

Newsletter



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MSA 2009 AGM. The 2009 AGM, Prize Giving and Raffle draw of the MSA was held in Colwall Village hall at 8 pm on Thursday 3rd December. The Chairman, yes - me again, reported on the year 2009 as follows:

MSA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2009.

I will start with BMFA matters.

Fees were set at Senior £29, Family Partners £18, Juniors £15 and Family Juniors £11, an increase for seniors of £1 from last year. Membership is up with an end-of-year estimate of nearly 37,000 members, a small increase over the previous year.

Results of the election for FAI delegate were announced. Peter Halman won the postal ballot for FAI delegate so MSA member Jin Andrews stands down

Income for the year again topped £1M at £1,085,054 giving rise to a surplus of £18,022. Reserves stand at £761,977.

The BMFA insurance brokers reported that there was again a decrease in insurance claims, the major concern, as always, was damage to members cars parked inappropriately. There are still too many claims of models hitting cars, so do take care at Fish Meadow.

MSA matters

Our MSA website, hosted by Claranet, is like a club notice board in cyberspace. Claranet are an independent ISP, not the cheapest but very reliable and manned by really helpful people. It is a low cost means of communicating to the club members, 90% of whom now have access to the internet and email. 'Hits' on the website now total over 17.282, 4,600 hits during the year and still increasing by about 100/week.

Our membership is 69, including 3 juniors, the same as the previous year. This is still a level at which we can sustain our activities. I will leave it to Tony Wright to expand on membership matters and our finances later.

*Relations with the Malvern Hills Conservators and the owner of Fish Meadow, Peter Surman, continue to be very good, but we do make a conscious effort to keep them that way. The gate entry system for Fish Meadow, comprising of a barrier equipped with a combination lock has again worked well, the yardstick being that it has kept the 'Travellers' out. The combination will remain at *****, please do not disclose this to non MSA members.*

I would like to thank John Freeman, Geoff Carter and Steve Hannon for their efforts once again throughout the year; also Malcolm White for again organising our HLG event. Their programme remains very popular, it is well organised and is a major factor in improving the flying skills of many members.

I must also thank Steve Pearse again for organising two raffles and I look forward to seeing one happy face, hopefully mine, when we make the second draw of the year later on tonight.

Our 4-man team match versus South Cotswold was again a close match, but sadly not close enough.

Indoor flying remains popular and we are indebted to The Elms School for allowing us the use of their indoor sports facility. We have nine evenings this winter season

I would like to congratulate past MSA member Alistair (a.k.a. Jamie) Andrews on recently gaining his wings as a Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm helicopter pilot at Shawbury. He also won the Navigation and Airmanship award, beating all the RAF pilots and Prince William. He is posted to RNAS Culdrose where he will be flying Sea-Kings, engaged in air/sea rescue operations.

After this meeting, Pev, our Secretary for many years, has had to step down due to the ill-health of Joan, his wife. I am most grateful to him for the many years he has held this post and for the contribution he has made over the years to our association. I also thank the other officers for playing their part in keeping the show going.

One last thought, I will be 77 next birthday and I am constantly aware that I have been Chairman for a very very long time, since the mid 1980s I believe. I am desperately hoping that one of you might volunteer to take over from me very soon.

MSA ANNUAL AWARDS:

S HANNON: Club Champion 1st Overall, 1st Thermal, 1st Slope, 1st HLG;
 J FREEMAN: 2nd Overall, 2nd Slope, 3rd= Thermal, 2nd HLG;
 M GRANTHAM: 3rd Overall, 2nd Thermal, 3rd Slope.
 G CARTER: 3rd= Thermal;
 D KEISSLINGER: 3rd HLG;
 K ASLETT: Most Improved Pilot.

Final Results 2009

Place	Name	TOTAL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
1	Hannon S	790.00		100.0	100.0	70.0	90.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0
2	Freeman J	695.00	100.0	80.0	90.0	90.0	52.5	90.0	70.0	70.0	90.0	70.0	85.0	80.0
3	Grantham M	690.00	90.0	90.0		62.5	100.0	70.0	90.0	60.0		100.0	55.0	90.0
4	Carter G	595.00	60.0	65.0	55.0	55.0	65.0	80.0	65.0	90.0	70.0	80.0	85.0	70.0
5	White M	592.50	65.0		70.0	62.5	80.0		80.0	65.0	80.0	90.0	60.0	65.0
6	Kiesslering D	535.00		60.0	80.0	80.0	65.0	65.0	40.0		65.0	65.0	70.0	45.0
7	Neve N	345.00			50.0		65.0		60.0	50.0	60.0		40.0	60.0
8	Wright A	320.00	55.0	50.0					45.0	45.0	55.0		65.0	50.0
9	Pearse S	280.00	50.0	70.0		100.0		60.0						
10	O'Hara B	242.50	75.0	55.0	60.0		52.5							
11	Hurley M	235.00							55.0	80.0		55.0	45.0	
12	Aslett K	220.00							50.0	55.0		60.0	50.0	55.0
13	Hughes T	140.00	75.0		65.0									
14	Whitmore V	50.00				50.0								
15	Severne C	45.00				45.0								

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. David Toye was elected as Treasurer and Tony Wright was elected Secretary, other officers were re-elected so for 2010 we have: Chairman - Nick Neve, Competition Secretary - John Freeman, General member and child welfare officer Glyn Roberts.

