



# **Bristol Radio Control Model Aircraft Club**

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**Come Out of the Cold and Meet the  
New 2010 Committee**

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## ***Denzil's Ditherings***

February 2010

Greetings to you all.

For those that haven't yet caught up with the 2009 AGM, there are a few changes to the Clubs Organising Committee as follows:

Chairman- Denzil Monis

Secretary – Chris Owen

Treasurer – Peter Bennett

Committee Members – John Harris, Phil Hill, Mick Mills and Patrick Roach

If you have been down to the Flying Field recently you will have probably noticed the arrival of a Port a Cabin in the compound area, this was offered to the Club by Oldbury Power Station and thought to be a useful asset. It can be used initially as a Shelter, but hopefully in future will be fitted out with a Workbench and Brewing up equipment. There is some minor repair work needed and probably a bit of re-levelling as it settles into its new home. It is locked, but a key is hidden near by (see a Committee Member), more accessible arrangements are planned. We wouldn't recommend storing anything of value in it, as it has clear windows and could attract 'unwanted visitors'. But it's there for all to use, so make use of it.

It is still not pleasant flying weather, but a few hardy souls have been out, and survived the Snow, Wind, Rain and Frost. I remember Martin Fardell many years ago saying "Flying is to be enjoyed, not endured" anyway that's my excuse.

The Committee is aware of the poor state of the Duckhole access lane and have recently written to South Gloucestershire Council, including a map of the lane and recent photographs of the deterioration, in the hope that they will divert a little attention from the M5. If anyone can help in the meantime by dropping any rubble or unwanted Christmas Presents in the bigger holes it would be appreciated.

The Club has already a few new members, and we would ask existing members to guide them especially in the use of the fence and the frequency board (specifically 2.4GHz users) until the Club Rules have been clarified in these areas. Please keep your Membership cards with you at the field, and challenge 'New Faces'.

We had an excellent, well attended, February meeting at the Chantry, at which Arnie Mansell gave a very comprehensive and interesting insight into the 'Inner Magic' of the YS Four Stroke engines, and his experiences of the Model Flying Hotel in Corfu. He also brought in a very nice, expensive looking F3A Model for us to look at. Many thanks to Arnie, and we look forward to seeing what these models can do down at Duckhole.

For those who haven't heard, Linsey Giles, our previous Secretary is moving to a new Job and Home in North West London. We wish Linsey 'All The Best' for the future.

Cheers For Now.

***Denzil***

## **Secretary's Bit**

*Grateful thanks as always go to all contributors.*

*As always if you have any questions, please just ask either down at the strip, or at the following address; **any and all** contributions for the newsletter are always more than welcome.*

*By Post to:  
BRCMAC Secretary  
c/o Chris Owen  
64 Worthing Road, Patchway  
Bristol BS34 5HX.*

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# ***Meet the Committee 2010***

## **Denzil Monis**



Greetings, I am Denzil Monis the clubs 2010 Chairman.

I started making Airfix plastic kits when I was about 10, and still enjoy making them on a cold winter's night. About 5 years later a friend of mine introduced me to a Kiel Kraft 'Dolphin' model glider made of sticks and tissue, I bought one, built it, flew it, crashed it. (sounds familiar). I then moved on to rubber powered models and eventually the infamous

'Jetex' (how many remember them).

Though I have continuously built models of some kind since, however Girls, Cars, Families, Mortgages etc. came into my life and it was about 7 years ago I decided that I would attempt Radio Control Model Aeroplanes.

Not knowing anything about the hobby, but cockily off I went to Fred Coulston's and bought an Airsail Chipmunk Kit and an OS 46 engine, started to build it, then found our BRCMAC club. I took my part built Chipmunk down to Duckhole and John Harris said "no way" so I bought a Tiger Trainer and started to learn to fly. This I found more difficult than I ever expected, and even thought of giving it up, but eventually I got an 'A' Certificate and have enjoyed flying since. Christophe Paysant le roux is in no danger of a challenge, but I do enjoy charging round the sky on a warm evening.

See you down at Duckhole for a Fly and a chat.

## **Chris Owen**



I first flew a model aircraft when I was in my early teens, I had a rubber powered free flight model that flew with varied amounts of success. I then built and flew a Keil Kraft control line model powered by a baby bee engine, it soon came off worse in an argument with the ground. I have always had a keen interest in all things that fly, probably because my parents both worked at BAC as it was called back then, my father was a design engineer on the Concord. I didn't touch model aircraft again until 2005 when I joined BRCMAC and with the aid of our intrepid instructors learnt to fly radio control and took my A test. I have since served on the committee and am currently the secretary for the club.

## Peter Bennett.



Joined in 1999. Been a Committee Member for 9 years during which time I have been Treasurer for five years and Chairman for one year. I fly sport and semi-scale models. I enjoy the building side of the hobby and have aspirations to be a scale modeller one day, but have a way to go yet. Acquired my 'B' certificate in 2003.

