



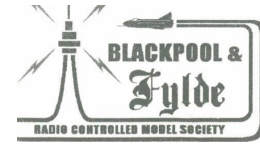
BFRCMS NEWSLETTER

(The Relay)

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August/September

Here we are at the end of another flying season, but what a season, I do not remember a year when we have not had to cancel a single club event. We started the season with Electric Fly-in way back in May (although it seems like only yesterday) this was really well attended as usual, we had 2 magazine columnists as guests and one was noted to comment in his article that he so looked forward to our event because for him it was the start of the outdoor season. The event was such a success that at the end of the day we had to ask people to stop flying because of our 5pm curfew.

Our own club in July event was not so well attended but those of us who were there enjoyed ourselves, unfortunately we were plagued with the dreaded crosswind, which curtailed the flying ambitions of some of our members.

August brought us to the Silent Flight/Tug event, I arrived at the field about 8.30 to be greeted by Mark, Jason and the worst thunder storm I have seen for years, but within 2 hours the sun was out and the event went ahead without a hitch.

Wednesday evenings throughout the season have been very successful with flying taking place almost non-stop.

The season would not have been such a success without the efforts of the committee (as one member once said to me "why do think we have a committee") I would also like to thank the following members for their help during the year, John "finger" Anderson for the culinary delights he produced from the barbecue, Chris Vernon, Andy Aitken and John Higgins for their help as instructors, Mick Atkinson for his help at the events, Nick Glover and Keith Webster for their help with the track and car park. We must have done a good job because we had a visit from an ex-member and he was so impressed with state of the club site (no he did not buy the club) but he did renew his membership.

The one thing we are short of is instructors, so if there are any of you out there who feel you could spare some time either on Sunday mornings throughout the year or Wednesday evenings (during the summer) contact Paul Cusworth.

It has been noted that pegs have been removed from the board without the owners knowledge, this practice is highly dangerous and it recently left one member flying without his peg on the board which is a recipe for disaster and is strictly against club rules, We are all guilty of putting our peg on the board and leaving it there for the duration of our stay, Please make sure your name and frequency number are on your peg and when you have finished your flight remove it from the board, leaving the frequency free for someone else.

The club continues to grow, at the last count we have 103 members and a very healthy bank balance of £16988.98,so we are on target to negotiate a new lease in about 18 months time.

We have received an invitation from the BEA model aircraft club to their auction and guest speaker night at the Canberra Club, BEA Systems, Salmsbury on Monday the 20th October, Lot registration will commence at 6.30. Any items relative to modelling are acceptable and should be registered on arrival, the guest speaker will be Test pilot Gordon McClymont who is also Deputy Chief Pilot for the Shuttleworth Collection, and there will be a hot pot supper provided. Admission is £4 and tickets are available from our secretary Alan Wormwell, see him at the club meeting or contact him on 01253 730648.

You find enclosed a calendar of events for 2003/2004, please note that November meeting has been moved to the 12th because the tennis club are holding a bonfire party on the first Wednesday, also the A.G.M. has been moved to the 10th December.

May I remind all members and newcomers in particular that you are quite welcome to bring along your models along to any of the indoor meetings and give us a brief chat about them.

That's it for now; See you at the club or on the field, John