



OG's NEWS

The newsletter of the Wellingborough Old Grammarians Model Flying Association

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Editorial

Spring is here and the clocks change next weekend so we might get a weekend with sunshine and no wind soon!

It's been a while since the last newsletter but to be honest there has not much happening since Christmas.

There are a few club events organised for this summer, please give your support.

For your Diary

Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd April – Model Ex 2007 at Windmill School, Raunds. We will be putting on our usual static show with BMFA Dart building for the kids, also we hope to be able to do a bit of indoor/small model flying if weather and room permits.

(www.northantsmodelmakers.org.uk)

Saturday/Sunday May 5th/6th – British Freestyle Aerobatic Championships Open Days, as a preliminary to the main event we are hosting this event as so that entrants can come along and fly before, hopefully, some of the judges to see how they are progressing, it will be organised as a fly-in and held on our normal flying site so club members can come along and fly as normal. (www.bfac.org.uk)

Sunday 6th May – Swapmeet, As part of the BFAC open days we will be holding a

Swapmeet in the Club house, if you want to book a table to sell give Vaughn Tapp a call.(www.org.uk)

Saturday - Monday May 26th – 28th, British Freestyle Aerobatic Championships,

Saturday will be practice and set-up, Sunday & Monday competition flying on the Rugby Bowl as previous years; we have 39 entries in three classes so it should be a cracking event. (www.bfac.org.uk)

Thursday – Sunday 19th -22nd July, 3D

Masters, This Event raises a substantial amount of money for the club so your help is needed, no doubt Ian will be chasing people over the next few months.

(www.3dmasters.org.uk)

Club Nights are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, nothing special but come along and have a chat and a drink in the bar and do a bit of indoor flying in the function room. (If we have your email address you will get a reminder, everybody else will just have to remember!)

Alternate Fridays (next event 30th April),

Indoor flying, Uppingham Community College (5m north of Corby, takes about 35min from Wellingborough), single Basketball court size hall, 6.30-9.30, split the costs between flyers (usually about £8), more info from Dan 07946093949, or see Lee or Chris

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Weekday Flying

As agreed at the AGM weekday flying is still from the cricket outfield, as this is a shared facility you **must** abide by the following rules, failure to do so will result us losing the right to fly in this area:-

- If ground staff or cricket club members are working on the pitch or outfield all flying must cease.
- Whenever possible cars will be parked inside the field and never parked on the pitch side of the entrance or access road.
- All flying shall be carried out in a safe manner in accordance with the BMFA Handbook, but specifically:-
 - Circuits must be planned so that models do not over fly the road or the buildings
 - If people are using the cricket nets (even if unauthorised) then you must not over fly the area
 - Whenever possible a helper/lookout should stand with the pilot to keep him aware of any people/areas to avoid.
 - A positive method of frequency control must be used (if only two or three members are flying then asking each other may be good enough)

All this is common sense and I am sure that you are all doing it anyway.

Because of the possible increase in field use on Bank Holidays these will be treated as Weekends and flying will be off the runway.

2.4GHz Radio

With the change in legislation it is now legal for us to fly on 2.4GHz and there is at least one set on the market (I've got one!), whilst the new technology used in these sets means that frequency control is going to be a thing of the past we feel that until everybody is

operating on this band then the pegboard system should still operate, therefore in the next couple of weeks we will be adding a row of 2.4GHz hooks to the pegboard, just hang you peg, keys, or whatever on one of these hooks to indicate that you are operating on the 2.4Ghz band.

New Strip

The new strip is starting to look better, although there are still a few puddles it is dry enough, and has been for most of the winter, to walk on without boots. The OG's (Dennis) rolled it a few weeks ago and they have had our big mower serviced so it can be cut, although the grass is still short enough at the moment (I took off it with a 1m span electric model three weeks ago). We have erected a fence around the hole behind the pits and have put a bridge across the ditch; also the small trees on the approach have disappeared. In the next couple of months we hope to have a low fence around the pond, put a safety net across part of the ditch and erect the shed. So even if it is unflyable weather there is still a reason to come to the field!

Over the summer the OG's plan is to top dress (a thin layer of topsoil and fertilizer) the football pitch and our runway so it should be even better next year.
