



SOARPOINT

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Subscriptions

BMFA subscriptions for 2008 for new members were reduced to £22 from 1 August 2008 and so in line with this our subs have been reduced to £6 in September and £5 for the rest of the year

New Members

Our membership now stands at 35 and the following have joined since the last news letter so, on behalf of the club, I would like to welcome them and hope to see them on the slope from time to time. Allen Elliott, Chris Newton, Darren Baldwin, Mark Johnson, Gary Thorne, Paul Turner and Mark Fairweather.

Membership cards

Producing the laminated membership cards, especially in odd ones and twos, is quite fiddly and time consuming so what I am intending to do from now on is to only produce cards at the start of each year for members who sign up within a month of the AGM. Others will get a personal membership confirmation letter.

Alternatively do we need cards at all? The only time I ever use mine is to get a discount in Model Zone and your insurance is confirmed by the BMFA card. Comments please.

International Viking Race 2008 (F3F)

Some of our members, especially newer ones, may not be aware that our chairman, John Phillips has been selected for the three man UK team taking part in this event in Slovakia from 30 August to 6 September. We wish the whole team the best of luck (do they need luck??)

35 Mhz Channels

Julian has, or is going to, post details of who uses what channel on our website so new members or any one getting a new 35Mhz Xtal pair can take some steps to avoid clashing. Colin will be pleased to know that my main models are now off 56 so he no longer needs to get on the slope at dawn on Sundays.

Pegboards

Tom has several peg boards that he wants to spread around members to increase the chance of a peg board actually getting on to the slope. If you could take charge of one do see him or give him a call.

Lost Model

The tale of the lost Dutch glider has now been concluded with the model being returned to its owner in August. I tried to sign the owner, Ad, and his mate up as members but they declined.

Tips for other beginners

I started this paragraph in the last newsletter and now intend to continue it.

Firstly, we have certainly had some strong SW ers in August and sometimes the Long Man has been challenging (for some of us at least). I am sure I am not alone in misjudging how much back drift there can be on landing near the top in a 45mph+ wind and pass on the tip to other rookies - don't try and land near the top of the ridge unless you want to be in the sheep fence or in amongst the cows.

I was landing my Phase Six on the North West slope at Long Man when I came in too high so went round again. In doing this I went straight over the top of Tom's aerial while he was flying and the Phase Six fell out of the sky. I thought it was some very bad turbulence. Tom expressed the opinion that it was interference from his transmitter. Julian said "no, it was probably a stall." I think it was too violent for a stall. Lesson is obvious – don't go low over the pits.

For Sale

Firstly, Jim Taylor has (or had) a yellow Revenge for sale for £50. I can put anyone in touch if they do not have contact details

And secondly, a superb semi-scale 2.6m Discus CS manufactured by CM Pro for sale on

e-bay: <http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=200248202967> or contact Paul Turner on 01323 486898 (New member in Willingdon area)

It was originally purchased from Sussex Models so look at:-

<http://www.sussex-model-centre.co.uk/shopexd.asp?id=23965> for details.

The model has been flown three times and is in immaculate undamaged as new condition.

It comes complete with:-

- . Two JR mini aileron servos
- . One Futaba mini elevator servo
- . One Futaba S3003 rudder servo
- . Installed 4.8v battery pack
- . Futaba R136F 35Mhz 6 channel receiver (no Xtal)
- . Volt Watch battery condition monitor

The model is ready to fly with correct CofG so just needs a suitable transmitter - Paul set it up with flapperons for easier landings.

Competition report on behalf of Julian.

I hear the fun fly was enjoyed by all who attended but Colin said he and others were blown of the hill (again?)

The Club F3F in early August was also wiped out by the weather and has now gone to reserve date on 12 October. This is open to all club members and I know I have said before but will repeat – if you can take off, fly left and right over 100m between flag markers 10 times you can compete. The club has a hard core of 5 or 6 “Pros” but we can at least try and give them a run for the points and if you have never competed before do give it a go.

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