

SVMC AGM - 16th January 2019

Agenda 2019

1. **Acceptance of minutes**
2. **Chairman's report (Ed Wells)**
 - **Fly-in Report (Brian Finch)**
 - **Fly-out report (Jon Ingram)**
3. **Club accounts report - by the Treasurer (Andy Virgoe)**
4. **Formal acceptance of 2018 accounts**
5. **Approve membership fees for 2019**
6. **The presentation of 2018 awards**
7. **Chairman's formal resignation and the election of a new Chairman and the 2019 Committee**
8. **Any other business**

The 2018 Committee

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| • Chairman | Ed Wells (present) |
| • Treasurer and Membership Secretary | Andy Virgo (present) |
| • Airscrew Editor | Pete Smith (present) |
| • Summer Fly-In Coordinator | Brian Finch (present) |
| • Summer Fly-Out Coordinator | Jon Ingram (present) |
| • Webmaster | Bill Austin (apologies) |
| • Communications | Rees Keene (apologies) |
| • New Member Rep and graphic design | Andy Bill (apologies) |
| • Winter Meeting Coordination | All Committee Members |

The meeting was attended by 18 Club members which included five committee members. The meeting started shortly after 8pm on 17th January 2019 at the Flying Shack, Staverton Airport.

1. Acceptance of Minutes

Ed Wells (SVMC Chairman) welcomed all those at the meeting and asked for the formal acceptance of last year's AGM minutes. The acceptance was proposed by Brian Finch and seconded by Jon Ingram. Agreed unanimously.

2. Chairman's Report - Ed Wells

Now having completed my third and final year as SVMC Club Chairman we can look back happily at what seems to me to have been one of the most successful years the Club has had for a while, thanks mainly to the fine weather during the summer. The highlights in my mind are as follows:

- **Membership** - The SVMC membership has increased to 84, which I believe is the highest ever
- **10 Fly-Ins.** The SVMC Club directly organised 10 summer flying events. This year four of these attracted between 50 and 60 attendees and a number of new Club members who have discovered how enjoyable the summer fly-ins are.
- **6 Fly-Outs.** – May - Popham, Dambusters, June - France (via Franglais Friendly), Fly-UK. September East Kirkby (*Just Jane*), RAF Brize Norton.
- **6 Winter Meetings** – The 6 winter meetings including the Xmas party
- **Charity** - £1102.99 collected for the Great Western Air Ambulance. (*A record amount - Last year £649.81*)
- **Safety** - A new SVMC Club sponsored PilotAware ground station established to improve the viability and availability of an anti-collision capability within the south Gloucestershire area.
- **Club Networking** – During this year we have also established a good working relationship with the local LAA Gloster Strut which has enabled both memberships to attend each other's talks and events as numbers allow. We now have a number of Strut members in SVMC. Ed also added that the local RAS meetings/talks are well organised and available at no cost. If you wish to become a local supporter then the fee for formally joining is a very reasonable £5.

Overall in my view a very successful year. Very few incidents to report and long may the good run of weather continue. We will cover some of the above in more detail later but here is the 2018 schedule complete for the records:

2018

- January – SVMC **AGM** – and something special
- February – SVMC, A trip to the **Jet Age museum** Staverton
- March – SVMC, **Tom Hay CFI** from The Shack on his flying career both in Spain and locally (7:30 for 8)
- April – no meeting, time to fettle those aircraft

May – Summer flying season starts

- May 5th and 6th - **Popham Microlight Show** – great weather massive turn out both days
- May 13th to 18th – Fly-Out, **Germany** Dam Busters
- May 16th – SVMC BBQ - The Shack at **Staverton** BBQ – windy – (7 planes over 30 attended).
- June 15th, 24th – Fly-Out, **Fly-UK** – Windy and gusting
- June 23rd, 28th - Fly-Out, **France** (Franglais-Friendly) – (around 45 planes), Rob Keene Banadets, Montauban
- June 27th – SVMC Picnic, **Defford** (12 planes 30 people), Mike Porter, Brian Finch

- July 5th – SVMC BBQ, **Abergavenny** (25 planes 51 people), Frank Cavacuiti and John Hunt
- July 7th – SVMC Breakfast, **Ebrington** (12 Planes 20 people). William Stanley Home Farm
- July 12th – SVMC Feast, **Over Farm** (19 planes 60 people), The Keene's, John & Monica Hamer
- July 18th – SVMC Picnic, **Doynton** (12 planes 18 people), John Sparks
- July 25th – SVMC BBQ, **Redlands** (29 planes 56 people), Joe & Sarah Smith, Les & Ann Hosegood
- August 1st – SVMC Picnic, **Bowldown** (9 Planes 16 people), Grenville Vernon
- August 21st – SVMC BBQ, **Hawling** (28 Planes 50+ people), John and Sue Davis
- August 26th, 27th – Fly-Out – **East Kirkby** (Just Jane)
- September 5th – SVMC BBQ, **Windrush** (15 Planes 30 people) Roy Limbrick,
- September 14th – Fly-Out, **RAF Brize Norton** (3 Planes & 6 Club members for Base and ATC Tour)
- September 19th – SVMC **Committee Meeting** to organize winter schedule – Toby Carvery 8pm

