

MKMAA Chairman's Report 2006

First of all can I say it has been a real pleasure and a privilege of being the chairman of MKMAA for the past 2 years. I have been a member of the club for almost as long as I have been flying, with the occasional lapses when family and other commitments have got in the way. I am sorry that I am unable to attend this year's AGM, although thank you for being invited, but as you may all be aware I am now living down under in Australia.

As Barry has already alluded in the latest news letter, the skies of Milton Keynes will now be a much safer place without me getting up close and personal. Although I didn't really think I was that bad!! Hopefully some of you will come forward to help Barry and David with the running of the club, I know that on the whole we all have busy lives, family commitments and all we want to do is spend what spare time we have either flying or building. The last thing that we want is to have to do boring admin, typing stuff etc. Unfortunately that is a necessary part of running a club, so the more people that we can share the work with the easier it is. I appreciate that this is easy for me to say as I have now stepped down, but why not volunteer and see what help you can give. It really does feel quite good giving something back to a hobby that does give us so much pleasure.

Once again can I personally thank David Shaw for taking over as treasurer, he has done a great job, and to Barry Stewart for holding the position of Secretary. This I think more than any position in the club is a crucial role, without the strong leadership and organisational skills of Barry the club could not function. I urge you all to give him your support. Especially as he has also been acting as Chairman since I left in September.

I also want to thank Dennis Owen and Arnold Smith for keeping the field mown throughout the year and the work that they did on renovating the grass mowers. If the strip wasn't kept in such good condition our flying wouldn't have been so enjoyable. Finally I would like to thank Dean Bleser as club safety officer; thankfully there have been remarkably few incidents, which must mean he has been doing a good job.

So to conclude, all the very best to MKMAA for the coming season 2007. I hope you all continue to enjoy your model flying safely. Hopefully I may see you all again next time I'm in the UK.

Kind Regards

James Millward