



Bristol Radio Control Model Aircraft Club April 2011



IN THIS ISSUE:

Windturbine Update

GBRCAA F3A Competition





DENZIL'S DITHERINGS:

Greetings All,

The 2011 flying season has finally arrived, and if you haven't yet charged up batteries and dusted off models, get on with it. I've actually seen Shorts and Tee Shirts down the field already. The field looks really good and the track from Duckhole has recently had extensive patching up work by South Gloucestershire Council and is the best it has been for some years. Following recent developments, we seem to be set at our current site for the next couple of years at least, so get out and enjoy it. The Committee is constantly looking at improving our club both from the flying and social aspects, so if you have any suggestions please contact the Secretary. During the year there will be a few routine maintenance jobs to tackle, so please help whenever possible. For the meantime we need to keep the fence in place around the flying strip when not in use, and remember to have your club membership cards with you at the field and challenge any new faces as we have a few new members.

Cheers for now,

Denzil

Contact: chairman@brcmac.org.uk

Duckhole Facilities

This year the committee have received requests for various improvements to the facilities at Duckhole, and additional social events.

One of the requests was to have a social barbeque on the first Tuesday in the month during the flying season. As a result of this the clubs gas barbeque has been refurbished and fully serviced by myself (yes I am an LPG qualified and gas safe registered engineer) a new gas bottle purchased and is available for use by club members. You will need matches or a lighter as the ignition is defective and I have been unable to source the required part.

The 1st Tuesday barbeque will be on a bring your own basis the committee will not be providing any food or drinks. Use the barbeque whenever you like **but please leave it clean for the next person.**

Chris Owen

Contact: secretary@brcmac.org.uk

Wind farm update – April 26 2011

As many of you will know South Gloucestershire Council refused planning permission for the four wind turbines to be located in the fields near to where we fly. Refusal was dated 18th March 2011. The reasons given by the council were:

The proposed wind turbines due to their scale and height would have a significantly harmful impact upon the surrounding character of the landscape of the Severn Vale, and the settings of many heritage assets, and the amenity of Public Rights of Way. This is not justified or outweighed by the wider public benefits (including the proposed Local Trust Fund) associated with the likely level of renewable energy generation for the scheme. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies EP5, D1, L1, L13 and LC12 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan (Adopted) January 2006; and emerging policy CS3 of the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy (Submission Draft) December 2010.

In the absence of a legal agreement insufficient mitigation is made for the provision of highway improvement and strengthening works to enable safe delivery of the abnormal loads associated with the scheme. This is contrary to policies EP5 and T12 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan (Adopted) January 2006.

Wind Prospect Ltd have since indicated their intent to proceed with an appeal against this refusal. The appeal is being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales. The process is likely to take several months, and the Planning Inspector's decision will be final.

We cannot predict the outcome and must continue to plan to relocate our flying strip. I do not have a timescale.

Ian Cook

26th April 2011

GBRCAA competition

Just a reminder that on Sunday 8th May Duckhole will be hosting a round of the GBRCAA F3A aerobatics domestic league. Unfortunately, this will mean that the field will not be available for general club flying between 9.00am and about 4.45pm.

However, it does mean there is the opportunity to come and spend an hour watching some aerobatic competition flying from a broad spectrum of pilots; we have everything from the #1 F3A pilot in the country down to a couple of guys doing their first ever competition. I am also looking for volunteers to do a bit of "scribing" for the judges, a unique opportunity to sit with the judges and observe first hand how the whole thing works.

Of course, there is still time to enter the competition itself, you don't need to be a member of the GBRCAA and the clubman schedule is no more challenging than the 'B' certificate. The competition atmosphere is very relaxed (more like a fly-in) and you don't need a special model to compete - I have seen a sputnik foamie flown in competition! If you want more information, try the link below or drop me a line (I'll be happy to meet up at the field before hand):

<http://www.gbrcaa.org/ntoa/>

Arnie

Contact: arnie@spoonwibble.com 07588 661035

For photos and a description of last years competition, see http://www.gbrcaa.org/Photo/main.php?g2_itemId=5928

Dates for you Diary

8th May	GBRCAA F3A (domestic league) competition at Duckhole
22nd May	Instructors/Examiners workshop at Beaufort Flying Club (John Harris for details)
2nd July	Thornbury Carnival
30th July	Club Barbeque
3rd September	Franklin Trophy
18th September	Examiners / Instructors Fixed Wing Workshop
22nd October	End of Season meal, The Anchor Oldbury on Severn