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Topflite Elder



Midland Model Flying Club



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Monster 3 Day Fun Fly & Bring and Buy 13th/14th/15th June 2014

As last years event on the 8th and 9th of June was such a huge success we said we'd go one better this year.

This year were having a three-day event.

Friday and Saturday night will be an overnight in Boora with camping facilities (Weather permitting) Two generators will supply power and floodlighting which should help those on the Friday and Saturday night that has never tried night flying before. Tents can be pitched one side of the pits area or if your one of the lucky people that has a camper van there is adequate room in the car park.

Last year we had an auction on behalf of **MMFC** and this went down a treat so we will have the same this year.

Again this year, emphasis will be on **FUNFLYING** so we intend having loads of prizes for all types of crazy flying in both fixed wing and heli. and the lads in Boora have been busy practicing a lot of this type of flying.

A MONSTER BARBECUE will take place on Saturday evening and a get together and sing song around a safe bonfire with Bord na Mona's permission is not to be missed, and food will again be supplied all weekend.

A shuttle service will be laid on for those who want to visit The Pub in Boora next to the Bord Na Mona workshop or some of the pubs in Kilcormack.

Again we will have Films on the big screen on both Friday and Saturday night.

As with other years **we will try** and have as many Commercial outlets there as possible, Model Heli Services, Eamon Morrissey, Anthony Phelan, ect..

Orders can also be taken for a massive fry up Saturday and Sunday morning.

As always M.A.C.I. Rules will be adhered to; so DON'T FORGET YOUR MACI CARD

So why not make this a weekend for the whole family and come Camping with the Lads in Boora.

All are welcome Planes, Helis, and Jets.

Best regards.

Declan Heneghan. Secretary. Midland Model Flying Club. 00353872625868

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The next MACI Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday March 25th 2013 in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise, at 8:00pm.

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Editorial

So, another flying season is about to start, (I know that some of you hardy souls have continued flying throughout the Winter). Here's hoping that we

get a repeat of last years good weather, without these winds that have plagued us for the last few months.

Once again, can I ask, (beg?), you for any articles and photo's that you think would be of interest to your fellow modellers. If it had not been for Dermot Gannon's contribution, this issue would have been a very thin one, so thank you Dermot.

Large Model Registration

The period of cover given for the Registration of Large Models has now been increased from 1 year to 3 years. This was agreed at a Council Meeting last year and ratified at the AGM

This takes effect immediately, so when you register your model this year, it will be covered until the beginning of 2017.

If during this period you sell the model on, it is important that you notify MACI as soon as possible.

The deadline for the next issue is May 31st.

Safe Flying.

Chris Clarke

MACI F3N Heli Sporting Code

MACI F3N

There will be 3 different classes

1 MACI novice F3N

2 MACI intermediate F3N

3 F3N

The novice is a max K of 16 with 4 set manoeuvres and 3 min freestyle

Intermediates with a K factor of 16 to 50 with 8 set manoeuvres and a freestyle

F3N with a k factor of over 50 with 8 set manoeuvres a free style and freestyle to music

All 40 manoeuvres can be used in the F3N list

These can be used in the novice.

1 Forward Circle K2

MA enters the manoeuvre forwards in upright flight and performs a horizontal circle aligned to the centre line.

2. Pirouette K1.5

MA hovers in upright flight and performs a slow (at least 4 seconds) 360° -pirouette, maintaining its lateral position.

3. Double Roll Forwards K3.5

MA enters in upright forwards flight and performs two consecutive axial rolls.

4. Horizontal 8 K3.5

MA enters in upright forward flight parallel to the judges' line, performs a 90° - turn to a straight flight above the centre line and then performs a horizontal eight, consisting of two 360° circles.

5. 180 Degree Stall Turn K2.5

MA enters in upright forward flight and performs a quarter (inside) loop to a vertical climb. Just before the stall, MA performs a 180° - pirouette to a vertical (nose down) dive, followed by another quarter (inside) loop.

6. Roll Forwards K2

MA enters in upright forward flight and performs a axial roll.

