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Bonanza Bon Voyage  
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**On the Cover; Some of the Models at I.G. Warbird**

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## Editorial

As you can see, this is a reduced issue of Flightlines. The reason is the lack of both articles and photographs submitted for this edition. Last year I was in the envious position of having, at times, an excess of articles, (they all got to be included). Yes, you guessed what this is leading up to. Please send in anything you can for inclusion in future editions. I would particularly like to have any photographs you may have, remember, if you send me the original ones, they will be returned to you with your copy of Flightlines. The deadline for inclusion in the June issue is May 31st.

I have received a couple of complaints concerning derogatory comments made in the February edition relating to ARTF's and the users of them. I take on board that perhaps these negative type of comments are of concern, in particular, to some of the newer members of our hobby, and, therefore, should not be included in future editions.

I have also received the following, which speaks for itself;

*"Can I point out something to you about this edition, referring to 'Roundwood – an appraisal' article by one Paul Fetherstonhaugh where he uses the childish and vulgar piece: 'there is no excuse for not getting it out and up – your aircraft that is'. How brave and clever! I don't think. Bad enough, but in his other article 'Scale Secretary – an introduction' he again quite un-necessarily uses another bit of smut: 'to fly is probably healthier than shagging'. It may well be, Chris, but do we really need to see these very poor attempts at schoolboy humour in our well-received magazine?"*

*I thought comes to mind about that. We are now desperately seeking new younger members to the hobby and MACI and, whether we like it or not, they will be buying ARTF models. This indicates a strong measure of intelligence and commitment and I am sure the younger guys will be surprised to see these pathetic 'adult' attempts at humour in what should be a magazine for mature people. So Chris can I plead with you to use your editorial powers and blue pencil on behalf of all ages of MACI members and nip this sad business in the bud please.*

*Tim Costello."*

Point taken!

**Chris Clarke**



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Editor: Emil Ch. Giezendanner

## **Building and running Warbird models**

**IG Warbird a Group of Model Pilots with an Interest in History**



**IG Warbird, IGW was founded in 1993 in Triengen, Switzerland and now already has close to a hundred members from Switzerland and other countries.**

**IG Warbird is a group for all those interested in and somehow involved with Warbirds. The majority of our members are enthusiastic model pilots but there are**

**also numerous people with an interest in history from the people carrying scene.**

### **Enthusiasm for Aeroplanes from the Past**

Every year, in winter, the IGW holds a flying meet and general meeting. Members are kept up to date by means of the annually published IGW-Info bulletin. There are also trips to museums or flying days in Switzerland and abroad. The focus is on enthusiasm for aeroplanes from the past. This also includes contacts with the original (fullscale) Warbird scene.

## **Sharing Experience is Important**

A lot of the activities of IG Warbird are centred around sharing experience. Knowledge about the installation of combustion engines and, more recently, large electric motors, landing gear, aerodynamics, flying tactics, etc. are of particular importance for the frequently larger models in the Warbird model scene.

The focus of the annual meetings of IG Warbird pilots is mainly on flying the models and companionship. They take place alternately in German, French and Italian speaking parts of Switzerland. The huge experience of members organised in the IG Warbird has created a fantastic pool of skills, knowledge and experience about building and running Warbird models. Emphasis is on advice for difficult building stages, assistance during first flights of models and tips for optimising batteries or engines.



### **Aeroplanes**

The flying days in spring or autumn focus on flying. Scale and size of the Warbirds are unimportant. There is room in the flying programme for smaller models being flown in patrol formation as well as large fighter planes. There may also be planes equipped with comprehensive special features or even models with jet engines from the early days of the jet age.

## **IG Warbird Organisation**

Organisation and leadership of IGW is ensured by committed model pilots who also maintain friendly relationships with groups in neighbouring countries. Overall coordination and cooperation with the Swiss Model Flight Association and the Aero Club of Switzerland are also undertaken by an active IGW pilot. Joint trips to air shows in Switzerland and abroad complement the numerous diverse joint activities within the IG Warbird group.

For more information visit: [www.igwarbird.ch](http://www.igwarbird.ch)

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## **Glide - In Dates and Contacts**

ISR Glide-in. Mt Leinster. 16th/17th May  
Contact Joe Doyle (Josephdoyle@mac.com) (086 6032598)

MACI Glide-in Tountinna(Killaloe). 13th/14th June  
Contact Gerry Buckley (gerryb2003@eircom.net) (086 3497493)

Retroplane 2009 Mt Leinster. 10th-13th July  
Contact Fred Marie (fred@gliderireland.net) (087 6204826)

ISR Glide-in. Mt Leinster. 12th/13th September  
Contact Joe Doyle (Josephdoyle@mac.com) (086 6032598)



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# Leinster Championships



Hosted by:  
The Model County Flying Club

Saturday 23<sup>RD</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2009

## **COMPETITION**

(This is a M.A.C.I. sanctioned competition.)

