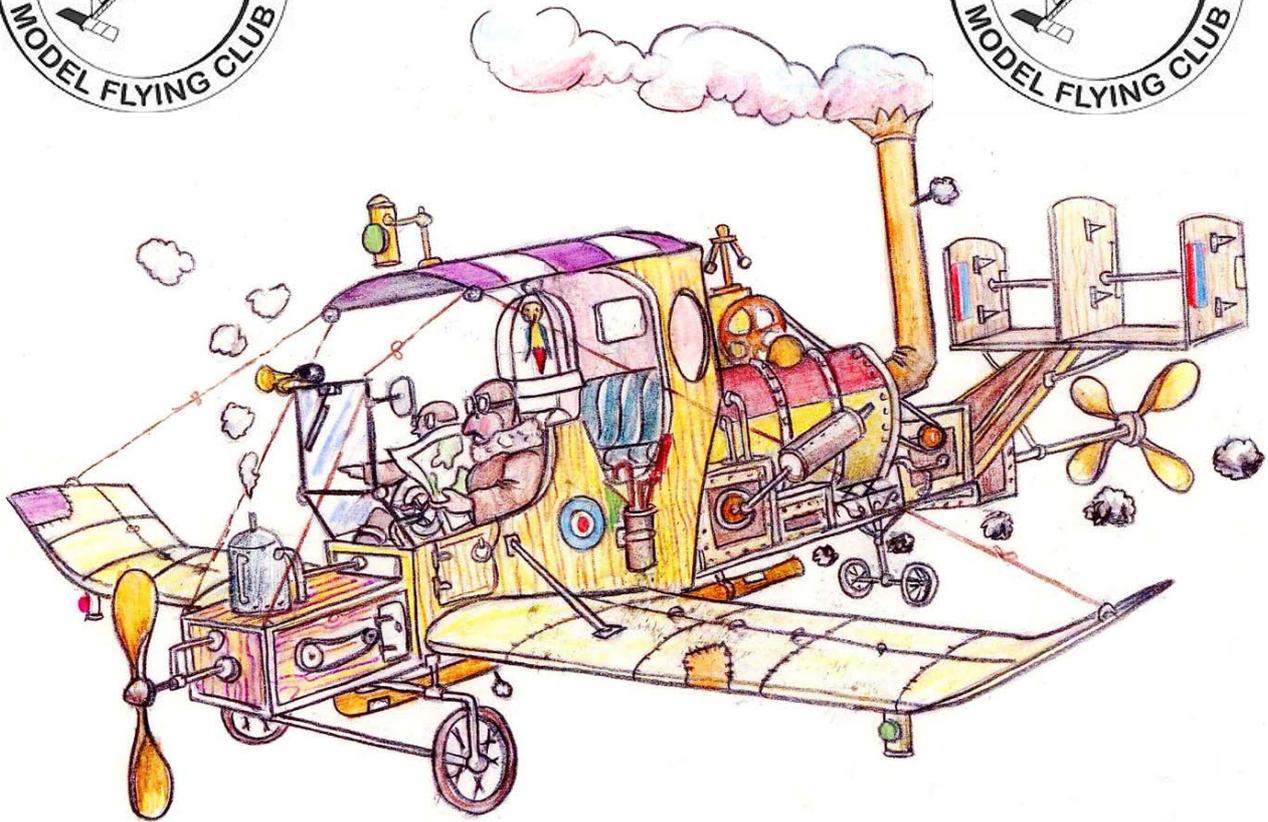


PETERBOROUGH MODEL FLYING CLUB

NEWSLETTER– FEBRUARY 2009



Another of Ray's Fabulous Flyers makes it's stately way to Ferry on a balmy summer evening.
A taste of days to come? We can but hope
(Another of **Ray Innes'** wonderful cartoons)

One or two changes this year. Ted Szklaruk resigned his Chairmanship this year and a new chairman was voted in. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ted for the fantastic job he has done during his tenure. He has consistently championed the club and in his efforts promoting electric flying technology he has always kept the club name to the fore. It is my belief that he has done as much as anyone to promote the good name of our club. He is a very hard act to follow.

Thank you Ted

We have a full programme of events this year, a lot going on and much building and organising to do. Let us hope we have better flying weather in the forthcoming months. Pete Gibbons assures me that it's going to be a good season for weather, and I personally am holding him to that. We have members entering all sorts of events, from the Bowden Competition, Open Glider, Coupe d'Hiver, even an FAI event! This, plus our Control line experts doing what they do best, entering, and winning! So fingers crossed for a fun filled eventful year in conditions that allow us to do ourselves justice. And my thanks to the members for being a great bunch of blokes in a great club.

