

Quick Users Guide for the new MARKS Forum

This is a “quick and dirty” guide that shows how to setup a new user account on the new MARKS forum and how to post a message.

1) *How to get to the new MARKS Forum*

To connect to the new forum enter either the following address:

<http://www.rcmarks.org/cgi-bin/Forums/ikonboard.cgi>

or click on the Forum link in the center of the MARKS home page as indicated below.

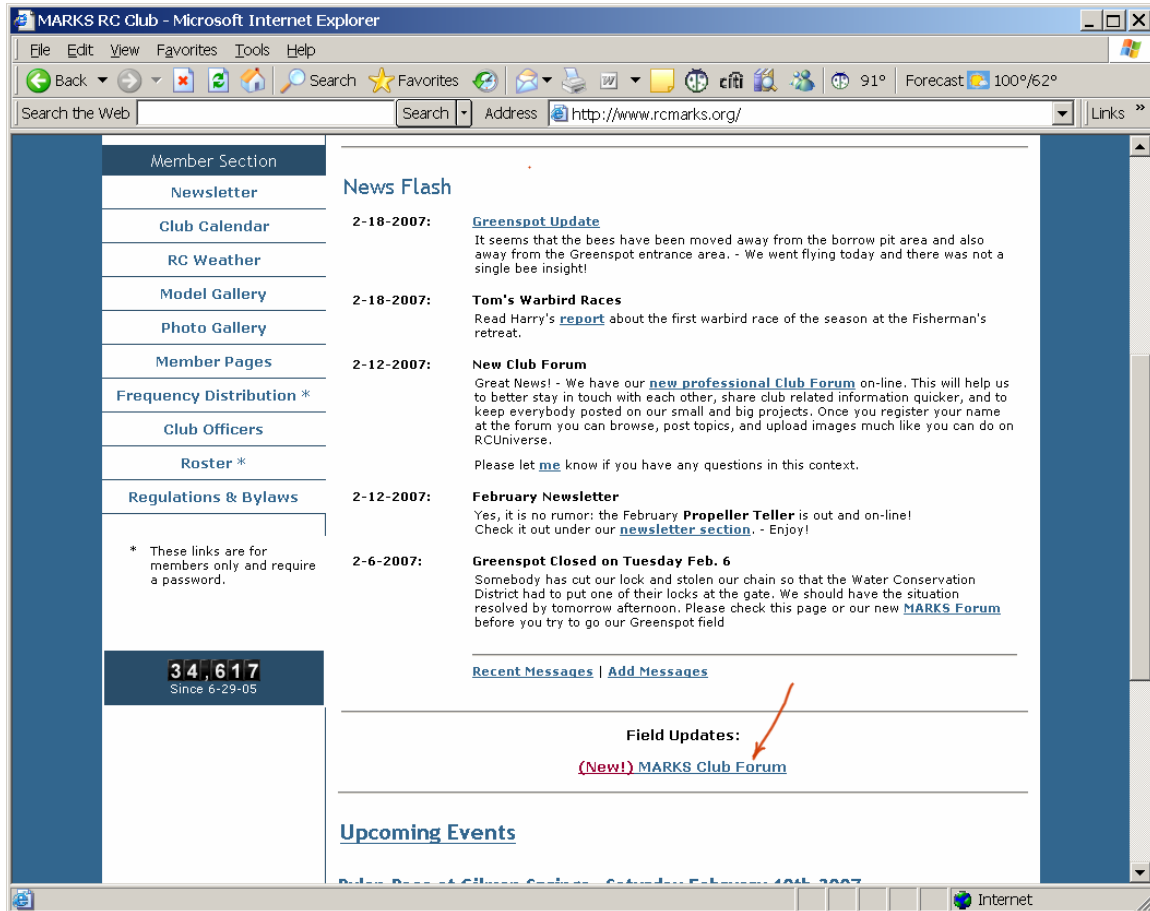


Figure 1 How to get to the MARKS Forum

Clicking on the MARKS Club Forum link will bring you to the web-page depicted on Figure 2 if you click it for the first time:

