



BFRCMS NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members. I have to start with a couple of apologies, number 1 is the missing "E" in the web site address, it has been found and restored to its rightful place, congratulations to Peter Angus for spotting my deliberate mistake, there's no prizes but it does keep you lot out there on your toes.

Apology number 2 is to Tom Eastham, I forgot to give Tom a thank you for all his efforts while serving on the committee, sorry about that Tom and once again thanks for all your help. Well that's the grovelling bit over with so I will try to bring you up to date with all that's been happening.

First of all what about all this glorious weather we have been having of late, what a start to the flying season! I was down the field this Sunday and I must say I do not remember seeing the field so busy in ages, it is a long time since people were queuing for a flight, At the time of writing we have at least nine trainees who all seem to turn up on Sunday morning, it is quite difficult at times to fit them all in for training, we are short of instructors so if there is anyone out there who would feel confident enough to help these novices with their training and could give a couple of hours on Sunday mornings please contact our training coordinator Paul Cusworth, you will find his telephone number on the enclosed members list. Whilst I am on the subject of trainees may I remind you that you must have your training manual with you at all times failure to do so will result in your flying privileges being suspended for that day, This is not a petty rule, there was a lot of work put into producing the manual and it is there to chart your flying progress. As an example, say your regular instructor is absent and you are being trained by some else, a quick look at your progress chart and he will instantly know what stage you are at. To help us help you please keep your manual with you at all times. Can I also remind all members that their membership card must be attached to their transmitter, we have had quite an influx of new members and we felt with your card on your tranny you will be instantly recognised as a bona fide member who is fully insured to fly on our field, if you or your property is damaged by a non member flying uninvited and uninsured you or the club would have no redress whatsoever.

During the winter months the markings on the field (pilots box and no go areas) have faded, these will be remarked in the near future, in addition to these there will be start up boxes for gas turbine powered aircraft, the only people allowed in the box will be the pilot and his pit crew, the reason for this is safety, while on the subject of jets may I remind you there is a club rule that when someone is flying a jet he flies alone (Al, Graham, Jason, Mark this does not include twin jets) the reason again is safety, these aircraft travel at much greater speeds than your prop powered models and cover a great amount of sky very quickly. Also as a courtesy could please refrain from running engines in the pits for the duration of the flight.

If you read the last newsletter you will know that outdoor meetings start on the first Wednesday evening in May, what we would like to do on the first meeting is have a beginners night,(weather permitting) if you are interested in coming, ring Paul Cusworth between 6 and 8pm the night before.

At the time of writing the total membership is 81, comprising of 71 seniors, 7 juniors and 3 social, our accumulated fund stands at £17071.07. We still have 2 years to run on our existing lease so by the time it expires we should have plenty of funds to negotiate our next lease.

The last indoor meeting of the winter season takes place on Wednesday 2nd of April at the tennis club, the subjects are Dave and Al's big hinge night and a pre season safety talk, I would like to thank Andy Aitken for his very interesting talks on the Theory of Flight during the last 2 meetings, cheers Andy. The committee have been pleased with the increase in attendance at the indoor meetings, from a weary 18 or 19 we are now reaching the dizzy heights of 35/36, all I can say is keep it up lads and lasses.

*The outdoor events for the coming season are as follows: **May 25th Electric fly-in, July 20th Club & Scale fly-in, August 10th Glider tow, All the events take place on Sundays and start at 10pm, there will be the usual BBQ and Al's Raffle. The Jet Meet is on hold at the moment.***

That's it for this issue, Cheers, John.

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