

# Skyline



October, 2002

## Sedgemoor Radio Control Flying Club Annual General Meeting

### TO ALL SRCFC MEMBERS

The SRCFC Executive Committee has decided that the Annual General Meeting for 2002 will take place on the 4th December 2002. It will be held in the Bridgwater Sports and Social Club, Bath Road Bridgwater at 1930 hours sharp.

Under the terms of the SRCFC Constitution, if any Member has an item that they wish to be included in the AGM Agenda they must inform the General Secretary at least 4 weeks before the date of the AGM. In this case the last date for receipt of items for the Agenda will be Wednesday the 6th November 2002. Items received after that date will not be accepted. The Executive Committee will decide if an item should be included in the AGM Agenda.

The Club Constitution also states that at least 14 days Notice of the Date and Venue of the Annual General Meeting, together with a copy of the Agenda, must be sent to every Member in writing. If any SRCFC Member has not received a copy of the AGM Agenda and Notice by Wednesday 20th November 2002, please inform Secretary Ken Day as soon as possible.

**Ken Day, SRCFC General Secretary**

O.K. That's the official business dealt with. So what's been happening that you might have missed? Well first up was our Club Fun Day. This year's event was far better supported than in the past and the organisers are most grateful to all of you who attended and made their efforts so worthwhile.

It should have been called a Club Fun Morning since it was all over when I arrived at about 12.15 pm. Fully intending to have a go at something or other, I found I'd missed the lot! As a result of not seeing anything that went on, I have had to ask our Ken to give a short report on the event and you can find this on page 2.

Ian Russell has provided me with some superb photos which he took at the Wessex Scale League meeting and I share these with you on page 3.

A Committee Meeting was held on the 17th of September which I was unable to attend on your behalf. Various items were discussed with a view, I believe, to forming the agenda for the coming AGM. Our Secretary is snowed under with other pressing matters and I haven't yet received a copy of the minutes.

Much discussion has taken place over the last few weeks about the use of the 27 Mhz band being used for flying models at our site.

The latest saga to show the dangers of this practice was when some youngsters and an adult were running their cars at the far end of our strip of runway. When asked what frequency they were operating on, they couldn't answer. They didn't understand what our club members were talking about and didn't know that there were different channels within the 27 Mhz band or that they could interfere with other transmissions or reception. Club members are advised to avoid using 27 Mhz if at all possible.

Although they continue to be a great success, I can never get to the Tuesday Evening Training Sessions. Although I badly need to improve my piloting skills, I work until 9pm on that evening. Others have benefited greatly from the patience and goodwill of those of our members who, selflessly, give up their free time to assist the beginners gain in proficiency.

I would be there, fella's, but I have to earn a crust!

**Competition Results of the  
Club Fun Day, held on Saturday  
31st August 2002**

A Report By Ken Day.

**CLIMB AND GLIDE**

1ST.Place Ron White 3 min 39 secs  
2nd. John Wright 3 min 11 secs  
3rd Pete Francis 2 min 52 secs  
4th Geoff. Portlock 1min 46 secs  
5th Steve Biggs 1 min 37 secs  
6th John Brisland 1 min 35 secs  
7th Paul Mancini 1 min 33 secs  
8th Robert Deakin 0 min 53 secs  
9th Jim Exon 0 min 41 secs  
Equal 10th Derek Joy 0 min 35 secs  
Equal 10th Mike Jefferies 0 min 35 secs

This Competition, fiercely contested, was won by SRCFC Founder Member Ron White whose experience and complete confidence stood him in good stead. In 'hot pursuit' was SRCFC Chairman John Wright.

The total of 11 Club Members participating was far and away the best turnout I have ever known!

Our thanks to Victor Hollingworth, who operated his stopwatch with panache and ensured the Rules were followed to the letter. To Club Secretary Ken Day fell the onerous task of 'frog marching' competitors to the Start Line!

In all as they say "A good time was had by all".

