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British Association of Radio Control Soarers



## BARCS Newsletter

### **F3J BULLETIN      FEBRUARY 2009**

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I don't know how you guys feel but I'm already looking forward to the 2009 F3J season.

It will be good to get out flying, having some fun for a change and escaping the doom and gloom that our media seem so intent on pursuing.

So I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2009.

This year is mine and Kevin's 4<sup>th</sup> year as team league co-coordinators/matrix planner ECT.

Will it be our last?? Who knows we will make a decision at the end of this season.

Please note I do not consider this to be my league. I volunteer to organise the F3J league on behalf the BMFA /BARCS organisations. I try to do so in a manner that promotes the sport and encourages new competitors to try competitive soaring, without the need to purchase specialist equipment.

Whilst I have continued support from F3J COMPETITORS concerning decision I personally undertake I see no reason not to continue.

What I can tell you though, is we intend to run F3J 2009 in the same manner as 2008, 2007, 2006. So if you enjoyed those seasons I'm sure you will continue to do so.

If you didn't then let me know continuous improvement is our aim.

Radio Glide will be a 2 day F3J league Event Full entry details will be published ASAP.

Nationals will be a 1 day league Event Full entry details will be published by BMFA.

Interglide again returning to Marsh Gibbon CD Pete Allen helped by the I.S.A club

Entry Details are at [www.interglide.co.uk](http://www.interglide.co.uk)

We are hoping to see World Champion Benedict Fiegl and European Champion Sebastian Fiegl compete at this event. (As well as father Peter).

It is not often that we get the chance to fly alongside such great pilots so please get those entries in ASAP and help make this event a great competition.

Graham Wicks

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**Editor**

**Bernie Jones**

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## **From 'Soarer' to Newsletter**

Well here we are with a new publication yet again. It has been decided that due to the speed and availability of the internet, the four issues a year of the 'Soarer' although full of great stories and photos was just repeating the message from the web site and the forum. What was needed was a more regular publication with more topical information in, that tries to keep up with what is going to happen as well as what has been.

This will only be possible if you the reader, and our committee pass on information to me your new editor, to sort out and get in to the relevant edition which given enough input is going to be monthly.

So what are we looking for, are you running any glider competitions, have you any results that would interest our Club members, have you discovered a new way to spot thermals and want to share it with us (fat chance of that!) or found out why your latest battery just gives up in the cold. Have you got any information that will make your fellow club members smile when they read it –yes—then send it to me see inside back page for deadline

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## Life and time of E-soaring 2009

There I was thinking what can I do with this space when I received an E-mail from Pete Mitchell, he was wondering what has been decided with the 200W/Kg rules this year, well I can tell you that at the last committee meeting it was agreed to accept the rules that have been known recently as the 'Bartletts Farm' rules in to the BARCS 200W/Kg rules and will be in the new rule book this year.

More than that I'm not sure but it will be interesting to see how the year develops with both sets of E-soaring rules out there and even more competitions for us to enter.

I am a newcomer to Electric flight and can see the appeal of both the height limiter and the 200W/Kg rules and hope to be able to have a go in both comps during the coming year.

All the mumblings on the forum and fields that I have attended in the later part of last year will not help to attract people in to our sport/hobby but I can see some dedicated F3J and open glider flyers having a go at E-soaring this year because of some of the changes we have seen in the last few months, out will go the winches and a bit of battery power and a motor will take it's place.

I for one have found a motor up the front of my Xperience pro to be of great benefit to my flying and learning about thermals, it has made it so easy to jump over the fence into my back field and thermal. I must admit I did buy a height limiter switch (Pro) and added a RC t1000 voice for fun, but as a training aid when I think I am doing well 'the computer says no' it starts a continuous tone in my ear to and informs me I am coming down when

## Schedule of F3J 2009 Events

## Winch testing

### Schedule of 2009 Events – dates and venues to be confirmed.

Practice Day	5th April	ISA field	Pete Allen
Practice Day	13 <sup>th</sup> April	Sussex/Ashurst	Colin Lucas
Round One	26th April	Sussex/M.G.	Colin Paddon
Round Two	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> May	MarshGibbon	Adrian Lee
Round Three	27 <sup>th</sup> /28th June	MarshGibbon	Pete Allen
Round four	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Wetlands	S&P Jackson
Round Five (Nats)	30th August	SpittleGate	GrahamWicks
Round Six	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Twywell	Peter Weston
Reserve date	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBA	

### Equipment Transport

Colin Lucas, Adrian Lee, Bob Dickenson, Al lipscombe, Nevile Warby

Pete Weston.

