



Fairweather Flyer



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

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Chairman's Bits N Bobs

Welcome to 2011 , and lets hope we get a really good flying year for a change. I hope you all winter-ised your models last year ,ready for the lay up . Well now its time to give them another check prior to flying . I can already hear you saying "not again " but really it makes good sense to give your fleet a good check over before heading off to the field. A " for instance" will explain more .

In the past I have checked a model over in the autumn and then again in the spring and was amazed to find most of the hinges had come loose on the ailerons ,elevator and rudder. How this happens I don't know but it does and could have been the end of the model if I had flown it . So give all control surfaces a good pull . Also check that the covering is still well attached and hasn't curled up at the edges .

Its really distracting when a large portion of the wing covering comes off in flight ! It focuses your mind very quickly on two things 1) that adrenalin is usually brown and 2) you really have to struggle with a half naked model (No , were talking model aircraft, flying remember) Another avoidable sight at spring time is seeing flyers kneeling in the mud taking their plane apart, trying to fix those things that could so easily have been fixed at home in the warm with the correct tools and not having to dig in the mud for that lost screw you've just dropped . We've all been there so , When you see me groping in the mud for some small part I've just dropped, please don't remind me about this letter!!! Phil



Ramblings from a flight line.

Hello everyone, Due to reasons beyond our control Medway MFC have been asked to change the day of our monthly meetings at The Walnut Tree Club from the last Wednesday to the last Thursday of each month with effect from the March meeting. The walnut Tree Committee had to make budget decisions that included closing on a Wednesday . Please make a note in your diary that until further notice club meetings from March will be on the **LAST THURSDAY** of the month

HAVE WE GOT YOUR DETAILS RIGHT?

Don't forget you can update with your details anytime, You can;

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Cheers Adrian

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EVERYONE!



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The Other side



Rochester Airport Fly in—Dates: May 14th, June 18th, July 16th 5pm till late. Sept 11th 10am-2pm INDOOR & Sept 24th NIGHT flying. Contact Vid for details on 07979 153328

Charity news

Last year we , The Club , decided to raise funds for the club rather than the Club Charity ([Kent Air Ambulance](#)) . Personally , I was disappointed by this but some money collected had to be donated to the KAA due to an advertising mistake . The level of fund raising fell significantly due to poor attendance by our members and from other clubs; events for charity always draw flyers from the surrounding area. I would like to propose that we start collecting for charity again and choose a charity again at this months club meeting . It doesn't have to be KAA , I'd like some suggestion for alternatives , be it a local or a national charity , its up to you . Please think about this . The fact that the MMFC collects for charity will always be viewed positively by any of our critics .

Suggestions for charities or your thoughts welcome . Phil



Hello all you older club members - how about a nostalgia trip?

Hello all you younger members - how about trying something different from ARTFs for a change?

Free flight models are very enjoyable and rewarding to build and fly. Also it's not nearly as difficult as the mystique might suggest. Kits, plans and materials are all readily available, with no shortage of help and advice from fellow club members. You might even try your hand at tissue and dope covering .

Top quality balsa has never been so available or so reasonably priced and the small motors required (or rubber power or no power at all!) mean that these models are much cheaper to build and fly than full radio models. You might choose to add simple Radio Assist to shorten the retrieval hikes, or go for pure free flight and get some healthy exercise!

Flight trimming and flying these models will greatly improve your grasp of model aerodynamics, which will benefit all your flying activities. Small diesels are ideal power plants, and these days there is a massive choice of affordable electric power systems.

When the weather smiles upon us the free flight days at the Harty Ferry field are most enjoyable occasions, from the model-flying and social points of view. The sound of popping motors and the heady aroma of model diesel fuel..... oh, happy days!

Happy landings, Geoff.