



**British Model Flying
Association**

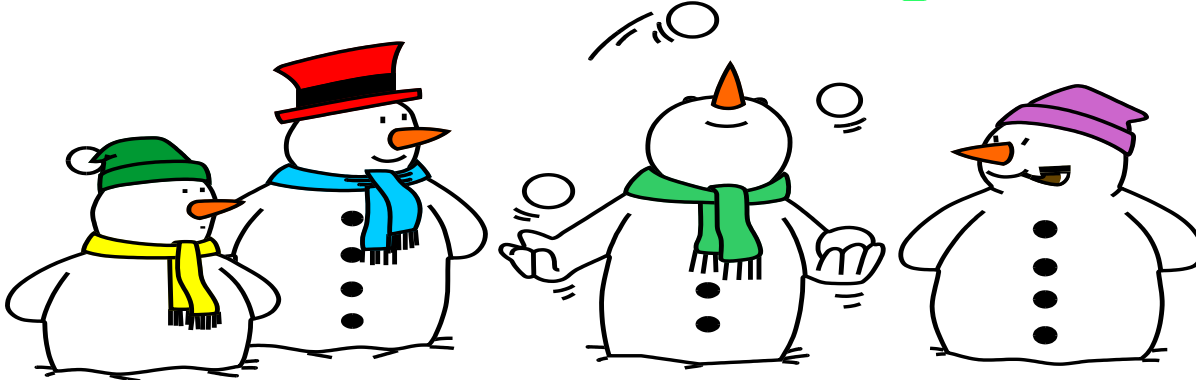


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SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE

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TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 9th January 2016 at 11am which is to be held at: College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3TQ. Telephone 0116 2449669

Email: info@collegetcourt.co.uk

AGENDA

(To download the Full Council Agenda Ctrl + click on the link below, or copy the link below)

https://www.bmfa.org/The-BMFA/Minutes-Archive?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=1555

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
 - a The RNMAA Delegate

- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
 - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
 - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
 - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
 - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
 - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 ASRC:
 - a If necessary, the election of members to fill ASRC vacancies. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (c))
 - b If necessary, the co-option of the ASRC Delegate to Council (if a Council Member is not already a member of the ASRC). (Ref: ASRC ToR item (a))
 - c Election of the Power or Silent Flight Controller. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (h) (ii))
- 9 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th September 2015.
- 10 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12th September 2015 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 11 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 12 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:
 - a Ratification of Teams (Appended).
 - b Ratification of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) (Appended).
 - c Receipt of declarations that it does intend to send a team from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team.
- 13 Confirmation of the status of SAA and LMA insurance (Ref General Rule 2.1.6 Entry to Competitions.)
- 14 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and CEO, to include:
 - a) Chairman's Report to include, the co-option to fill the vacancy of PRO on the Executive.
- 15 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 16 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary, to include the following proposals:
 - a That the text of the first sentence of Paragraph c and sections h (i) of Appendix P to the Council Handbook – the text dealing with the appointment and election of Achievement Scheme Controllers, be amended as per the appended full proposal.
 - b That, in accordance with the provisions and procedures of the Council Handbook, Appendix L, Model Balloons UK is accepted as a specialist body of the BMFA.
- 17 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following:

Proposals a) – i) Amendments to the General Rule Book (Appended in full).
- 18 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a Receipt and ratification of any late contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
 - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees (Appended)

- 19 To receive a report from the Records Officer, to include the following:
To receive the following proposals:
- i. To reallocate an unused, adopted BMFA trophy to a new class which is competed for on an annual basis.
 - ii. To modify the wording of the record rules book to clarify the need to submit the 7-day claim when submitting a record claim.
- To receive the following Record Claims:
- iii. C Newis/D Hanks (175296/66716) – CL Mini Goodyear Junior – 30/08/15
 - iv. P Watt (108095) – Novice Penny Plane Rubber PWD – 13/09/15
- 20 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 21 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 22 To receive the following proposals:
- i. **From the Silent Flight Technical Committee** that the Great Britain Slope Racing Association be permitted to host and organise the 2018 FAI World Championship for F3F (Slope Soaring Model Aircraft).
 - ii. **From London Area** that all present Directors of the Society, members of the Technical Committees and Area Officers be granted a free invitation to attend the Free Flight and R/C BMFA National Championships, as is afforded to Fellows and Honorary Members.
- 23 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
- a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
 - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 24 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
- a CAA Team
 - b Education Working Group
 - c Flight Challenge
 - d University Challenge
 - e Computer Sub-Committee
 - f Safety Review Committee
 - g Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - h BMFA News Publishers
 - i BMFA Archivist
 - j Club Support Officer

