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**CLUB BULLETIN**

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**SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS WILL BE THE FINAL POSTED VERSION OF THE CLUB BULLETIN.**

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## TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 11.00am which is to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645. Email: admin@bmfa.org

## AGENDA

(Ctrl + click on the link below to download complete Agenda which includes full proposals:  
<http://www.bmfa.org/meetings/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Agenda-Full-Council-13-May-18.pdf>)

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
  - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2014.
  - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
  - d To consider the following proposals:
    - i) That this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 3.2 to add extra text at the end of the current paragraph (See full text in proposal appended, Agenda Item 9d i)).
    - ii) That this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 1.6 to add additional reasons for a person ceasing to be a Director of the Society. (See reasons in proposal appended, Agenda Item 9d ii)).
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposal:
  - i) That the BMFA General Rules sections covering entry to BMFA competitions and events and their publication requirements are modified as outlined in proposal appended. (See Agenda Item 10 i))
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
  - a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.

15 To receive the following proposals:

- i) From **Control Line Technical Committee** re Site Improvement Grant to Support Control Line Contest Facilities at Croydon Airport as outlined in proposal and supporting documents appended. (See Agenda Item 15 i)).
- ii) From **London Area** that a small (3 or 4 persons, including the CEO) working party be set up to review the present state of the BMFA website, identify faults and instigate a remedial programme. The working party will not be constrained by a need to seek approval for each step it wishes to undertake. It will be considered responsible for what it does, will have a budget likely to cover the cost of the professional work required and will aim to have completed its task by the end of July 2013.
- iii) From **North West Area** that the rule for appointment of Club Examiners that “the candidates must have held a ‘B’ certificate for 6 months” be waived on the occasion of the testing of the first helicopter Club Examiner on the Isle of Man.
- iv) From **RAFMAA Area** that appropriate section(s) of the BMFA Handbook should be changed to include the following principle:  
*“If an individual is teaching a student to fly model aircraft, to an achievement standard for **commercial gain**, then the same individual should not be allowed to examine that student when the student is taking the achievement scheme test. An examiner independent from the teaching organisation must be used.”*

16 To determine the eligibility of the Chairman, Technical Secretary and Honorary Treasurer (having served for 10 or more years in that position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 6b January 2013.

17 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.

18 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)

19 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):

- a CAA Team
- b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
- c Education Working Group
- d Flight Challenge
- e University Challenge
- f Computer Sub-Committee
- g Safety Review Committee
- h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- i BMFA News Publishers
- j BMFA Archivist Report

20 Any Other Business.

*Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed, or sent, to the Chairman or the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences.*

21 Date of next meeting.



*British Model Flying Association*

**RAF Barkston  
Heath**

**25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May**



*Gate Fees: £6 per person or £12 per car each day*

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*For further information or to join the BMFA use the contact details above*

## **2013 FREE FLIGHT FORUM REPORT**

The new 2013 BMFA Free-Flight Forum Report has just been published. It's the 29th year that these Reports have been produced and this one is packed with useful information on new developments in a wide range of free-flight activities, as the following contents list shows.

John O'Donnell, an Appreciation, by Andy Crisp;  
A Knotty Problem (Rubber Winding), by Peter Hall;  
Stability of Scale Indoor Free Flight Models, by Andy Sephton;  
The Role of Radio Transmissions in Free Flight, by Stuart Darmon;  
A Propeller Copying Mill, by Peter Brown;  
Model Aircraft Technology with an Emphasis on F1B, by Neil Cliff;  
Catapult Launched Glider Technology, by Phil Ball;  
Electric Bikes for Free Flight Model Retrieval, by Brian Baines;  
Wrestling with a Slippery One (LDA Airfoils), by Chris Edge;  
Free Flight in Britain – What's the Future? by Phil Ball;  
F1A Development and Contest Success, by Stuart Darmon;  
Indoor Model Steering for Dummies, by Mark Benns;  
Around (Model Aircraft) Construction in 80 Seconds, by Neil Cliff.

In addition there are plans and articles on six of the most successful free-flight models of 2012.

The UK price is £12.00 including postage; to Europe it's £14 and everywhere else £16. Sales of the Forum Reports help to defray the heavy expenses of those representing Great Britain at World and European Free-Flight Championships.

Cheques should be payable to 'BMFA F/F Team Support Fund' in pounds sterling, drawn on a bank with a UK branch; you may also order by credit card, which is a lot easier (and cheaper).

