

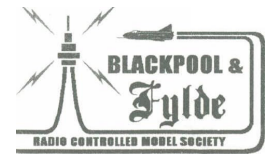
## **BFRCMS NEWSLETTER**

*(The Relay)*

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### **January/February 2004**

Dear Members, I have to start this report with the sad news of the passing of 2 of our older members, **John Kirby** who was a past Chairman of this club died suddenly in November 2003 and **Stuart Ridgeway** who passed away in January 2004 after a long illness.

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At the A.G.M. in early December the committee was re-elected unopposed, as there was a vacancy for an executive committee member we asked for nominees from the floor and as Andy Aitken was the only one put forward he was duly elected. Your committee for 2004 is **Graham Ailsby (Hon Chairman)**, **Bob Harwood (Hon President)**, **Dave Swarbrick (Vice Chair and safety officer)**, **Mike Smith (Hon treasurer)**, **Alan Wormwell (Hon secretary)**, **Mark Conlin (Events Secretary)**, **Paul Cusworth (Training coordinator and Exec. Committee)**, **John Butcher (Exec. Committee and Newsletter Editor)**, **Jason Reid (Exec Committee)** and **Andy Aitken (exec. Committee)**.

During the meeting there was a lively debate on the merits (or not) of the buddy lead system, one member in particular was totally against the use of buddy leads. At a recent committee meeting this matter was discussed and to avoid any further confusion the following decision was taken:

**It is the decision of The Blackpool & Fylde RCMS committee that any new members under instruction must use a buddy box system unless their transmitter is not compatible with the clubs or instructors transmitters. In this instance it will be up to the instructor to decide whether he is willing to carry out training.**

**If there is no buddy lead available it is at the training officers discretion to allow training to continue on that day if he feels that the trainee is competent to fly without the use of a buddy lead.**

**When the trainee is found to be competent and nearing the end of his training programme, if the instructor feels it is appropriate, buddy leads can be discarded**

There was an increase in the subscription of £2 to £57 for senior members, junior, social and the joining fee remain unchanged. Unfortunately the application forms were printed and sent out before the A.G.M. so all of you who paid the 2003 fee of £55 owe the club a further £2, (the increase was to cover the rising cost of our insurance)

**If there are any members out who have not rejoined and wish to do so may I remind you that that the cut off date is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2004, after that date you will be subject to the joining fee of £20.**

The quiz night and hot pot supper went down well with Big Dave in sparkling form as Quiz master (I still say our team should have been awarded a point for knowing that there are witches in Woodplumpton).

The committee felt that in certain circumstances: i.e. when the wind was in such a direction that landing approaches were being made from the corner of the car park, aircraft were getting dangerously close to people in the pits area, so in the interests of safety the flying field has been altered, the take off and landing area have been enlarged and the pits area is now set back from the circle.

**I have been asked once again to make an appeal for instructors, so if there is any of you out there who wish to become an instructor please contact Paul Cusworth 01253 347166, [paul@cusworth10.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:paul@cusworth10.freeserve.co.uk), also would all existing instructors please put there names forward before the 15<sup>th</sup> March (Our next committee meeting) a meeting of instructors will be arranged at the Tennis Club (date to be decided) to discuss safety aspects and the legal implications of instructing juniors (under 18 years).**

The next 2 indoor meetings will be **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **April 7<sup>th</sup>** after which we are back outdoors every Wednesday evening until 9pm.

**The Electric fly-in has been arranged for Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> usual start time of 10am, if any of you feel you could help out we will be down at the field from 8.30am. Jet Day and Glider Day dates have yet to be decided.**

**Due to previous lack of support to the Society's Club/Scale Event in recent years, ostensibly due to poor weather, it was decided to abandon the organisation of formal event and, alternatively, organise informal events (i.e. light the barbeque) as and when reasonable weather conditions prevailed. Impromptu, fun-fly types of events on the occasional Wednesday evenings would supplement these.**

### **B&F RCMS Video Library**

Having established the Video Library, courtesy of Alan (Bertie) Birtwell, Alan Wormwell has the following Videos for loan. There is no charge but a donation of, say, 50p/Month could be used to purchase further videos to increase the library. If there is anything specific on the list you wish to borrow, drop Alan an E-mail ([alan@superworm.co.uk](mailto:alan@superworm.co.uk)) or phone 7:30 to 9:00 pm a few days before and he will endeavour to bring them along to the Wed. evening social or flying (summertime) evenings.

Ref	Title
AVI	B-24 Liberator at War
CVB 1116	The Story of the Spitfire
CVB 1118	The Story of the Hurricane
CVB 1122	The Story of the Lancaster
CVI 1405	Supermarine Spitfire
CVI 1406	Hawker Hurricane
CVI 1674	DeHavilland Mosquito
DD1115	Royal Air Force - Burma
DD1116	Royal Air Force - Attack
DD1117	Royal Air Force - Victory
DD116	Warbirds - Target for Today
DD124	Warbirds - Drop Zone Normandy
DD130	Warbirds - Wings Over Water
DD176	Flying the B17 Flying Fortress
DD242	Lancaster
DD243	Night Bombers
DD481	Carriers - Vol 1 - The Early Years
DD482	Carriers - Vol 2 - The Carrier at War
DD483	Carriers - Vol 3 - From Kamikazes to Korea
DD484	Carriers - Vol 4 - SuperCarrier
DD524	Hunters of the Sky - Knights of the Sky
DD526	Hunters of the Sky - The Great Defenders
DD526	Hunters of the Sky - Hell in the Pacific
DD527	Hunters of the Sky - Assault on Fortress Europe
DD528	Hunters of the Sky - Victory in the Pacific
DD529	Hunters of the Sky - Struggle for Supremacy
DD971	Royal Air Force - Offensive
DD1235	Classic Fighters of the Luftwaffe (2 vols)
DD1236	Classic Bombers of the Luftwaffe (2 vols)
DD1237	Classic Transports of the Luftwaffe
RA302	Flying Legends 1998 (Duxford)
VVD1122	On a Wing and a Prayer
VVD1139	75 Glorious Years (The RAF 1918-1993)

If any of you have videos you wish to donate or loan to the library contact Alan either by e-mail or telephone 01253 730648.

Finally congratulations are due to **Ryan Redman** and **Justine Goldstone** who recently passed our club Proficiency test and are now signed off to fly solo

That's it for now, Hope to see at the field  
John.