



Sept. 2007

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

**Monday September 24th
8pm Shannon Golf Club.**

SMFC Events:

CLUB FUNFLY:

Sunday 23rd September

A club funfly is scheduled for the above date. There will be various competitions with prizes for the winners on the day. The funfly's have been well supported this year and Leslie always has an unusual event on offer. This will be a good opportunity for pilots to hone their *technique??* before visiting Littleton.



FUNFLY COMPETITION:

Sunday 14th October

Littleton Club at DERRYHOGAN, LITTLETON, THURLES.

The Tipperary Club operating at **Thurles** have invited the SMFC to join them for a funfly on the above date. The funfly is to be a team competition with a team of six members competing from both clubs.

Members not wishing to be involved in the competition will have the opportunity to fly 'off-the-peg' during the day.

More details of this event will be available in due course.

MACI Events:

Saturday 15th September

Scale Association Fly-In - Portlaoise,

Contact: Steve Quigley (01-6241209)

*Please check
<http://www.maci.ie>
for latest details.*

SUMMER FUNFLY

The Summer funfly took place on Sunday August 5th. The day was showery (surprise - surprise!) however a good turnout was on hand with a total of ten competitors.

Eugene provided the culinary skills with burgers, hotdogs, etc. all cooked to taste (*Eugene's taste*).

Unfortunately due to the weather it was only possible to run three competitions.

Longest Glide
Spot Landing
Pilots Choice (Skittles)

Longest Glide:

First: Dermot O'Flynn
Second: Leslie Cowpar

Spot Landing:

First: Leslie Cowpar
Second: Eugene Mulcahy

Skittles:

First: Liam Broderick
Second: Dermot O'Flynn

A good days flying was had with plenty of craic.

Many thanks to **Leslie** for organising the events and to **Eugene** for bringing and cooking the food.



MACI AGM

Saturday 13th October 2007

MACI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Montague Hotel

Emo - Portlaoise

2:00 p.m. Sharp (***Dinner after meeting at 8:15 p.m.***)

SUMMER GLIDING



Summer Gliding is now drawing to a close. Unfortunately the disastrous weather had an impact making a number of scheduled dates un-flyable. Gliding does continue on an ad-hoc basis across the winter, interested parties should contact the glider secretary. Many thanks to Gerry Buckley (glider sec.) for continuing to organise and schedule this club event.

MOWER & FLYING FIELD

At the meeting held on Sunday September 9th it was decided to proceed with the trade-in of the existing mower. A new mulching mower is to be purchased. Fifteen members attended the meeting and there was general agreement and support for this move. A number of mowers have been tested at the field, thanks to Martin Tracey for facilitating transport to and from Shannon.

Several tons of topsoil have been spread at the end of the runway and around the pits area. This will help to reduce flooding in these areas and improve the overall quality of the flying field. Many thanks to Martin Tracey for sourcing and delivering the topsoil and to all the members who (some risking heart attack!) helped spread and rake the soil.

As always a special thanks to William Wallace for his continued diligent work and for keeping our flying field in such tiptop condition.

INDOOR FLYING

Starting: Friday 12th October.

Venue: Villiers School - Friday nights, 8pm.

All club members are very welcome.



This club activity has gone from strength to strength over the past few years with a regular turnout of ten or more flyers on Friday nights. A frequency board and a regular helicopter slot was successfully introduced last season.

Due to the very poor *summer* weather, flying opportunities have been restricted. Indoor flying, being immune to the weather, gives everyone a chance to have consistent weekly flying during the winter months.

Leslie continues to expend considerable effort in organising this activity. Leslie acts as keyholder and organises the availability of the hall, etc. all at minimum cost to the club. Many thanks to Leslie for his continued efforts.