



Davidstow Model Flying Club

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Welcome to the second newsletter of the year which has recently been nice and sunny with plenty of good flying weather for all to enjoy.

I made a mistake in the February newsletter advising the 2013 AGM would be on the 1st December, I was a year out, so the confirmed, checked and booked date is Saturday 7th December 2013 with a start time of 2-00pm. The agenda, membership 2014 renewal forms, proposed changes to the clubs constitution and a reminder will be sent out with a November newsletter.

For those who have been on site since June will have noticed the big white radar dish doing its thing. I was on site when they were doing their first set up test and with the dish facing the pit area no interference was found on 2.4 GHz when I did a 45 pace range checks and none was found when flying. I had confirmation from one of the lads who was on site that 2.4 GHz was Ok for use but he could not confirm the immunity on 35 MHz, I flew on channel 85 using Futaba Dual Conversion RX with the dish rotating with no interference. They seem more than welcoming if you want to go and have a look and a chat.

Darren, one of the club examiners has conducted test on demand and has confirmed Paul Jones has passed his A certificate for Fixed Wing and Helicopter.

Our Vice chairman Mike Davey has been down twice this year, his first was disappointing with weather and technical problems but his second was productive, (well sort of) seems a long way to go flying.

The club had an enquiry from St Breward WI who are presenting a flower festival on the 6th and 7th September at St Breward Church with a theme of "Around the world in 80 days ", they were seeking a loan of a biplane, one member offered one which was too big, a biplane of under 40 inches span similar to a Gipsy Moth would be appreciated. Please contact the Secretary if you can help.

Due to other commitments I have not been able to attend any Inter club competitions but have attended the area committee meetings whose minutes are presented on the clubs web site, if members want a hard copy please contact me.

The annual acrobatic competitions was held in good flying weather with two of our club members taking part, first and third placing's were achieved by Darren Mee and Pete Stodder.

For those who maybe going to the New Forest for a holiday and hope to enjoying flying in a different place I bring some bad news. I have been going to Stoney Cross airfield Forest Holiday camp site for a number of years and when evening comes I have taken a small electric model out onto the old airfield for a couple of flights. This year the campsite wardens advised me I could not fly and they had received a telephone call from the local ranger asking them to advise me I should stop and if I flew again I could face a £1000=00 fine. I have yet to confirm the level of fine but I have seen the New Forest by laws which do state that no model aircraft can be flown in the New Forest; it does mean NO model aircraft. The only exception is near Hatchet Pond where it is permissible to fly from a part of RAF Beaulieu disused airfield.

Range checks I think with the introduction of the 2.4Ghz frequency which in its self appears to be stable and relatively free from interference. Range checks at the flying site sometimes are not performed at each visit with the same model, with the model control surfaces behaving wrongly to what is expected sometimes resulting in destruction. With the increase in air born radio frequencies we should maintain this very simple procedure at each visit to the flying site.

I visit locations in the camper where digital TV reception is marginal, I read an article which seems to indicate Digital TV could be under threat from the new 4G mobile phone generation network which will be airborne RF at a frequency of 800 MHz , our 2.4Ghz is on the third harmonic of 800Mhz .

DO THE RANGE CHECK AT EACH VISIT

Safe landings