



MELTON & DISTRICT MODEL CLUB
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British Model Flying Association CLUB 605



Newsletter - February 2015

Happy
50th
Birthday

It started in 1965

1965 was a very different world to today and memorable year for many reasons.

Dr Beaching made drastic cuts to the rail network, Sir Winston Churchill's funeral took place, Great train robber Ronnie Biggs escaped from Wandsworth prison for a better life in Brazil, the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) opened in London, USA enters the Vietnam war, the 70mph speed limit was introduced, the Beatles release the film "Help", Rolling Stones release "Satisfaction" their first number one hit, the "Who" release their first album and Mary Quant introduces the Miniskirt.

But it will be best remembered as the year that four avid model aircraft flyers; Trevor Main, Ray Muse, Bill Hyde and Alan French setup the Melton and District Model Club. Indeed fifty years later Trevor and Ray still play a very active role in the club.



Flying 70's style

The club started flying near Burton Lazars, mainly control line combat and free flight models, and had club meetings in a nissen hut on Kirby Lane which had been part of the Polish resettlement camp. Meeting then moved to Warwick Lodge followed but a temporary hut on our current clubroom site before the permanent building we now use was erected.



Free flight hot air balloon

Flying moved to Kirby Bellars for a time, moved to the John Ferneley School playing field., before finally locating to our current sites at Whissendine, Melton Airfield and Burrough Hill.



1/4 scale Lancaster

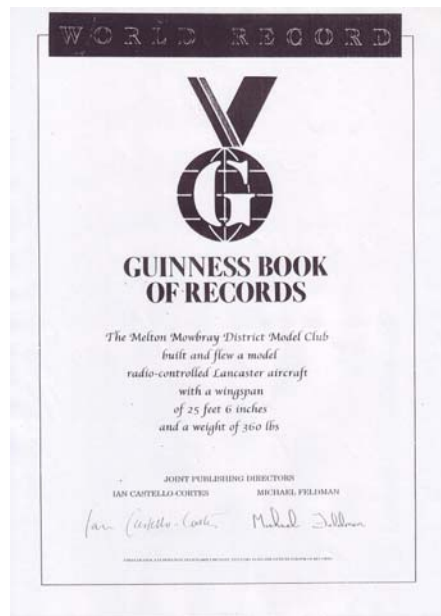
The club has had some noticeable achievements. In 1995 the club entered the Guinness Bok of Records for building and flying a quarter scale radio-controlled Lancaster with a 25ft 6 ins (7.8m) wingspan and a weight of 360lbs (163Kg).

In 2000 Trevor Main, flying his own design TRAMP diesel powered model achieve a British record duration of 13hr 48min 51 sec. A record that still stands today.

There have been massive changes in the world of modelling. Back when the club was started radio control was just in its infancy, some members might remember the delights of single channel super-regen radio receivers tuned reed, galloping ghost and rubber powered escapements.

We now have highly computerised and highly reliable radio systems that, in real terms, are very much more affordable than the unreliable systems of 1965.

What of the next 50 years?



New Building



The new Club building photographed by Arthur Askew from his powered paraglider.

The new Club's new annex storage building has been installed and is now ready to be fitted out. This includes creating a raised floor, insulating the walls and installing power sockets and lighting.

To do this work we will require assistance from club members to

make this a valuable addition to the club's facilities.

When work begins we will be asking for your help, Any help you can give will be appreciated no matter how much it is.

Competitions

May I introduce myself to all new and old fellow Melton Model Club flyers as your new competition secretary for 2015, our club 50th anniversary year.

I have been an average club flyer for about 20 years and enjoy all aspects of club flying, so my aim is to cater for all club members to give you all an opportunity to take part in these types of flying disciplines, these will include aircraft, gliders, helicopters, and multi copters. Can be combustion or electric types.

I intend to run 5 competitions this year one for each month starting in may 2015, they will all take part at our Melton airfield at around 6.30pm on weds evenings, competition schedules to be released very soon, (dates and times to be confirmed on our club website)

Your best 4 competitions will count towards a points scheme.

