



Manx Model Flyers

Flypaper – October 2016.

After a lay-off as a result of my being on holiday, it's time to catch -up and update members of what's been happening and what's going to happen.

Firstly the main airfield is going to be out of commission for Nov/Dec due to filming on the airfield. November is going to be the building of a 'set' on the far side of the airfield, followed by 3 weeks of filming. Traffic will be going back and forth across the field all the time. This will mean the extension will have to be used each time we want to fly up there. Please ensure full liaison and safety amongst users.

The AGM is being held at the Creg on Wed 16th Nov at 7.30pm. A reminder that proposals must be submitted well in advance and have a proposer and seconder in order to go direct to the AGM. Otherwise they can only be viewed as suggestions to the Committee.

Remember all posts are up for 'grabs' at the AGM, I'm sure we will be fighting them off! Seriously, it would be good to have some change of committee to get a fresh outlook on the club. We are short a Treasurer as Bob has stood down after doing the job for some years. It is not an onerous job, mainly collecting and sending off membership monies to the BMFA in the New Year. It is so easy to let other people do it –and get moaned at! If you can do it better, put yourself up for election!

Having said that, the present Committee seem to work well together in a relaxed manner, and I feel doing a fair job considering we are not paid. We only want to fly model aeroplanes safely and enjoy the company of like- minded people.

The presentation of awards will take place this year at the club Xmas dinner on Friday 16th Dec at the Creg. You should have received the details recently by e-mail. Please make sure you book your tickets well in advance. Please note that partners are more than welcome!

The Committee met recently and agreed that there should be no increase in the club membership fee for next year.

Apparently some members have trying to find a venue for 'warm' indoor flying at a reasonable cost. As yet the Committee have not received any details although some members are concerned at the possible hiring charges.

Flying has been going on apace lately with some good weather, apart from Wednesday evenings which have been poor this year, although the evenings at the Creg have been well-supported.

The club scale competition was postponed due to the weather but an attempt is going to be made next Saturday afternoon, 29th Oct. There are 4 classes, Scratch built, kit built and ARTF and 'classic' models' of yesteryear. Judging will be by club members voting as I am unable to get a judge. It is also hoped to have one or two fun comps as per previously. [Spot landing and 'power off' timed glide.]

Since coming back on the scene I have not had a couple of good weeks having two heavy landings, a bin-liner job and two 'minor' incidents. The two main ones were pilot error but the other two were 'interesting' because on one, the receiver battery had come loose during a loop, resulting in some inadvertent aerobatics before belly landing. The other 'belly-landing' was as a result of a faulty battery which was showing fully charged on take-off but ran down within five minutes! The moral to this is obvious! We are never too old to learn! I must now be the leading candidate for the –Best Crash' or crashes!

Having just spoken to Bill Cowell on the phone, he is slowly improving and just beginning to walk again but reckons it will be next Spring before he is ready to turn up at the field, but he is still keen. Hopefully we can then get the club examiner process completed.

Having just read last year's AGM minutes I note that we would be looking at the possibility of a club weather station on Jurby. However, while I did start to look into it, I have since overlooked this but am in the process of finding out more.

Brian King, Chairman