October – SVMC Winter Meetings start (The Flying Shack)

- October 17th – SVMC, '**Flying Adventures**' Steve Slade special on over 30 years of flying
- November 13th – Gloster Strut Invitation **GASCO Safety evening** – Victory Club, Cheltenham
- November 16th – Gloster Strut Invitation – **RAF Cosford Visit**
- November 21st - SVMC, '**Racing for Rhinos**' Fiona and Angus went to Botswana in May and raced with 120 pilots around a 300m course in the desert. (£46.80 raised for MAF, their chosen charity)
- December 19th – SVMC, **XMAS PARTY**, Over Farm Barn (48 people)

Fly-In Report – Brian Finch

Brian used the above schedule to walk through what we had done as a Club during the summer flying season. He also spoke about next season and trying to extend the normal Wednesday evenings into weekend specials for the further away strips where we know we can arrange something, providing we have sufficient daylight hours. One new event in 2018 was the Ebrington Breakfast. This was only really limited by the pre-booking of tables at the Farm Shop for Breakfast. On the day 20 had committed to come and they were all well catered for.



The Ebrington Breakfast – 07/07/18

The other fly-ins varied in attendance depending mostly on a BBQ being provided or a bring-your-own picnic. Needless to say the BBQ events attracted the most participants and donations for the Air Ambulance. The format appears to work, the Club is unable to support BBQs at each event due to the cost and organisation. Four stand out events for participants (between 50 and 60 people) were – Abergavenny, The Over Feast, Redlands and Hawling, all of which provided a BBQ.



Redlands BBQ – 25/07/18

Fly-Out Report – Jon Ingram

Jon explained that he would continue to coordinate Fly-outs for the coming season despite the turn out in 2018 not being as good as he had hoped. Jon discussed the method of communication being used and felt that those interested should be registered on the Clubs Facebook site so that when conditions allow they can be contacted with what's on and where. The events can be entered on the Club Website and Facebook and members who are interested should actively keep looking to see what is being planned. Whilst this season was mainly adopting other events and getting SVMC members to fly out, the main success was the French trip to Banadets which will be the subject of the SVMC March 2019 winter talk.



Dam busters



East Kirkby



France

Ed thanked Brian and Jon for their reports and continuing in their Committee roles for the coming year. A huge thank you to all the Committee and Club members who got involved and helped us achieve so much in my final year as Chair.

3. Club Accounts Report - by the Treasurer (Andy Virgo)

Andy presented the accounts which were published in draft in the January Airscrew. He explained the costs of BBQs etc. and the limitations of the HSBC Bank account for accepting cheques etc. He agreed to write a special instruction to be included in all Airscrews so that all members know which account to send membership money to. All membership will continue to run based on the calendar year.

Andy pointed out that the Club incurs PayPal charges for members who choose that method for payment via the web site. He encouraged those present to use the simple bank transfer with a reference of their name so that the membership records are easier to maintain and as many memberships as possible are consistent at £20.

Club funds in 2018 are overall lower by £136. However we have this year funded the PilotAware mast installation and still have a few items of merchandise on the books. Overall, Club funds are still very healthy as we do not have venue costs for any of our regular meetings.

The Great Western Air Ambulance donation will be sent through to them shortly.

4. Formal Acceptance of 2018 Accounts

Brian Finch proposed the accounts presented be accepted and this was seconded by Andrew John.

5. Approve membership fees for 2019

The Committee formally agreed membership fees remain at £20 for 2019. No objections.

6. Presentation of 2018 Awards

The outgoing Chairman has just one duty remaining – the presentation of the 2018 Awards...

