

The next club meeting will be

Wednesday, 22nd October, 2014

At The Riverside Club, St Mary Street

(the old Royal British Legion building)

From 8.00pm

And will be

A talk by Sean Bannister

that he describes as:

"A retrospective of my model flying endeavours, design, building and flying – between 30 and 40 years ago, including membership of the British world championship team on 4 occasions."

Sean also designed a number of very successful gliders that were available in various versions as kits and are still sought after today. His 2M Algebra plan is still available from the RCM&E Plans Service (price £17.50). (Not sure if that's Sean on the box - perhaps he'll tell us!)



And this is the Seychelle. The box speaks for itself.



Sean with Algebra at F3B World Championships at York early 1980s (*I hope - Ed.*)

This will be a fascinating talk with illustrations and memories from a time when many of us were just getting into the sport and others were wishing we had the time to do so.

Sean Bannister also wrote the occasional magazine article which he will hopefully also tell us about. There is a copy of RCM&E for November 1976 presently on offer on ebay which purports to have one of his articles in it. If you are interested go to http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/RCM-E-NOVEMBER-1976-DALE-CHORLEY-MISS-UK-SEAN-BANNISTER-CHRIS-PULLEN-VIP-MCRAE-/161443004115?pt=UK_Magazines&hash=item2596c0bed3 where you can purchase the issue for £4.99 including p&p. Here is the cover picture, and what a lovely model. The plane - the plane! The magazine cost 40p back then while today it costs £4.50. You get more pages today but that is still an increase at almost twice the rate of inflation (according to the www.thisismoney.com inflation calculator the price should be about £2.90).



Yeah, ok, Miss UK is not altogether un-attractive as well.

Auction Event

The meeting last month was the traditional September auction event and, as has already been said separately, was not well attended or supported. A few people have offered suggestions for why not and possible options for improvement that your Committee will consider. However, if you have any ideas for the event then please let us know what they are. Should we, for instance, continue with the auction, should it be incorporated with the Spring Bring and Buy, or vice versa, or is there anything that we could do differently.



Our thanks to Andy Hopper who does an excellent job of auctioneer. His depth of modelling knowledge, clear presentation and good humour around the exhibits makes him irreplaceable in this role.

Ever had a radio problem?

I recently had a problem with my transmitter and found on the Internet a repair service in Southampton whose service was excellent and well carried out. They do all makes and models. I sent my transmitter to him on Friday and it arrived back on Tuesday.

The company is:

Model Radio Workshop
 12 Quilter Close
 Sholing
 Southampton
 Hampshire
 SO19 0DW

Contact Mike Ridley on 07708 436163 or mike@modelradioworkshop.co.uk or see <http://www.modelradioworkshop.co.uk/>

Andy Hopper

AGM and Subs Night - Advance Notice

This is an early reminder that the Club Meeting on **Wednesday 26th November will be the AGM**. One item on the agenda will be setting the Club Subscription and other fees for the coming year and we wish to collect those subscriptions during the evening please. All being well refreshments will also be provided during the evening. Remember that if you get insurance through BMFA membership, as most Club members do, then that fee must be paid before the end of the year. There will not be a Club meeting in December, although there will be the annual Hamper Competition, of which more next time, so getting fees sorted early would be very helpful.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Neil Tucker, who is at present, recovering from a serious motorcycling accident. We hope to hear more about his progress in the next few weeks as many club members know him well. As soon as there is an opportunity Steve Berry will visit him in hospital and give him a Get Well Soon card, just to let him know that we have all thought of him.

Filming with a drone

Have you thought about fitting one of the new mini video cameras to your plane or quad-copter and making a film of the area round you? Great, please let us see your efforts on YouTube or one of the other sharing sites. However, remember that there are a number of restrictions that are set out in Article 167 of the Air Navigation Order to which you should pay attention. Also, if you are ever tempted to do it for reward then you are no longer classed as model flying and you must have your own CAA exemption and commercial insurance. Is a very good explanation on the BMFA web site at <http://www.bmfa.org/Multi-Rotors/tabid/1425/Default.aspx>. There are some very good examples of commercial filming at <http://flyingfern.com/aerial-videos/> and <http://vimeo.com/user29475356>. Flying Fern Films are providing the aerial filming for a new television series looking at British historical sites from the air.

The Show Again

The October 2014 edition of The Grapevine, the newsletter of the Flackwell Heath Community Association, included a very nice article about our flying display last August. Which gives me a good excuse to print a few more photographs from the event. Photos variously by Alan Bristow, Mike Winston and Malcolm Connell.



Instructor and Examiner Directory

| | | Instruction | | | Contact |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------|
| | | I/C Plane | Electric Plane | Helicopter | Details removed for web site |
| Alan | Bristow | A | | | |
| 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

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| Chairman | Alan Bristow | Details removed for web site |
| Deputy Chairman | Stephen Berry | |
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| BFMA Representative | Ian Thompson | |
| Newsletter Editor | Malcolm Connell | |
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Meetings and Events in 2014

| Date | Event |
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| 22 October | by Sean Bannister – A life in modelling |
| 26 November | AGM and Subs payment |
| 6 December | Hamper competition at Flackwell |