A quick(ish) summary of the **A.G.M.** held on the 30th of January.
There was a very good turn-out of 24 for the A.G.M. Thank you all for coming.
The election of officers brought the following results:

Chairman. Bernie Nichols.

Secretary/Treasurer. Debbie Jarrett will continue.

F/F Secretary. Marc Ashby was re-elected.

C/L Secretary. Brian Lever was also re-elected.

Safety Officer. Dave Rumball also re-elected

News Letter Editor. Bernie Nichols aided by **Marc Ashby** for the next year.

Public Relations Officer. Brian Waterland re-elected

R/C Secretary. Brian Hennis was re-elected

BMFA Fees are the same as last year.

The Club fees will remain at £10.00 and £1.00 for juniors.

Note. If you haven't yet paid, this will be the last newsletter that you receive.

The Club Awards:

The **Eric Young Trophy** was won by **Ted Szklaruk**

The **Brian Oliver Trophy** was also won By **Ted Szklaruk**

The **Junior Trophy** was won by **Josh Lee.**

The **Control Line Trophy** was won by **Mick Taylor**

The **Free Flight trophy** was won by **Mark Bennis.**

It was agreed that flying slots will be introduced at the Whittlesey Indoor meeting. These will be 20 minutes for F/F, 10 Minutes for R/C .This is to try and ensure that everyone gets a fair share of the time available. We have no desire to ban anyone from flying, but there will be a size/weight limit. Hopefully this will be self policing and will upset no-one.

Summer evening flying is booked for Fridays at Ferry Meadows . We are official users of the park So there should be no problems. It was decided that we should carry our club membership cards and proof of BMFA insurance when we fly there. Using the park at times other than Friday evenings was discussed. The consensus of opinion was that it would not be a problem for small F/F but radio was almost certainly a no-no. Again, members are advised to carry identification and proof of insurance.

C.R.B. checks for members involved with the Spalding School activities, (or any other activities involving young people) This is funded by the BMFA so there is no expense to the club. Anyone wishing to help with these activities would be most welcome. There are currently 5 members Involved with these very enjoyable and rewarding projects.

Brian Waterland looked into getting some new club tee, and sweat shirts. It was decided that the club would subsidise these shirts. It was proposed that the members would pay a subsidised amount of £5.00 for the tee-shirt and £15.00 for the sweat shirt. This was seconded, voted on and agreed. Brian is holding back the order for a couple of weeks after this newsletter is issued to give everyone who wants one or both a chance to place their order. He is also looking into some larger sizes for those amongst us that require a comfortable fit! This offer of club shirts won't be repeated for a very long time, so if you want a club shirt, now is the time to get one. Please send your order with a cheque made payable to P.M.F.C to Brian Waterland, 94A Church Street, Deeping St James, Peterborough, PE6 8HD. **With sizes.** S,M,L, or XL.

Bulk Purchasing was also talked about. The club to buy items that are used by most members and the savings thus generated passed onto the members. It seems that items such as dope, thinners and rubber strip might the only practical items in this scheme. **Tony Wilson** has already sourced a local supplier of full strength dope , so if members wish to partake please let us know.



The Frost-Free-Fun-Flying-Fraternity-Frolicing-Freely-at-Ferry.
(Frost-Free-but-COLD)



Ian and Dave with JUF Racers flying at Whittlesey. These go extremely well, Dave's in particular, scooting around like dervishes. Ian's development of these models is outstanding.



Ian's JUF 2, a slightly larger, even more stylish version of JUF 1. The covering on the Depron is printed tissue applied with 'Klear'. Another of Ian's innovations.

Lost. Can you help? **Brian Waterland** has lost his copy of the book 'Vulcan 607'. The story behind the Vulcan bombing attacks during the Falklands Campaign He's fairly sure that he loaned it to somebody but he can't remember who! If you are this person can you please let Brian know as he wants to read it again. Many thanks. On the subject of 'lost and found', if club members have anything they want putting in the magazine, or sending out on e-mail please let me know. Lost and found, or items wanted or for sale. Anything like that.

Daffy Definitions:

MOSQUITO: *An insect that makes you like flies better.*

TOMORROW: *One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.*

YAWN: *An honest opinion openly expressed.*

Proposed Dates & Competitions for 2009 Interclub Meetings Organised by GDMAS at Barkston Heath

Saturday, April 25th.