The 2018 Host With The Most Award - Monica Hamer



This year, in terms of total attendees and planes flying into Over Farm, Monica Hamer had to work even harder to provide a superb feast that collected a staggering **£426.95** for Air Ambulance on a single night. This total was helped by the Keene's generous donation of unsold goodies from the previous Over Farm Festival which were then auctioned off to good effect. Quite simply, a phenomenal result! The following are the Charity Totals for all the events – thanks to you all for making 2018 another record breaking year.

| THE HOST WITH THE MOST | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2018 season tally | | | | | | |
| Airfield | Date | Charity collection | Charity total collected | Number of planes | No of people (approx) | picnic event |
| Staverton | 16/05/2018 | didn't do one due to landing fee | £0.00 | 7 | 40 | no |
| Defford | 27/06/2018 | Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) | | 12 | 30 | yes |
| Abergavenni | 04/07/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £196.82 | 25 | 51 | no |
| Ebrington breakfast | 07/07/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £80.00 | 7? | 20 | no |
| Over Farm Feast (thurs because football) | 12/07/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £426.95 | 19 | 60 | no |
| Doynton | 18/07/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £34.33 | 12 | 18 | yes |
| Redlands | 25/07/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £151.00 | 29 | 56 | no |
| Bowl-down | 01/08/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £52.05 | 9 | 16 | yes |
| Hawling | 21/08/2018 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £134.89 | 27 | 50? | no |
| Windrush | 05/09/2018 | Cancer Reserch UK | £119.80 | 15 | 30 | no |
| Flying Adventures | 17/10/2018 | FSDP club donation for talk provider | £20.00 | | | |
| Racing for Rhino's talk | 21/11/2018 | Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) | £46.80 | 0 | 15 | no |
| SVMC xmas party | 19/12/2017 | Great Western Air Ambulance | £105.32 | 0 | 48 | no |
| Chairman's extra to achieve total | | | £1.63 | | | |
| Eastbach off this year | | | | | | |
| Milsom - ran out of time | | | | | | |
| Broad Meadow - hopefully back next year | | | | | | |
| totals | | | | | | |
| | | | Air Ambulance Total | | | |
| | | | £1,102.99 | | | |
| | | | Full Charity Total | | | |
| | | | £1,369.59 | | | |

The 2018 Spitfire Award - Fiona and Angus Macaskill



For their support of the Club and their enthusiasm for all things aviation. Yes, they are now GA but let us make no mistake that these two people have been pushing their limits continually and providing us with insights into mountain flying, snow landings, Air Racing and how to register and get a new world record. All this continues to provide the Club with some very interesting talks.

Fiona and Angus unfortunately were unable to be at the AGM to receive the award because they are off flying in the USA where Fiona has won a spin-training scholarship from 'Ladies Love Taildraggers'.

The 2018 Chairman's Award - Phil Hanman



After much thought, Ed has decided that the award should go to Phil for his continual support of the Club, his undiluted passion for flying and for his Pyrenean Altiport landing which did wonders for his heart rate and blood pressure!

Photographer of the year - John Sparks



This is a new award (which may not be a regular one). It was created because Andrew John kindly donated a £50 voucher to the Club and we thought it was fitting to acknowledge John Sparks for his continual support in providing photographic content for the Airscrew magazine and the Club web site. He continues to develop his aerial photographic skills for the benefit of us all when promoting the Club.

Members should take every opportunity to take pictures and send them through to Bill Austin for the Web site gallery. Who knows – you may win something next year.

Reflecting on some SVMC stats over the years. Ed had used the Club web Airscrew archive to map the membership and Award stats for the previous years. Whilst these are not complete in terms of membership they do show a gradual increase in Club members. The task now really needs to be to recruit some younger members (Ed's view).

