

**Dates for your Diary** *Stick this on your noticeboard or behind the mantelpiece clock*



**June 13th 6.30 Club Night. Field**

*Hopefully a warm, balmy evening at the field, with a barbecue.*

**Note: This is on the Thursday so we can fly till 9pm**

**June 23rd. BARCS F3J Competition - Field**

*Chelmsford is again playing host to this round of the prestigious National F3J glider competition.*

**Regrettably, there will be no power flying that day.**



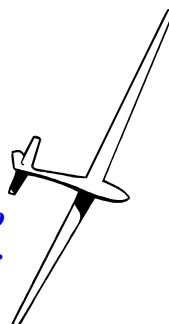
**July 10th 6.30pm Club Night.**

*Back to Wednesday at the Broomfield club-house for this*

**August 15th 6.30 Club Night. Field**

*Hopefully another warm, balmy evening at the field*

**Note: This is on the Thursday so we can fly till 9pm**



**TRAINING NIGHTS**

*Tuesday and Thursday evenings are traditionally given over to training, and there is also mixed training on Sunday morning.*

**Flying Instructors.**

*Some instructors are more active than others. If you are registered as a club instructor but are unwilling or unable to play your part in bringing on new flyers, let us know so we can remove you from the list.*

**Registered Club Instructors**

Bob Arrowsmith (FW power)	01245 608007
Pete Bethge (Heli)	01245 450832
Ted Gilbert (FW power)	01245 351576
George Green (FW power)	01255 862066
Paul Green (FW power)	01702 316450
Sean O Sullivan (FW power)	01245 496615
Colin Straus (FW power)	01245 421217
Steve Vickers (FW power)	01245 269241
Terry Young (FW power)	01245 465912

**BMFA Examiners**

Brian Austin Chief Examiner (FW power, Glider, Heli)	01245 320587
Colin Straus (FW power, Heli)	01245 421217

*As Chief Flying Instructor, Sean would like to see a more formal approach to sharing out the instructing load so that:*

- a. More trainees can get more intensive individual instruction and*
- b. he occasionally gets to fly his own aeroplanes.*

*If you are down as an instructor, it is likely you will be called upon to take your turn.*

# Airborne

Chelmsford Model Flying Club Members' Newsletter May 2002



**General View of the Brian's Easter Egg extravaganza. Seated here, he explains the intricacies of the marking system to Brian Vance**

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Dear member,  
 The membership continues to grow, we are now at 126- almost up to last year's total.  
 What continues to surprise me is how few of the members we ever see up at the flying field. We are a flying club and the facilities are there for all of us, why not take advantage.  
 With the new heli squares in position, and the field rolled everything is in place for a great year's flying  
 Happy flying  
 Dave Gothard  
 Chairman

**Please  
 Return**



**Pot Hunters United**

*We are still awaiting the return of the trophy for:  
 The most improved flyer of 2002  
 The Junior Trophy  
 The Radio Active Scale Trophy.  
 If you were the recipients of any of these, this message is for you:  
 Let's have them back for this year*

This was a decision on talking to various competitors over the past year, to try and even up the launch height's now being achieved by some competitors. To this end the results show that the competent flier will still achieve a good launch height, using a single man tow, with or without a pulley. Feedback at the end of the comp, was that competitors felt that it produced a more balanced result. What is needed is a winch that can equate nearer to the power of the single person tow, that can be **verified easily on the day.**

It was decided at the pilots briefing, that as the numbers flying would not allow a 9 man fly off, so a 6 man fly off was



**The final 6-person fly-off of the day**

held. Certificates were presented down to 9th place. Results are as follows:-

T Vale	2000
G Doonan	1539
N Warby	1346
T Gurrier	1025
A Gurrier	986
PWeston	806
G Wicks	
R Yates	
C Borman	
100s Winner - A Church	



**Big Easter egg for the winner...  
 little ones for the runners up**

**Representatives**

Power - Steve Trent	01245 250312
Glider - Brian Austin	01245 320587
Helicopter - Gary Thorpe	01245 466271
Training - Sean O'Sullivan	01245 614101

# What a 'LOT' we got

Auction 'LOTS' that is. The auction was one of the most successful we have had, and netted nearly £200 for club funds. Many said it was one of the best they had attended this season. Thanks go to Colin Straus and Brian Austin for their knowledge and patient handling of the crowd as auctioneers, to David Gothard for his legendary reach over the heads of the audience and to all the other members who helped.

The room was at bursting point because of the numbers attending and the numbers selling. The need to get around during transactions became a bit of a headache. There were also a lot of small items... it takes as long to auction a £5 battery pack as a £300 aeroplane. Finally, there was little viewing time because of shortage of time between the booking in and the auctioning.



the booking in period to include the afternoon. And in association with that, the facility for renting table-space for many of the small items for sale.

Also for the future, it might be worth considering a larger venue. And though the pricing and booking in is simplicity itself, perhaps we should consider an entry fee for each item, so as to 'discourage' many comparatively trivial items, which could be mopped up in the table-top sale.

