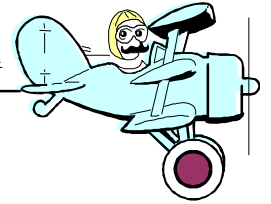




**Newsletter
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Chairman's News

Believe it or not this newsletter started out as the February newsletter. Well here we are well into May, where has the time gone!!

So if you are receiving this you must have rejoined or are new to the club, in all cases may I offer you all a very warm welcome, if not a very belated hello! If you are new and are in the process of learning to fly, I hope all is going well.

It is encouraging seeing those that first went solo late last year, now progressing and moving on from their trainers. Admittedly moving on from the trainer wasn't always their own decision! The ground did have

some say in the matter.

So you have got to fly solo and you seem to be progressing well, what's next I would like to personally encourage everyone to have a go at passing an 'A' test. Whilst my main interests are fixed wing planes, I still think it would be worth while for those with helicopters to have a go.

So lets have a concerted effort in getting certified! Ok you say I've got my 'A' I don't need anything else. Well strictly speaking you are right, but why not have a think about having a go at the 'B' test. I appreciate that more precise flying is involved, which can't be a bad thing. All the details

are your BMFA handbook, and if on every flight you take the first few minutes to practice individual elements of the test, before returning back to free style flying. Dennis or Dean will be more than willing to give advice on what you need to practice.

Let's make 2005 the year where we get certified!!

Congratulations

Belated congratulations to **Duncan Osborne** for winning the helicopter competition in Dubai against stiff competition. We haven't seen him down the field recently, but all the very best for the rest of the year.



Pictures from the field

The website has a selection of planes seen down at the field over the last few months, but I have included a couple of pictures of Ian Lawrie's Mustang. I don't have many details about it to hand, but just to say not only does it look good but also flies absolutely fantastic. Tony King is seen giving Ian a hand and gives some scale to the plane.



Caption Competition for picture titled where's Dave?

Caption Competition

Pass your captions to us down the field, the best will be published in the next newsletter with a prize being awarded to the funniest. The Chairman and Secretary's decision is final.



Secretaries Desk



I have the picture on the left mounted over the fireplace to keep the children away from the fire !!!.

Membership is now full, we closed the membership just after the end of January after all existing members had been given the chance to renew. Most did, but one or two have dropped by the wayside with other things taking over their spare time. We have however had an influx of new members, most of whom are new to the sport and it is encouraging to see the sport is still going from strength to strength. I hope you will all encourage the new members and help them wherever you can.

The flying since Christmas has been a bit mixed from bright sunny days to gale force cold wind/rain/snow days, so it has been a matter of taking the chances whilst you can and getting out there. One day over the Christmas period, there were eighteen flyers at the site with five planes in the air at once, which was more than had been seen on the best days last years summer. It shows what a hardy breed we are.

General word around is that a flurry of building has been taking place over the

winter period, and some new ones have been seen recently. Perhaps like a tortoise some are in hibernation and awaiting the warmer calmer weather!

The gate code was changed at the end of January in line with club policy. However, less than one month later, the code had already been passed to a non-member/s. This means that you are paying to use the site and someone else is not. Very unfair don't you think. **We** will issue a new gate code either by post or e-mail shortly and advise when it will be changed. If we then again find that the code has been passed on we may have to instigate a padlock and key system as previously discussed, whereby keys would be issued on a deposit basis with lost keys being charged for. Remember it's your site. If it is lost by a none member through the gate code being given to them by you, how do you think everyone else will feel about that. **On** that line please ensure in future that your membership badge is worn at all times whilst flying so you are easily identifiable as a member. If you do bring a guest for the day they must have insurance and be able to

prove it. . I know the last bits sound a bit heavy handed, but it will be too late when we have got nowhere to fly.