Catapult /hand Launched Glider. Max span 24". Catapult = 6" of 1/4" rubber on a 6" handle.
7 Flights. 60 second max.

Freewheel v Folder. Any rubber powered model with a max span of 42"
3 Flights, max set on day.

Power Ratio Open to vintage or Non-Pylon model. Ratio determined as:-
(Total Flight Time minus engine run) divided by Engine Run
3 Flights, No max, Highest Ratio wins.

That'll Never Fly Event Bring along your weirdest creation, get it to fly for 20 seconds and you could win a prize!

Saturday, June 27th.

Lulu Glider 75 Metre Line. 3 Flights to 90 second Max.

Cloud Tramp. 5 Flights to 60 second Max.

Target Precision Longest and Shortest discarded to give a 3 Flight Total.
3 Flights to be made, the first being the target for the subsequent 2.
No Engine Timers allowed, The score is achieved from the addition of the percentage error of flights 2 & 3 compared to the first.
Lowest Score wins.

Flying Swarm Mass Launch of any type of model. Last one down wins

Saturday, July 25th.

Vintage/Classic Glider Both classes to be flown from a 75 Metre line
3 Flights to a Max set on the day.

Under 25" Span Rubber 3 Flights to a 60 second Max.

Mini Precision Any Power Model 36" Span and under .
3 Flight Total Duration of 120 seconds.

Nominated Time No Engine Timers and D/T terminated flights void.
Open to any type or size of model. One Flight.
State a time at Launch and see how close you can get to it.

Saturday September 26th

Open, Straight Tow Glider. Any size and era model.
3 Flights off a 50 Meter line to a max set on the day.

P30 Rubber To 2008 rules. I.e. No Restriction on model weight.
3 Flights to a max set on the day.

Precision Power No Restriction on model type or size. No engine timers.
D/T terminated flights are void.
3 flights to a total of 135 seconds. Lowest error wins.

Half Hour Scramble No restriction on model type or size. To be flown from a line.
One Helper allowed, who may retrieve.
Highest duration achieved in designated 30 mins wins

Saturday October 31st.

Keil Kraft Designs weekend. There will be separate competitions for glider, rubber and power models. Rubber and Power models must have a 2 wheel under-carriage. To compensate for varying sizes, the 3 Flight total duration will be divided by the wingspan. Max set on the day.

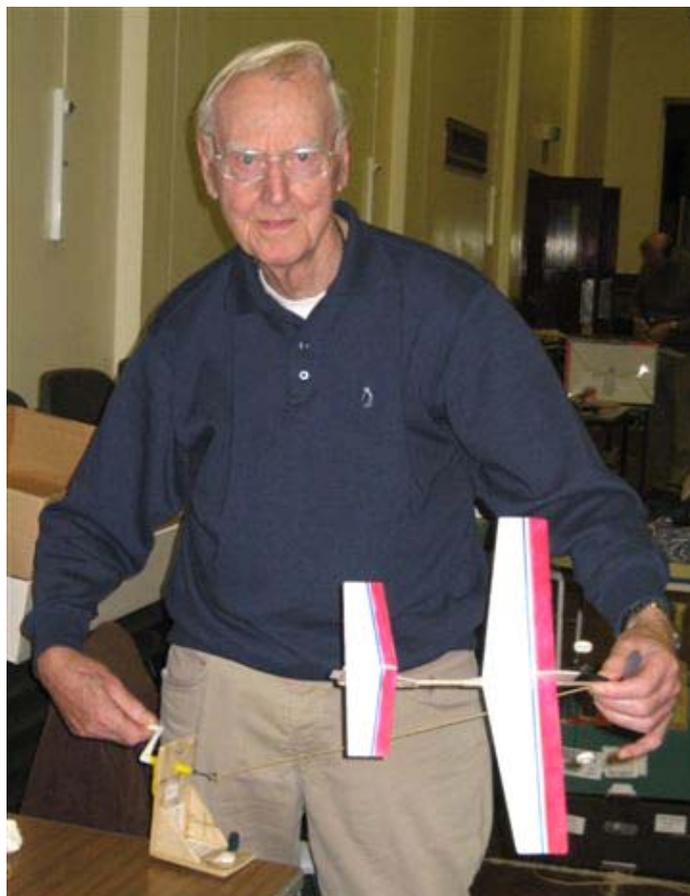
Concourse d'Elegance. Open to any design or type of model. Judging will be done by the ladies.
No flight requirements.

