

Flying in-formation

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Chairman's Chatter

A few short words to express thanks on behalf of myself and other members of your committee, to those that assisted in making the events of this year a resounding success. In no particular order Janet Lamb and daughter Jane for saving the day with the small pig and salad – Brian Hammon for car park duty and Marburg organisation – Roger Brown on commentary – Denis Pitcher and Brian Baker for Transmitter control – Graham Mills and Malcolm Ashton for flight control. Gill and John Hartley for Marburg present selection and purchase – Bryan Groves for organising the Club polo shirts - Mike Lamb who has this year provided most of the raffle prizes. Thank you all and the NMAC members and partners, for their support.

Earlier this year, I reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mike Ottway from the committee. Mike has provided service to the Club well beyond what can be expected of anyone. Over the last five years, he has been tireless in his secretarial and later field officer duties, and has helped to maintain the very fabric of the Club, as well as the Pavilion. We should now see much more of him, up at the flying field with a model or two! Thanks, Mike.

Mike Brisland

10th June, 75th Anniversary celebration

The day was fine, light winds, and a little overcast, which is good – keeps the sun out of your eyes!

The committee and other notable helpers arrived at the flying field about 8.00 and started setting everything out. Portaloo, Trani control tent, marquees, museum tent, picture gallery, drinks stalls, electric fencing (to keep the crowds in and the cows out!)



The day before, our Chairman Mike and I were checking things over, last minute, like you do. He checked the fence alright. Bowled him clean over.

So, back to the day itself. After lots of marching about and arm waving, last minute changes of plan, and so on, the event took shape and the early birds started to arrive for a spot of flying before the event commenced. Martin Holmes got the mower out and gave the turf a last minute cut. Shame his gas turbine was US. Flew a treat the week before.

Nearly everyone in the club was there, all dressed up in the new Club livery (a big thanks to Bryan for organising that), and several people from nearby Clubs including Nene Valley (nice to see you lads). We also had with us the son (Jim) and daughter in law (Christine) of our founder, Howard Boys. We had several of Howards' models on display, including the wing with which he won the Pterodactyl cup outright in 1950. We also had the replica built by Mr Twining of his 1911 Wakefield cup winner. He built the replica



T Frame pusher for the inauguration of the Club in 1932, and we had it hanging in the tent shown above. The model was borrowed from Sywell Air Museum, who look after it for us, and here it is being returned. If you have not been to the museum, it is well worth a visit.

Brian Baker had put together a picture gallery spanning 75 years, and all of the Club's silverware was on show.

Our friends John and Pauline from Flitehook came along, all the way from Southampton, with loads of stock.

Flying got underway, but as usual entrants for the competitions were shy, so everyone just enjoyed the day flying and chatting. One comp that we did hold, resurrected from yesteryear, was the Chuck Glider event. About ten of us had made entries and Peter Butler took the prize. Roger Brown and Mike Edgecombe tried some control line. Hardly stunts, but they did go round in circles.



Then, the food arrived. "Looks a bit small, that pig", someone muttered. It was. The wrong pig, that is. The suppliers had mixed up two events. Nevertheless, there was enough to go round. The public address system worked a treat, but as usual, some couldn't hear it and others complained that the incidental steam organ music was too loud.

Altogether, a very memorable day, the planning for which started back in January. Isn't it amazing how much work there is to do? As it turned out, it was worth every minute. At NMAC we are never short of volunteers, and so the announcements, car parking, transmitter control and flight line management were well staffed throughout the day. Thanks to everyone who helped to make Sunday 10th June a day to remember, and without wishing to single anyone out, a special thanks to Mick Lamb, whose idea it was.

Wings and Wheels, 23rd June

This year, the charabanc trip was to North Weald, and we had a full coach, as well as a couple of members that went under their own steam. The forecast was for showers, thunder and lightning. We had all three, about 4.30 but apart from that we had a beautiful day, and stopped for a meal in Toddington on the way back. Here are some shots supplied by Mike Edgecombe.



The Brabazon and especially the Wellington were the stars of the show.

These two are also from Mike Edgcombe, the first a new project – Mosquito. Not sure whether this is a control line job, or what, but no doubt we will be seeing it soon. And the second snap shows how he intends to finish the cockpit! Taken in the Dakota DC 3 which was on show.



