



Wind & Fire UK
Chapter 12

Edition 7 of the Wind & Fire UK Newsletter.

Dear all,

You will no doubt be awaiting the latest version of the newsletter which is late. The reason for this is the riding season has been upon us and I have been out and about enjoying the sunshine and riding both here and in Europe. I have also been busy sorting out a few communications issues and to this end you may or may not be aware that we now have a website and a chat forum.

In response to several statements made over the last few weeks I have sorted out a beginners guide to using the various forums that we have set up for communication and information sharing. Therefore, unless people object vehemently, I intend to discontinue the newsletter and concentrate on keeping you informed via the website (which anyone can access) and the forum (which only members of Chapter 12 can access).

Please remember that whilst membership of Wind & Fire International is a one off payment of membership dues that gives you lifetime membership, membership of Chapter 12 has local conditions and is subject to approval of the committee and also an annual subscription fee. There are further conditions placed upon members of Chapter 12 which are made available to applicants on request. There is nothing sinister or onerous about these just a commitment to taking an active role as part of the Chapter and club in general rather than sitting in the background. I appreciate that this suits some people and there is nothing wrong with that at all. We would just welcome more support and assistance in our fund raising activities and also attendance at club functions which are bloody good fun.

OK, here are the beginners guides as promised. This is my attempt at a plain language description of how to get sorted on the internet. There are even pictures to help. I am working in my second language so if you have any queries, please use the e-mail contact at the bottom left of each page.

Website

Our website can be viewed at the following address. Either hold down Ctrl and click on the link below or type it into your address toolbar. <http://67.15.88.60/windandfire.co.uk/> Once you get to the homepage, click on ENTER and you are in. There is a lot of information available here. There are also direct e-mail links to the Director, Secretary, Charity Officer, Webmaster and the Press Officer. There is a direct link to the International site as well. These can all be found on the Links page. There is also a guest book for visitors to sign and leave comments.

Discussion Forum

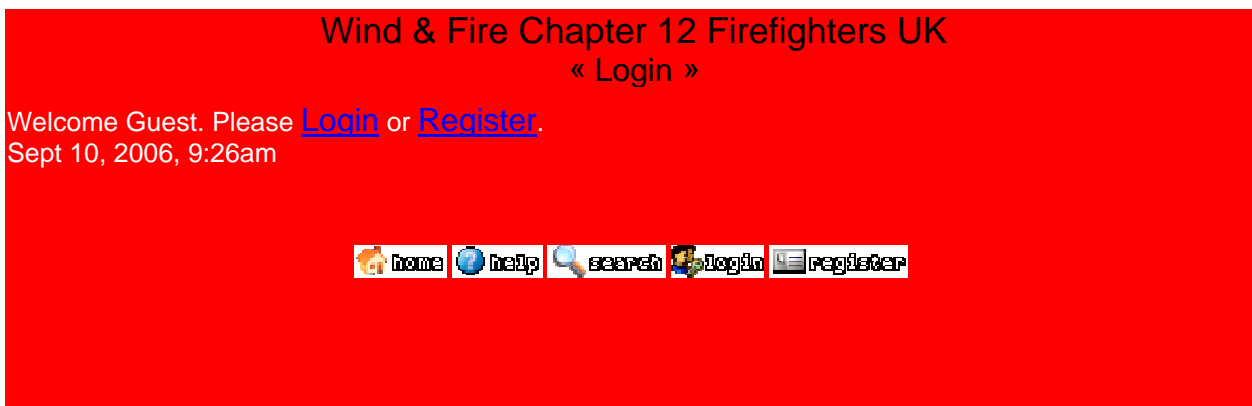
This is currently open to anyone who is a member of Wind & Fire MC. Shortly membership will be restricted to those who have been given specific permission and Chapter 12 members only. This can also be accessed directly from the Website homepage above, just below the Enter button. Either hold down Ctrl and click on the link below or type it into your address toolbar. <http://windfireuk.proboards57.com/index.cgi?> This will take you to a web page that has been

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started to allow us a forum to discuss subjects and issues in a simple way that allows members to leave messages for all club members to read and contribute to. When the page opens up you will see something that looks like this.



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Login

Error: You must login to access this forum. Please login below, or [register](#) for an account.

Username:

[Create New Account](#)

Password:

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Stay logged in for:

Do not enter anything in the Username or Password boxes at this time as they won't work. If you click on the Create New Account link the following screen will pop up.

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Register

Thank you for taking the time to register. Please note that all information is required.

Username:

This username will be used for logging into this forum. You can change your name by updating the "display name" in your profile.

Password:

This is the password you will use to login to your account. All passwords must be a minimum of 6 characters long. We recommend passwords which contain both numbers and letters.

Password:

(again)

Email:

An activation email will be sent to this address. You must use the activation key in this email to enable your account.

Email:

(again)

Hide Email:

No Yes

By checking this option only you and staff members at this forum will be able to see your email address.

Birthday:

We require that you enter your birthday as to comply with US law.

Show Age:

No Yes

Selecting "No" will hide your birthday and age from any non-staff members of this forum.

Security Check:





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Please enter the letters and numbers displayed in the box to the left. All letters are capitals.