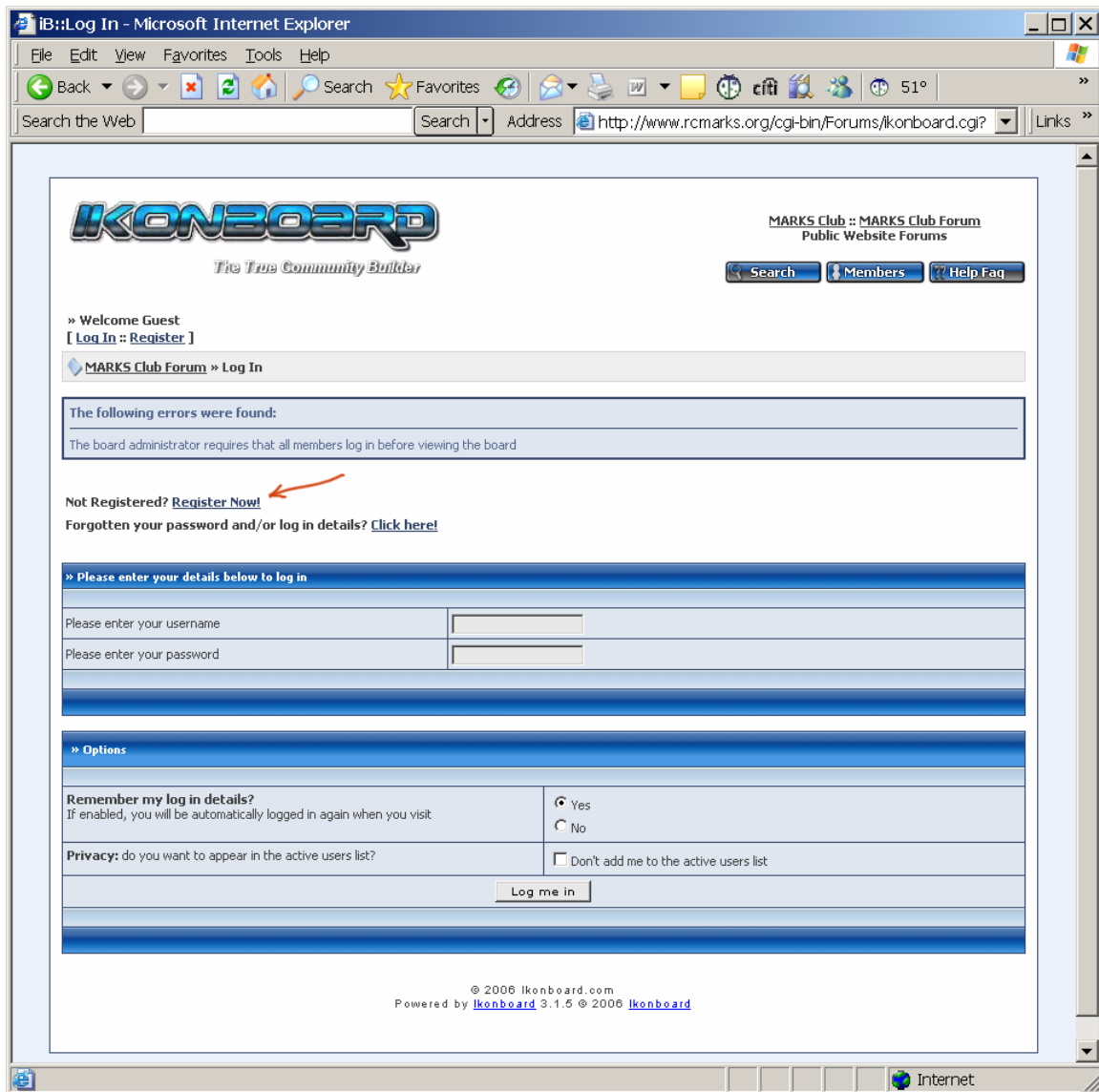


Figure 2 Log-in screen for the MARKS forum

If you have never been on the forum before you need to register, that is, create an account. This takes only 2 minutes and is very easy. The reason for this is that we want to know who is using the forum because though it is open to people outside our club we do not want to know who is participating.

2) How to register a new account

If you click on the “Register Now!” link (read arrow in Figure 2), then you will get to the registration form as shown in Figure 3 below. Here you can provide your own information, I filled out the page for my name, creating a new user with the screen name “snoopy”. You can take any name that is not yet taken. Your e-mail address should be a real one, because that is the address that will be used by the system to send you a confirmation e-mail.

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» Welcome Guest
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» MARKS Club Forum » Registration Form

Registration Instructions
Please ensure that you complete all the fields fully, taking particular care over the password fields.

» Please fully complete the form * Required Fields

Please choose a username Usernames must be between 3 and 32 characters long.	<input type="text" value="snoopy"/> *
Please choose a password Passwords must be between 5 and 32 characters long.	<input type="password" value="*****"/> *
Please re-enter your password It must match <i>exactly</i>	<input type="password" value="*****"/> *
Please enter your email address You will need to enter a <i>real</i> email address	<input type="text" value="MyEMail@hotmail.com"/> *
Enter your real name Maximum length: 40 characters	<input type="text" value="Andreas Blaser"/> *
Your Location (Check Length)	<input type="text" value="Redlands"/>
Hide my email address from other members	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Terms of Service Please read fully and check the 'I agree' box ONLY if you agree to the terms	<p>Please remember that we are not responsible for any messages posted. We do not vouch for or warrant the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of any message, and are not responsible for the contents of any message. The messages express the views of the author of the message, not necessarily the views of this BB. Any user who feels that a posted message is objectionable is encouraged to contact us immediately by email. We have the ability to remove objectionable</p> <p>I agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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Figure 3 Completed registration form.

If you click on the “Submit my registration” button, you will be a registered user of the forum and a confirmation e-mail will be sent to your e-mail. The following page appears:

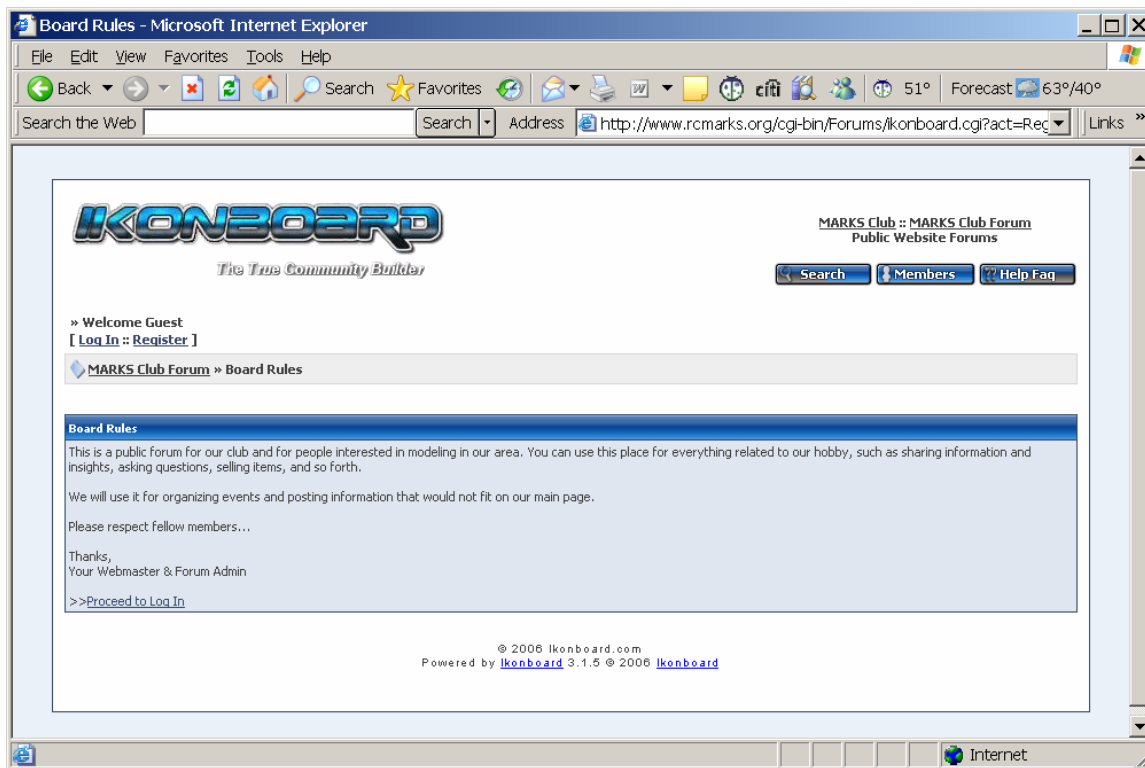


Figure 4 Successful registration screen.

On this screen click on "Proceed to Log In" and the regular login page appears.