### **Competition Classes:**

**F3A**

**MASTERS**

**NOVICE**

**Pilots briefing: 9:30am**

Food available on site all day.  
Just bring appetite.

Competition Entry: €25 for F3A, 20 for Masters and Novice  
Food Included

Contact: Brian Carolan 087 6501284

See directions to new flying site on page 13 &  
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## THE FEENEY FILES

# BONANZA BON VOYAGE!

**GERARD FEENEY UNVEILS THE FINAL CHAPTER IN HIS  
LARGE-SCALE TOP FLITE BEECHCRAFT 'BONANZA'  
HISTORY...**

Long-time readers of this newsletter may be familiar with my chunky 80"-span Top Flite Beechcraft 'Bonanza' model. I originally received the kit (plus the cockpit fittings kit) to review in early 1997 and it took almost five years to complete, finally taking to the skies in the late summer of 2002. That building and flying process was somewhat fraught with delays and frustrations and each tortuous step was dutifully logged and reported in these pages. In the end, it actually flew very nicely, but it didn't have that many flights due to transportation hassles getting it to a suitable site where ROGs were possible.



*Blast from the past: Gerard in 2002 with the finished Top Flite Beechcraft Bonanza at John Doran's take-off strip.*

So what happened to it since 2002 and where is it now? Well, it has in fact recently departed from Ballybeg for Kent, so it is no longer taking up space in the 'hovel'! Allow me to briefly explain what took place...



*Present tense? Gerard in January 2009 with the cleaned-up, re-assembled model shortly before it was collected.*

## **EDITING PROCESS**

After the multi-part review appeared in 'RCM&E' magazine, the model was just sitting about taking up space here in the cottage, with the fuselage in the front room and the wings in my bedroom. I always hoped to get back to John Doran's full-size microlight patch in Co. Westmeath to fly it again, but that never happened. I was then contemplating taking it off from the neighbour's field across the road in Ballybeg, when I got the most unexpected offer out of the blue!

One day when I was speaking to Graham Ashby about the model, he suddenly said that he'd like to purchase it for his own use! I knew he always fancied it since the review appeared, but I never dreamt that he'd pay real money to take it off my hands! A very satisfactory financial deal was struck, I got paid quite quickly, and I was asked to keep it safe until such time as he could call over in person to collect it. I said I would and I then decided not to risk flying it again in case it'd come to grief.

That 'transaction' must have happened about early- to mid-2003 and I was eagerly expecting his arrival in due course. But, the years went by and a succession of snags prevented him from travelling. Then, in 2007 and 2008, both Graham and David Ashby hoped to call together to collect the (now very dusty and a bit tatty!) model. But, alas, that rendezvous also fell through. I was getting a bit twitchy!



*Mel Broad and Gerard try to fit inside Gerard's small bedroom with the fully-assembled model!*

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Then, in January 2009, the situation was finally sorted – though in a slightly disappointing manner. Unfortunately, neither Graham nor David could make it over still, so the ‘Bo’ was finally collected by friends of theirs. It was such an anti-climax not to meet them in person, but at least I was finally getting the model out of my (now so white) hair!



*Take it away! Mel and Sheila Broad depart with the disassembled Bonanza*

it about and cleaning that bulky, bulbous airframe.

At long last, on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the big buxom Beechcraft Bonanza was collected and taken to a hopefully better place! I was a bit sad to see it go, but generally I was pleased as it had been just taking up space doing nothing useful for all those years.

On the following Monday the model arrived in Kent at Mel’s son’s house and from there it was collected by Graham. I was somewhat apprehensive as to what Graham would think of the model and how it’d compare to other models he’d seen at shows and such like. As it turned out, I had a favourable outcome on that score. Let’s just say that his response to the model was extremely gratifying. I was most chuffed!

Mel and Sheila Broad are an R/C aeromodelling husband and wife duo who live in Nenagh and, as luck would have it, they are contacts of the Ashbys. An e-mail from Graham said that Mel would be going over to Kent soon and could I have the model ready for collection? I reluctantly agreed and got it cleaned up ready for its pending departure. I had partially forgotten just how big and heavy the model was, and it was quite a time-consuming job moving



*The model travelled in relative comfort in the back of Mel’s van.*

## **FLYING BONANZA?**

Graham now hopes to fly it at his patch in Headcorn, Kent, when he gets the radio installation sorted for his own gear. I hope they will be very happy together and I hope that it flies as well as it did at John Doran's place! The last I heard was that he's not had time to sort it, but hopefully he will soon. With luck, it will see much more airborne action than it did with me. From the pictures of the manicured grass take-off area I've seen, it should be able to complete really smooth ROGs and landings to compliment its overall flying performance.