Entry Fee £1.00 per event. With a £1.00 discount if all 3 classes are entered. Prizes Awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Entry to the fun events will be free, with only one prize.

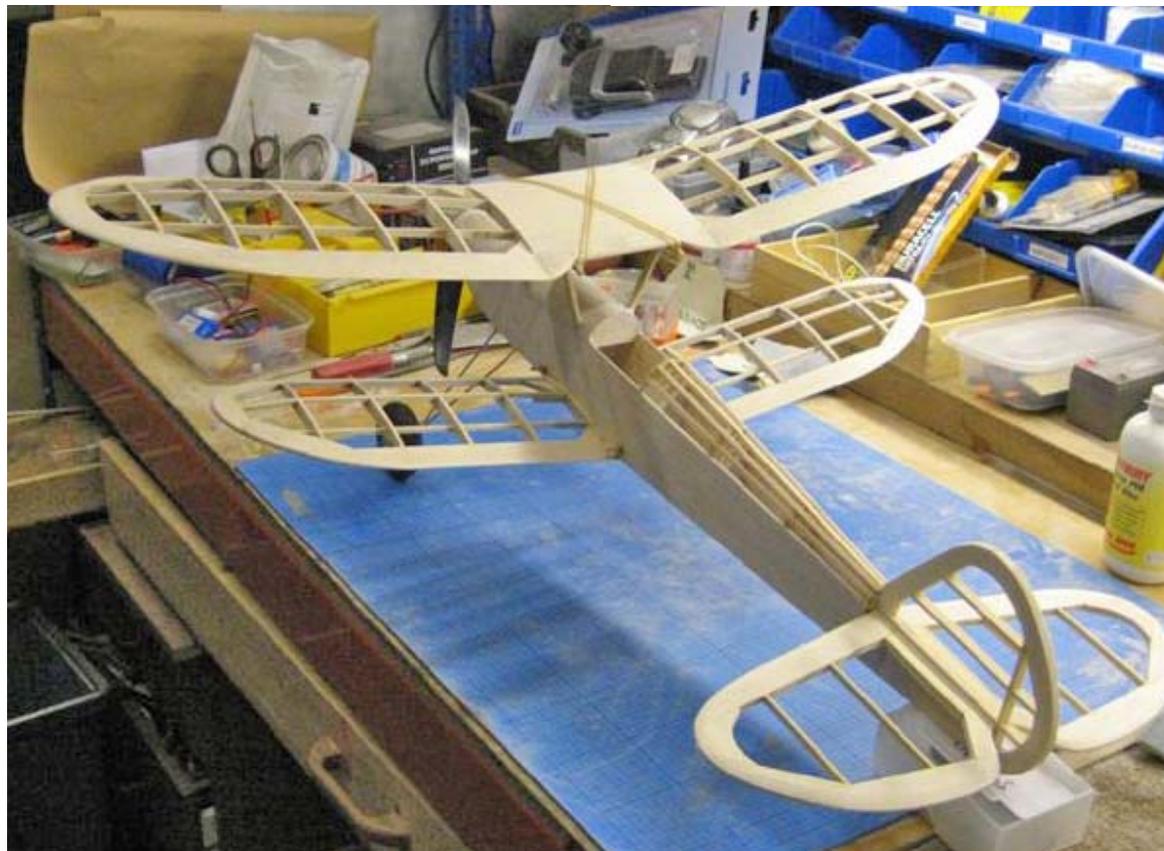
Further Information can be had from Ken Norton.



Winner of the Junior Trophy and Mini Good-year pilot extraordinaire. Josh Lee



One of our renaissance men Ray Innes. Poet, cartoonist, musician, modeller and all round Nice Bloke.



Ted's Roaring 20, a Bert Streigler (Mr Ebenezer) design from the 50's . Ted has electrified it (no surprise!) with an outrunner, lipo's and his own timer. Wonderful model. I want one!

Free Flight Secretary's Report

General ... Fun Flying at Ferry Meadows

The Club was blessed by a few Friday evenings of calm settled weather last year. There was a good attendance at our Good Friday Meeting to get the 2008 outdoor season started. Once again the Christmas Fly-in was a great success.

After some early speculation with regard to the future of club flying at Ferry Meadows, I am happy to report that our worries were unfounded and we have had the opportunity to talk with the new Park Manager and come to an agreement with regard to club flying at this great venue. Members are advised to have their membership cards and BMFA cards with them when flying at Ferry as they may be asked to produce them.

Indoor Flying

Flying at Whittlesey has been well attended as has the Oundle events.

