



March 2008

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

**Monday March 31st
8pm Shannon Golf Club.**

Club / MACI Fees:

Fees for the 2008 season are now **past due**.
If you have not done so already please make your remittance to Mr. Paddy Bolger (Hon. Treasurer).

**Current MACI insurance expires on March 31st
Members should confirm that they are insured before flying after this date.**

April:

Apr 5th Sat
Contact:

Heli Scale Competition
smfcsec@eircom.net

SMFC

Apr 12th Sat
Contact:

Control Line fly-in
Dermot O'Flynn

SMFC
087-7949555

Apr 20th Sun
Contact:

Cork MAC Annual Glide-In
Ralph McCarthy

Cork Area
087-8322791

Apr 26th Sat
Contact:

Heli Challenge Trophy
Gary Keogh

Calary
086-4067684

Apr 26st/27th
Contact:

Jet Fly-in
John Beasley

Midlands MFC
086-2597975

May:

May 4th Sat
Contact:

Scale Association Fly-In
Steve Quigley

Curragh
01-6241209

May 10/11th
Contact:

Munster Championships
Niall O'Sullivan

Cork MAC
087-2949640

May 24th Sat
Contact:

Scale Association Fly-in
Des Pearson

Portlaoise
0502-47522

May 24/25th
Contact:

Tipperary Championships
Gordon James

Carron MFC
086-8269840

MACI Events

Please check MACI website for further details

Helicopter News:

The SMFC season has gotten off to a busy start with a number of events taking place. A helicopter clinic is planned as the season progresses. The main focus of this event will be to assist members with the set-up and running of models and radio equipment. No firm date has of yet been scheduled. Details can be had from the helicopter secretary William Gaule.

Control Line News:

The Spring Control Line event will return to Shannon this year. Unfortunately the event was cancelled last year due to unforeseen circumstances. Expect a good turn out of die-hard control-liners on the day. Details from the Control Line Sec: Dermot O'Flynn.



Scale News:

Spring Funfly:

Sunday 13th April

The SMFC Spring Funfly is to have a scale component this year. It is hoped to have scale demonstrations on the day and perhaps some scale flying (weather permitting). Members with scale models please feel free to bring them along. As always scale enthusiast Paddy Bolger will be on hand to give tips, recommendations, etc. from his wealth of experience.



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Scale Helicopter Event:

Saturday 5th April



Martin Swain's Raptor (MD500).

A scale helicopter competition has been organised for Shannon. This will provide a welcome addition to the many 3D fixtures that take place around the country and will give members an opportunity to see a number of scale helicopters in flight. It is hoped that Billy Harrison will make an appearance with his impressive collection of machines.

Gliding News:

Summer Gliding:

Summer Gliding is organised, starting on Wednesday 16th April. Full details are provided in the accompanying leaflet.

MACI Annual Glide In:

The MACI annual glide in will be held on Tountinna Peak on Sat 14th June. Details can be had from Gerry Buckley or Joe Doyle (*MACI Glider sec*)

MACI webpage:

A excellent MACI sponsored webpage specific to slope soaring can be linked to from the MACI website or found directly at the unlikely URL:

<http://d4567356.u114.hosting365.ie/>

This section gives complete details and listings of all gliding related events. Well worth a look.

Retroplane2009:

Retroplane 2009 is due to take place in Ireland in 2009. Retoplane is a glider meeting reserved for vintage gliders. More complete details will be available in due course.

2008 Events:

Several events are planned for 2008 including at least two aerotow events. Aerotow may take place at Shannon or possibly Carron (Tipperary). There are also open invitations from the Midlands and Wicklow Clubs.

Details on all of the above can be had from the Glider Sec:Mr. Gerry Buckley



Indoor Flying:

Indoor flying is now nearing the end of the current season. The turnout during the year has been good with an average of eight to ten flyers regularly turning up.

As always more members can help to make this weekly meeting more enjoyable for all concerned. It is hoped that indoor flying will take place again in the Autumn. Details can be had from the Indoor Flying Sec Leslie Cowpar.

As always many thanks to Leslie for organising this meeting every Friday come what may.