*Final flashback: The Bonanza way back in 2002 again. RCM&E editor Graham Ashby loved the finished product as soon as he saw the photographs! Now the model will fly once more in Kent, at Graham's home patch.*

I never thought when I was building this model, and feeling so stressed and annoyed, that it'd end up as the RCM&E editor's favourite plaything. But I guess that anything is possible in 'The Zone'! Maybe, if I play my cards right, I can one day own a life-size autographed Dana cardboard cut-out or maybe find an ARTF model that I actually like. But, one shouldn't wish for too many extreme riches in this life...

***Gerard Feeney***

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# Model County Scale Gala



Hosted by:

**The Model County Flying Club**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**COMPETITION**

(This is a M.A.C.I. sanctioned competition.)

**Competition Classes:**

**F4C**

**Clubmans Scale**

**M.A.C.I. Scale**

Starting time: 9am

Food available on site all day.

Just bring appetite.

Competition Entry: €20

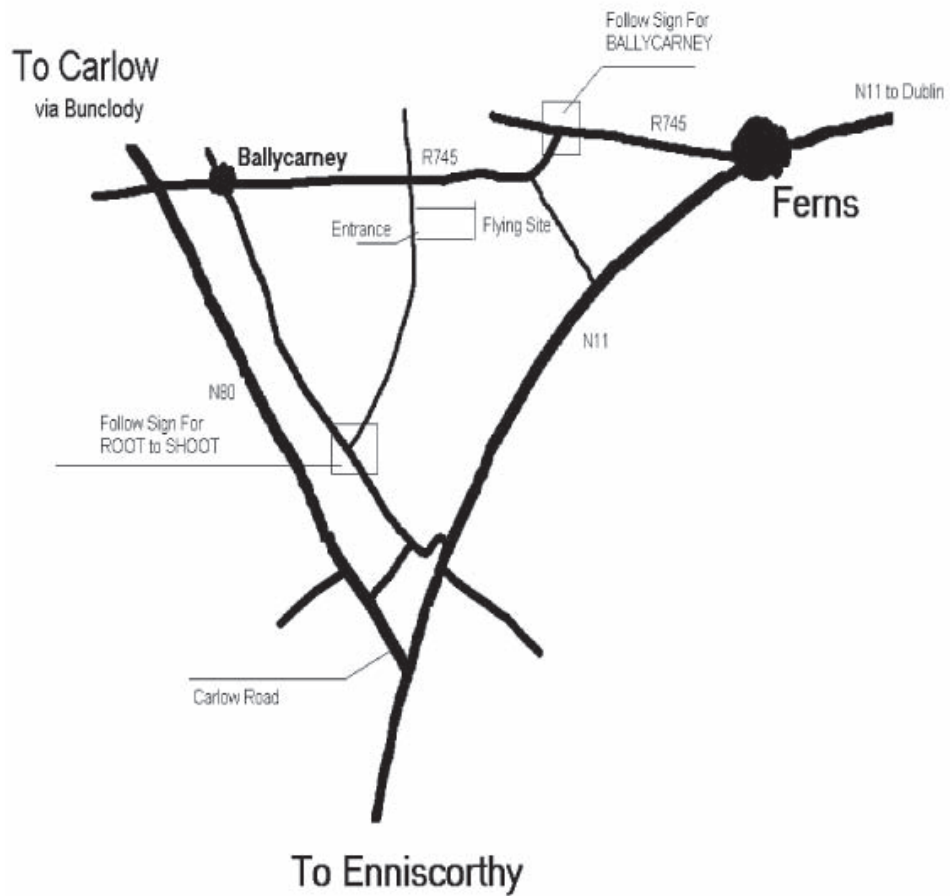
Food Included

Contact: Dessie Owens 087 2220824 [mail@aimtechltd.net](mailto:mail@aimtechltd.net)

See directions to new flying site on opposite page.

This will be a great Event and flying will continue OFF THE PEG until sunset with food/Barbaque all day so bring along a model compete/watch and fly.