1st = 10 points

2nd = 8 points

3rd = 6 points

4th = 4 points

5th = 2 points

6th = 1 points

They are designed for all club pilots from novice to expert, So please all come along and have some fun, and hopefully you will improve your flying skills. Hope to see you all there, for latest info keep an eye on your club website. Good luck to you all

Bill Veitch
Competition Secretary



Club Dinner

In our 50th Anniversary Year

The Committee of MDMC cordially
invite you to the
Melton and District Model Club Annual Dinner
on Saturday 21st March 2015
Venue: Harborough Hotel, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray
7:00pm for 7:30pm
£15.00 per Person

RSP indicating Name Order to: Mr C. Savidge
6, Honeycastle Way,
Melton Mowbray
LE13 8FU

Alternatively e-mail to: chris.savidge@btinternet.com

on loose completed forms and payment with Day Menu on a Wednesday at the Clubhouse:-

Please make cheques payable to MDMC

Please detach here.....

Booking Form

Members Name..... Partners Name.....

Please indicate your choice of Menu

	Menus	Partner
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Soup of the Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stuffed Meat-casserole	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roast Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meats		
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Salmon in Lemon and Oil Sauce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Desserts		
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Tea or Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Most of you are aware that the Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Harboro Hotel, Burton Street, Melton on 21st March.

If you have not already replied, Chris Savidge is still taking bookings for this event.

2015 Show

This year it is the club's 50th anniversary and it is intended to make this event with a special anniversary show, to be held over the weekend of 12/13 September.

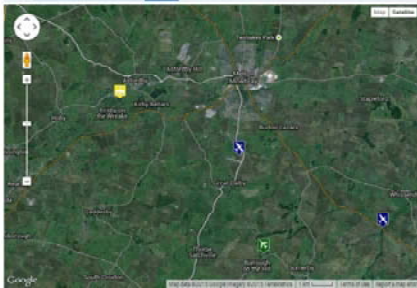
With this in mind the club would like to set up a sub-committee, of four to six members, to organise the show. If you would like be part of the show committee please let Chris Savidge or Trevor Main know of your interest.

We have already applied for a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast on both days. In the past we have had Spitfires, Hurricanes and a Dakota. Lets hope we can have the Lancaster this year.

If you have any ideas to make the show extra special please contact any of the main committee.

Ray's Techie Bit

Alan Coutts has found an on-line database of world wide model flying fields, at <http://www.ma-db.com/>



Zoom in and out with your Mouse wheel or Click on a highlighted area for more club details. Ideal when you travel abroad and are looking for a flying site!!!

A search for Melton Mowbray highlights our sites at Melton Airfield, Whissendine and Burrough Hill. It also lists a club indoor facility at Asfordby Amateurs

This is incorrect. Although members do fly here Melton & District Model Club has no association with, or responsibility for this facility.

RC Cars

At last year's model show we had a display of radio controlled cars, both electric and glow powered.



This generated considerable interest to the degree that, following representations from a number of members, the committee has looked at the possibility of setting up a RC car section.

To this end negotiations with Melton Council have taken place with a view to using part of the field adjacent to the club room.

If your, or non-members you know, are interested in this activity please contact Chris Savidge or Nick Wade.

2015 Committee

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting there were some changes to the Club's committee.

Two new members were elected to the Club's committee in the membership secretary, and Senior Members Representative positions. The full 2015 committee is listed

below.

Thanks go to Alan Coutts who stood down after having been Membership Secretary for a number of years and those who served on last years committee, and welcome to new members Bill Vietch, Dave Matthews and Gary Osborne.

Chairman: Chris Savidge
Vice Chairman: Richard Phillips
Secretary: Trevor Main
Treasurer: Ray Muse
Membership Secretary: David Matthews
Public Relations Officer: Ray Pinchin
Slot Car Representative: Nick Wade
Senior Member Reps: Simon Askew
Gary Osborne
Competition Secretary: Bill Veitch

If you wish to contact any of the above please send an e-mail to:
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putting the name of the committee member you wish to contact in the "Subject" box of your e-mail.

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