



Editorial

Well folks, it's official, everything's suddenly turned green, the temperatures are rising and the evenings are drawing out. Summer has arrived! Let the good times roll!

Now, at the risk of appearing pessimistic, as I write this in the dying days of May, I note that we've only really got three, or at the most four, months of half decent weather ahead of us before the autumn begins to bite and we start to consider our winter building projects. Whatever you do, then, don't waste it! My advice is to embrace every flying opportunity you possibly can, not to mention one or two you wouldn't normally consider. Take, for example, early

mornings and late evenings. These really can provide fantastic conditions, and if proof were ever needed, just ask a hot air balloon pilot.

Which brings me to a flying opportunity that I wholeheartedly suggest you embrace. On the weekend of June 26 and 27 we and the Greenacres Model Aero Club are getting together to celebrate *RCM&E's* 50th anniversary. We're doing it in style (kind of!) and we're doing it in the hope that you'll join us for a weekend of relaxed low-key aeromodelling in the company of like-minded enthusiasts.

As I write, I've just returned from a recce of the Greenacres YT International fun-fly and can vouch for the flying field, the facilities, the camp site, the relaxed atmosphere, and the burger van! All exceeded my rigorous yet unscientific measure of 'maximum fun per daylight hour', and that practically guarantees a terrific weekend!

One thing the *RCM&E* and Greenacres teams have been keen to promote for the event is a no trade / display slot regime. Why? Simple. Because we want you to enjoy yourself as much as possible without feeling in the slightest intimidated or uncomfortable. This, then, is a fly-in in the true sense of the word and, given the opportunity, I for one plan to get a model airborne as often as I'm able over the course of the weekend.

We fully understand that for newcomers to the hobby, and indeed some long standing devotees, leaving the familiar surroundings of your home turf can be a nervy business, but you needn't worry. If you're keen to fly elsewhere and you hold a BMFA 'A' Certificate, then this is the place to come. Why not make it your first away game? I guarantee that by the end of the weekend you'll wonder what all the fuss was about. Take my word for it, the Greenacres field is not only wide open, it's sown with beautifully mown grass from one end to the other, so it matters not if you land short or long, you'll not damage your pride or your model.

As I'm sure you'll have fathomed, my rather long-winded message this month is simple: Don't let the summer pass without making the most of it and, more importantly, don't let our 50th anniversary come and go without joining us on the flightline, we'll be delighted to see you.

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