ELECTRIC MODELS As a result of discussion at the AGM the following addition to our safety code became effective on 1 February 2010:

Part Seven - Concerning Electric Powered Aircraft.

38. *Malvern Hills Conservators bye-laws prohibit the flying of all powered aircraft on the Malvern Hills.*

39. *Although the MSA is primarily an Association for pilots of RC gliders, the flying of electric powered aircraft is not prohibited at Fish Meadow. Note however that internal combustion powered models cannot be flown there under any circumstances.*

40. *Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow are prohibited from over-flying winch lines, and the area immediately upwind of the turnarounds, throughout the time when any thermal soaring activity is taking place.*

41. *Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow are required to select a separate launching and landing area away from that in use by thermal soaring aircraft, having first placed their frequency peg(s) [35 MHz] with those in use by the thermal soaring pilots.*

42. *Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow should avoid the close sharing of air-space with non-powered soarers in all situations where the risk of a mid-air collision is increased, notably in thermals.*

2010 PROGRAMME.

We hold a monthly meeting in the Colwall Village Hall between November and March each year. It starts at 8pm, doors open 7:30 pm, coffee and biscuits are sometimes available. We also arrange a number indoor flying meetings for Radio Controlled and Indoor Free Flight models in the Sports Hall of the Elms School Colwall. These start at 7 pm and close at 9:30 pm. Please bring a pair of clean soft-soled indoor shoes with you. The slope competitions, take place on Table or North Hill, at the Northern end of the Malvern Hills whilst the thermal competitions take place at Fish Meadow, Upton-upon-Severn, all competitions start at 10:30 am. Many of these events are weather dependent and you should check this website and/or your E-mail the evening before in case of postponement.

Month / Date	Event	Venue
February		
Thursday 4th	Club night - Height Limited Electric Flight	Colwall Village Hall
Sunday 7th	Winter League 4, 10:30 am.	Fish Meadow
Friday 26th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
March		
Sunday 7th	Slope 1 - Slalom	Table Hill
Friday 26th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
April		
Thursday 1st	Auction: Doors Open 7:30 pm, Auction starts 8:15 pm.	Colwall Village Hall
Sunday 4th	Slope 2 - Limbo	Table Hill
Friday 16th	Indoor Flying, "The Chairman's Challenge" [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Saturday 17th	F3b - BMFA National League	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Sunday 18th	Thermal 1 - Precision Duration	Fish Meadow
May		
Sunday 2nd	Thermal 2 - Three Flight Aggregate	Fish Meadow
June		
Sunday 6th	Slope 3 - Loops	Table Hill area
Friday 25th Saturday 26th Sunday 27th	25th Upton Jazz Festival	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
July		
Sunday 4th	Slope 4 - Speed	Table Hill area
Saturday 10th Sunday 11th	British Triathlon	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Sunday 18th	Thermal 3 - Progressive Time	Fish Meadow
Sunday 25th	Vintage fly-in and picnic	Table Hill
August		
Sunday 1st	Thermal 4 - Rudder Elevator Spoiler event	Fish Meadow
Sunday 15th	MSA versus SCSA team contest	Fish Meadow

Sunday 22nd	Slope 5 - Cross Country	Table Hill Area
September		
Sunday 12th	Thermal 5 - Regressive Time	Fish Meadow
Saturday 18th	F3b - BMFA National League	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Sunday 19th	F3j - BARCS League	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Sunday 26th	Thermal 6 - BARCS Rules	Fish Meadow
October		
Sunday 10th	Slope 6 - Speed	Table Hill area
November		
Thursday 4th	Club meeting 8 pm, doors open 7.30 pm. Talk by George Chesterton, WW2 Bomber Pilot, County Cricketer, Schoolmaster and Author	Colwall Village Hall
December		
Thursday 2nd	AGM	Colwall Village Hall 7:30 pm.

FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT We have guest speakers this month from the Clent Soaring Association to talk to us about the growing interest in electric powered soarers and the new style of competitions which are fast emerging. With lightweight lithium batteries now cheaper than ever and prices of controllers and brushless motors falling too, there is little if any weight penalty now. Come and hear what Bruce Baker and David Christie have to tell us on this topic. Colwall Village Hall, Thursday 5th February, 7:30 pm talk starts 8 pm.

VINTAGE EVENT.

Have you got skeletons in your cupboard? Or more to the point, have you got an ancient, probably tatty and dusty, unflown for many years, model that could fly on slope again after a bit of refurbishment? Lots of us have such a model or two. It's not right that they should be lying up there neglected and gathering dust.

Remember single channel, galloping ghost, Elmic escapements, super-regen receivers, doped tissue, relays, reeds, 27 MHz. Think July, Sunny Sunday, Picnic, Single Stick.

I am sure there are some really interesting vintage models out there. Have a think. I am not asking for promises but would love to hear from those who might turn up

Who would want to miss this? Get renovating now and see you on 25th July, Table Hill area. Vintage awards will be given for vintage models flown by vintage pilots.



MAGAZINE SECTION. An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What's the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red, has a wonderful scent and thorns on the stem?' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and called 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Nick Neve.