



**Graham's summer 2010 additions, very nice!**

**Safety is no accident!**

I know that I must sound like a stuck record, but you will just have to suffer yet another safety reminder and with no apology either. Now I don't want to sound either cranky or smug, but we have managed to maintain quite an enviable safety record in our club considering how many members we have, how many visitors we get, how close the public come to our hobby and the inherent risks of whirring props and highly charged batteries.

The reason we have managed to avoid nasty tragedies is because we are possibly more aware than some clubs of these risks. Please do not for one second forget how quickly or easily something really nasty can happen. Be aware and do not be afraid to communicate your feelings to others in the pit. I may be safety officer but you the members are all jointly and singly responsible for safety when you are at the field so keep this at the front of your mind. Below are a couple of the shortcuts to an accident:

- Fly only from the pilot area. Get on and off the runways as efficiently as you can.
- Never ever start an un-restrained model, airplane or helicopter in the pit area.
- Never fly over, near or even in the direction of the pit or car park, no excuse is tolerated here!
- Keep well away from props. Remember that electric models can and do start without any warning.
- Watch what is going on and be aware of what is happening all around you.

**For Sale**

Fox 60 'Eagle 3' ringed, with two different silencers. New in box. This is the big engine designed in the 1950 and still being made. Loads of torque. 75 Euros which is half price.

Tim 087-221 7338.

Phaeton 90 biplane all-wood kit by Balsa USA. [www.balsausa.com](http://www.balsausa.com) Picture below. This is 70 ins. span for 60 – 90 engines. Cowl and pre-bent wires. 70 Euros, half price. Many other items for sale including old Aeromodeller Magazines from 1940 onwards and modelling books back to 1930s. Job lot. Tim 087-221 7338.

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**The clubhouse roof is once again weatherproof !**

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## News update

Finally and I say this because it has been on the agenda at our committee meetings all winter and right up to last month, the clubhouse roof has been sealed up. As you can see from the front page photo, two of the usual suspects risked life and limb to clamber up on the roof and seal up the leaks. Many thanks to Denis and Terry for the hard work which I am told has been a success, keeping unwanted moisture out. Well done to all involved.

While I am dishing out the thanks and congratulations, our Honorary Treasurer Brian McIntyre has managed to totally re-script the club website and has assembled what I believe is a very tidy and intuitive website so well done Brian. Please do drop by to look at all his hard work. The new page is located on our existing domain so no need to change your internet favorites... [www.srfc.net](http://www.srfc.net)

On the subject of the website, Brian explained as best as he could to a technophobe like myself that our visibility and rating on search engines such as Google depend on the content of the site. If anybody has stories, historical stuff and in particular photographs and videos that will lure the browsing public onto the site, then please send these by email to him at : [srfcmail@gmail.com](mailto:srfcmail@gmail.com)

The weather has been kind to us so far this summer with some absolutely sweltering afternoons. Strangely, this has not coaxed everybody out (myself included) though there are plenty of faces both new and old at the field. One of the more enthusiastic of our members Graham Dwyer seems to have a new model each time I visit the field (I even got to test fly one of these and it is indeed a much better flier than myself!). I have put a couple of pics of his newer fleet members in for your pleasure so read on. There are also plenty of new and junior members visiting regularly and improving at such a pace that I am being asked to get myself ready for some "A" cert examinations. In my own case, I found the largest jump in my flying training happened after I did my "A" test, some would suggest that I have stagnated since then, but how and ever, it is important for anybody that is tied to instructors to take the test as it will free you up to double or even treble your flight count. Do remember that your instructors will probably save you an aircraft in the event that you get all crossed up, they can't however teach you to fly. This is something you have to learn yourself by flying and flying. I am reminded of a quote from the golfer John Jacobs when he was complimented on a run of good luck he once enjoyed. He answered the journalist by saying:

*"Do you know, you are right, but I find the more I practice, the luckier I get!"*

There is no substitute for stick time in this hobby and shuffling politely around the pit area trying to subtly distract an instructor is an opportunity lost.

Myself and the other committee members have made a couple of unsuccessful attempts to put a fly-in and club barbecue together so far this summer. It seems that when dates don't clash, then the necessary manpower is unavailable and visa versa. We aimed at the end of May, it didn't work. We thought of the second weekend of July, again this was thwarted. At this point we are aiming for an August event so please feel free to offer to help out if you are that way inclined, any committee member would be happy to talk to volunteers.

I hope to see you all at the field over the remainder of the summer. In the meantime keep the batteries charged!

Garry Keogh - Vice Chairman

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Shankill Radio Flying Club is an open and friendly club for the flying of model aircraft of all types located just south of Dublin off the R111 near the Sugarloaf mountain.

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Coming Events

- Jul 3-4, Aerobatics, F3A Triple Crown, Model County MFC
- Jul 3-4, Scale, Flat Coast Scale Champs, Roundwood MFC
- Jul 11, Scale, Lads Scale Fly in, Portlaoise
- Jul 17-18, Aerobatics, South Leinster Aerobatics Champs (Standby Team Trial), Model County MFC

There is not a lot more I can say about this than what is already in the news section but do go and have a browse through and don't forget to thank Brian for his hard work and skills! While you are sitting at the computer, do go and look for anything that can be sent by email. If it is in a suitable format for email, then this is material that Brian would like to upload so please do send it on: [srfcmail@gmail.com](mailto:srfcmail@gmail.com)

## Tim's Tips

If your fuel feed tubing is touching the cylinder head it might melt. But if you slip 3 or 4 rubber 'O' rings over the tubing it will keep it clear of the engine.

Talking of 'O' rings. To make an excellent aircraft instrument panel, find a photo on Google, print it onto thick glossy paper, cut it out and stick it to a balsa backing. Then stick suitable different 'O' rings over the instruments. Don't use cyano glue – it will mist-over the photo. Use Canopy Glue which sticks any plastic to anything.

The protective backing on Solarfilm is difficult to remove. But stick short lengths of sellotape on either side of the film, face to face, near a corner and you can pull them apart easily.

How to hold the wire legs on an undercart together while soldering them. Get an old tin can or bowl. Fill it with sand and poke the wire pieces into the sand at the correct angle. That will hold them steady for soldering.