Last winter we were able to hire the hall at Bushfield for a couple of events which proved to be very popular. Peterborough was well represented at the Impington events.

Flying Aces

We were blessed with good weather for last years event which proved to be once again very popular. A great success, and for me and for many others, the highlight of the year.

Competitions

Peterborough Club members have been well represented both Nationally and Internationally this year. As we know **Mark Benns** had a fantastic year taking: 3rd in Hand Launched Glider at the Nationals. Second in F1D for the GB Trials

In the Indoor Nationals he was 1st in the 35cm event, 1st in F1D and 1st in F1N (check out the cover of this months BMFA News)

In the World Championships held in Serbia, **Mark** was in the GB Team that took the Silver Medal and placed 11th in the individual results.

In the French International event in Bordeaux **Mark** was 1st in the 35cm event and 5th in F1D

In the Dutch International event held in Nijmegen **Mark** gained 2nd in F1D

What a fantastic list of results, and how lucky we are to have **Mark** as a Peterborough member.

Mick Page only flew in two competitions this year thanks to the very poor weather, gaining a 1st in the combined HLG / Catapult at Oxford, and 3rd in HLG at the Southern Gala.

Free Flight Nats

The 2008 Nationals were held in the usual awful weather. However it didn't stop the hardy Bowden flyers from braving the wind and rain. **Brian Lever** took second in this event and **Bernie Nichols** came equal third. **Tony Wilson** and **Brian Waterland** tried their best under extremely trying circumstances and deserved to be mentioned in dispatches.

Staying with the Bowden, a contingent of PMFC members attended a blustery Area meeting at Sculthorpe. For some time it looked as if a qualifying flight was not going to be recorded. However, in the third round **Tony Wilson** recorded his 2nd success in the Bowden at this venue.

PMFC had a clean sweep at the SAM 35 Bowden event held at Lodge Farm. **BVW** was 1st, **John Thornburn** came second and **Tony Wilson** was third! **John Ashmole** took 1st in power duration.

After the 2007 Scale Free Flight Nats there was some talk that a move would be in hand to ditch the Rubber event because of decreasing entries. I and a few others wrote to the BMFA showing concern at the prospect of losing this longstanding event. With fingers crossed I even guaranteed that PMFC would field a team to help retain this event for the future.

I am happy to say that PMFC came up with the goods as promised with entries from **Brian Lever**, **Brian Waterland**, **Bernie Nichols** and myself. This helped to ensure the future of this event.

As far as the results are concerned **Brian Waterland** came 3rd, **Bernie Nichols** was 4th, and **Brian Lever** was 5th. (From entry of 12)

Bernie Nichols also came 6th in the CO2 / Electric event.

A good year in spite of the weather.

Control line secretary's report. For 2008.

Mick Taylor won both the Vintage and Classic Stunt at the c/l Nats in August.

Alan Morgan retained the Knokke Trophy in C/L Scale with his magnificent Handley Page Heyford.

Junior **Josh Lee** Learnt to fly his Mini Goodyear on the Saturday morning and came 2nd in the final on Sunday along with pit-man **Brian Waterland**.

At the SAM 35 Gala, **BVW** was 2nd in Peacemaker stunt and **Dave Clark** won concours and came 2nd in Phantom Pursuit Speed. **Brian Lever** was pipped for first place in Weatherman Speed by 0.6 mph!

BML & BVW and wives, went to Portugal for Julio Isidro's C/L Extravaganza. A sackful of prizes resulted. 2nd in Mini-Goodyear, 2nd in Clown racing. 3rd in Phantom Pursuit. **BML** won Handicap Weatherman Speed and 3rd in Phantom Plain Bearing Speed. **BVW** was 3rd in Phantom Ball Race Speed. A Sackful Indeed!

There is to be a '**Theme for a Dream**' contest at the **SAM 35 Gala** on the 27/28 June. See your Sam Speaks for details. BN is building a KK Champ (E.D. Bee powered hopefully) and BML is building a Sky Leada Hornet, an old rules Class A Team racer. Anyone else?