Old Warden, 24th July

John Fairs and Roger Brown went along as usual. No words were forthcoming, but John supplied some pictures, and here they are.



Doesn't want anyone to see what he's doing



Roger with Ebenezer



Roger with another Ebenezer



And it actually flew!

Full size re-drawn plans for this model are available from the Secretary

Marburg Trip 3rd to 9th July 2007 - Peter Butler's Diary

First of all I would like to thank Brian Hammon for arranging and organising the whole trip, not easy, well done Brian.

Thanks to Bryan Groves for the T shirts, I know our friends at Marburg loved them. Thanks to Roy Bricknell for arranging the flights and transport at Marburg and driving along with Adam.

Tuesday:

Having arrived at the hotel, we met our hosts in the restaurant for drinks and a meal which was excellent, and the drinks flowed.

Wednesday:

Saw the official reception at the Town Hall and the Oberburgermeister (mayor) told us about the twinning of the two towns, (Northampton and Marburg) and how the Flying Club became involved. After drinks and an informal chat we then started a guided tour of the "Ancient Town of Marburg". The weather was awful, our guide was very good. The architecture was quite unique and very interesting. The tour had to be cut short because of the inclement weather, so we retired to a restaurant for an early dinner. Our evening on the flying field had to be cancelled.

Thursday:

Leaving the hotel the weather closed in and when we got to Wassercuppe visibility was down to 50 yards. Plan B, have coffee, a trip to the model shop, then another model shop. We then went to the full sized glider museum. There were hundreds of model aircraft as well, all sorts, all shapes. One in particular was made of feathers which I have played around with before. Lots of photos were taken. A very hasty lunch then off to the schnapps distillery at Schitz. Very old and quite unique and the schnapps were lovely, everybody very merry plus me, ha ha!



[Peter, looking a bit blurred at the Schnapps factory: pictures by Dave Shield, also well away! – Ed]

Friday:

Visit to the 3 W factory. Model engines some very large and one Radial 5 cylinder engine, lovely. The build quality was excellent every engine was run on a test bed; there were some very large models built and being built. Again the build quality was excellent. We were given some brochures; they will be available for you to see at our Friday night meetings. The ladies went shopping and walked around the botanical gardens. We had pizzas at the flying field. This was followed by a trip to Marburg Town Festival and Fireworks. The highlight was the super friendly atmosphere at the festival. Lots of alcohol was drunk but there was no trouble at all, but oh what a lot of steps to climb, and the cobbles we walked down at 12.30 am, in the dark. It was all great fun and the weather was improving.

Saturday:

Hooray weather fine! Model flying at the field, coffee and cakes at 9.30am. Visit to the full sized flying field. Lunch at 12midday then 6 members had flights in a Cessna, for about 1/2 hour. Very enjoyable. Brian had a flight in a glider. In the evening we had a delicious meal at the home of Helga & Heiko Shilds (club chairman) followed by more schnapps. After the meal some members went into Marburg to see more of the festival, home 1.30am.

Sunday:

At the flying field, balloon bursting competition, each competitor had three attempts at bursting the balloons, then to touch down in a designated landing area, for which points were awarded. Then a BBQ lunch after which was the prize giving, every one who was there had a prize, whether they competed or not. These were donated by a model shop!

Ballooning did not take place nor did the balloon glow at the flying field.

We had our evening meal at Ernst's, it was excellent, and again the schnapps flowed.

Monday:

9.30am model flying with coffee and cakes. Midday lunch at 12, pea soup and sausages, great. More flying in the afternoon: in the evening the official final evening meal at Mila & Klaus's. We were greeted by their whole family, daughters, son and grand daughters who waited on us. A lovely feast, the food was equal to the very best Italian cuisine that we have ever tasted.

The holiday was a delight and a memory I will treasure.

Our sincere thanks to all our friends at Marburg, for the welcome they gave us, their organisation of a memorable week, their hospitality and above all the friendships that have been made.

Peter Butler

This is the bit that Peter left out!