25 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

26 Date of next meeting.

Circulation: All Council Members

~ Refer to the booklet “Information for the January Agenda”



BMFA Office Opening Hours over Christmas and the New Year

Thursday 24th December – CLOSED PM
Friday 25th December – CLOSED
Monday 28th December – CLOSED
Tuesday 29th December – OPEN
Wednesday 30th December – OPEN
Thursday 31st December – CLOSED
Friday 1st December – CLOSED
Monday 4th January - OPEN

IMPROVED BMFA INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016

Throughout 2015, the BMFA has been working with its insurance broker Integro (formerly Doodsons) to review the insurance package provided to individual members and BMFA Affiliated Clubs. The BMFA has secured a new three year deal with Integro and its insurance partners, which will provide stability in terms of our annual premiums and we are pleased to report that there are a number of positive changes and improvements to our already excellent insurance arrangements for 2016:

The administration fee of £50 for submission of claims has been removed. There is therefore no longer an excess or admin fee payable by members in the event of a claim.

The personal accident cover provided to members has been transferred to Aviva. The new policy provides cover of up to £35,000 for death or a permanent total disablement. However, the scope of the cover has now been extended to include permanent partial disablement.

The optional travel insurance has been transferred to Aviva and is available to purchase by any member (and their accompanying family members) travelling for model flying purposes. Please visit www.bmfa.org for further details or to arrange purchase.

The Directors and Officers Cover provided as part of the insurance package for BMFA affiliated clubs has also been transferred to Aviva.

The optional equipment scheme has been discontinued for individual members (due to low uptake), but is now provided free of charge to all of our clubs. This is a significant additional benefit for BMFA affiliated clubs and provides buildings and contents cover up to £10,000. The BMFA would like to record its appreciation to John Capel and his team at Integro and Jon Wye at Mitsui Sumitomo for finding a way to facilitate this new arrangement.

As part of the new three year deal, Integro have agreed to continue their sponsorship of the BMFA and have committed £100,000 over the next three years to support new initiatives and development. Amongst other things, previous sponsorship allowed the BMFA to commission the flight simulator trailer and also funded work on the National Centre project.

The British Model Flying Association

13th-14th FEB 2016

Electric Indoor Masters



Featuring:
F3P A,B,C
AEROMUSICAL
SYNCHRO PAIR
FREESTYLE
ONE MODEL PYLON RACING
THE KATIE ANNE WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL TROPHY

@ The Metrodome Arena,
Queens Ground, Queens Road,
Barnsley, S71 1AN

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For the latest downloads
go to: www.gbrcaa.org/eim



Exclusive BMFA Members Travel Insurance

Details of the exclusive travel insurance available for members when travelling overseas, where the main purpose of their trip is to fly model aircraft, can be downloaded from the page at www.bmfa.org/Info/Travel-Insurance (Ctrl + click to follow link)

The Future of Free Flight

The Free Flight Technical Committee (FFTC) of the BMFA is holding a conference on the Future of Free Flight at Husbands Bosworth airfield – the headquarters of the Coventry gliding club, about 10 miles South East of Leicester, on January 31st 2016.

Recent changes in the requirements for military land use will have radical implications on the future use for Free Flight. These changes will also impact on civilian land use.

The FFTC realises that these changes will alter the way that Free Flight is organised and operated and is evolving a plan to ensure the continuance of Free Flight in the UK.

At the conference the FFTC will outline its proposals. The FFTC wants input from the free flight community with respect to this future planning. If you have thoughts and ideas be there and make your voice heard.

For more details and to book your place at the conference (there is no charge to attend) contact the FFTC Chairman Mike Woodhouse at MichaelWoodhouse1942@gmail.com or 01603 457754

Free Flight Training/Trimming and Sport flying on Salisbury Plain

Area 8, Salisbury Plain will be available for Free Flight, most weekends in 2016.

To use this great site on the available days all users must be in possession of a current permit and fully comply with its requirements. An application form to obtain a permit is available from the BMFA office, with the conditions of use attached. This must be completed and returned with the fee before a permit will be issued.

The cost will be £15/year.

2016 Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries - apply now!

***Aged between 14 years and 21 years; or for a follow-on bursary 24 years?
Have a basic air sport qualification?
Wish to advance your air sport qualifications but lack the funds?
Would up to £1,000 help you realise your air sport ambitions?***

The Royal Aero Club Trust announces its bursary scheme for young people for the 2016 season. The bursaries include The President's Scholarships (2 bursaries each worth up to £750); the Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1,000; the Breitling Bursary worth up to £750; the MacRobert Trust Bursaries (2 bursaries each worth up to £500); and the Bramson Bursary, which is one of a number of additional bursaries worth up to £500 each, to anyone between 14 and 21 years of age (or 24 years for a follow-on bursary) wishing to develop their interest in either air sports or aviation.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 MARCH 2016

The Royal Aero Club Trust has been offering bursaries for fifteen years and a wide range of grants have been awarded. Activities available in the programme include gliding, ballooning, paragliding, hang gliding, parachuting, flying microlights, motor gliders, light aircraft and helicopters, and building and flying model aircraft. Bursaries are also available for Personal Computer or Flight Simulator pilots wishing to have their first experience of an air sport.

