



April 2009

**This Month's Meeting - Wednesday
15th April**

This month Phil Hanman will be telling us about Gloucester of Yesteryear with film of early flying in Gloucestershire. This promises to be interesting and fascinating and is a good note on which to end our "indoor" part of the season. We will be starting at 8.00pm.

Club members should note that **this will be the last meeting at the Farmers' Club until September.** We now begin the regular Wednesday fly-ins. These are co-ordinated by John Hamer and will be announced by e-mail every Tuesday. Following our experience in 2008 it may, on occasions, be necessary to change the day of the fly-in to take advantage of the forecast weather conditions at the time so check your Inbox.

For members not on e-mail John can be contacted on 01452 520679 or 07974 957522.

Quote of the Month

"A pilot's business is with the wind, and with the stars, with night, with sand, with the sea. He strives to outwit the forces of nature. He stares with expectancy for the coming of the dawn the way a gardener awaits the coming of spring. He looks forward to port as a promised land, and truth for him is what lives in the stars."

— *Antoine de Saint Exupéry,*

Over Nationals by Rob Keene

The first national competition of 2009 took place at Over Farm, during the weekend of the 4/5th April.

A record number of planes took part, 32 in total.

This caused some considerable complications, but due to many very willing helpers and marshals, all went relatively smoothly and the weather was superb, with moderate breeze on the Saturday and light winds and good visibility on the Sunday.

7 Tasks were completed and 4 aircraft from the SVMC took part.

The weekend was enjoyed by all and I would like to thank all the club members who gave up their weekend to help, especially Monica, who prepared the Sunday lunch for 50, on her birthday.

I hope the event will encourage more fliers to take part in the nationals and enjoy learning more about their aircraft's performance.

All in all a great success, but sadly marred by the tragic deaths of Mark and Rex, who had left the Rodley landing site for their fateful flight to Shobdon. Our thoughts are with their families at this very sad time

Dates for your diary

2nd - 4th May - Microlight Trade Fair and Fly-in, Popham.

3rd - 25th May - USSR Rally for deregulated single seaters, start and finish at Sywell. Contact David Bremner, dbremner@f2s.com 01706 824909, Mob 07801 142320

18th - 19th May - Clench Common, see BMAA website for details

12th - 14th June - Spamfield, Sandown Airport, Isle of Wight.

13th - 14th June - World Air Games, Turin, Italy. <www.worldairgames.org>

25th - 27th July - Bleriot 100. Mass microlight crossing of the English Channel to mark Louis Bleriot's 100th anniversary. Contact: Frank Spiniello frankspiniello@hotmail.co.uk



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