## John Harris

I started my flying here at our Club in 1996; and have been an active committee member for most of these years. I have since then flown many different types of aircraft. I have some 20 plus aircraft in the “hanger” ranging from small electric indoor models; to trainers, Flair Puppeter, an Ultimate, several different aerobatic models to 7 different helicopters!!

I am a Qualified BMFA Fixed Wing Instructor, as well as a Club Helicopter Instructor. I am also one of the Club BMFA Examiners. This year I will continue the role of training co-ordinator so if you need help with your ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ or anything else please come and have a chat.

I am very interested in the BMFA Achievement Scheme to which I am a member of the BMFA Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC). I have supported numerous Achievement Scheme Fixed and rotary wing workshops around the country. I have also organised several Area Examiner Fixed Wing workshops and ‘C’ certificate workshops. Hopefully, the club will host another FW Examiners workshop which I hope to run late summer.

I am also the Clubs representative to the BMFA Western Area Committee, I am this groups Treasurer and Western Area Alternate should the Area Chairman not be available to attend the BMFA’s Area Council meetings.

## Mick Mills



I started flying models as a youngster in the late 60’s with the wind up, dope and tissue paper variety of aircraft. I lost interest until about 8 years ago when I joined a local club near to my home in Essex. I got hooked and quickly gained my ‘A’ certificate, but to be honest have not progressed much further. I enjoy the flying more than the building but have made a couple of kits, the best one being a Flair Harvard kit a couple of years ago. It never flew as it got crushed (beyond repair) when my family moved to Thornbury.

I decided to volunteer for the committee this year as I have been a member of BRCMAC for about 3 years now and understand how difficult it is to get committee members. I would hate to see OUR club disappear due to lack of volunteers (as John Paton has indicated for the last couple of years) to form the committee. One of my roles on the committee this year

is to oversee the site maintenance and may call on ALL of you later in the year to help out to ensure the bushes & trees do not “jump” out on us as we take off or land.

I do hope that you all help our club by volunteering to do the odd task either down the strip or elsewhere as required, this will ensure that we build on the great work that the previous committee members and volunteers have given us over past years.

## Philip Hill



I have been a member of BRCMAC for about 5 years after being introduced to the club by Alan, my brother. I got my ‘A’ a couple of years ago under the tuition and encouragement of our own club trainers – Thanks Chaps!

Ever since I was a child I was into things that fly and remember being shown how to make paper darts by my Grandfather. My first forays into balsa kits were clumsy messy affairs where the sharp eye and nimble fingers of youth were hampered by the impatience to get it finished and flying.

I volunteered to be a committee member because I enjoy flying and felt it was about time to give something back to the club, I have also agreed to co-ordinate club events such as the BBQ and club meals.

My son Thomas (9) also joined the club last year as a junior, he has had a few lessons and will be flying the same Tiger Trainer that both Alan and myself learnt on, what a truly super aircraft! I hope that you will see us around from time to time.

## Patrick Rowe



I started out with the club about a year and a half ago, learning to fly with John Harris every Saturday morning, even in the worst conditions. I passed my A test just before the club BBQ last year and have been flying as much as I can ever since. I am now practicing for the B test, as I would like to take it this year if possible. All of my planes I have brought up to now, as I know an accident is inevitable in the early years, and would hate to destroy something that I had spent so long building. I am now starting to build my own planes and have picked the DH Mosquito as my first project.



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## *A Letter from Linsey Giles*

As some of you know the last few years have been quite traumatic for me - and flying has played a big part of my social life, however in the last couple of years I have struggled to find the time to fly which means I'm not flying as well as I would want to. It also looks like work is going to take me out of the area, so I have made the difficult decision to give up flying.

I have really enjoyed my time in the club and to a large extent I am sad to be moving on, but nothing as they say stands still and you never know - you may well see me down the field occasionally if I'm back in the area.

*Linsey.*

***Note from the committee:***

*As Linsey is moving, this leaves an opening for area secretary. If anyone would be prepared to take up this post please contact John Harris for details.*

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## ***Duck Hole Diaries***

This is a new section we are trying for the news letter where anything that a member feels is noteworthy can be shown to all the members. It could be a cartoon, a notable event, a brief article or a picture of a Bird Dog in a tree parked by an ex chairman, (no names mentioned).

Please send to Chris Owen ([Secretary@BRCMAC.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@BRCMAC.org.uk)) or post to :-

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64 Worthing Road  
Patchway  
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## Membership Fees

Members are reminded that membership fees were due on 1st January. Anyone who has not yet renewed their membership will be uninsured and as such should not be using the club facilities. Members not renewing by the 31<sup>st</sup> march will be removed from the BMFA mailing list. Cheques can be sent to:-

**Peter Bennett**  
**Treasurer BRCMAC**  
**55 Jubilee Drive**  
**Thornbury**  
**South Gloucestershire**  
**BS35 2YH**

Senior membership is **£62.00** and Junior **£20.00**

If you are flying at Duck hole please carry your membership card as you may be required to produce it to prove your membership.

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## Dates for Your Diary

- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> March**      Bring and buy sale at The Chantry, bring your surplus stuff and try to pick yourself a bargain.
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May**          GBRCAA competition at Duck Hole.