



Fairweather Flyer



The Newsletter of the [Medway Model Flying Club](#).

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Dear Friends, countrymen, fellow members and pilots....

Well, as the summer approaches we start to come from our hibernation dens (aka the model workshop) and look forward to a great season of flying, shows, new aircraft, and even making new friends! The committee at your MMFC wish you a problem free and enjoyable 2012 season and very much look forward to your company at the field, events, shows or monthly club meeting.

Sowhat are you going to do this year? The same old stuff?

Why not make 2012 the year you try something different. I have already started with building a foam electric park flyer fixed wing. No, I am not going soft in my old age and helicopters will always be my mistress, but I am trying something new. Barrie Dutnall is going to try teach me to fly fixed wing at some point this year,(we hope don't we Barrie!) so that's two things I am trying.

They maybe successful, maybe not but I can say I tried something new.

Why do we stay in our ruts? Fear of the unknown, fear of failure, fear of the wife?

Make 2012 the year of fear! (I just made that up!) So lets see more of you down the patch, lets welcome and fly with our members over in Harty (who's own patch is temporarily out of action), make 2012 the year you go to an extra show or support the club in its own events. Make 2012 the year you team up with another member and socialise or help them make that new project. Who knows you may even like it!

During one of the indoor flying meetings over the winter, I had a really interesting conversation with a respected member about other modelling he does. This got me thinking. What other disciplines are we involved in? I know Keith & Brian do marine modelling too. I do plastic kits, Martin is a dab hand at CAD (which he uses in his models). So if there is any other discipline you are involved in please do let us know about it, big or small. Share your work with other club members.

Neville's Last Flight

According to the will of life long aero modeller, Neville Legg, (our late club secretary and one of the founding

members of MMFC) his ashes were to be scattered over the Stickfast Lane field from a model aeroplane.

These wishes were duly carried out by Phil Fearn on Sunday 27th May. A beautiful sunny day with a mild breeze.

A special release box (decorated in the same style as Neville's coffin) was attached to a large petrol engine model,

Phil released Nev's ashes over the 'strip' in front of a large crowd who came to pay their respects. It was a poignant, but totally appropriate epitaph, to an enthusiastic modeller and greatly respected club member.

Photo courtesy of John Weeks

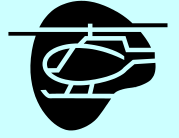


Fancy writing for the newsletter? Please do and send your quip/article or musings to me for Inclusion.



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The Other side



Diary dates: June 23/24 Wings n Wheels (North Weald)
30 June BAE systems open day & Rochester Airport fly in 1 July Bredgar Light Railway

Odd Odes - by Sir Walter Sprocket.

**A friend of mine went to great Pains,
To build up a Keil Kraft plane
Although it was wooden
It went like a good 'un
And he never did see it again!**

Have we got all your details?

I get a fair few emails bouncing back for non existent accounts or changes that have happened.

Make sure your details are right and continue to receive updates and information! Ade

Chairman Phil's bits and bobs

Hello and welcome to some warm weather . Have you checked over your models and batteries ? Since I had a cell die in flight-pack that cost me a very nice model I have been giving my batteries a real thorough check over . Some had become lazy after the long lay up and needed a couple of cycling's to get them up to capacity. Don't loose a model for the sake of a new battery.

The field has now dried out and looking good . You can drive over if you have a problem or a big model but if you are well and fit do try and walk over to the pits. This will give the grass around the edge and especially near the gate a chance to recover from last years traffic.

The white line around the patch and pit areas needs regular repainting. We have used nearly all the old emulsion that was donated some time ago. If any of you have any unwanted emulsion paint that we can use , please bring it to the field and leave in the toilet. Light bright colours only please. No GREEN or blue like one of the last jokers left .Any white, beige, yellow or orange , matt or silk will be appreciated.

Lastly a moan . Last week end Colin phoned the farmer who farms behind the shed to ask if he could recover a members model. The Farmer who has always been fine was unhappy about him going into his crop .He asked us NOT to fly over his field . He then said that a Model was ingested into a combine last autumn and caused a lot of damage . No model was reported lost in the club . It is possible that this model was from a lone flyer not in the club, but unlikely. Was it your model ? We don't want to fall out with this farmer so please don't fly far out over his field and any model that goes down must be found . I must also ask that if you have to retrieve a model from crops that just one of you retrieve it. Lots of feet do a lot of damage ! Also do try and fit a lost model alarm as the rape crop between us and the road is really tall and a model will be lost without on if it come down in the crop .

Hope to see you at the field soon Phil

Pause for thought:

If you could build your ultimate dream RC aircraft.. what would it be??

Who remembers the M F A Sperber high performance glider kit, circa 1984?

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