



Bryan Woodmass

Sadly Bryan, known affectionately as 'Woody' to his friends passed away on the 22nd May 2007 after a long illness.

Bryan joined KMAC in approximately 1997 to learn to fly remote control model aircraft. Like a lot of novices he did not find it easy but with help from various club members and his own determination Bryan passed his 'A' cert in 2003. In the same year he was awarded the President's Trophy for the most improved flyer of that year.

However Bryan's main strength was in his building of scale models, either from a kit or a plan. Bryan was a perfectionist in this - near enough was not good enough for Bryan, it had to be perfect! He built some beautiful scale models but the highlight of his achievements was the winning of the prestigious 'Shuttleworth Trophy' in 2003, with a 1912 Blackburn mono-plane, ably flown by Bill Shaw. KMAC marked his achievement by presenting them both with a certificate of merit.

Bryan was a keen committee member for several years until his ill health forced him to resign.

It has been a great honour to have known Bryan and shared in his modelling activities, but even more so it has been a privilege to have called him a friend.

My thanks to Gordon Dawson for these kind words

Summer Review

'Well it looks like some fairer weather has arrived', these were my opening remarks in the 'What's Happening' section of the last newsletter. Then summer arrived and it was officially the wettest and windiest ever recorded. For the first time ever I saw the flying field under water in the middle of summer, causing havoc with mowing and maintenance of the grass.

But we had our highlights, the set aerobatics provided for a wonderful day, even with only a few entrants everyone enjoyed the event and we saw some excellent flying. Hats off to Martin Armistead, who undoubtedly shone above everyone in his abilities with his usual exceptional display but being the true sportsman that he is he declined to have his efforts marked.

In what was a close run event it was Brian Armstrong who came out top of the pack with an excellent display as well as what was universally agreed one of the most perfect approaches and landings seen at the club this year. Well done to everyone who attended and took part.

The 'Day Long Event' was yet again blessed with exceptional weather and a great turnout from members, sadly it was a little too windy for a perfect day, this tended to favour our more experience flyers in the air.

On the ground we were a little thin on entries for the Vintage and Scale events. But Gordon Dawson triumphed in the vintage class with his 'Red Zyper' and Brian

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Armstrong won through with his 'Stuka' in the scale class.

In the air we managed to run the limbo event, which as always was keenly contested. The windy conditions benefited the club's examiners with Andy McClure winning the IC event and Martin Armistead taking the electric class. The Flight Duration trial was very close with only 1 second separating the 1st and second places, with Robert Lund just failing to beat Andrew McClure. In the end Andrew completed a hat trick being triumphant in the spot landing. The windy conditions made this one of the most difficult events of the day so congratulations to everyone who took part and gave us all an event to remember.

Coupled to this we had demonstration flights from some of our accomplished flyers, experience flights for a few potential new members but most of all we had the chance to get together on a wonderful day just to talk. Our thanks go to the folks from 'Simply Delicious' who kept us all fed and watered though the day.

What's Happening

For many of use the outdoor season is coming to an end, I know the die hards will be there at every opportunity, even if it means frost bite to the extremities. For many (myself included) it is time to put away the planes and prepare for the long winter nights. But before we do that there is the last outdoor event of the year with 'Dusk Flying' starting at 3pm on Sunday 23rd September so get yourself along with a suitably illuminated plane to try something that is really different - flying in the dark!

All being well our friends from 'Simply Delicious' will be there to keep us fed and watered as well as putting on a 'Pie and Peas' supper at around 8pm. Please, please, please let me know by email, phone or post by the 15th of September if you will be attending this event and what kind of pie you would like, choices are Steak and Kidney, Meat and Potato, Meat, Pork (it's a Yorkshire thing apparently!) or Cheese and Onion. Price for pie and peas will be around £2.50. As I am sure members will appreciate this is the first time that we have run a night event so we really need to know if you are coming (or not) as we don't have the guys from Simply Delicious there if they aren't needed. But whatever it promises to be a cracking evening!

AGM 2007

It is hard to believe but it is time to start preparing for this year's AGM. The date has been set for Thursday 29th November 2007 at The Gilpin Bridge Hotel starting at 7pm. A full agenda for the event will be circulated nearer the time but any nominations for committee members need to be made soon. This year the position of Chairman and one committee member are on the rotation for election, the existing incumbents have agreed to stand again but any other nominations need to be sent to the club secretary no later than 5pm on Sunday 30th September 2007. Please remember that the person you nominate must agree to stand for the post, be nominated and seconded by two full club members and be available for the 3 year term of office stipulated in the constitution. Nominations must be in writing on the enclosed form.

Winter Events

Even though the nights are getting longer and the days are getting cooler (I know it has become warmer just recently but you know what I mean!) there is no need to despair as we have a very full set of winter events to keep you entertained, amused and to tune your flying skills.

There will be more indoor flying held in the sports hall at Dallam School, we still have to confirm the details but all being well these will be evening events held once each month in October, November, January, February, March and even into the summer (especially after this year) once a month with the exception of August. Dates and times will be confirmed soon!

The simulator nights that proved so popular last year will be held again, numbers at each event are limited so get your name in early to avoid disappointment. Everyone who attended last years events really enjoyed themselves and the experience of flying a simulator on the 80" screen really is as close to real as it gets!

The dates for the events are Tuesday November 13th, Thursday December 6th, Tuesday February 12th and Thursday 13th March. Come along and give it a go, I can almost guarantee that you will be impressed, even if you don't like simulators.

We will also be holding our annual club Christmas Dinner sometime in mid December, date and venue to be confirmed. Every year we have a great time and a meal of generous festive proportions so please try to attend as the 'more the merrier'

There are some speakers that we are hoping to line up during the winter, these will all be on an aero theme, either full size or modelling but again more details once we can confirm dates. All in all it should be a busy winter with more than 12 events already booked or in planning, so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

And Finally

A thank you to all the members, this year has seen some sad time, some fun times, some appalling weather as well as really pleasant weather tempered with poor flying conditions. It is fair to say that for the average flyer it has been a difficult year with few days suitable for our hobby. Some people would just give up and call it a day, yet the members of KMAC just keep bouncing back - so thank you, it makes all the work we do worth while and rewarding and I for one am already looking forward to a better season in 2008.

Chairman Duncan Brown

Secretary Andrew McClure

Treasurer David Foster

Committee Member Robert Lund

Committee Member John Mason

Committee Member Mark Shipley

Nomination Form for The Committee

(duplicate if required)

We the under signed wish to nominate

For the position of

Proposed By..... Signature.....

Seconded By..... Signature.....

I the nominee agree to stand for election to the committee and agree to abide by the clubs constitution and confirm that in this regard I will serve the minimum 3 year term.

Signature.....

Return this form to: Andrew McClure