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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

2010 was my first year as Chairman having returned to aerobatics only a few years ago. The competition scene seems reasonably healthy but sadly the average age is increasing with very little ingestion of youngsters to take over as we all retire from competing. This is a very sad state of affairs and could see the eventual demise of this part of the hobby. How many of you out there belong to radio clubs and have tried to promote c/l aerobatics within the club? Have you ever stood up at a club meeting and explained that we don't fly bricks on strings, and that our models are probably set up to a far higher standard than the average club flyers r/c model.

Do you have an old hack that you could let someone with a slight interest have an assisted go, is there some youngster who cannot afford r/c (unlikely in this day and age) but who could be coaxed onto the dark side! Most club flyers don't have any connections outside of their club but competitive flyers do and they make friends all over the world enhancing their own lives and others as well, so why not try just a little harder to spread the word

I would like to thank Ray Lloyd and Paul Winter for their interest in being F2b rep and congratulate Paul for retaining his position, it was a very close run thing with almost 50% of the members voting so thank you all for your interest in the furtherance of Clap2

As part of our sponsorship of the British team, they were requested to write an article for the news letter. We have a very good article from Barry which I understand will extend to 3 editions so there is something to look forward to, with hopefully follow ups from Roy and Rob.

Those of you that follow the contest scene will notice that the Witham Cup has been reintroduced in the south at a brand new venue with enough space for 5/6 circles, so why not give it a try, will possibly include carrier.

Congratulations to Glen Alison for becoming vintage rep and thanks to Ian Russell for his past work in that position.

Let's hope we have a great year with less wind, more temperature, less rain, more competitors, less crashes, more points, less politics, more harmony.....let's just have a bloody good year....cheers Pete



By the way, I also fly R/C !