



SOARPOINT

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New members

There are no new members to welcome since the last news letter although there have been several expressions of interest which have not so far led to anyone additional joining.

Flying on Eastbourne BC Downland

As a result of the fencing saga and the new South Downs Park status there has been more discussion in the club recently about flying on the South Downs and in particular on land owned by Eastbourne Borough Council. This includes the slopes we use at Butts.

The latest copy of the bye laws that cover recreational activity on the EBC owned downs do not place any explicit restrictions on model flying, unless there are designated areas for this activity which there are not. I see from the files that this has been considered in the past but it appears that it came to nothing.

However, there is a bye law which prohibits noisy activities which spoil the enjoyment of the downland for others users. Make what you want of this but my interpretation would be that IC and noisy electric may not be permitted but quiet electric may well be OK

Local Shops

Mike at the HobbyBox in Uckfield wants members to be aware that he offers a 10% discount on purchases over £15. See the BMFA magazine for his advert for details. He recently got me some crystals at a discount and also paid to post them to me so he wants to do business. Be aware that he is closed on Mondays.

Don't overlook Streamline101 in St Leonards but be aware their hours are 10am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Email

If you get this newsletter via post and have an email address do let me know as it makes keeping in touch easier.

As membership secretary I have all the email members' addresses in my address book and I have recently used this find out if a member could help with the loan of a particular tool or some other query. If you want to get something out to all the members do let me know.

Two Questions

Firstly, why has nobody told me about the grammatical error on the membership card? No prizes for the first person to spot it.

Secondly, the following old photo has been brought to my attention. The small boy is one of our members, but who? And who can identify the larger free flight model. I am told it is from an Aeromodeller plan.



Contests

Cross Country Competition 3rd May 2009 - Long Man W Slope

Report by Julian Perrott

This year it was decided to change format slightly. With the advantage of having a thermic Westerly we set up 6 markers that got progressively further away from the front of the slope. Marker 6 being about 400 meters away from take off.

10 points were awarded for each marker reached (the model having to go "behind" them), a land out meant no more scoring!

The second flag was also used as the turn behind marker, no time limit was imposed on the pilot and a maximum of 10 complete 360 degree turns could be completed at one attempt for an additional 10 points.

No spot landing was used but 5 points were awarded for landing without damage!

We had 9 pilots attending with a wide selection of models from rudder elevator thermal planes to foam wings. The conditions meant that it was generally a case of finding some front side lift, hooking into a thermal and flying back from the slope face to the markers. I was rather hoping that marker 6 would be a bit more challenging and require some considerable skill to reach but the conditions were so favourable that it was tough but by no means impossible.

Many thanks to all who helped and took part, lets hope we can continue to build on this format next year.

Final positions were:

Pos.	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Turns	Landing	Total
1st	Gary Harrison	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	5	73
2nd	John Phillips	10	10	10	10	10	10	6	5	71
3rd =	Dave Cox	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	5	69
3rd =	Jim Taylor	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	5	69
3rd =	Julian Perrott	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	5	69
6th	Mark Fairweather	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	5	65
7th	Allen Elliott	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	5	45
8th	Colin Lennox	10	10	10	0	0	0	1	5	36
9th	Ray Wells	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	5	35

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BMFA 60" and F3F

Over this coming weekend (20/21 June) the BMFA 60" league and the F3F are taking place on our local slopes. Spectators are welcome and some help may be needed, give John or Julian a call if you want more info.

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