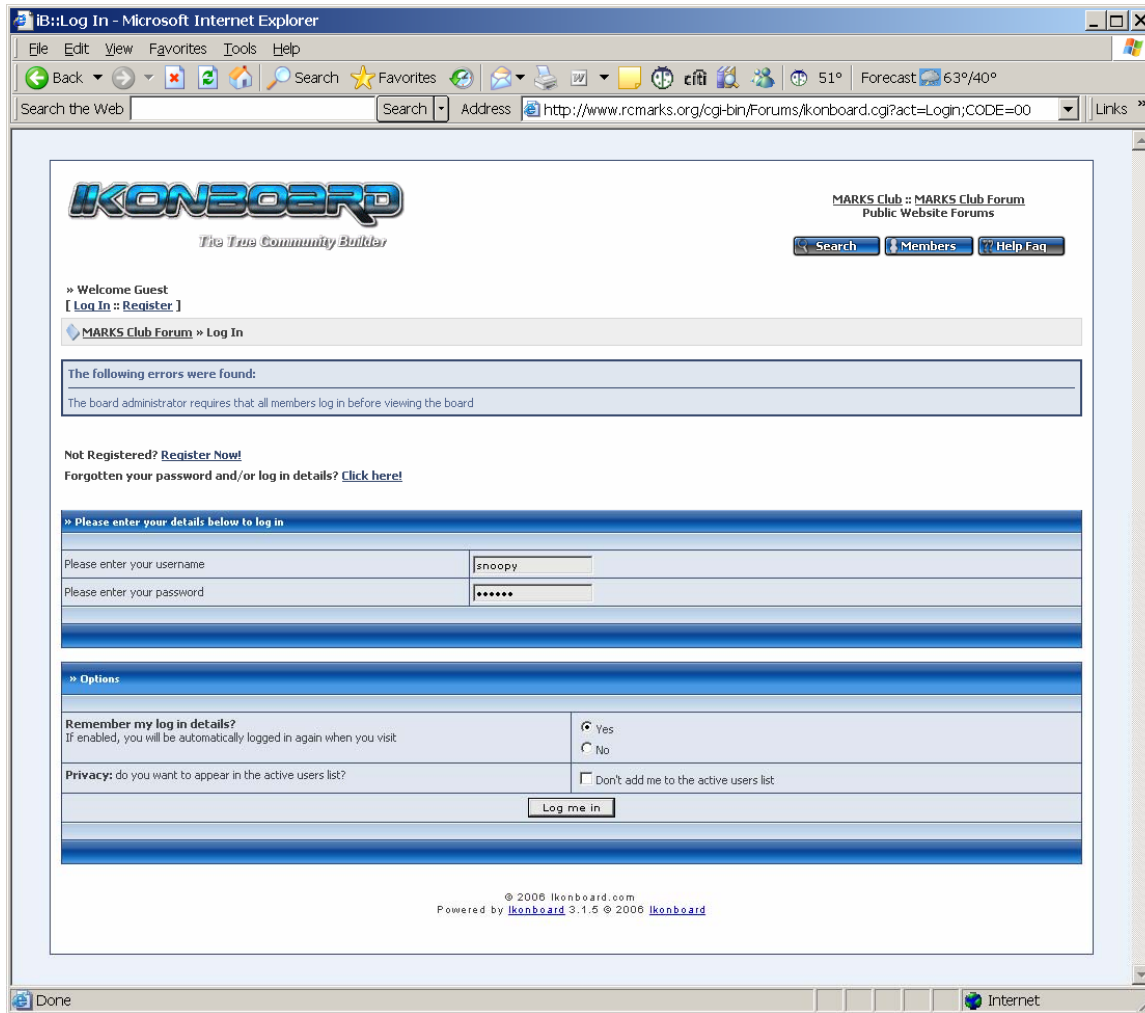


Figure 5 Regular login screen.

3) How to log into the new MARKS Forum

Provide your new screen name (the name you gave yourself) and your password and you are logged in. Because this is the first time you have logged in the system sends you a welcome message. If you want to read it then click ok, otherwise click cancel.

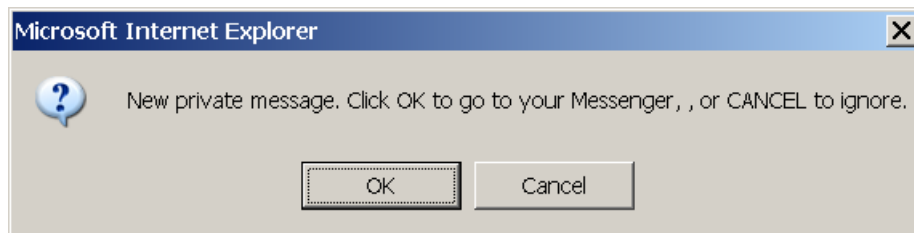


Figure 6 Message notification.

4) Reading messages

In order to read messages and posts of other members simply click on one of the links (topics) on the main forum page, such as, Events, Flying Fields, Builder reports, etc. This will lead you into the different categories of messages. Click on different items and explore what is there. Below is the main page with all the topmost topics of our forum.

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» Welcome snoopy
[[Your Control Panel](#) :: [Log Out](#) :: [Notes](#) :: [New Posts](#)] Your Messenger (0 new)

» MARKS Club Forum

Forum	Topics	Replies	Last Post Info	
Events User(s) active in this subcategory: 0 Total Forums: 4	3	2	Feb. 16 2007, 14:15 In: Redlands Fly-In 2007 By: rcabl	
Flying Fields User(s) active in this subcategory: 0 Total Forums: 4	3	9	Feb. 18 2007, 22:13 In: Field Condition By: rcabl	
Builder Reports User(s) active in this forum: 0	1	8	Feb. 15 2007, 21:44 In: The "Bobcat" Experi... By: oscarfur	Forum Led By: ▾
For Sale! User(s) active in this forum: 0	1	1	Feb. 18 2007, 20:10 In: for sale By: forumdba	Forum Led By: ▾
Wanted! User(s) active in this forum: 0	1	5	Feb. 17 2007, 10:00 In: wanted By: rcabl	Forum Led By: ▾
Public Comments This is the place to drop any type of comment - open to everyone, including guests and visitors. User(s) active in this forum: 0	0	0	-- In: ---- By: ----	Forum Led By: ▾
Testing Ground & Sandbox Use this forum to test out the functionality and capabilities of the MARKS Club's forum. User(s) active in this forum: 0	4	9	Feb. 16 2007, 14:30 In: uploading pictures By: rcabl	Forum Led By: ▾

[Delete cookies set by this board] :: [Mark ALL topics as read]

» Board Information
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User Info

- 0 guests, 1 public members and 0 anonymous members
- >snoopy
- 1 user(s) active in the past 15 minutes
- No members are celebrating a birthday today
- There are no events scheduled in the calendar for the next days [[View Calendar](#)]

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Figure 7 Main page of the MARKS forum.

5) How to post something on the forum

Once you are ready to post something go to the Testing Ground & Sandbox. Here you can post and try out features at will, this is the place where you can check out how things work before you reply to an existing post or create a new topic.

So let's see what we need to do to answer to a particular post.

If you want to post a reply to an existing post click on the Add reply button below the message (Figure 8).

