

The next club meeting will be

Monday, 26th October, 2015

At 8.00 pm

in the Royal British Legion, Common Road, Flackwell Heath

HP10 9NS

and will be

DAVE BISHOP OF DB SOUND

Dave will be well known to most members as he has spent many years commentating at airshows, both model and full size, all around the Country. His talk will, he says, be illustrated with a host of slides and will be “a mixture of silly, happy, exciting and sad” and will also include bits from his 41 years with the BBC. This will be a very interesting evening with many insights into what goes on behind the scenes.



This is formal notice that the

Annual General Meeting

of the

High Wycombe and District Model Aircraft Club

will take place on

Monday, 23rd November, 2015

in

the Royal British Legion Hall, Common Road, Flackwell Heath

HP10 9NS

starting at

8.00 pm

(More details inside)

From the Chairman's Cockpit

Actually the Chairman is not in his cockpit this month as he has been struck down by a bad case of lurgi. We are reliably informed that it is not just man-flu .



We wish you well Steve and trust that the fresh air at Flackwell will soon get you right again.



(No one has taken up the offer yet, so if any Photoshop wizards out there can produce a picture of our Chairman in a cockpit to head these items there may be a small prize. If you can actually get a good photo of him in a cockpit then the prize is definite. - Ed.)

Outline Agenda for AGM 2015

The full formal agenda will be published next month

- Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum)
- Item 2 Adoption of new Club Constitution *(Note that this has already been circulated to members and comments invited. If you need to see it again the proposed draft is on our web site. If you still wish to comment then please do so to the Chairman before 1st November.)*
- Item 3 Committee Member Reports
including setting level of membership subscriptions for 2016
- Item 4 Election of New Chairman (A volunteer will temporarily take the chair)
- Item 5 Election of New Committee
- Item 6 Refreshments and payment of subs

Most of the existing Committee have indicated willingness to stand again. However, we are a democratic club so although most of the existing Committee members have indicated that they are prepared to serve for another year there is no reason why the Membership (you) cannot nominate an alternative, or you can even volunteer and seek nomination on the night. Any paid up member may nominate another for any position on the Committee. The person nominated must be seconded by another paid up member and must agree to stand according to the Club Rules.

Remember that this is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is run and decide who is going to run it next year.

Other Forthcoming Items

After the AGM the only planned event is the **December Hamper Competition**. This will take place at the Flackwell field on Sunday 6th December, with the following Sundays in reserve if the weather is bad. As usual there will be 3 hampers up for grabs and 3 bottles of wine. However, our Competition Rep. (Daren) is thinking that there may be changes to the format of the competition this year so watch for full details next month.

Warbird Wednesdays have pretty much finished for this year. Indeed, since the clocks go back this weekend and it will be getting dark by 5.00 most evening flying has ended. Maybe it is time, therefore, to consider next year's Concours Competition and start building something. If the idea appeals to you then join the **Constructors' Cartel** mailing list managed by Jonathon (carosel43@hotmail.com) or Brian (b.s.toolbox@btinternet.com). They also arrange meetings to chat about winter projects, ask each other's advice and generally brag about how skilfully they are conquering the difficulties of their projects. They are also looking at the possibility of a mass build if there is enough interest.

A few more pictures from the Club's Summer Gala



Feeding the 5000 (well 50 or so)



Coming in on a wing and a prayer



Beautiful flypast



That's what the sport is all about



For Club name purposes these are low flying aircraft!

We are grateful to Mike Winston, Steve Berry and others for providing many of the photographs that have appeared in this and earlier Newsletters.

If you have any good photos showing aspects of model flying or Club activities that you would care to share then please e-mail them to the Editor. You retain copyright but you agree that I can crop or edit pictures to make them fit.



A brief look back

This time last year we were entertained by Sean Bannister to stories of his 40 years in modelling including four outings as a member of the British team at the World Championships. It was an interesting evening that included a couple of stories of Sean's association with our own Dick Edmonds who, in the mid-1970s, was running Edmonds Model Products from a factory unit in Westbourne Street. I have a copy of RCM&E for November 1976 and one of Dick's adverts appears therein. Here it is. Please do not try to contact the company as it moved out many years ago! Allowing for inflation only that £35.64 would be about £268 today.

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A few odds and ends

While wandering through the BMFA web site (they can't touch you for it) I came across the BMFA Records List. Interesting to see that Sean Bannister still holds the R/C Glider - Distance in a Closed Circuit FAI absolute record of 99.4 kM which he set on 13/6/1987. There are quite a number of records that have no holder so why not have a go.

Those of you who are actually aware of Tarquin (see last month's Newsletter) may like to know that he is a lot better and is keen to get back to flying.

I recently watched an airliner make a negative con-trail through some clouds and it was easy to see the turbulence created. That's why air traffic control try to send aircraft on different flight paths when taking off and why it is so bumpy when landing.

If you wish to comment on anything in this Newsletter then please e-mail the Editor (see below). He is also keen to receive articles, adverts or anything for consideration for publishing.



Instructors and Examiners

The Club has a number of quality trainers and access to examiners at A and B level. If you would like to take advantage of our structured training then please contact our Training Co-ordinator Jonathan (Jon) Harper. Otherwise you will often find Jon at the Flackwell field on most fine evenings.

Committee Members for 2015

Office	Name
Chairman	Stephen Berry
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Treasurer	John Compton
Secretary	Andy Smith
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Meetings and Events in 2015

Date	Event
26 October	Talk - Dave Bishop of DB Sound
23 November	AGM and Subs payment

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