



Manx Model Flyers

Flypaper – March 2017

After a long, windy and cold winter, things are looking up! Today, Saturday 25th saw a gorgeous day with 13 members up flying by lunch-time. Marty and I were on the extension by 9.30 am. There was no wind and the sun was red hot—well almost! Alan arrived shortly after and in no time at all it was like World War 2 in the sky!

Marty had his maiden flight with his 72-inch wingspan DH Hornet bi-plane and after some trimming it was flying hands off (better than when Marty was flying it!).

Kyril was flying his 'vintage' electric in grand style and even managed to target a sheep while under Ivan's tuition! So now we have ducks and sheep—what's next?

As I left the helicopter lads had just turned up so numbers were boosted even more. A grand day's flying. Let's hope we get more of the same.

The hardy members of the club have kept flying most weekends and have managed to dodge the bad weather. However, the light nights start tonight and this will start the Wednesday slope—soaring prior to our Creg socialising afterwards. So dust those soarers off, charge the batteries and get ready for blast-off!

Some of us have been thinking ahead to the slope-soaring, even building new models ready, well at least Nigel has. He has led the way for a club project to build the recent free-plan foam Vulcan which featured in one of the magazines. After a bulk purchase of Depron, Nigel's is ready for test flying. The Vulcan plan appealed to 2 or 3 members because it looked good and easy to build, well that was the theory! It is also electric-powered so can go off Jurby. We wait with baited breath!

The indoor flying has now finished until next winter when its viability will be reviewed. Those who attended really appreciated the degree of comfort and warmth in the new venue.

This year's membership stands at 48 paid up although some previous members appear to have fallen by the wayside. A warm welcome to our new members some of whom are becoming regular attendees on the airfield. This is the last Flypaper for those who have not renewed and their e-mail addresses will be deleted from the end of this month.

The Committee are trying to get new examiners inducted for the start of the season so those who have been 'ab initio' pilots over the last season can become qualified in their own right and the club's interest. We had to put this 'on hold' last autumn when Bill Cowell, the club's Chief Examiner had a serious accident and has been out of action for the winter but is hoping to be back for Easter. The Committee have updated the club's safety rules and these will be posted on the website.

This Easter Saturday sees the official start of the 'flying season' with a 'funfly' competition which will be [hopefully] touch-and-go's, timed climb and glide, and anything else we can think of!

The club owns a large petrol I/C powered 'tug' which was used extensively some years back. Dave Harris refurbished it last year and test flew it a couple of times. It is ready to go except for a receiver. It was used for towing large gliders up and then releasing for a long glide down—hopefully! It towed my 4m wingspan ASK up no problem last year. It is a very docile large model and could be an ideal intro to large models. It has been decided to sell the 'tug' for the best offer over £100. There is 4 gallons of pre-mixed petrol fuel to go with it. You can make an offer in writing to any committee member with a sealed bid and the 'best offer' will be considered.

We are endeavoring to get a copy of the Jurby fixtures so availability can be assessed. When we do, a copy will be made available.

Mike White is having a garage clear-out this week and a garage sale next Saturday morning of model aircraft bits and pieces 10.0 am till 1.0pm so why not divert to 'The White House, 12 Cooil Breryk' Grove Mount, [on the North side of Ramsey, just after the hospital turn off.] Ring him on 813654 for further details later in the week.

Keep flying!

Brian King