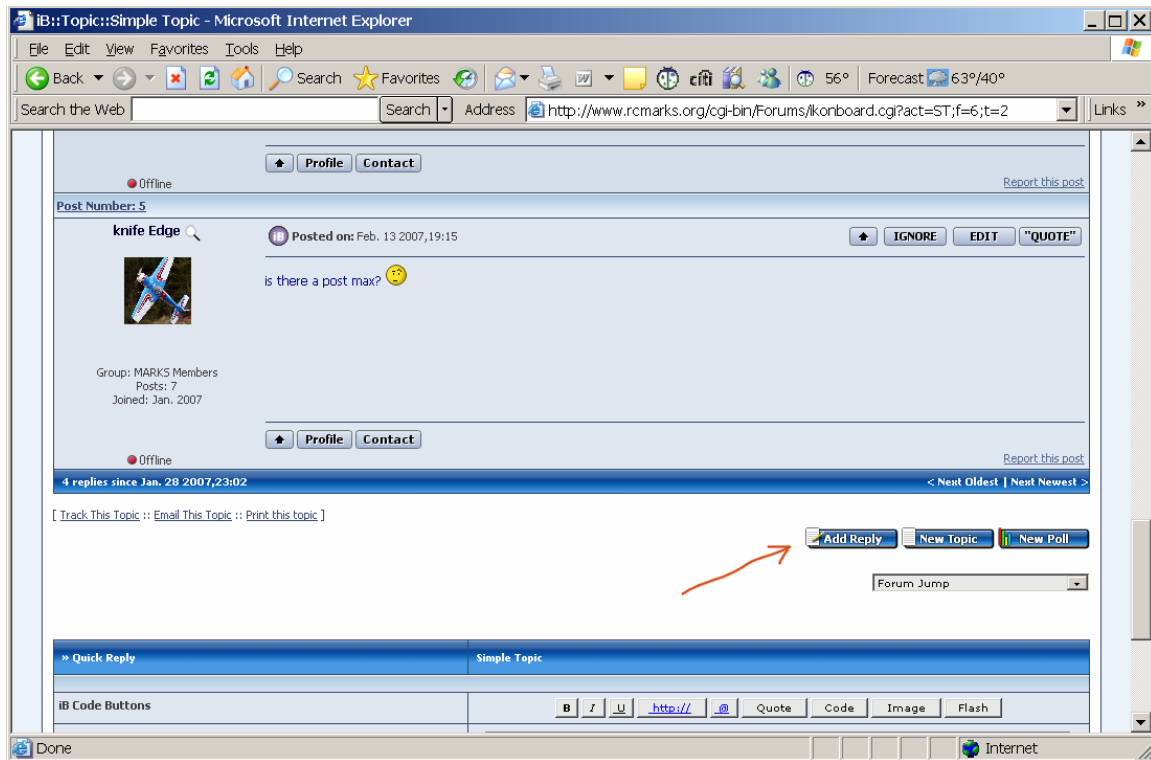


Figure 8 Existing post – what to do to add a reply.

Once pressed you can formulate your reply and then press “Add reply” – Figure 9.