7. Autorotation K3.5

MA enters in an altitude of at least 25 metres of upright flight. The engine must be idle and the MA descends in an autorotative state and descends to a smooth landing on the helipad.

Pick four manoeuvres from the list above or from the lowest 14 manoeuvres in the F3N Set Manoeuvres (21 manoeuvres in total to choose from) with max K factor 16

This is a link to the FAI F3 helicopter sporting code.

http://www.fai.org/downloads/ciam/SC4 Vol F3 Helicopters 2013

Proof of insurance is required All are welcome.

George Ryan

Topflite Elder 52FS 2013 Build



This little beauty is a Topflite Elder 40, my first ever kit build as a modeller of only 2 years. It was a most enjoyable model to build and an easy one for a first build.

Of course my only thoughts all along were.. will it take off, if it takes off will it fly and if it flies, will it land in one piece.. Gladly the above picture shows the end result coming home from her maiden....First solo, passing A and B cert were great, but maidening something I built from the beginning...special. Here is how the build went......

The kit cost around €114 from Model Heli Services and came in a small box, how on earth would I make a 1500mm span plane from this I asked? All the wood seemed of a good quality and I got stuck into identifying all the various parts from the well laid out plans.



I also sorted out what bits I needed to buy to get it in the air..I opted for a SC52 fourstroke, Omni USA wheels and guns, Spectrum A6000 Digital servos (4), a wooden Zinger prop and a pilot suited to the era of WW1 fighter planes.





I set out a building board on ½ inch marine grade ply and started out making the tail sections.

The stab was an easy 2D design and was quickly assembled using CA and PVA. I cut out the plans for the smaller sections to ease the build process.

The Fin was of similar construction and was bonded to the Stab with PVA.

I moved on to the wings and they were an easy build bar the wing tips. The wings had a dihedral angle of 8 degrees but I decided to cut this to 4 degrees as I have flown far less in terms of dihedral.



Construction was made easy by the

use of mitre bond adhesives and pva on the structural/load bearing elements. There was only one servo to install for the ailerons which was tricky enough to work out but it fitted well in the end.

The fuselage was a very easy build and I used PVA throughout for strength. The accuracy of the die cut parts was superb and I had no paring or fitting to do on any bulkhead.

Sheeting was easy to the rear but was tricky at the fore region due to the curves involved. Again, the mire bond glue made it very doable as a first build project.



I used a few laser pens to keep the formers in perfect alignment and this effort paid off later when I had to join the wing to the fuselage.



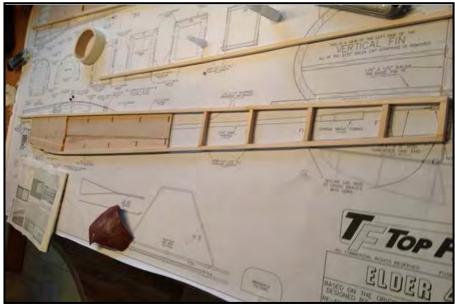


Kitting out: I proceeded to build the undercarriage and added a wooden plank made from walnut to make the plane look more ww1 but also because the elder is known for being tail heavy from rc forums I visited.



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I opted for heavy wire wheel to complete the vintage look and also to add some forward weight for balancing.





The Pilot bust and Vickers gun were sourced in the USA from OMNI models..painting the pilot was left to the Art Teacher in local school and the scarf left to the better half.

Since the Elder is not a scale model but rather an interpretation of the WW1 Eindekker, I decided to go with a modern covering scheme but also to use the lovely military decals provided. I used Oracover which is very easy to use even for me as a beginner.

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So when it was completed I centre of Gravity tested and it still needed 100grms lead added under the front cowl area...checked all the throws and links and made the scary decision to put her up..It was a cold day and there was a little wind. Paul Featherstonehaugh had the camera to hand and there is footage on youtube of the maiden. Heart beating, throat dry, up went the left stick and she leapt into the air quickly but didn't stall... trimming took a few circuits but she performed flawlessly. What a tremendous feeling to see her land so gracefully.. I was happy...the gods were content and the planets had aligned.