An idea for the future might be to extend

## ACT... CONTACT... CONTACT... CONTACT...

Let us know if you have an e-mail address to get *Airborne* electronically to keep the club's postage within reasonable limits?

*If you have anything you are bursting to share with the other club members, or anything to sell, let me, Jim Hutchon, know on 01245 601999, e-mail j.hutchon@blueyonder.co.uk. This section is also for Free member's adverts. Clear out your lofts and blow off the cobwebs.*

### Free For Sale Ads

Pretty little Lazy Bee, OS15, 3 servos,  
1 mini, Rx. Ready to fly

01245 601999..... £70

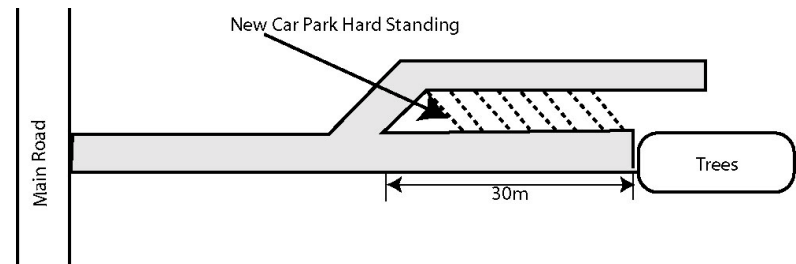


Chairman: Dave Gothard. Vice-Chairman: Colin Straus. Secretary: Steve Smith. Treasurer Brian Vance.

# New Car-park Hard Standing

With the recent wet weather, going axle-deep in a muddy carpark is not an option. The farmer has agreed that we can lay down material in the area between the two paths... where they split towards the existing carpark. The area is 30m long, but only about 2m wide, so cars using it would have to park at an angle.

Sean is the construction king on this one, and when the time comes, he will be calling for volunteers to help put it together.

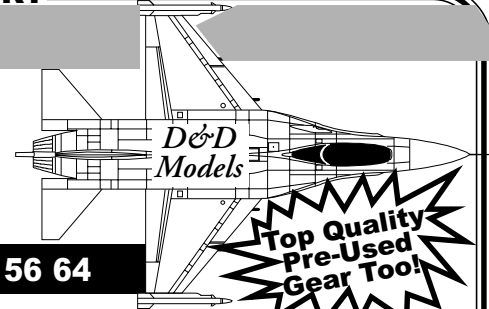


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# Brian's Great Easter Egg Adventure

*Report by  
Competition  
Director  
Brian Austin*

**The weather proved to be ok on the day, as the promised showers did not materialise, at least until the comp finished.**

Wind was light, from the South, at the start, but built up progressively, when by halfway through the day it was about 15-18mph. Lift was there if you could find it, track back and return. Very important the last bit as several fliers found out.

Pre entered fliers number's amounted to 30, of which 25 actually flew.

The non availability of the Soarer - it has to be said - contributed to the low entry. This is due to the fact that those who do not have Internet access, would not have known that, the event was a Barcs League event this year. There were a few fliers who did contact me to say that they would not attend, as winches would not be allowed this year.

**We aim, in every issue of Airborne, to feature a member's model. Where better to start than with Colin Straus' legendary B29, which featured in most of the big airshows last year.**



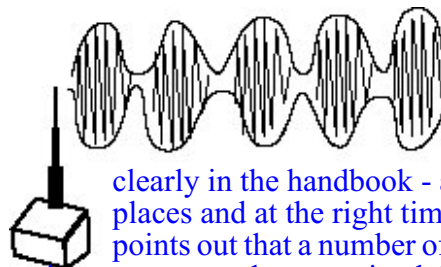
# Heli Squares



AS WE REPORTED in the last newsletter, the planning for the heli squares was well underway, and awaiting the farmer's go-ahead. Since then, it has happened, the second square is in place and both are being used to the general delight of all.

*Pete Bethge and the rest of the Heli members would like to thank Fred Hawthorne and Steve Godwin for all their help in rolling and preparing the new Heli Squares, also thanks to Gary our Rep for his help in getting the new squares O.K'd*

# Safe Flying



One of the single most important ways we can all contribute towards flying safety is to pay close attention to frequency control. Each of the disciplines has its own set of frequencies - laid out clearly in the handbook - and using the right frequencies in the right places and at the right times will keep us in the air. Sean O'Sullivan points out that a number of flyers who have gone on from the instruction programme have retained their training frequency crystals. Arguably these are the most dangerous frequencies to use for general flying as there is more chance of a novice switching on his transmitter by mistake. Perhaps we should have crystal exchange programme, where those moving from one discipline to another swap crystals with anyone going the other way. An example would be a pilot leaving the training programme swapping his crystals with a new flyer with a newly-bought Tx with the wrong crystal.

**Power Rep**  
*Delighted Steve Trent has agreed to continue his activities as Power representative. Well done Steve, hopefully we can see a return to Power competitions in the months to come.*