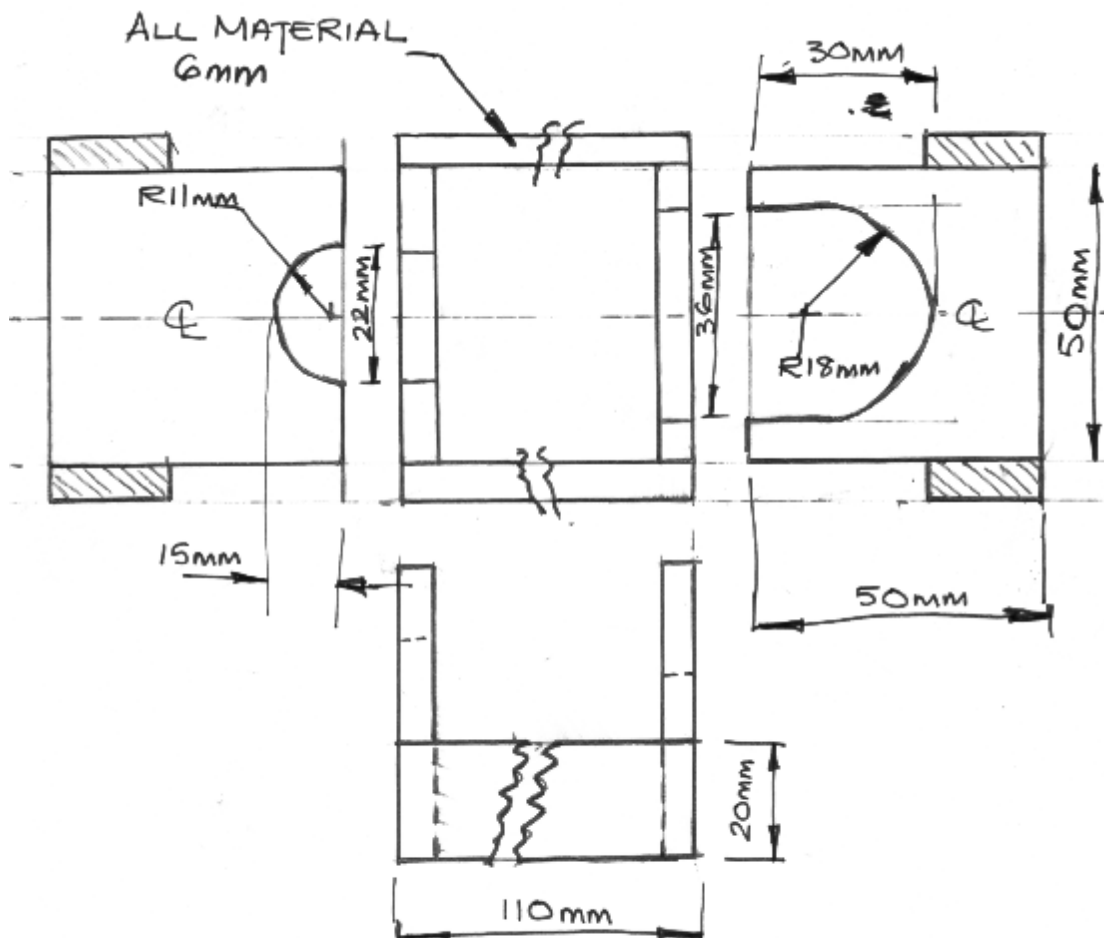
A recent incident occurred where the peg on peg off system broke down through complacency. Put you peg on for flying and removed it straight after, and no sharing pegs, please.

A fun-filled evening was had in May by James and I when we attended the South Midlands BMFA area committee meeting. Any non-sleepers who would wish to attend in future are more than welcome. I think it was around 9.42pm when I noticed that James had given up the will to live!!!



Film Iron Stand

This simple stand can be built from scrap 6mm (1/4") Balsa sheet. It came about after having burnt myself for the 3rd or 4th time. (No sense no pain as my Mrs says!) Dimensions are only a guide; please feel free to adjust to suit your iron. Use your favourite adhesive for the simple joints. My one being held together with thin cyanoacrylate.



FILM IRON STAND



Modeling - The Universal Language!



We were traveling to Australia to visit some friends, and while the thought of 3 weeks off work was something to look forward, to I wasn't relishing the thought of not being able to fly. To break up the journey we stopped in Singapore. An absolutely spotless place and guess what, yep you guessed it out sightseeing with the family in the evening I found a bunch of guys flying electric planes all kited out with lights, red, blue and white. We spent quite a while

absolutely stunned by the grace and spectacle of night time flying. It didn't take long to get chatting with one of the guys who turned out owned the local model shop. We chatted like old friends, and offered me a go, unfortunately they fly mainly mode1, so I declined. Shame really because they really did seem like fun. If you're interested you can buy these models from www.goflykite.com



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Articles for The Eye In The Sky - WE NEED YOU

Just a quick plea, any volunteers to write articles for this newsletter most gratefully received. As much as we would like to be able to give you a bi-monthly newsletter, the truth is whilst its only the secretary and chairman contributing then I am sure you are going to get fed up with our thoughts and grumbles..yes I know its our age but to be fair you will all get fed up

with our view of whats good or bad with this hobby of ours. I am sure like most people all you want is a safe place to fly with no hassles. The politics of the BMFA not really having any impact or relevance to your everyday flyer. So if I could ask for some, now don't all rush at once, articles to include in this newsletter it

would be really much appreciated. Now that could be absolutely anything to do with this hobby of ours. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

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That's its then guys, remember to keep it safe whilst flying!!

Happy landings James Millward