Next up is a twin 52 fs which I am designing myself and cannot wait to get that feeling of maidening a build again.



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Not bad for a first build.

Dermot Gannon Stradbally RC

FAI SCALE CHANGES 2014

The FAI has implemented their approved changes to the Sporting code with effect from 1^{St} January 2014.

The main changes that relate to Scale are;

- > New Static marking for F4C and F4H (Stand Off Scale) now a 2 page document
- > K factor changes to Score & Static Sheets
- > Changes to Mandatory and other Flying Options
- > Guidelines for F4G Large Scale
- > Rules for F4 J Team Scale

The full list of all changes can be found on the MACI Web site by typing the following into the address bar of your Browser, and then view the summary of changes on Page 6 & 7 of the FAI rules.

http://www.maci.ie/contest-planning/FAI-Code-Sportif-F4C-RC-Scale-2014.pdf

The revised Score sheets and Static marking sheets will be available for download from the MACI web site as a pdf file before the start of the competition season.

The classes for Competition Flying for the MACI 2014 season will also be stated on the web site - rationalised for our Scale Scene.

Tony Greene

MACI Scale Secretary

SCALE NATIONALS 2014

The Scale National Competition is the Premier event of the year for all Scale Pilots and enthusiasts. The date for this year Nationals is 23rd/24th August.

Whether you come to participate in the competition or just to have a look at the assembled models or to meet fellow liked minded individuals - it is always an enjoyable day or two.

The Nationals have been very successfully held for the last two years in the Model County Flying Club and before that for a good few years in the Laois Model Aero Club.

The hosting of the event by any particular Club should be regarded as an added bonus to the success of the Club's flying season.

The requirement to host the Scale Nationals is no more onerous than for any other competition. There should be no concern about judges as the MACI will look after this. In fact the MACI will assist any Club in the hosting of the Nationals or indeed any other Regional Scale Event.

I believe that the Scale Nationals should be rotated around the country and I would like to give all Clubs who have any interest in Scale a chance to hold this prestigious event and more importantly, it may make it easier, for any new entrants their may be, to join the competition scene and to participate in familiar surroundings.

Would your Club be Interested in hosting the event?

If the answer is Yes then please let me know and we can discuss this further

Tony Greene

MACI Scale Secretary

Contact details: Mobile 086 0212549 or email: scale@maci.ie

2013 FAI F3C/F3N WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Wloclawek Poland July 18th to 28th



2013 saw the first ever FAI F3N World championship take place in Poland and Ireland was represented by a team consisting of Noel Campion (pilot) Barry Kennedy (pilot) and myself George Ryan (pilot/team manager) preparation began in February with preliminary entry to be submitted by the 28th of that month and flights car hire accommodation and model's to be organised .

DAY 1

We flew from Cork to Warsaw and drove the 200km to Wloclawek checked into the hotel and reassembled our models ready for the next day.

Today we headed out to the airfield (which is a very active site with skydiving, full-size fixed wing and helicopter gliders, models and hot air balloons all making use of this facility) to register the team then off to one of the practice sites to test fly our reassembled models and some practice flights then back to the main site for the opening ceremony .





After this I attended the team managers meeting .



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Today was a free day for us so it was out to the practice fields again where we met some of the other competitors.

DAY 4

Today was model processing and official practice the models were checked over by the organisers and given there stamp of approval then over to the competition flight line for our allocated 30 minutes of practice.

DAY 5Today we had the first two rounds of the competition round 1 (set manoeuvres) in the morning.

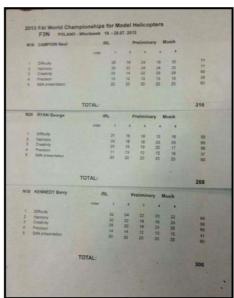
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This was the second day of competition with another round of set manoeuvres in the morning.



And Freestyle music in the afternoon



So this was the end of the preliminary flights and none of us made it into the top 10.



Day off from competition

DAY 8

First two flights of the final today.