**SPOT LANDING**

1st Place Robert Deakin  
2nd Ron White  
3rd Steve Biggs  
4th John Wright  
5th Mike Jefferies

3 Competitors were forced to withdraw from this Competition =

John Brisland Damaged aircraft  
Derek Joy Damaged aircraft  
Geoff Portlock Technical problems

Once again this Competition attracted an unprecedented number of Competitors, at least according to the Start List. Even though 3 pilots were forced to withdraw from the Competition their intent to compete was evident.

Congratulations to Robert Deakin for his skill in winning this Competition. Our thanks to all participants.

Thank you to Victor Hollingworth, who carried out the very difficult task of 'Spotting' the touchdowns; not at all easy, and for ensuring that the Competition Rules were complied with. Club Secretary Ken Day authenticated touchdown distances and acted as 'whipper in' for the Competition!!

This Event ended the formal Competition for the day, although Club flying went on into the late afternoon. In all a highly successful day, best ever in fact.

Ken Day  
SRCFC General Secretary



Do we get a lunch provided?

## The Wessex Scale League.

September 1st, 2002 at Westonzoyland.

Photography - Ian Russell

31 entries and a slow start meant only one flight was available to each contestant.

Our Chairman, John Wright, manned the transmitter control point from his van, Jim Exon was one of the two flying judges while Paul Mancini and Brad York were two of the three static judges. Scores from the various judges were totalled by Ken Day, aided by yours truly, Don Gurden.



I'm sure they should be Pneumatic tyres!

Valuable assistance was given by Merv Willmott who kept the scoreboard updated and Steve Biggs who helped with just about anything that was needed. Dare I say "The usual faces"?

Being my first WSL meeting, I was surprised that the static judging, done from outside a 10ft radius circle, only accounted for a maximum of 15% of the possible score. All that attention to small detail was wasted if a simple flying mistake was made. On the other hand, good flying could compensate for a less than perfect presentational finish.

1st place went to Winchester's T. Airey with his Fairy Junior. Second place was taken by Woodspring's David James with his Sopwith Pub. Our own Paul Mancini pulled himself into 3rd place by some superb flying of his Cap 21. Best static display was the Flycatcher by F. Ditchburn of Westlands. All in all, a breezy crosswind but a great day out.



I could have entered!  
Damn it,  
I should have entered



This is doing my head in!



Now what he should have done.....



Lunchtime



Well done, Paul



I only have items for sale from one member this time. Vic Hollingworth has a number of things he would like to dispose of.

### **Vic's Bargain Basement:**

Futaba Field Force 8. Hardly used and in immaculate condition.  
Includes field box, manual and additional "Programming the FF8 book at £18 value. £215 ono.

Straight fuel - 2 galls available @ £4 per gallon.

5% fuel - 1 ½ galls available. £6 the lot.

"Gasoline" USA. Red Tank (1Gall Capacity) complete with hand pump. £6

Sanwa F.M. Receiver + 7 Sanwa standard servos + On/Off Switch. £18 the lot.

Sanwa "Vanguard VG 6 DR" 6 Channel Transmitter. £45

Hobbico "Torquemaster" heavy duty starter. £10

S.C. 108 ABC 2 Stroke Engine. Complete with fuel pump. "Run In" only. £50

Master Airscrew props: 12x8 £1.50

14x8 £2

Master Classic Props 18x6 £3

All props are new and unused.

O.S. F.S. 120S III Four Stroke Engine.

Complete with integral fuel pump + Silencer + Header pipe extension

+ O.S. Engine Mount which is factory drilled and tapped.

Perfect condition, and run in only. £240 ono.

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Well that's all I have for you all at this time. I hope to have the next newsletter out in time for the start of December and the next AGM.

Thanks to all those who have helped with this edition. Ian Russell for his excellent photos of the Wessex Scale League Meeting, Ken Day for his reports of the Club Fun Day, and all those who helped to organise or assisted with the running of the events.

Last, but more importantly, our thanks to all of you who attended in greater numbers than ever before and helped to make it so worth while. It was noticeable that during the Wessex Scale League event, with the exception of one flying judge and one static judge, the only volunteers for all the necessary tasks were from the SRCFC. We were supposed to be co-hosting the event!

See you on the strip,

Don Gurden