| SVMC - Stats and Award Winners | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| year | AGM | Chairman | Total Members | Club Contribution Poser/Chairman Award | Charity Award Host With The Most | Outstanding Flying Achievement The Spitfire Award | Spitfire - Why |
| 1995 | 1996 | Andrew John | 63 | Ken Cole | n/a | Norman Frost | Significant continued support of Club events and activities |
| 1996 | 1997 | Andrew John | 65 | Bill Keel-Stocker | n/a | Rob Keene | Silver in world championships in Africa |
| 1997 | 1998 | Andrew John | 70 | John Davis | n/a | Bill Austin | Outstanding Service as Training & Safety Officer |
| 1998 | 1999 | Andrew John | 60 | Bruce Drake | n/a | Rob Keene | Winner of Round Britain and National Championships |
| 1999 | 2000 | Andrew John | ? | John Miller | n/a | Rob Keene | National Champion and driving for SVMC to win the National Team Award |
| 2000 | 2001 | Andrew John | ? | Dave Watson | n/a | Chris Ball | Achievement in the Round Britain Rally |
| 2001 | 2002 | Andrew John | ? | Ed Wells | n/a | John Hamer | For training, testing and relentless support of the club and club members |
| 2002 | 2003 | Andrew John | 62 | Bob Hinds | n/a | Trevor Cale | For all his flying in Rumania etc. before his illness removed his ability to fly again |
| 2003 | 2004 | Andrew John | 58 | Myron Burak | n/a | Richard Rawes | Gold Medal in the WMC and also winning the Solo Class in last year's Nationals. |
| 2004 | 2005 | Brian Finch | 56 | Barbara Austin | n/a | Ed Wells and Pete Smith | Pushing their flex limits (which included Blois and back in 3 days) |
| 2005 | 2006 | Brian Finch | 52 | Ken Cole | n/a | Bruce Drake | Unanimous vote as he continues to open his "Envelopes" |
| 2006 | 2007 | Brian Finch | 47 | Adrian Burden | n/a | Jim Taylor | Building multiple aircraft to a high standard. Winning an award for his Minimax at the PFA Rally |
| 2007 | 2008 | Bob Hinds | 54 | Bill Keel-Stocker | n/a | Rees Keene | European Championships 2007 in the Czech Republic. |
| 2008 | 2009 | Bob Hinds | 60 | Dick Ostler | n/a | Ian Nuttall and Jon Ingram | Just qualified and circumnavigating Australia |
| 2009 | 2010 | Bob Hinds | 65 | Andrew John | n/a | Rob and Reece Keene | World Air Games they had actually flown out and back to the event in the Czech Republic. |
| 2010 | 2011 | Dick Ostler | 67 | Monica Hamer | n/a | Steve Slade | Over 100 airstrips in one day in order to raise money for the Help for Heroes |
| 2011 | 2012 | Dick Ostler | 67 | Ed Wells & Pete Smith | n/a | Myron Burak and Steve Sykes | Fly UK success and Over Farm Trophy |
| 2012 | 2013 | Dick Ostler | 77 | Budge Bircher | n/a | Alan Coulon | 100+ hours visits to numerous airfields, introducing new members to the Club |
| 2013 | 2014 | Rees Keene | 79 | Bruce Morgan | n/a | Bill Austin | Always Supporting the Club and publishing Airscrew |
| 2014 | 2015 | Rees Keene | 80 | John Sparks | n/a | Rob Keene and Phil Hanman | Winning the French tour competition in a British machine |
| 2015 | 2016 | Rees Keene | 83 | John Ingram | n/a | Myron Burak | Outstanding services over the years |
| 2016 | 2017 | Ed Wells | 80 | Bill Austin | Monica Hamer | Rob Keene | From Russia to Slimbridge supporting the "Flight of The Swans" Trip |
| 2017 | 2018 | Ed Wells | 78 | Budge Bircher | Monica Hamer | Nick Heywood | Lots of European Eurofox flying and building |
| 2018 | 2019 | Ed Wells | 84 | Phil Hanman | Monica Hamer | Fiona and Angus Macaskill | Air racing, new world record and providing the club with some insights |

7. Election of a new Chairman and the Committee

Ed said that it has been a pleasure to undertake the last three years in the role of SVMC Chairman. However, other commitments now mean it is now time for him to stand down and allow a new Chairman or Woman to bring fresh ideas forward and take the Club into 2019.

No member present at the meeting volunteered to stand as the 2019 Chairman; however Ed had already persuaded Steve Slade to take the post on if we were unable to fill the position. Brian Finch proposed that Steve Slade become the new SVMC Chairman and Any Virgo seconded.

Steve Slade is now the new SVMC Chairman with the caveat that he may not always be able to attend the meetings due to location and other commitments.

Ed stated that as far as he is aware all the other Committee Members are willing to remain in post as detailed at the start of this report providing much needed continuity for the Club. Ed will confirm after the meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- We discussed the success of the PilotAware mast in extending the visibility of other aircraft for those aircraft supporting the right equipment. Steve did point out that no matter how many had this equipment there will always be some who don't - and there is no substitute for a good lookout.
- Angus and Fiona had also declared an interest in installing a mast at their location in Thornbury which will help again to extend the usable range of Pilot Aware. This will be discussed with the committee later after Jon talks to Angus regarding how far they have got, and the likely contribution the Club may need to help with to make it happen. Jon did point out how useful the system had been when on the Dam Busters Germany trip earlier in the year. PilotAware at least allowed the SVMC formation to know where the other aircraft in the group were regardless of losing sight of them occasionally in poor visibility.
- The formal support for the Great Western Air Ambulance charity will be reviewed by Steve and the 2019 committee to see if there is a need, or an acceptable proposal, for change. Steve pointed out the good work done by "Flying Scholarships For Disabled People" the aim is to provide a life changing experience via the provision of a limited number of flying hours either in Group A or microlight aircraft. A small percentage of scholars go on to complete their license, but all of them get the experience which can dramatically change their lives.

At 9:45 PM Ed Wells thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to a close.