Applicants must be UK citizens, resident in the UK, and training and flying can only be conducted at Clubs, Associations or training establishments in the UK. Applications, which must arrive at the Trust by 31 March 2016, are to be submitted through a Sponsoring Organisation, Club or Association.

44 BURSARIES AWARDED IN 2015 – APPLY FOR YOUR 2016 BURSARY NOW!

Full details and the rules of the recently changed scheme, as well as an application form, are available on the Royal Aero Club Trust web site, www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

The Trust is very grateful to its sponsors who generously provide the funds for bursaries. If you, or your organisation, would like to assist young people in this way by becoming a Trust sponsor, please make contact with the Trust or click on "Donations" on the Trust website, www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

RECENT CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

The Trustees agreed significant changes to the Bursary Scheme from 2015. Following consultation with previous award winners, the Scheme was extended to permit applications from a wider age range (14 to 21 years), and from light aircraft trainee pilots who have flown solo. The Scheme also provides financial assistance to trainee balloon pilots who have to enter for mandatory examinations. Additionally, a new category of bursary was introduced for well qualified air sports participants aged up to 24 years. Styled the "Follow on Bursary", the intention is to encourage committed applicants to reach even higher levels of achievement through, for example, participation in national and international competitions. These new opportunities should encourage a wider range of young persons to access and benefit from participation in air sports.

To Contact the Bursary Administrator:

David Bills, please log in to: (Bursaries@royalaeroclubtrust.org)

DRONE AWARENESS MONTH COMING SOON

The Current Position

It is difficult to have missed the huge explosion in popularity of multirotor aircraft equipped with cameras, or “drones” to use the more common reference.

Sadly not all the publicity has been good and the media have very much “jumped on” the relatively small number of negative stories involving the irresponsible and unlawful use of drones.

The BMFA has maintained a close working relationship with the Civil Aviation Authority who have ultimate responsibility for all aviation in the UK, and we have jointly worked on a number of initiatives to inform and educate new drone pilots, particularly those who are not coming into model flying through the more established route of traditional model aircraft and club membership.

Of course the latest technological developments have made drones far more accessible to the general public, through lower pricing and perhaps more significantly, ease of use and operation. For the first time ever it is possible for a complete newcomer to purchase a radio controlled aircraft (in this context we are talking mainly “drones”), completely ready to run and having charged the battery, to go out and fly with no training, experience or prior knowledge, it is exactly this type of new pilot that we are wanting to target in order that they can be provided with the knowledge and information to fly safely and lawfully.

A Joint Initiative

We are working with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on the concept of the Drone Awareness initiative as they also see the benefit in educating and informing the wider general public on the safe and lawful operation of drones.

The Drone Awareness initiative will be taking place for the whole month of April 2016 and will feature a number of elements which combined will help to raise awareness of the legal requirements and considerations when operating a drone, and also to help improve public perception and knowledge of drones. Of course, an important aspect of the initiative is to raise awareness of the BMFA as the “go to” association for sport and recreational drone and model aircraft pilots, both in terms of the insurance package provided as part of the membership, and also in terms of the range of services and support provided to members and also the benefits of being part of a recognised and well respected association.

BMFA Members and Clubs

The beginning of the Drone Awareness Month will be marked by a high profile launch with significant press attendance, however the primary aim is to involve BMFA members, Areas and clubs as part of the ongoing activity, clubs that feature drones and multirotors as part of their regular activity will be encouraged to put on events and initiatives, not only to raise awareness and knowledge in their specific area but also as a method of recruiting new members.

We will be contacting clubs and making resources packs available early in the New Year and further updates will be published as the project moves forward.

Partners and Sponsors

The aim is to engage a range of partners to support Drone Aware and to help in promoting the initiative as widely as possible, both from inside the modelling trade and also with external organisations.

We are already working with a number of organisations and clubs and the initial response has been very positive, if you would like you club to be involved then contact the BMFA office for further information.

Keep an eye on the BMFA website for further updates and also the dedicated Drone Aware website

www.droneaware.org

A smart phone friendly version of the site can be viewed using the QR code below.

The message is “Be Safe, be lawful, be drone aware”

Manny Williamson

Development Officer