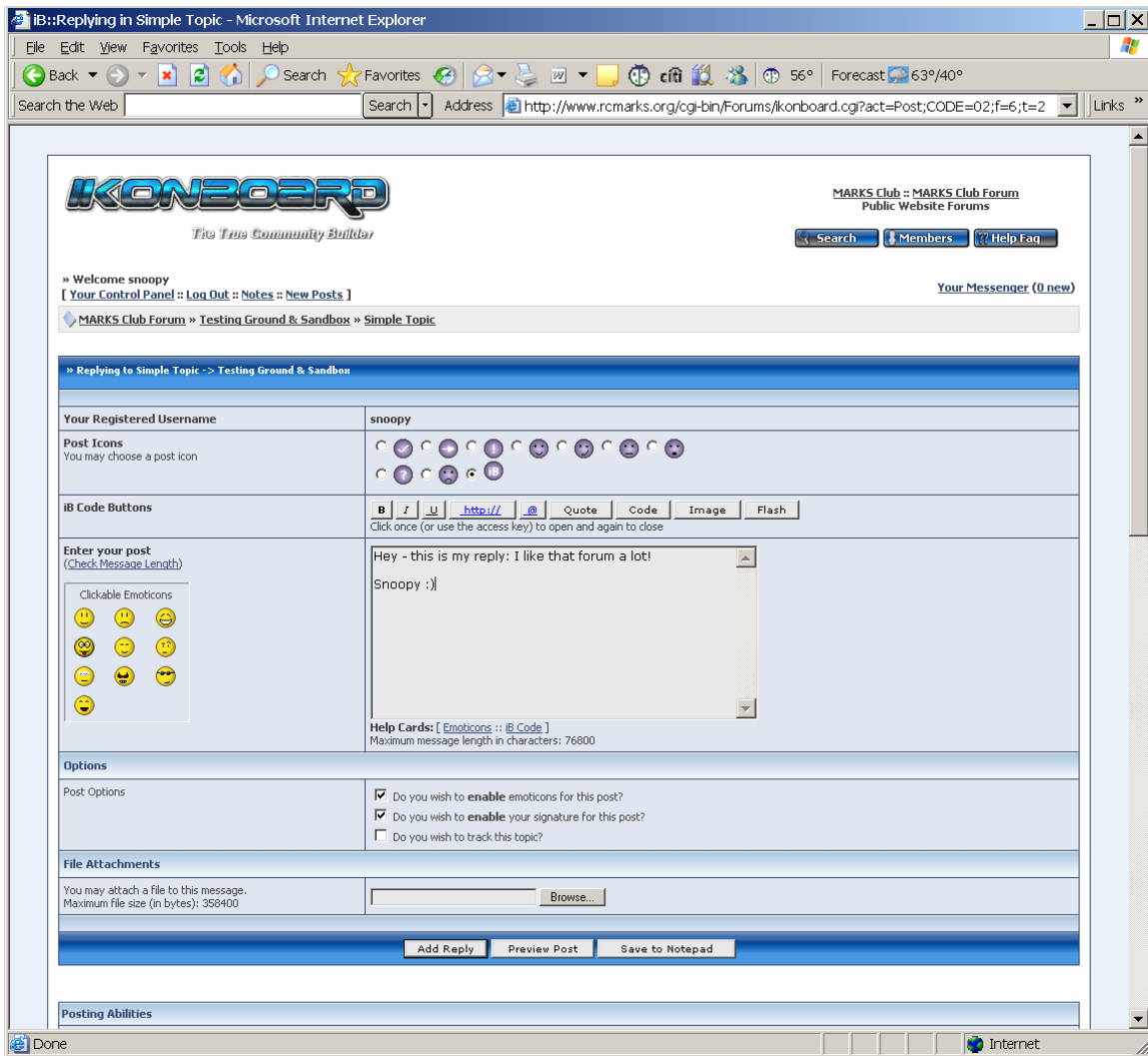


Figure 9 Creating a reply

Pressing "Add Reply" will add your message to the existing posts on the forum. –

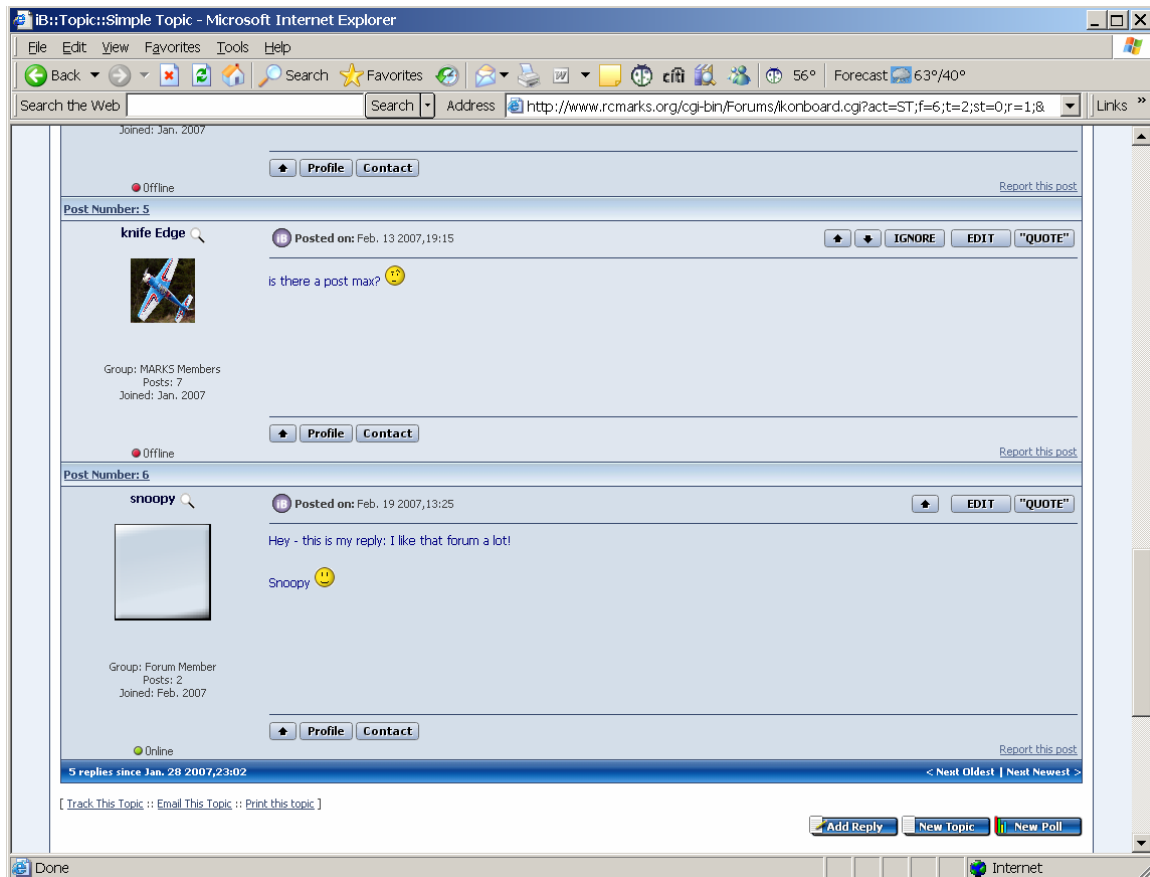


Figure 10 Your reply is posted.

6) How to start a new topic

First you need to decide under which category to post a new topic, do you want to sell something? Do you want to tell (ask) something about a model you are building, or do you want to post an update of the condition field? Depending on the answer to that question look for the right category on our forum. One you have decided where to put the new topic click on the "New Topic" button under a category.

