

Well, that went well. "What was that?" they all cried. The show at Carrington School of course. But then, you were there so you know that already. What, you weren't there, well you missed a treat. And it did go well and lots of people enjoyed it. First our Chairman would like to say a few words. (Fuller report next month.)

Gentlemen,

I have said "thank you" to many of you individually for your support of our show on the 17th. However I would also like to say "a big thank to you" all collectively for presenting a fantastic show on Sunday. What you all achieved in the severe weather conditions was remarkable and everybody I have spoken to was very impressed by the event.

We did not cover our show expenses, however the head mistress of Carrington School wrote - *"Not to worry about not making a contribution to school fund - the value of this as a community event more than makes up for this as far as I am concerned."*

People take time to get to know new locations but I think the turnout was good yesterday. If you want to use our field again in the future the club is more than welcome.

Kind regards

Miss Amanda Fell, Head Mistress Carrington Junior School"

The Editor of the Flackwell Heath Grapevine magazine wrote as follows:-

"Dear Alan,

... Your club put in a huge amount of effort and forethought into a great afternoon. My husband and I certainly enjoyed it. I hope to put a piece in the next Issue (October). ... Although nothing could convey the essence of the display.

With many thanks,

Sue Arnautov"

Thanks guys.

Regards,

Alan

There was a good report on the event in the 21st August Bucks Free Press.

The next club meeting will be

Wednesday, 27th August, 2014

At The Riverside Club, St Mary Street

(the old Royal British Legion building)

From 8.00pm



And will be a Social Chat and Indoor Helicopter Flying Evening

This is an opportunity to bring along and fly your indoor helicopters, however many sets of rotors they may have, 1, 2, 4 or more. Come and show the rest of us what you can do. Even if you are not expert come along anyway and have a go. Or just sit for a convivial chat and jar.

Tri-Club Competition at Chesham MFC's Newground field – Sunday 20 July 2014.

Bombing Competition

Once again Mrs Anderson's best tablecloth did not suffer under the combined onslaught of the best (!) pilots of three model flying clubs.

On Sunday 20th July the competition was held at Newground with a few pilots from West London, High Wycombe and Chesham Model Flying Clubs taking part. Two rounds were flown in good conditions in spite of the dire weather forecasts for the weekend.

The results are as follows

1st Frank Dalby Smith getting to within 9 feet of the precious table cloth.

2nd Stuart Whitehouse 11 feet

3rd Mathew Dawson 12 feet

The only two Chesham pilots, Phil Camp (5th) and Dave Anderson (6th) put up a spirited attack but were well beaten by the guests.

Other pilots taking part were Graham Stone (4th), Daren Brand (7th), and John Smith (8th).

After this competition Andrew Rimmer ran a 60 sec glide and spot landing competition with the same people. Then the BBQ was lit for much needed refreshment while I collected the treasured table cloth and returned it home in time for tea

Everyone agreed that it was a pleasant afternoons flying in good company at a superb site.

Dave Anderson

Timed Flight & Spot Landing

The objective of this competition is simple. Entrants are given 30 seconds to take off and climb to a comfortable height, at which point the engine must be reduced to idle, throttle fully back in the case of electric aircraft. The pilot has to then land his aircraft as close as possible to a marked target in the centre of the patch. The time allocated for the glide/landing is 60 seconds. The pilot will be notified at 15-second intervals of remaining time, i.e. 45 seconds left, 30 seconds left, 15 seconds left and time up!

Points are allocated as soon as the aircraft comes to rest. One point is given for every second either under or over the 60-second period. In addition, one point is given for every foot that the aircraft comes to rest from the target, measured from the point of the spinner. For example, if an aircraft were to come to rest after exactly 60 seconds and precisely on the target then 0 points would be scored (the best possible score). Another example could be that the aircraft comes to rest after 48 seconds (scores 12 points) at 16 feet from the target (scores 16 points) This would give a total of 28 points for that round.

Given time constraints and the prospect of poor weather later in the day, it was decided to run one round only, rather than the usual two or three.

Sadly, a number of CMFC's regular competitors were absent due to prior engagements at, for example, LMA at Cosford and the Scale Weekend at Old Warden. Fortunately, members of our two guest clubs arrived in significant numbers, for which we are grateful.