BML & BVW have also invested in a new tuned PAW 1.5cc motor for Mini Goodyear. *(they're running out of excuses you know! Ed)*

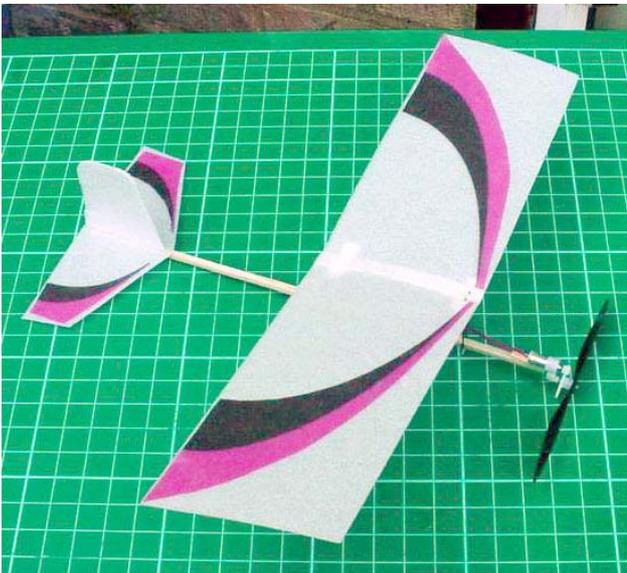
For those of you with access to the 'Information-Super-Highway' (t'web!). You may be interested in a serialised account of Ian Middlemiss' attempt at Indoor Electric Duration.

This is the website address for the Forum that Ian posts at under the name 'boffin' .

<http://www.flyquiet.co.uk/smf/index.php?board=9.0>

His thread on electric Indoor flying has had over 6000 hits (6218 as of today 16th Feb), so it's a popular thread and very interesting. There is a wealth of information on every aspect of flying Indoor electric and Ian has the ability to write clearly and comprehensively about it.

Highly recommended.



Here is 'Bump', the model he has been experimenting with.



Ian's Juf Biplane. They don't come any cuter than this. I DEFINITELY want a big one!

Daffy Definitions:

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

What's on and diary dates. Please pin up on your notice board

Feb 27th. Marc Ashby & I will do a demonstration evening at Peakirk on the regular club night. Marc will be showing us how to tackle the humorously named 'Easy-Built' kits. I plan a demo showing how I apply polyspan and tissue coverings to my models, I'll also include mylar and tissue, other members also use these techniques and will be helping. (oh yes they will!!!)

Tuesday 10th March. The club has been asked by a school in Crowland to help with a science project which involves showing/teaching children how model aircraft fly. We need some volunteers to help with this. Previous efforts at Spalding School have been very successful.

Sunday 15th March Impington VCMAC Indoor Meeting. Frog Junior comp. Seminar on Jetex, RTP and helicopter in the small hall. Contact Chris Strachan for details.

Bushfield.

The club has booked the Bushfield Sports Center at Orton on the following two dates:

Saturday March 28th

Saturday April 4th. Both dates the times are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Mike Lucas Memorial Fund has very generously agreed to cover the cost of the April 4th meeting. Our thanks go to **Tony Beckett** for organising this for us.

11th April Good Friday. Our traditional start to the outdoor season at Ferry meadows. come early, get a good seat.

Arthur Mellowes School Indoor R/C Flying Times are: 7.15 to 9.15, the cost per flyer is £5.00
4th March, 1st April, 3rd June , 1st July.

These meetings have been organised by PARCS and they would welcome PMFC members. Contact our R/C secretary **Brian Hennis** for further details.

RAFMAA Championships, RAF Digby 4/5 April . This event is open to non RAFMAA members Please note that entry to RAF Digby is by pre-entry only. I can give further details if required.

Scale Indoor Nationals. 26th April . Nottingham Uni Sports hall . A great day out for those that haven't been. Fun fly hall is available. I also have entry forms for those wishing to enter.

Old Warden dates:

9th/10th May. The May Fly weekend

27th/28th June. SAM35 Gala

25th/26th July. Scale weekend.

12th/13th September Festival of Flight.

It has been suggested that we have a meeting (perhaps during one of the regular club nights) by those members who intend entering the Bowden competition at this years F/F Nats on the 2nd May Bank Holiday weekend. At the AGM, 11 hands were held aloft when the question 'who intends to enter' was asked. Given the splendid response, it was suggested that we might have a discussion to see what models members intended entering and the tactics that might be used. Having had a past winner (BVW), and other members with much competition experience, perhaps this will benefit those with lesser knowledge. I think it's a great idea, and if nothing else, going into it in force will shake 'em up good and proper.

There's a lot happening this season so please keep a note of what's going on.

Any thoughts, queries, ideas, suggestions. E-mail me burn44@aol.com

A Final Thought. This notice was attached to a Swedish chainsaw; Please take note!
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO STOP CHAIN WITH YOUR HANDS OR GENITALS.