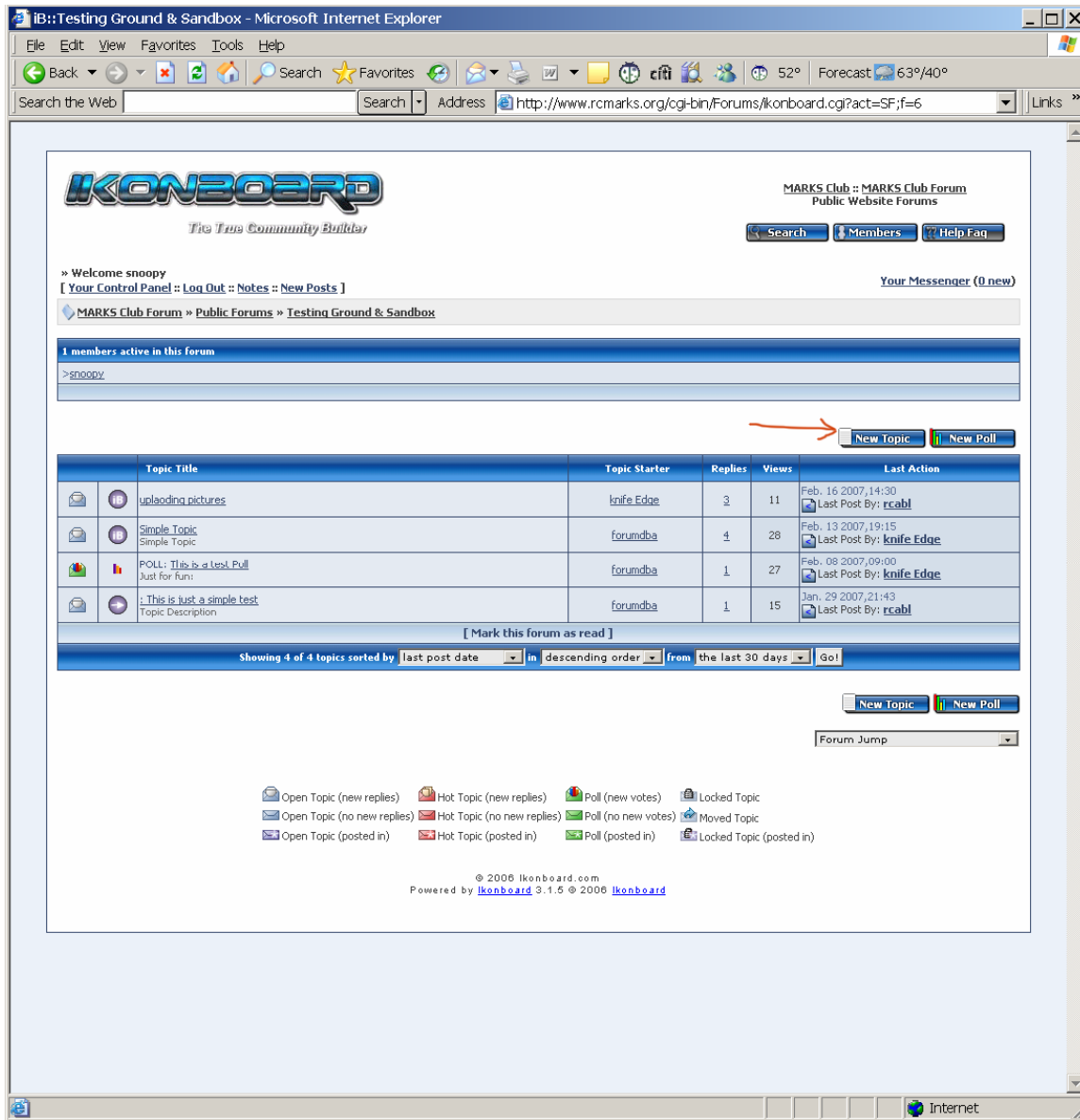


Figure 11 Create a new topic

Once you click there you will get a page that is very similar to the one for creating a reply.

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» Post a new topic in Testing Ground & Sandbox

Your Registered Username	snoopy
Topic Title	My new plane
Topic Description	pictures of my new plane
Post Icons	You may choose a post icon
IB Code Buttons	B I U http:// @ Quote Code Image Flash Click once (or use the access key) to open and again to close
Enter your post (Check Message Length)	<p>Clickable Emoticons </p> <p>Hi guys, this is just a test of how to start a topic (thread). Everythin youwrite here will be posted as the start message of the tread. You can add pictures and simple formatting (bold, italic, underline .. see above) and imotions such as this :) if you like. Other members can then read your posting anc comment on it. Try it out, it is really easy ... and fun</p> <p>Help Cards: [Emoticons :: IB Code] Maximum message length in characters: 76800</p>
Options	Post Options <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you wish to enable emoticons for this post? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do you wish to enable your signature for this post? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you wish to track this topic?
File Attachments	You may attach a file to this message. Maximum file size (in bytes): 358400 <input type="text"/> Browse...

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Figure 12 Provide the information for you new topic.

The major difference is that you can provide a topic title and a description. The rest is pretty similar to adding a reply.

Once you are done, click "Post new topic". If you want to see how the topic would look like with out yet posting it press "Preview Post"

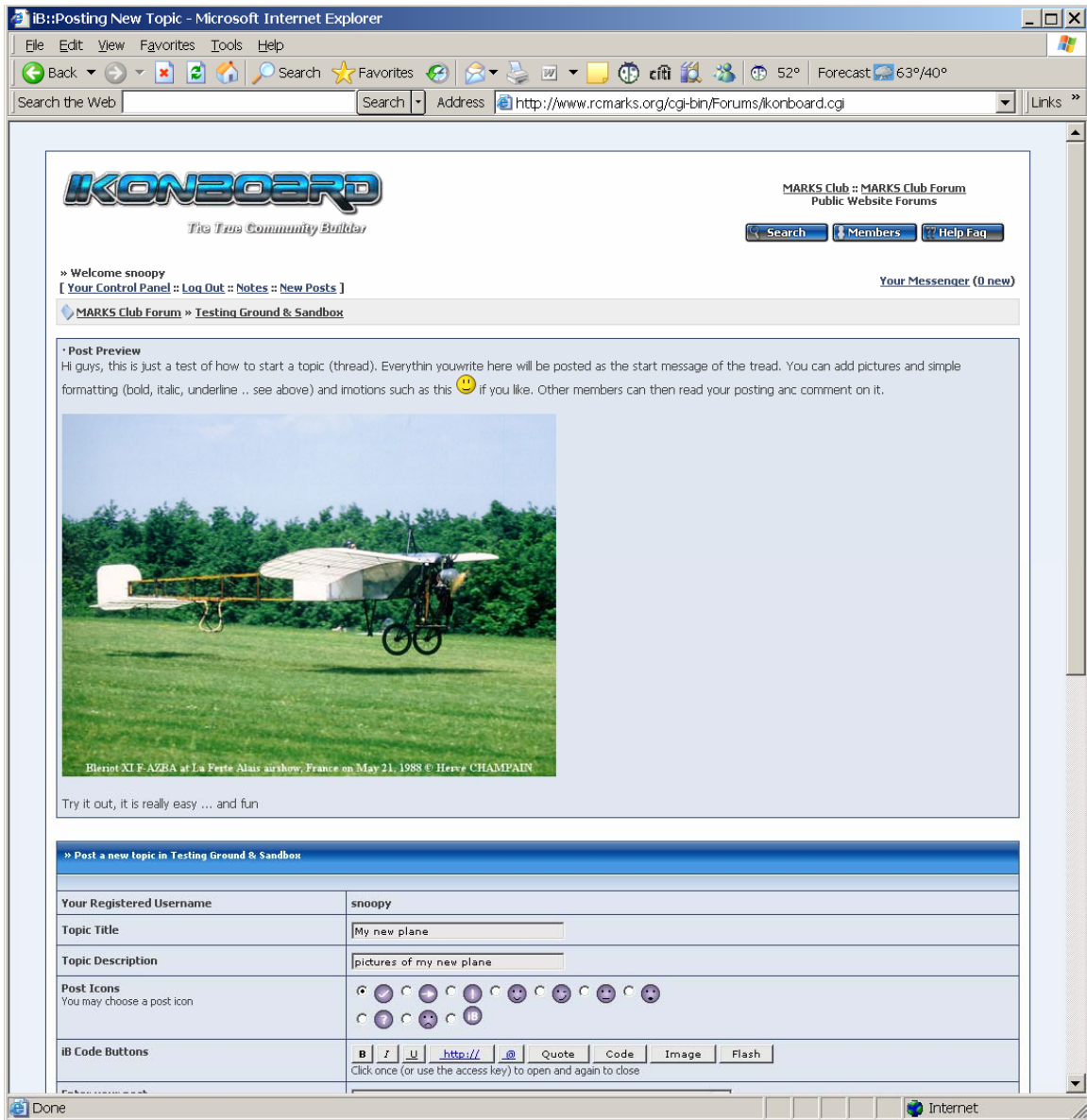


Figure 13 A new posting before being posted in preview mode.



Figure 14 Once posted it looks like this.

