



May 2009

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Monday May 25th
8pm Shannon Golf Club.

This meeting returns to the Shannon Golf Club on rotation between Shannon and Limerick.

Club Funfly & Scale Event Sunday 24th May

The first funfly of the year is scheduled for Sunday 24th.
Please see the enclosed flyer for full details.

On the day:

- n *Funfly competition*
- n *Static Scale Display*
- n *Barbecue*
- n *Prize Giving*

Please Note:

To speed up the event the bomb-drop has been redesigned. The bomb drop will now be driven directly from the pilots receiver. To this end pilots are asked to fit a servo extension lead to channel five of their funfly model. This lead should extend outside the model to approximately 200mm (or about 8" for the imperialists among you). A switch should be configured to operate a servo on channel 5. Several bomb drop units will be available at the field on Sunday 17th to allow pilots to set up their radio system.

Gliding

Unfortunately the poor weather continues to militate against the pursuit of this aspect of the hobby. So far the weather has been poor on each of the April dates.

There are still plenty of opportunities to get to Tountinna and hopefully the weather will improve as the summer progresses.

Also don't forget the Annual **MACI** glide in takes place on **June 13th and 14th**.

Tountinna Club Dates:

May: 27th

June: 10th 24th

July: 8th 22nd

August: 5th 19th



Details on all gliding matters can be had from Gerry Buckley (Glider Sec).

MACI

*The new, reorganised **MACI** website is now online.*

The website is a considerable improvement on the old website.

A clear navigation panel provides easy access to the site.

*Digital (pdf) copies of *Flightlines* are also now available on the website.*

<http://www.maci.ie/>

Control Line

The scheduled control line event took place on Saturday 4th April.

There were a few missing bodies this year (notably Dermot O'Flynn) due to prior commitments, however the event went ahead.

Many thanks to Philip Jones for opening up and organising the event on the day and to William Wallace for providing "tea and thing".



Scale Helicopter Competition

The scheduled scale helicopter event took place on Saturday 5th April. A large contingent travelled to Shannon for the event.

Judging was carried out with considerable aplomb by scale expert Paddy Bolger.*

The event was well organised by Liam and Joe (Helicopter Secretary). Food on the day was provided by Eugene and Alan and nobody died, apparently. Many thanks to all the SMFC members who helped out on the day.



**Paddy is a great man for the aplomb.*

New Fuel

*A new glow fuel is now readily available (**OptiFuel**). Details can be had from the manufacturers website <http://www.optifuel.co.uk> Apparently the fuel is compatible with the Morgan brand and the manufacturer claims good interchangeability of both fuels.*

Of course please seek further advice before considering a change.

*The fuel is available from Liam at **ModelHeliServices**. ModelHeliServices have also recently opened an Online Store which is worth checking out at <http://www.modelheliservices.com/>*



MIDLAND MONSTER BRING AND BUY FUN FLY

**Midland Model Flying Club,
Boora Parklands, Kilcormac. Co. Offaly
Sunday June 7th 2009**

To pitch a table re selling will be €10.00

Pilots briefing will be at 09.30 and flying off the peg from 10.00

We are hoping to have all types of aircraft including planes, helis and jets

We hope to have a BBQ and refreshments and toilet facilities will be provided throughout the day

All those who have a radio will be asked to register with the Radio Impound (sellers and fliers) - 35MHz will be required to adhere to the frequency peg system while 2.4GHz will be exempt once registered

Please bring your MACI card with you

Sat Nav 5312 N 0743 W

Contact Declan Heneghan on 087-2625868 for details

A True Story!!

Poor Bert had a bad day at the Flying Field.

Being a silly bugger he got his hand caught in a prop (18x6).

Sporting a nasty cut the Safety Officer (alleged) sent him off to A&E for stitching.

When he arrived at the hospital entrance there were two doors marked "Male" and "Female".

He went through the male door (just). He was then faced by two more doors marked "Life threatening" & "Non-life threatening". As tempted as he was he went through the door marked "Non-life threatening". He was then faced by two more doors marked "Upper Body" and "Lower Body". It all depended on where he held his arm but he went through the "Upper Body" door.

This led to two more doors marked "Internal Injury" or "External Injury". He chose external.

On the other side of this door were two more doors marked "Bleeding" and "Not Bleeding".

So long had passed by now that his injury had actually stopped bleeding - so he went through the "Not Bleeding" door. This door opened out into the hospital car park.

Oh! he said and had a look at the injury, it didn't look too bad and seemed to be healing, so he got into his car and drove back to the field.

When he returned to the field the Safety Office (alleged) was there waiting for him, and he asked him how he got on.

"Well!" he said "I didn't actually get to see anyone but boy were they organised!"