Copies are available from: Martin Dilly  
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### **THE NEW BMFA SIMULATOR TRAILER, AVAILABLE NOW FOR YOUR CLUB EVENT**

**As part of the new insurance arrangements from 2012 our new brokers, Doodson Broking Group were keen to provide sponsorship for relevant BMFA activities in order to maintain a visible presence and involvement.**

**During 2012 Doodson's have sponsored a number of education based activities and competitions as well as the BMFA Electric Indoor Masters and were keen to look at alternative projects for 2013, particularly those with a higher profile and a wider benefit to BMFA members.**

**With these factors in mind it was decided that a mobile facility (trailer) with a multi role capability (I've been reading the Ministry of Defence catchphrase pamphlet) was the way to go and would provide a very visible benefit to BMFA members and clubs.**

**The trailer features two large screens linked to appropriate computers in order that flight simulators can be run on them as well as an additional rear mounted "demountable" screen, also linked to a computer that can be used to display graphics, images, slide show, websites or pretty much any form of electronic information.**

**The side mounted screens are predominantly used to run model flight simulator programmes and benefit from full stereo sound, the trailer features heavy duty curtains on either side in order to cut down light falling onto the screens and really does produce a quality simulator "experience", the trailer can be easily configured for a range of uses including a BMFA stand for use at shows and events.**

The trailer will be available for use by BMFA affiliated clubs and presents a great opportunity as a promotional and recruitment tool at club events, fly-ins, displays, come and try it days, village fetes etc and will definitely prove a great asset where clubs are trying to attract visitors and new members as well as raise their profile.

The trailer can be completely “self contained” and incorporates a generator to power the whole set up, it is also light enough that it can be towed with a medium sized car.

The unit recently had its first “outing” at the LMA show at Rougham where it was very positively received by all those who tried it (and a lot of people did).

If you would like to discuss booking the trailer for your club’s event or function, then in the first instance Email me on [admin@bmfa.org](mailto:admin@bmfa.org) or ring on the main office number to discuss the details and check the diary, it is already looking like this will be a popular benefit for BMFA clubs.

Keep an eye out during the course of the year as the trailer will be visiting a number of model flying shows and will be available for visitors to try their hand on the two simulator packages, featuring a huge range of models and flying sites as well as a few “full size” aircraft (the one to one scale Mustang sounds spectacular on a low fly-by).

Manny Williamson  
Development Officer



## **FIRST PERSON VIEW CAA EXEMPTION – UPDATE AND RENEWAL**

Following the initial work with the CAA and the subsequent granting of the exemption to the ANO (Article 166(3)) to permit First Person View activity using a “competent observer”, there has now been a renewal and also an update to assist FPV operation in a club or group environment.

The exemption has been renewed on a twelve month basis and the update relates to provision (4) h, which had previously stated that FPV flight must not be within 30 metres of any person, other than the competent observer, during take-off or landing. This requirement made operation of an FPV aircraft in a club environment difficult in terms of practical operation, and also in compliance with the terms of the exemption.

The issue was highlighted by two BMFA clubs with active FPV members, followed by a request to the CAA for a rewording of the relevant section of the exemption, the CAA consulted with a number of interested parties, receiving a positive response from all, leading to the renewal of the exemption incorporating the relevant wording changes, the provision now reads “h) within 30 metres of any other person, apart from the competent observer, other adjacent model operators, or any model flying club members, during take-off or landing” clearly this makes operation in a club or group environment far more practical in term of compliance with the exemption. The exemption can be viewed here: [www.caa.co.uk/ors4no956](http://www.caa.co.uk/ors4no956)

A good example of collaborative working and also evidence that an issue raised at flying field level, can be addressed at national level, through the appropriate channels to the CAA, for the benefit of all model flyers.

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Development Officer

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### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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or

Go to BMFA website <http://www.bmfa.org/meetings/> to download.

### **Minutes of the Areas Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Ctrl + click on the link below or copy the link, to download:

<http://www.bmfa.org/meetings/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Minutes-Prov-Area-13-Jan-26.pdf>

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Go to BMFA website <http://www.bmfa.org/meetings/> to download.

If you would prefer a printed copy of any of the above Minutes please contact the office on 0116 2440028, or email [admin@bmfa.org](mailto:admin@bmfa.org)

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