

Winter Draws On!

All the club events are done and dusted, and the 2003 club year draws to a close. It was fitting that the final event was a successful Western Scale League meeting at Westonzoyland. I must confess, this was the first time I attended such an event, and was roped into judging the flying. What impressed me, was the distance traveled by some competitors, just for two flights in a day. Multiply that by the number of league events at different venues throughout the summer, and their dedication is even more impressive. On our home weekend in September, we were blessed with a fantastic late summer day. We were also treated to some superb scale flying, and all without mishap. It was a little disappointing that only one club member flew in our home event. Having said that, everyone had a great day. Well done to Chris for the slick organisation.



Airfield Security

I am relieved to report that the concrete blocks across the runway have dramatically decreased the incursion into our patch by unauthorised vehicles. You may have noticed that we have to move them temporarily for the motorcycle weekends, and put them back afterwards. Although this costs us, the committee believes it is well worth the money, considering the benefit of having the blocks in place.

Duncan M.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, December 9th. Please note that the Club Constitution states "Members wishing to have matters added to the agenda (under any other business) should submit them in writing to the General Secretary at least four weeks before the AGM, in order that they can be included in the agenda sent to all members". (i.e.. By November 11th).

At least 14 days notice and a copy of the agenda will be sent to every member.

BMFA AGM

This will be held on November 22nd, at the Holiday Inn Hotel at Coventry. If any member wishes to go to represent the club, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Fleet Air Arm Model Show 2004

We had a successful static stand at this annual event last February. We have just received advanced notice that the event is on again in 2004, to be held on Saturday 14th February at the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton. Advanced tickets can be bought at reduced rates of £6.50 adults, & £4.75 senior citizens. If you wish to order some, please send your request and cheque to:- SRCFC General Secretary, 17 Phillips Close, Bridgwater. TA6 7AR. by November 30th.



Guess who from last issue?
None other than Paul Mancini, pictured here with Bob Deakin. Taken while frying sausages in the rain, at the Sedgemoor Open last June!

Club Weekend 13th & 14th September

Saturday:-

What a difference weather wise to the May event, even though a stiff S E wind made flying a bit difficult at times (especially the Limbo) the sun shone throughout making for a pleasant day of flying and competition.

The results are as follows.

Climb & Glide	Time
Paul Mancini	1 min 54.11 sec
David Maconochie	1 min 36.66 sec
Mike Jefferies	1 min 27.87 sec
Bob Deakin	1 min 23.96 sec
Shane Cummings	1 min 13.39 sec

Touch & Go	No completed
David Maconochie	9
Paul Mancini	9
Shane Cummings	2
John Wakefield	2
Kevin Wakefield	2
Bob Deakin	1

Spot Landing	Distance from Spot
Mike Jefferies	2.2 metres
Kevin Wakefield	2.4 metres
David Maconochie	3.6 metres

Limbo

Unfortunately by now the wind was so strong we had a problem with the poles blowing over, and the tape snapping, the result was that only one successful attempt was made by Mike Jefferies before the limbo was finally called to a halt.

Despite the windy conditions everyone enjoyed themselves and the day was a success.

My thanks to all who came along to take part, and to Shane and Nick for doing a good job with the time keeping, counting and measuring.

Sunday; The Wessex Scale League.

Arriving early at the field we were greeted with low-level mist and poor visibility. A southeast breeze soon cleared things and flying commenced at about 10.30 am. Fourteen competitors arrived to take part, including Vic Hollingworth who competed on behalf of SRCFC. By midday the breeze had increased in strength and turned more southerly. This made, touch & go and landing more difficult as now a low level approach had to be made between the bales of hay. Willing hands soon moved the offending bales and flying continued without any further problems. Finally with two rounds completed and scores totaled, the awards were handed out and everyone headed for home.

My thanks to all the helpers:-

Flight Judges:- Duncan MacGregor & Geoff Portlock.

Static Judges:- Bob Deakin, Vic Hollingworth, David James & Ron Hughes.

TX Control and booking in Scribe:- Ken Day.

Score keeper and calculator basher:- John Wakefield.

Time keepers:- Shane & Nick.



The Winners!

Wessex Scale League

The result for this year is that SRCFC are in fifth place.

Ferte Alais

Terry Clegg of the Redruth Flying Club has asked if any of our members who would like to join members of his club, on a trip to the Large Model Flying Show at Ferte Alais. The ferry crossing will be from Dover to Calais and arrangements will be made to pick up people from this area, possibly at Taunton Dean Service Station. The cost of trip is between £130 & £139 (depending on hotel) this includes travel by coach and 3 nights B&B. As yet Terry is not quite sure of the departure date, which could be either Friday 18th or 25th June. For more details ring Terry, on 01209 210629.

Chris Maidment (Event Secretary.)

Member's Small Ads



Low wing trainer. Not really a first model, but stable enough as a second model. 58" wing span. Scorpio ARF kit "Basic 2000". Foam veneer wings. Ply/balsa fus + some custom fibreglass repairs ;-)

Irvine 40 ABC 2 stroke. 4 ch JR Rx & servos with steerable nose wheel. Futaba Tx if wanted. All a bit old, but VG working order. Any half-sensible offer considered. Phil Wilson Tel: 01984 64122

Well that's all for this issue. Next issue due February 2004. It's early I know, but I wish all members a happy Christmas, and a healthy new year. - Duncan M.