DAY 9

Final two flights today and closing ceremony. Banquet held later in the evening,



Pack up helis check out of hotel drive back to Warsaw fly to Cork drive home.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL



TEAM



This was a great experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone.

George Ryan

Helicopter Secretary



2013 Contest Calendar



For Up-To-Date details visit **www.maci.ie**

Scale

Please note

All Scale Championships, except the Scale Nationals, will be held on a Saturday. In the event of a large number of competitors or bad weather on the Saturday, then the Sunday will be utilised. Please check with the contact below, or visit the MACI web-site, on the Friday that the competition is going ahead.

April 13	Scale Fly-In Laois MAC Paul Fetherstonhaugh 087 1331736	
May 25	Scale Fly-In Paul Fetherstonhaugh 087 13.	Laois MAC 31736
June 8	Scale Fly-In M Andy Ryan rinomodels@gma	Iodel County MFC il.com
June 21-22	Leinster Scale Championships Paul Fetherstonhaugh 087 13	
July 5-6	East Coast Scale Champs Liam Jackson 087 2562293	Roundwood
July 26-27	Midland Scale Championships Declan Henegan 087 2625868	
August 10	Scale Fly-In Paul Fetherstonhaugh 087 13	Laois MAC 31736 scale@maci.ie
August 23-24	Scale Nationals T	BA
September 14	Scale Fly In Declan Henegan 087 2625868	Midland MFC 8 declan.h@unison.ie

IMAC

April 27 IMAC training day Midland MFC

Brian Foran 086 2578228 brianforan777@gmail.com

Pilot briefing 9:30 am sharp

F3A

May 10-11	North Munster Champs Carron Co. Tipperary Gordon James 0868269840 gordonjames03@gmail.com
June 7-8	Munster Champs Brinny, Cork Noel Barrett 0872237330 nbarrett@indigo.ie
June 21-22	South Leinster Champs Model County MFC Brian Carolan 087 6509848 briancarolan13@gmail.com
July 10-19	F3A European Champs Bendern, Liechtenstein Gunther M att 004232325531 ec-f3a-2014@mfgl.li
Aug 2-4	Aerobatic Nationals/Team Trials Rd. 1 Carron, Cork Gordon James 0868269840 gordonjames03@gmail.com
Aug 16-17	Back up date TBA
Aug 30-31	Leinster Championships Model County MFC Brian Carolan 087 6509848 briancarolan13@gmail.com
Sept. 13-14	Triple Crown Hurley, England
September 27-28	Autumn Aerobatic Champs/Team Trial, Leg 2 Brinny, Cork Noel Barrett 0872237330 nbarrett@indigo.ie
Oct. 4-5	Back up date for Team Trials TBA

Helicopter

April 13	F3N Championships George Ryan 087-6455951	Waterford helicopter@maci.ie
May 11	F3N Championships George Ryan 087-6455951	MidlandsMFC helicopter@maci.ie
June 8	F3N Championships George Ryan 087-6455951	Shankill MFC helicopter@maci.ie
June 27-30	3D Heli Competition George Ryan 087-6455951	TBA helicopter@maci.ie
August 16-187	Heli Nationals George Ryan 087-6455951	Carron Tipperary helicopter@maci.ie

Gliding

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March 8-9	PSS Over Ireland Fred M	Mt. Leinster, Wexford darie fred@gliderireland.net
April 12-13	Slope Fest & BBQ Fred M	Mt. Leinster, Wexford darie fred@gliderireland.net
May 3	Cork Glide-In Fred M	TBA farie fred@gliderireland.net
May 24-26	Glide-In hris Van Schoor 087-9297	Kerry 071crasherchris@gmail.com
June 14		nna, Ballina, Co. Tipperary Iarie fred@gliderireland.net
July 12-13	Scale Glider Contest/ Fred Marie fred@glid	Aerotow TBA
September 27-28	ISR Glide-In & BBQ Fred M	Mt. Leinster, Wexford farie fred@gliderireland.net



Donals Jumper 25 Hype 3D Midland MFC Fun-Fly 2013



Another shot from the Midland MFC Fun-Fly 2013



The Pits Area at Roundwood