You agree, through your use of this forum, that you will not post any material which is false, defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy, or otherwise in violation of ANY law. This is not only humorous, but legal actions can be taken against you. You also agree not to post any copyrighted material unless the copyright is owned by you or you have consent from the owner of the copyrighted material. Spam, flooding, advertisements, chain letters, pyramid schemes, and solicitations are also inappropriate to this forum.

Note that it is impossible for us to confirm the validity of posts on this forum. Please remember that we do not actively monitor the posted messages and are not responsible for their content. We do not warrant the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of any information presented. The messages express the views of the author, not necessarily the views of this forum. Anyone who feels that a posted message is objectionable is encouraged to notify an administrator of this forum immediately. We have the rights to remove objectionable content, within a reasonable time frame, if we determine that removal is necessary. This is a manual process, however, so please realize that we may not be able to remove or edit particular messages immediately. This policy goes for member profile information as well.

You remain solely responsible for the content of your messages, and you agree to indemnify and hold harmless this forum, and any related websites to this forum. We at this forum also reserve the right to reveal your identity (or any information we have about you) in the event of a complaint or legal action arising from any information posted by you.

You have the ability, as you register, to choose your username. We advise that you keep the name appropriate. With this user account you are about to register, you agree to never give your password out to another member, for your protection and for validity reasons. You also agree to NEVER use another member's account to post messages or browse this forum.

After you register and log into this forum, you can fill out a detailed profile. It is your responsibility to present clean and accurate information. Any information we deem inaccurate or vulgar will be removed.

Please note that with each post, your IP address is recorded, in the event that you need to be banned from this forum or your ISP contacted. This will only happen in the event of a major violation of this agreement.

You are solely responsible for any and all attachments that you post to this forum. You may not post files to this forum which contain copyrighted material that you do not have permission from the author to post.

You also agree to the entire [ProBoards.com Terms of Service](#).

I Agree I Do Not Agree

Create Account



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Forum Jump

You need to follow the instructions and enter the information requested. Your username can be anything you want but can I suggest it is something that is easy to remember like your name or nickname.

Then enter a password which must be a minimum of 6 characters long. This can be a word, all numbers, all letters or a combination of both but remember that the password is case sensitive. Write down your exact password as well so that when it comes to accessing the forum when you have registered you can remember it.

You need to use an e-mail address that you can access easily so that you can retrieve the activation key so that you can get onto the forum in the future and also activate your account. You have the option to show or hide your e-mail address and your age but both are required to allow you access in the first place.

The security check letters and numbers will be different on the real application and need to be entered correctly using upper and lower case and numbers in the correct sequence. The reason for this is to reduce the likelihood of spammers creating millions of members and flooding the site with 'ghost' members.

Once you have entered the required info, read through the conditions and then click the 'I agree button'. Once you have completed all of this click the Create Account button. You will be taken straight to the log in screen.



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You need to enter your Username in the appropriate box and then your password that you wrote down earlier in the password box.

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Confirmation Email Sent

An email has been sent to your_e-mail@provider.com with an activation code to activate your account. In order to use your account, you must enter the activation code that is contained in that email. Please login below, and then enter the activation key that is provided to you in the email.

If you entered the wrong email address or do not receive your activation email, you will be able to update your email address and have a new activation key sent to you after you login. If you do not receive your registration email, you may want to check your Junk Mail folder that some email providers offer, as your registration email may be there.

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You may be prompted by your system to save your password for automatic login when you access the forum in future. I suggest that you select yes unless you have your own system for remembering passwords.

I also suggest that you save the homepage into your favourites so that you don't have to keep writing in the address of the page every time you want access. You do this by clicking on the Favourites button on the top toolbar of your browser (the page you use to access the forum) then clicking on the add to favourites button and then when the screen pops up just click on OK. A quick link will then be added to your list of favourites which you will be able to access anytime from the Favourites drop down menu.

You now need to check your e-mails as the activation key will be sent to the account that you specified in the application process in an e-mail. You can access the log in screen either from the page that has popped up or by using the link in the activation e-mail that has been sent to you.

Write down the activation key or alternatively I suggest that you highlight the activation key provided and then copy and paste it into the Activation Key box as below or enter by hand using the keyboard. Then click on the Activate Account button.

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Activate Account

Please enter your activation key in the form below to activate your account. If you did not receive your activation key, then you can verify or update your email address and have a new key sent to you by [clicking here](#).

Activation Key:

You will then be taken to a screen as below. Enter you username and password then click login.

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Account Pending Approval

Currently your account is waiting for approval from a staff member. Once an administrator has approved your account you will get access to this forum.

I will then receive notification that you have requested access and once I have authorised it, you are in and can then start adding posts and threads. (messages).

Hopefully this will explain the process to you adequately. Please use the forum and the Webpages as it is a much easier way to keep in touch.

AGM

A date, time and location for the AGM will be decided soon following consideration of the proposals that you the members have offered as options. The forum is the only place where you will find these proposals. Items for consideration at the AGM either need to be sent to the Director or posted on the forum before the AGM.

Once the date etc. is decided, I will inform everyone on our membership list by e-mail. You then

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have the option to turn up, send your apologies or ignore everything. Following the AGM, information concerning Wind & Fire UK regarding events etc. will only be made via the official website and for members of Chapter 12 via the forum. Anyone not attending or not sending apologies for non attendance at the AGM will effectively be left out of the loop until they contact us.

That's all for now. See you at the AGM!!!!

Take care

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