell, vice chairman, gave the first report. He thanked John Wakefield for his leadership, Duncan MacGregor for his maintenance of the website and Bob Deakin for cutting the grass. He said that club events had been poorly attended. We must not be complacent about safety issues.

He thanked John Wakefield and Chris Maidment who were standing down from the committee and added that fresh thought and energy from the committee would be welcome.

Dave Wood, General Secretary, reported that during the year he had paid rent and Christmas gratuities to landlords, convened and minuted five committee meetings, responded to enquiries from potential new members, distributed Skyline newsletter and convened the AGM with notices and agendas to all members.

The Treasurer John Wright distributed the yearly accounts. He reported that there was a good surplus in the Current Account and the Committee proposed that the £1000 borrowed from the Deposit Account be repaid. This was in compliance with the previous Committees wishes.

The Events Secretary, Chris Maidment, reported on a very poor year, attendance was down at the Craftsman's cup, 8 flyers only had attended the May fun day and the Sedgemoor Open had to be cancelled because of lack of support. He urged all members to give their support to future events.

The Membership Secretary, Brian Crossman, reported an approximate 6% increase in membership for 2006. He indicated that the BMFA had increased the fees for adult members by £1 for 2007.

He urged members to correctly fill out their details on the membership forms as the database relied on accurate information.

He reminded members that as membership cards are now laminated they would be sent out by post.

#### 2007 Fees

To be £69 for seniors including BMFA membership. This followed a discussion and vote by members present.

#### The New Committee

**Ian Russell (Chairman) 01935 423680**

**Dave Wood (Secretary) 01823 698928**

**Neil Hinks (Vice Chairman) 01460 242766**

**Brian Crossman (Memb. Sec.) 01278 785587**

**Mike Jefferies (Safety Officer) 01458 830972**

**John Wright (Treasurer) 01823 698344**

**Jeff Cosford (Comms. Secretary\*) 01749 678698**

\*No nominations having been received for the post of Events Secretary, Jeff Cosford was elected to a new post of Communications Secretary.

#### 2007 Events

The Craftsman cup will be held.

Mike Clark offered to help with any fun events.

Sedgemoor Open will not be held.

SRCFC will not participate in the Wessex scale league. Ian Russell pointed out that individuals can fly at league events but obviously club points will not be awarded.

#### Presentation of Awards.

The most Improved Flyer award went to Jim Sharpe

#### Site Safety

Dave Wood felt that, although at this present time the club had no alternative, pitting directly parallel to the line of flight and in very close proximity to the flight line posed a considerable risk to persons in the pits and he was seeking acceptance from the club, that if he was able to persuade the tenant (Mr R Hutchins) to rent a piece of land for use as a pit area, would the club use it. Dave pointed out that the BMFA recommendation for site layout states that 'if possible pits should be sited 30mts away from the take off/ landing area.'

There was a lot of discussion about this with some members expressing views that the site was safe enough, that all flying should be kept to the far side of the runway and others expressing views that there are a number of incidents of aircraft running into and over-flying the pit area and that anything that could be done to improve safety should be adopted.

Malcolm Bray proposed that the committee talk with the farmer and the club discuss at the Craftsman Cup event later in the year.

#### 'Children and Vulnerable Adults'

A letter had been received from BMFA stating that if a club did not adopt their child protection policy then they would not be covered by insurance for any issues relating to 'Child and Vulnerable Adults'. It was the wish of the club that the committee discuss and report back to the membership later in the year.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

**Committee Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> January - by Jeff**

*I will regularly report on what we discuss during the year.*

At the first meeting of the year, Brian Crossman said only 35 member have renewed so far. *If you have not yet done so please do so promptly using the form attached.*

Since the AGM, Dave Wood has discussed with Richard, the tenant, the possibility of renting a piece of land to use as a pits area. Dave will now mark this out with posts.

Dave will order Club fuel asap.

The Committee agreed that the club rule about all pilots having the BMFA "A" Certificate if you want to fly solo is to be enforced, but not until Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. In effect a years amnesty! In order to support you in taking the test, we have arranged a series of Achievement Scheme practice and test dates. (See page 2)

The latest guidance from BMFA on 'Children and Vulnerable Adults' was discussed, and a proposal on how the club responds will be put to you for discussion at the Craftsmans Cup meeting.

Training was discussed, and the need for an up to date list of instructors. Here it is:

**Club Instructors:**

Name	Mode	Tel:
Paul Mancini	1&2	01823 451627
John Cable	1	01278 455588
Kevin Trott	1	01823 413425
Colin Dyckes		
Chris Maidment	1	01278 455346
John Wright	2	01823 698344
Dave Wood	2	01823 698928
Jeff Cosford	2	01749 678698
Pete Francis	1	01934 623916
Rob Deakin	1	01278 671200
Ian Russell	1	01935 423680
Ian White?		
Brian Crossman		01278 785587
Mike Jefferies		01458 830972
Neil Hinks		01460 242766

They should be willing to help you, but remember they are not just there for you; they want to fly their models too.

**Later this year in Skyline.....**

**Fun Competition** Dates and format

**Jet flying** – by one of the club's many jet jockeys.

**The clubs history and roots** – by one of its founder members.

**More on the BMFA achievement schemes.**

**Learning to fly** – the experience of one of our new members



*Ian Russell's Eurofighter Typhoon DA2, which Ian flew for two years before selling it just before Christmas.*

*Power was Turbine Jetcat Germany 160 modified in the USA into a slightly more reliable JetCat USA Titan, which is now in his F15.*

**What do you want to write?** Let me know if you will write an article, or want to air your views.

We would like to hear about your new model, engine or latest electric flight gear.

Or your experience of competition or display flying.

Or other clubs you belong to.

Have found the perfect trainer aircraft?

Do you have views about the BMFA?

Let me know.

*That's all for now, folks! Jeff*