Field layout will be done by the CD's team on the day.

The entire above have now confirmed their intentions /involvement in 2009 F3J .

PRE Entry fee (one day events) £10 per entry (Rounds 1,4, & 6)

Event 2 RadioGlide to BARCS entry fee TBA

Event 3 Interglide to Pete Allen, entry fee TBA

Event 5 Nationals to BMFA, entry fee TBA

+ Rather than a "Round Zero" the intent is to run a practice days to encourage our top competitors to share their expertise and encourage potential new entrants to F3J. The date will be Easter Monday for the Southern Sussex event and at the ISA field on the 5<sup>th</sup> April for Midland area flyers and anyone else who would like to see what F3J/Flat field Thermal soaring is all about.

What who dares mention winch testing, are you out of your mind this should only be talked about behind closed doors and all meetings should start with a funny hand shake.

But if you would like your winch tested to the BARCS rules why don't you come along to on of the practice meetings in April where we will be able to test your winch for you and if you are lucky issue you with stickers that say it complies

I will be having my winch tested on the 13th April at the Ashurst field.

The equipment will also be available on the 5th April on the ISA field

As far as I can see it can only be a step in the right direction, but remember you must be able to stall your winch with mechanical means for the safety of the inspector.

So all you experts out there with your winches come along to a beginners practice day offer your help to all us lesser mortals and get a sticker for your winch while you are there

If you require any further information I would get in touch with Graham Wicks who's contact details are on the back page



## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER 2009

### Were you a member in 2008 ?

If so you will be reading this (I hope you got this far without putting it down) but you won't be reading many more unless you sign up for another year.

The expense of it all can be quite daunting and with all the bad press about what you need to do with you money to keep enough for the rest of the year or life if you think that far ahead is quite a worry .

But membership of BARCS should be number one on your list, for the cost of a couple of pints you can keep all this incredible rubbish coming your way and be a member of one of the best organized clubs in the country .

Where else could you find a bunch of like minded people who all get along so well, arrange flying competitions for you and sort out all your little niggles along the way.

My aim this year is to go up the flying field and see how many people are flying gliders, I will ask them if they are a member of BARCS and if not explain what it is we do, and that without us things may be a bit different, because without our committee spending time for you, the glider flyers out there the BMFA may have different ideas of what we should be doing.

So come on fill in the membership form that is included with this newsletter and find just £10 to continue your membership for another year, go on it's only a couple of pints less this weekend and you are there, a few more pints give you other options.

**We're on  
the web  
[www.barcs.  
co.uk](http://www.barcs.co.uk)**

### **Interglide 2009**

A little birdie has just told me that we have one of the worlds greatest F3J pilots attending Interglide this year.

Philip Kolb designer and flyer

off the Pike Perfect is coming over (I can see Colin Padden checking the prizes as we speak) Its not very often UK guys get a chance to fly alongside the likes off Philip so I would advise spectators helpers and pilots to come along just to get a chance to watch or fly with/against some of the best there is.

I hope to have entry forms for Interglide in the next issue which if I get my way will be posted as well Put it in your diary 27&28th June



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**Copy Deadline for March issue 24th February 2009**



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**BMFA F3J LEAGUE 2009**

NAME.....  
HOME ADDRESS.....  
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EMAIL ADDRESS.....  
TELEPHONE.....MOBILE.....

**I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING.**  
(Please delete those you will not be entering)

**ROUND , ONE, FOUR, , SIX.**

**ENCLOSE CHEQUE FOR £10.00 FOR EACH EVENT  
OR £30.00 FOR ALL THREE EVENTS.**  
Cheques payable to BMFA.

**MY PREFERRED F/Qs ARE MINIMUM 3 EVENS or Indicate 2.4ghz**

1.....2.....3.....

**MY TEAM MEMBERS ARE MAX 5**

1.....2.....3.....

4.....5.....

**TEAM NAME.....**

**FOR ADMIN PURPOSES PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU INTEND TO USE WINCH OR HAND TOW.**

**WINCH** .....

**HAND TOW** .....

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL EVENTS ARE PRE-ENTRY ONLY**

Note from the editor

If you don't wish to cut up you latest newsletter, please photocopy the back page or if you would like to go to the BARCS web site you can print the above form from there.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my first news letter, if you feel you could improve it in any way please talk to me not about me and I will see what I can do, I'm quite a friendly chap once you get to know me.

Remember the copy dead line for the March News letter is 24th February 2009 so get writing or send a couple of photos

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