## Model County Flying Club Site



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# More Nostalgia

## Some of the Founder Members of the Newbridge & District M.F.C.



*Back row - Left to Right*

*Dominic Nolan (joined later), Eamonn Keenan (founder member), Ray Wright (joined later) and Sean Treacy (founder member).*

*Front row - Left to Right (all founder members)*

*Justin Treacy, Brian Sloan, Seamus Lynch and Peter Early.*

There were three other founder members who are not in the photo -  
Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Hammond and Frank Taylor



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***Back: Eamonn Keenan.***

***L- R Front: Justin Treacy, Brian Sloan , Seamus Lynch, Peter Early***

The title of the song 'What a difference a day makes' comes to mind! No need to state the obvious re the ageing process, but a few things are noticeable. In the 1974 photograph, three of the founding fathers sported beards, but now four have them albeit a whiter shade of pale. All still prefer to have their photos taken in the welcoming arms of the pub!

Finally, it was unanimously agreed that all would meet again in 35 years time for the next photograph.

***Eamonn Keenan***

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# South Leinster Championships



Hosted by:  
**The Model County Flying Club**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2009

## **COMPETITION**

(This is a M.A.C.I. sanctioned competition.)

Competition Classes:

F3A

MASTERS

NOVICE

PILOTS BRIEFING: 9:30am

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**LAOIS SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2009**



**The Laois & District Model Aero Club  
Clondouglas, Portlaoise**

**Saturday and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**F4c Scale  
M.A.C.I. Scale  
Clubmans Scale  
"Look a Like"**

**Contest Director : Fergus O'Reilly/Steve Elster**

**Pilots' Briefing : 9.00 am    First Flight : 9.30 am**

M.A.C.I. Insurance and Large Model Registration must be shown on the day

Complimentary sandwiches, tea and coffee available all day !



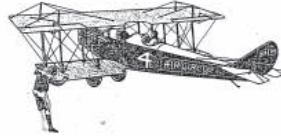
**Entry Fee : €20.00**

**Further details from Fergus O'Reilly (087 2888352) or  
Steve Elster (086 4061822)**

**Please contact the Contest Director if the weather forecast threatens to  
force a cancellation - a decision will be made by 8 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

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**LEINSTER SCALE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2009**



**The Laois & District Model Aero Club  
Clondouglas, Portlaoise**

**Saturday and Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009**

**F4c Scale  
M.A.C.I. Scale  
Clubmans Scale  
"Look a Like"**

**Contest Director : Fergus O'Reilly/Steve Elster**

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## **2009 Competition Dates**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Competition:</b>	<b>Venue:</b>
<b><u>F3A Aerobatics</u></b>		
April 25/26	Tipperary Championships	Carron
May 23/24	Leinster Championships	Model County
June 20/21	Munster Championships	Cork MAC
July 4/5	Triple Crown	Scotland
July 18/19	South Leinster Championship	Model County
Aug 1/2/3	F3A Nationals (team trial)	Carron
Aug 8/9	F3A Nationals (alternative date)	
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	World F3A Championships	Portugal
Sept 5/6	Standby Aerobatics date	
Sept 19/20	Autumn Aerobatic Activity (team trial)	Cork MAC
Sept 26/27	Autumn aerobatic Activity (alternative date)	
<b><u>Scale</u></b>		
May 3	Scale Fly in	Curragh
June 6	Scale Gala	Model County
June 7	Scale Fly in	Model County
June 20/21	Leinster Championships	Portlaoise
July 25/26	Laois Scale Championships	Portlaoise
Sept 13	Scale fly in	Roundwood
Sept 19/20	Scale Nationals	T.B.A.
Sept 27	Scale Fly in	Curragh

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**Helicopter**

June 6	Heli Challenge	Round 2	Athlone MFC
Aug 22	Heli Challenge	Round 3	Cork MAC
Sept 19/20	Heli Nationals		Carron

**Control Line**

Sept 19/20	Control line Nationals	T.B.A.
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**Glider**

May 16/17	ISR Glide-In	Mt. Leinster
June 13/14	MACI Glide-in	Tountinna(Killaloe)
July 10-13	Retroplane 2009	Mt. Leinster
Sept 12/13	ISR Glide In	Mt. Leinster

**Bring & Buy sale**

October 31	Royal County Aeromodellers Bring & Buy Sale	T.B.A.
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**Other**

April 19	Grant Capel Memorial Fly-in & BBQ	Letterkenny MFC <a href="http://www.letterkennymodelflyingclub.com">www.letterkennymodelflyingclub.com</a>
Aug 16	Autumn Fly-In	Letterkenny MFC <a href="http://www.letterkennymodelflyingclub.com">www.letterkennymodelflyingclub.com</a>

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*One of the Larger Models at I.G. Warbird*