7) *Uploading a picture – having a picture in your post*

The general procedure is to upload a picture first and then make a reference inside your post. This is not difficult, once you have done it once. Here is a step by step guide:

- 1) **Prepare your picture on your computer** – don't upload pictures bigger that 1024 x 768 pixel. There are many programs that let you reduce the resolution of your images from their original size out of the camera to a good resolution for the web. Look up help for "Change image resolution", "change image size", "change image dimension", or "resample image". A good value for image resolution is 120 dpi and a good image size is anything between 640x480 to 1024x768 pixels.
- 2) Upload your picture – Under the MARKS website go to "Useful Links" and click on "Upload Files" this will bring you to the page below. – The direct link to that page is: <http://www.rcmarks.org/MembersOnly/UploadFiles.html> - You will have to provide our user ID and password to upload pictures (send me an e-mail if you don't have or forgot our password webmaster@rcmarks.org).

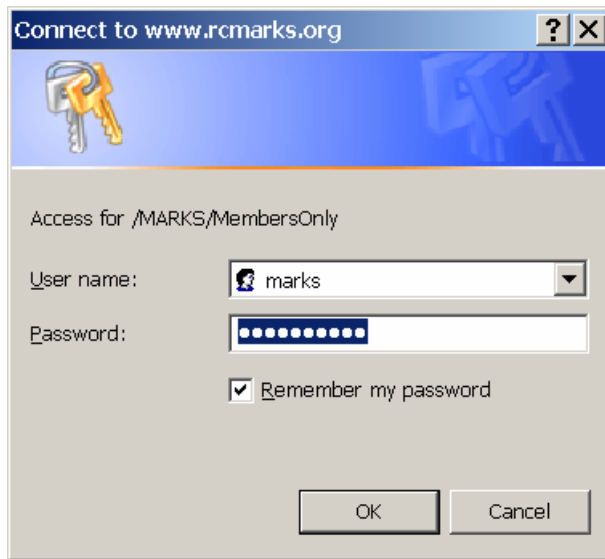


Figure 15 Password prompt to access our members only section.



Figure 16 MARKS Upload page

- 3) Next, browse for the file you want to upload (Press the Browse... button) – In my case above I chose a file called “bleriot11.jpg”.
- 4) Then, press “Upload File” and wait until the file is uploaded. There is a status message in the lower right section of your browser. You will see the following screen once the upload is complete. – Depending on your connection speed and the image size this can take a while.

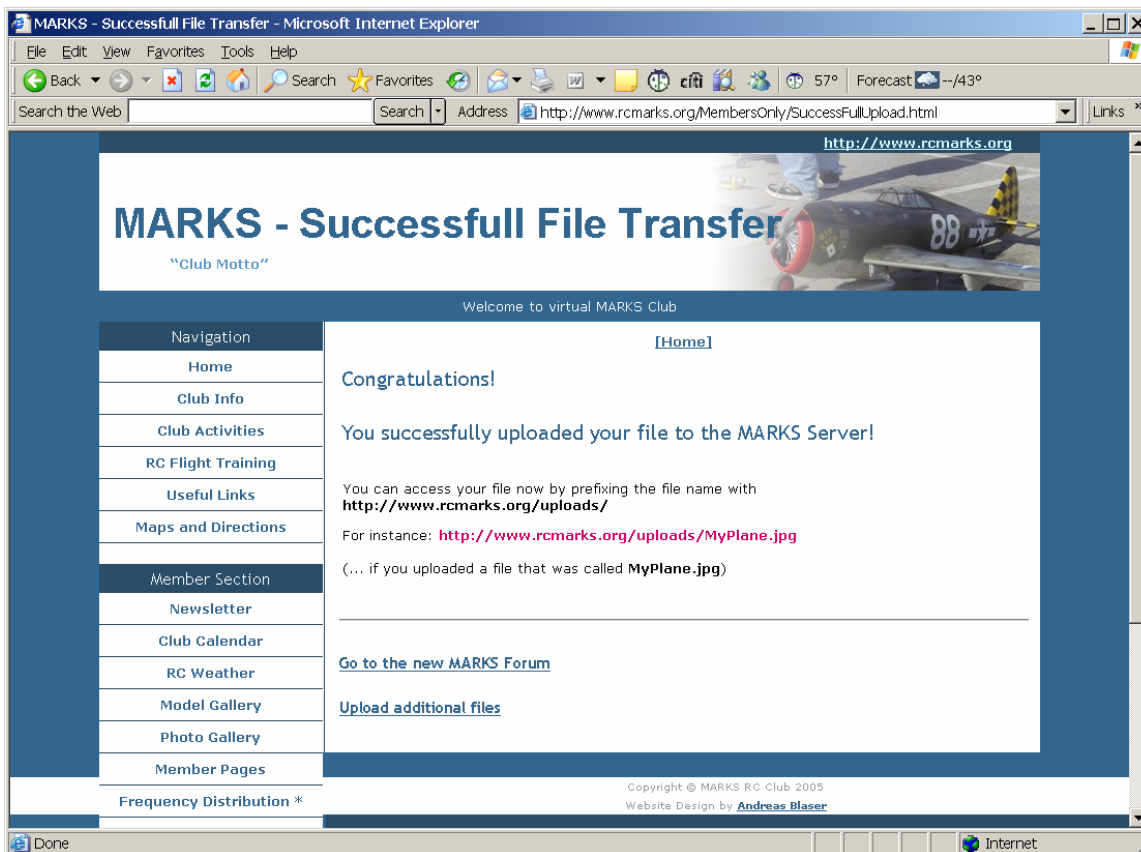


Figure 17 Successful upload.

- 5) Now you can make the picture show up in your post simple add <http://www.rcmarks.org/uploads/> to the file name that you just uploaded, in my case this is:

<http://www.rcmarks.org/uploads/bleriot11.jpg>

On the reply page if you press the “Image” button, it ask you to provide a URL, copy and paste this address above into the edit box, click ok and you are done.