Despite a dire weather forecast earlier in the week (flood warnings, lightning and thunderstorms) the gamble to run the event on the allotted day paid off, the weather at the outset being dry and overcast, with a low to moderate wind.

Most pilots managed to get their models down to ground on or around the 60-second time limit, but some struggled to bring their aircraft to a standstill promptly once on terra firma. This failing, more common in models with i/c engines than in electric powered aircraft, led to final stopping distances greater than 100 feet from the target for three unfortunate competitors.

Nonetheless, all participants seemed to thoroughly enjoy the competition and the overall standard of flying was very high.

Following a good natured and spirited completion, the results were as follows:

1st place – Stuart Whitehouse.

2nd place – Dave Anderson.

3rd place – Frank Dalby-Smith.

4th place – Darren Brand.

5th place – Mathew Dawson.

6th place – John Smith.

Joint 7th place – Phil Camp, Jeff Lyons & Graham Stone.

I brought along a number of small prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors. Stuart chose some Deluxe Materials Medium CA and a bottle of Zap Z42 Blue Thread Locker, Dave Anderson a SLEC prop balancer and Frank Dalby-Smith took home a Hitec HS-311 economy standard servo (and fittings).



After the competition results and prize giving, further flying took place in ideal conditions until around 4.30pm, when the horizons darkened. I noticed that this year the gas BBQ proved very popular with our guests.

I would like to say thank you to all those who attended and hope that we repeat this successful event in 2015.

The third and final event of the series takes place at WLMAC's Harefield site on **Sunday 7 September 2014** (14 September as a reserve date if bad weather) – egg race and triple thrash.

Andrew Rimmer
CMFC Club Secretary.

Gala Day

The Gala Day was finally held on Sunday 24th August. For once the weather was kind to us with virtually no wind and warm temperatures. Ken Beachus and his wife Lorraine prepared a grand feast for 40 people. A variety of planes were flown during the day including 4 biplanes all in the air at the same time. A very impressive site.

Mike Winston's wife, Rosie and Dick Edmunds helped run the scale competition which was judged on scale appearance of the model followed by a flying demonstration.

Results as follows:-

1st – Mike Winston

2nd – Jonathan Harper

3rd – Darren Brand

4th – Basel Hammond and Graham Stone



Many thanks to Ken & Lorraine for the catering and Dick Edmunds and Rosie Winston for help with the scale day judging.

Alan.

Thanks to Paul Oakman for the photographs.



Alan reading the entrails after lunch. Well, he got the weather right this time. *

Readers are invited to provide a suitable caption before next month.

Mike Winston - Scale Winner

Instructor and Examiner Directory

		Instruction			Contact	
		I/C Plane	Electric Plane	Helicopter		
Alan	Bristow	A			Details removed for web site	
Dick	Edmunds	A & B				
Roger	Gillett	A & B				
Jonathan	Harper *	A & B				
Gareth	Hatcher	A & B		A & B + E		
Kevin	Hitchen	A				
Andy	Hopper	A & B + E				
Glenn	King	A & B				
Neil	Rice	A & B		A & B		
Graham	Stone	A & B				
Ian	Thompson	A & B + E				
Andy	Trevena	A & B				
Stuart	Whitehouse	A & B + E	A & B			
Mitch	Mabbutt	Instructs in FPV flying				

+ E = also examiner. *Club Training Co-ordinator

Committee Members for 2014

Office	Name	Telephone
Chairman	Alan Bristow	Details removed for web site
Deputy Chairman	Stephen Berry	
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Secretary	Andy Smith	
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston	
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Flackwell Rep	Andy Trevena	
Chinnor Rep	Nick Thomas	
BFMA Representative	Ian Thompson	
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell	
Co-opted Member	John Quelch	

Meetings and Events in 2014

Date	Event
27 August	Chat and Indoor Helicopter Evening
24 September	Auction (Items mainly £30 or more)
22 October	by Sean Bannister – Subject to be advised
26 November	AGM and Subs payment
6 December	Hamper competition at Flackwell

* From P.3 - Yes we do know why Alan was actually reading the plate, it had the scale comp. results on as there was no paper .