It seems that our noted diarist had a bit of a brush with customs and immigration on the way into Germany. Nothing daunted, on the way back home, he packed his metal tea container inside his portable kettle, and had to explain what it was that showed up as suspicious on the radar.

And for those with some German:

MICH FREUT,

dass die Vereine dafür sorgen, dass Städtepartnerschaften gelingen



von Sabine Nagel-Horn

Marburg hat viele Partnerstädte: Eisenach in Thüringen, Maribor in Slowenien, Northampton in England, Poitiers in Frankreich, Sfax in Tunesien und Sibiu in Rumänien. Doch ohne die Mitwirkung der Marburger Vereine wären diese Partnerschaften nur graue Theorie. Erst die gegenseitigen Besuche von Vereinen wie den Modellfliegern füllen die Partnerschaften mit Leben und lassen die Völkerverständigung gelingen.

This says, in effect, that Marburg is twinned with a lot of other towns as well as Northampton. They include Poitiers, Eisenach, Maribor, Sfax and Sibiu. The article points out that in Marburg the twinning is not just theory.

If Marburg MFG has sister clubs in all those places, they must be busy!

Englische Modellflieger im Rathaus

Northampton Model Aero Club besucht den Kurhessischen Verein für Luftfahrt



Oberbürgermeister Egon Vaupel (vorn rechts) kümmerte sich im Rathaus um die Besucher aus Northampton. Foto: Nagel-Horn

Marburg. Die Modellflugvereine der Partnerstädte Marburg und Northampton pflegen ihre Freundschaft seit 25 Jahren.

von Sabine Nagel-Horn

Seit 1982 besteht die Städtepartnerschaft zwischen Marburg und Northampton. Die erste Delegation aus Marburg, die der neu gewonnenen Partnerstadt in England einen Besuch abstattete, war eine Gruppe von Modellfliegern des Kurhessischen Vereins für Luftfahrt (KVFL). Sie besuchten ihre „Kollegen“, die Modellflieger des Northampton Model Aero Club (NMAC).

25 Jahre ist dieser erste Besuch jetzt her. Inzwischen trafen sich die Modellflieger 18 Mal in Marburg und Northampton.

Das Jubiläum der Vereinsfreundschaft war am Mittwoch Anlass für einen Empfang im Rathaus, zu dem 21 Mitglieder des englischen Vereins mit einigen der deutschen Gastgeber kamen.

Oberbürgermeister Egon Vaupel erzählte ihnen Wissenswertes über Marburg, die „Stadt der Bildung“, wie er sagte. „Wenn es Ihnen in Marburg gefällt, erzählen Sie es allen weiter“, sagte er den Gästen. „Wenn Ihnen etwas nicht gefällt, erzählen Sie es nicht weiter, sondern sagen Sie es mir“, ergänzte er und hatte damit die Lacher auf seiner Seite.

Die Modellflieger aus Northampton sind noch bis zum Dienstag in Marburg. Auf dem Programm stehen unter anderem eine Stadtführung, der Besuch der Wasserkuppe und viele Aktivitäten auf dem Modellflugplatz in Schröck.

Indoor at the CRIPS Centre - Friday, 7th September

Don't forget this date, and get your indoor models dusted off. There will be no Standens Barn meeting that night. Details from Peter Butler.

October 19th, the Annual Auction

Once again, Roger will ply his trade and help us all to clear out the things we have seen enough of, so get your stuff together.

2006, 74th AGM, Treasurer's Report

The Committee wishes to announce that the Report and Accounts for 2006 have subsequently been audited by the Hon. Auditor John Fairs and approved by him as a true record of the Club's financial position at the end of 2006. No changes were made to the documents presented at the 74th AGM. If anyone wishes to see a copy of the 2006 Accounts as audited, please contact Robin Patterson.

Friday 7th December 2007, the Club's 75th Annual General Meeting

At Standens Barn. 8:00 start.

Wanted, Newsletter Editor

The Committee wishes to hear from anyone who is prepared to take on this historic and highly rewarding role. Many people have carried out this task over the years, notably Roger Brown who did it for 20 of them.

I have tried to live up to his example, but my output has been sporadic compared with his regular monthly mag. I have done it for three years. It is time for someone else to have a go.

Phil Coupe