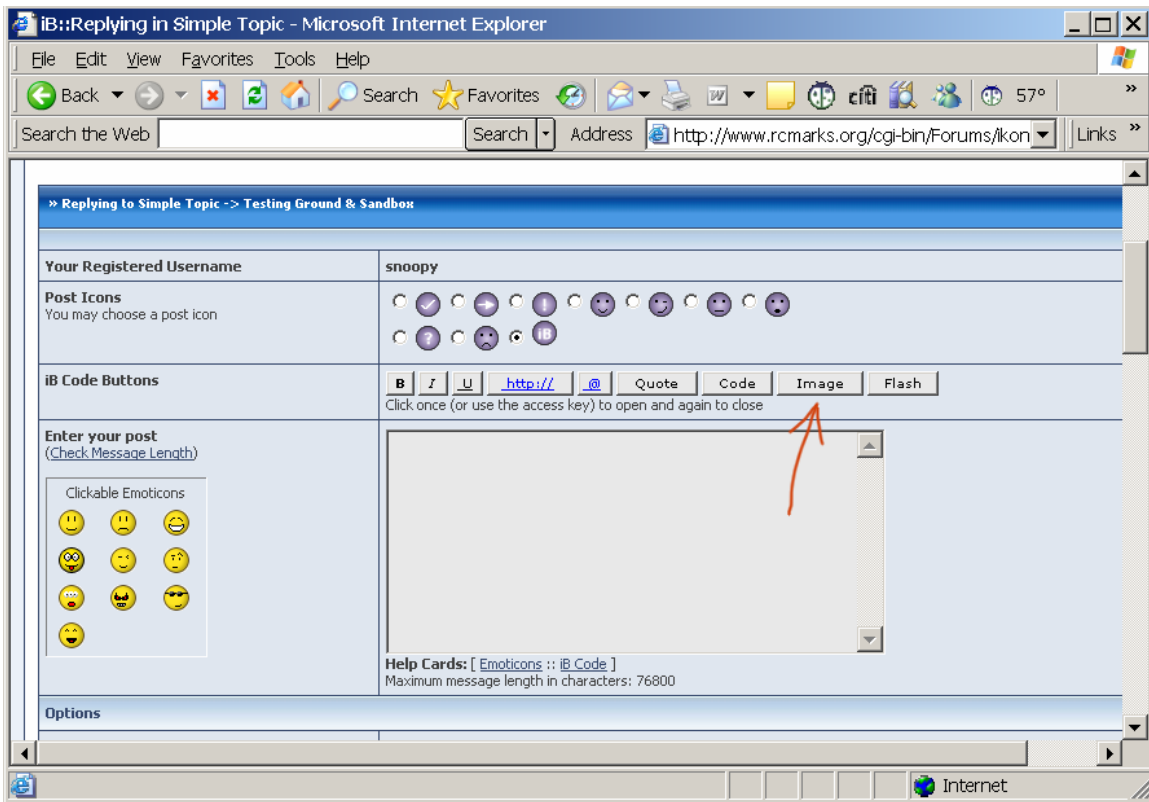


Figure 18 Add an image to a post

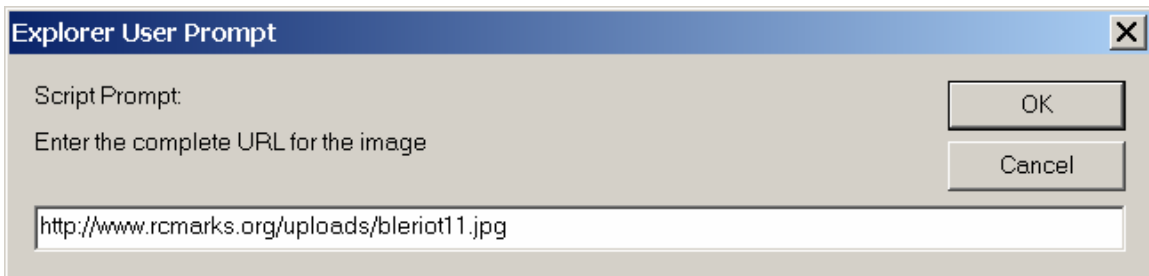


Figure 19 Tell the system which image you want to show, that is copy that link and press OK. – By the way you can link to any picture on the web, the images does not need to be on our MARKS server..

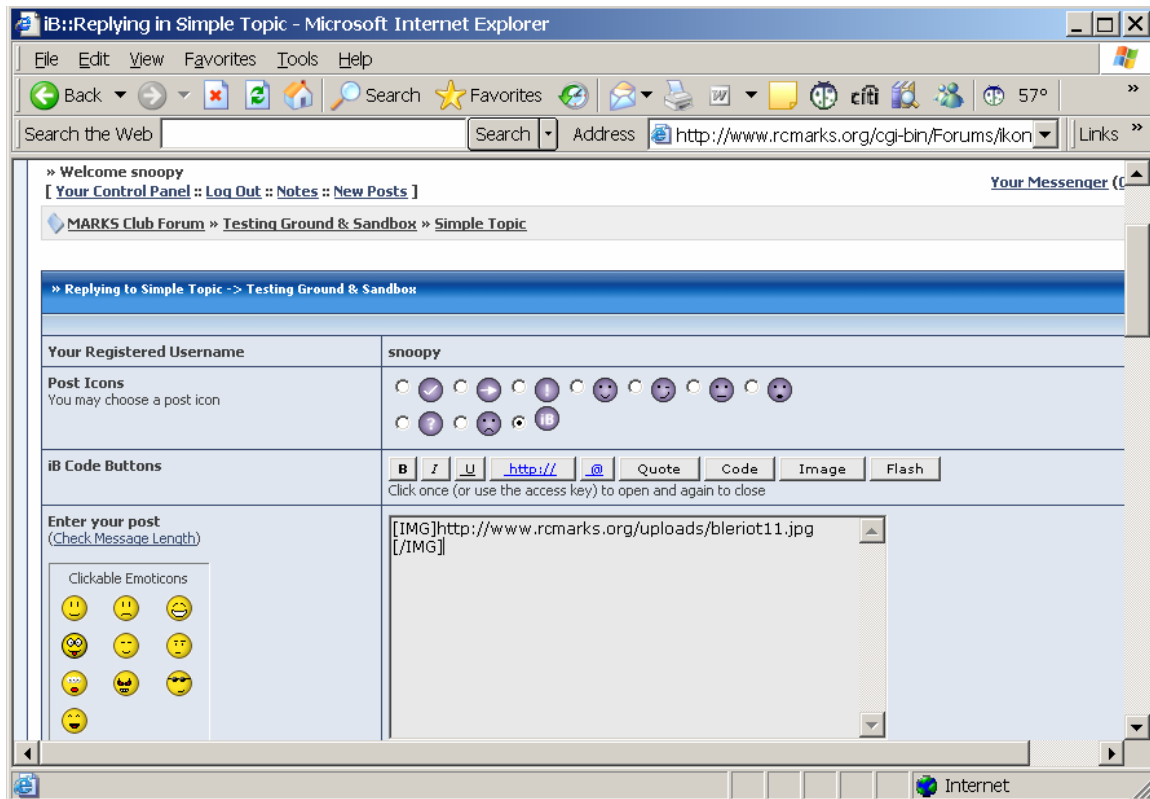


Figure 20 The reference is added to your post

If you press “Add Reply” now then you your message and image(s) will be posted. You can link a maximum of 15 images to a single post.

Please OK – that’s it. Most every forum works like this, so if you are cruising with our forum you should feel right at home with other forums, such as, RCUniverse. com as well. If you have questions, please let me know - E-mail is best webmaster@rcmarks.org.

Cheers,

Andreas your friendly webmaster.