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June Barbecue

At last some decent weather for a BBQ! A lovely warm June evening with a good turnout.



Brian Weinrabe had made adjustments to his wing warping Bleriot, and it was successfully tested by **Paul Skinner**:



June Barbecue

Many members bought models to fly



Even **Bob Payne** was there with his "Stearman" – this was flown by **Paul Skinner**, who said that it was possibly the worst model he has ever flown!



When someone suggested that this didn't look much like a Stearman, **Chris Clark** pointed out that, with its lilac and chrome trim, it was obviously based on the little known Disco Edition Stearman!

It was a great evening and the food was obviously better than ever, as it disappeared in record time. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard, especially the Barbecue Team.

GBRCAA Competition

We are hosting a GBRCAA Aerobatic Competition on

Sunday 25th July 2010

It is expected that 2 rounds will be flown in the morning between 9:00 and 12:00 and the third and final round in the afternoon between 1:30 and 3:00.

Obviously Phoenix (and Watford) members cannot fly while the competition rounds take place, but will be able to do so before 9:00, between 12:00 and 1:30 and after 3:00.

To make up for the restricted sport flying that day, you can come and watch some top class aerobatic pilots fly, and we have laid on an extra Barbecue for both Competitors and Phoenix Club Members between 12:00 and 1:30.

The competition is open to all GBRCAA members.

Rubbish

We are having problems with disposal of rubbish. The same old people always seem to get lumbered with taking it away to put in their own dustbins, which is a little unfair. Wherever possible, please take your rubbish home with you for disposal – this is particularly relevant for items like plastic and glass bottles and metal cans, which can be recycled. Expecting someone else to always do this for you is not reasonable.

Phil Smith

Another aero modelling legend, Phil Smith, passed away on May 23rd, at the age of 93. The prolific designer of so many Veron models in the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s, his designs are still being flown today.

The elegant Veron Cardinal (enjoying a revival at the moment) was enormously popular, selling 170,000 kits! A delightful and modest man, Phil was always happy to sell copy of his plans and his son Colin will continue to do so. We extend our sympathies to all his family and friends.

Patch Improvements

We have added some ground level model restraint anchor pads, for those models that are too big for the model stands:



You will find some padded tubes nearby, that plug into the holes provided. All users of these restraints should satisfy themselves that the tubes provided are strong enough to firmly hold their models. This work was done by **Tom Roberts** and **Toufik Belkacem**, although it looks like Toufik was worn out watching Tom work!



They also went on to cast bases with tubes for all the flight line poles, so replacing these after mowing is now much easier. Tom also laid some of our surplus paving slabs behind the hut.



Thanks also to **Wally Schulberg** for getting us some nice new yellow poles for the flight line.

New Tiger Moth kit

Chris Stewart, who is “Mr Falcon Models”, is launching a new CNC cut, ¼ scale DH82A kit. Unlike some previous Tiger Moth kits, this one really is true scale. 88” span, for 120/150 four strokes, with an option for the OS IL300 4 pot.



Kit will include glass fibre centre section fuel tank (above) and glass fibre opening cowlings.



Chris is building the prototype with a Laser 150, and the second development kit is being built by that old smoothy **Brian Kern**, with the 4 cylinder in line OS IL300 – that should sound nice (the engine, not Brian). Hopefully, we will be able to get some “build diary” pictures from Brian, as his model progresses.

All this test building will no doubt result in some developments, so production kits will not be available for another 6 to 8 weeks. No prices yet, but Chris has mumbled something about it being “competitive”.

Kits will be available in “packs” – for example pack 1 will be all the CNC cut wood parts and the plan, and pack 2 all the laser cut metal fittings. Watch this space for more news.

Spektrum Recall

Horizon Hobbies have issued a recall notice for Spektrum 6250 Receivers.



The following statement appears on the Horizon Hobbies website:

Horizon has received reports of customers losing RF link when using AR6250's within certain environments. After close monitoring and testing, Horizon has detected isolated issues with AR6250's used mostly in carbon fibre applications, products containing highly reflective material and other installations. In these applications, Horizon has found that RF link issues may result in loss of communications that could result a loss of control of the model resulting in a potential crash.

Horizon has performed an analysis of the AR6250 receiver and is in the process of testing a newly designed receiver.

Consumers who have AR6250's should stop using them immediately and return these receivers to Horizon for a free upgrade, which should be available in August.

Glider Towing

John Greenfield has posted a message on the Club Forum, as follows:

As a new member to the club I write to ask if there are any members into gliders and aerotowing. I am very active in this part of the hobby both as a tug pilot and a glider flyer and would be happy to meet up with any other club members with a similar interest.

I have a range of tugs capable of towing everything from small sport models right up to 1/2 size scale models and a range of scale gliders as well. Given the nice weather we are going to have this summer (!!!) I would like to meet up for some weekend and evening towing and gliding.

If you are active in this part of the hobby or interested in getting started please contact me to arrange some flying and general chat.

If you are interested, give John a ring (evenings).

Seen at the patch

There have been quite a few models lost this month, but Bob Payne's Spacewalker went out with a notable bang:



The wing dihedral braces failed suddenly and one wing panel went off on its' own, leaving the rest to spread itself over quite a big crash site. Luckily, Bob has plenty of strimmer engines left!



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July Barbecue

The July Barbecue will take place on
Sunday 4th July

Food will be served around 2:00pm

Including:

Toffee Bombing with special prize sweets.

Buddy box flights for children and guests.

Club Instructors – please let us know on the day if you can do a buddy box session.



Broken it again?

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