



OG's NEWS

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Editorial

Hi & welcome to the first newsletter of 2009 , & my first as editor. Please accept my apologies in advance for any mistakes or omissions.

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Use of cricket field

The most important news from this years AGM was that the cricket field will soon no longer be used for general flying both during the week & weekends. This is in most part beyond the control of the club / committee. The field may still be used for the test flying of certain models with prior consultation with a member of the committee. Although not ideal for some this does give the club the incentive to make even more improvements to the runway .One of the main issues with this decision is the access to the runway during the week to all members. A committee meeting has been organised to finalise details ,including obtaining keys for members to use, until then the cricket field may be used as normal. For more info on this please speak to a committee member or come to one of the monthly meetings ,(2nd Tuesday of the month).

Improvements to runway

This is an area where we can all help , numerous jobs need doing this year to improve the runway & facilities. We hope to start the Saturday work parties again probably towards the end of Feb when the weather improves(as i write ,4 inches of snow outside!)The following are jobs that we would like to do this year.

1/ Improve Drainage (Peter has organised a digger to dig a channel next to the pilot stands)

2/ Strip & paint the container

3/ Create a hardstanding area for the Pilot area which will be safer and better when damp.

4/ Maintain the fencing & treat Kens bench & picnic benches.

5/ Last but not least , it was suggested at the AGM that we could build a couple of model tables for all members to use especially those that are less able to kneel or bend. Now all we need is a willing volunteer to cut the parts and build them, i have a contact for plans unless someone has their own design/plans. Contact me if interested on number above or ognews@aol.com



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Membership subs

Membership subs are now due, in the first instance contact Paul Clarke, remember that if not paid by end of December (BMFA) you will not be insured to fly, if Club fee is not paid by end of Jan you may be subject to the rejoining fee.

Dates for diary

This years 3D Masters is being held in Spain so no help is needed unless you want to book a holiday and help !

1/ 11th – 12th April Electric fly in.(Easter Weekend) .This is being organized by Peter Hawtin and looks promising so far , could become an annual event. Even if you don't fly electric come along for a chat and see the developments in this side of the hobby. More details and to register can be found on

<http://www.rcmf.co.uk/4um/index.php/topic,7045.0.msg718407.html#msg718407>

The event is free to club members but if you wish to fly please register on the RCMF site so Peter has an idea of who will be attending. Please do not bring I.C models down on the Sat Or Sun but there will be flying for all on Good Friday & Bank Holiday Monday.

2/ 31st May (Sunday) Vintage & Tomboy Event

Following last years successful (although windy & wet) events there will be hopefully more this year the first one booked in for this date. Again

Come along and have a look & chat with this hardy bunch who are not put of by the weather.

(The one that later got away)!!!!



3/ 16th -17th May The helicopter comp is being run again this year , the Saturday will be a

fundraising / practise day (members can fly on Sat between heli flights) ,Sunday will be Comp Day (No club flying please). Once again come and marvel at what these guys can do with these Helis.

This years freestyle competition is scheduled for late summer although at the moment details are not ready, its also hoped to hold the comp at a local airfield subject to sponsorship. As soon as final details are released we will let you know.

Items for sale

A new feature for the newsletter , clear those workshops/sheds/spare rooms, send your lists to me on ognews@aol.com. In the first instance when replying to an ad please Email the seller to avoid unnecessary phone calls if item(s) have been sold.

Graupne/JRr Mx22 transmitter with graupner ali case. 35Mhz, spare crystals - Works with all Graupner and JR receivers. Reasonable offer around £250

Single transmitter ali case, slight external damage but perfectly OK to use - £7.50

Futaba double transmitter ali case, takes two transmitters with plenty of space for tools, leads etc - £25 one

9channel PCM receiver - £45ono

Sutcase type ali toolbox with dividers and toolholders in lid - £5 ono

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And finally

Next newsletter will be late Feb / Early March when we have more news. In the next issue i have a mini review on the Great Mate model stand i took delivery of in December.

Remember this is your club newsletter so send me any reviews ,dates, build stories ,Pics,and don't forget those For Sale Lists. Just to wish everyone a great year for flying and remember Be safe & have fun.

Cheers Paul M



It,s a bit cold but who cares!



Friday 6th February, Summers on the way chaps, believe me, but don't blame me !