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TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be an Area Council Meeting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2003 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.

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Request for Permission to be Absent.
3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Areas Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To appoint the current year Representative to the Awards Committee.
6. To receive a proposal from the South Midland Area that Chris Moynihan (Mem No 072599), be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Silent Flight- Slope, Thermal, Electric) for the South Midland Area.
7. To receive a proposal from the Midland Area that Colin Prior (Mem No 059284) Examiner No 403, currently C/E F/W Power should have his remit extended to Chief Examiner Silent Flight including Silent Flight Electric.
8. To receive a proposal from the Midland Area that Mark Leavesley (Mem No 035351) Examiner No 602, be upgraded to Chief Examiner (F/W) Power and Chief Examiner (H) Helicopter for Midland Area (03).
9. To receive a proposal from the Southern Area that Steve Warren (Mem No 070146) is now ratified to the position of Area (Chief) Examiner Fixed Wing and Silent Flight. **Special dispensation requested by Southern Area as Steve Warren not currently rated Silent Flight Examiner.**
10. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
  - a) Power
  - b) Silent Flight
11. To receive the following proposals from Chris Bromley FSMAE, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:
  - That the following additions be made to the Areas Constitution, Clause 6, Officers, after the sub section 'Temporary Posts'.

#### **Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors**

Who shall:

- a) Run the BMFA Achievement Scheme within the Area to the standards laid down by the BMFA and to the satisfaction of the Area Committee.
- b) Liaise with the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator in the course of their duties.
- c) Report annually to the Area AGM via the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors will be non-voting officers of the Area Committee. They may be initially recommended by the Area for ratification at Areas Council at any time but thereafter will be elected annually by the Area AGM, subject to confirmation by the relevant National Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator. Items 10 (f) and (g) do not apply to Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors

- That the following changes be made to the Member's Handbook .  
Radio Control Achievement Scheme Section, Page 35, Column 2, Duration of Appointments

Chief Examiner appointments are for a period of ~~two~~ **one** year only. After this time the qualification may be renewed by the scheme controller at the request of the appropriate Area Committee. **Re-election** ~~Re-ratification~~ of Chief Examiners by their Area ~~should~~ takes place at the Area AGM.

Chief Instructor appointments are for a period of ~~two~~ **one** year only. After this time the qualification may be renewed by the scheme controller at the request of the appropriate Area Committee. ***Re-election of Chief Instructors by their Area takes place at the Area AGM***

- That the following additions are made to the Member's Handbook:  
**Page 42, column 1 'The 'A' certificate (silent flight - electric)', para 1**

The examination for the electric 'A' Certificate may be taken on application to any Registered Club Examiner or Chief Examiner. The candidate must successfully carry out the following test ***and it is expected that you will take the test with a glider type model.***

**Page 42, column 2 'The 'B' certificate (silent flight - electric)', para 5**

The candidate must successfully carry out the following test ***and it is expected that you will take the test with a glider type model.***

12. To receive a Notice from Chris Bromley FSMAE, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee. (Details appended)
13. To receive the following British Record for ratification:  

Name:	Michael Page – BMFA No 01364		
Class:	Record No 150 – Indoor Catapult Glider		
Site:	Millennium Dome	Date:	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2003
Duration:	2min 29.16 secs		
14. To receive any reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
  - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - b) BMAC
  - c) Education
15. To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
16. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
17. Any Other Business.  
Note: Items for Any Other Business must be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting **IN WRITING** before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.
18. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.

## **Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003.**

### **Ratification of Achievement Scheme Review Committee Members:**

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mike Sun	Des Farthing FSMAE
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Bob Mahoney
Roger Bedford FSMAE	Peter Spurway
Joe Hanna	

### **New Area Chief Examiners**

Midland Area - Keith Whiddett 018280 was appointed Area Chief Examiner for Fixed Wing

### **BMAC**

BMAC co-ordinator was pleased to say that BAe Systems still have a great deal of interest in the scheme. Their education dept. were planning to run a similar scheme but have decided to run it in conjunction with BMAC. Mike Goldby will report on a meeting he is attending with BAeS to the BMAC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. With a surplus of funds still available they are investigating new projects such as using control line models and also producing an interactive CD, with the help of BAeS.

### **Education**

Mike Colling reported that Mike Goldby had attended an inaugural meeting with the Royal Aeronautical Society, where they were proposing to run a competition for Universities, not dissimilar to the BMFA University Payload Challenge. From the outset RAeS said they would only run this competition with the full blessing of the BMFA. To that end Mike Goldby vetoed the scheme as he considered some aspects of it to be very dangerous and impracticable.

### **Office**

The weekly membership figures stood at 24,697 on 7 Feb 2003, this being over 1500 members up on last year and turnaround of membership 2 days as opposed to 14 days, despite being off line for 1½ days due to software problems. A vote of thanks was recorded for the sterling work by the office.

### **PRO**

Confirmed the announcement that he will be standing down as PRO at the next AGM. He has enjoyed every aspect of the job, has gained a wealth of experience and also made many friends. However, after 7 years it is now time to introduce some new blood and asked everyone, if they knew of anybody, to encourage them to put their names forward. He would be more than willing to pass on any help and advice to the new incumbent.

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## **Report on the Technical Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.**

### **Silent Flight Nationals**

The accounts for the nationals showed a loss of about £300 but £350 was contributed to camping fees at Barkston, making it break even for 2002. The Chairman still considered that there was a need to raise the profile of S/F Nationals to bring more prestige to the event, in line with Free Flight, Power, Scale and Control Line. We should endeavour to help Silent Flight in any way to attain this status. At present there are no procedures or guidelines laid down in the same way as the document for the Power, Scale and Control Line Nats, something which might need to be addressed.

### **Council Handbook Amendment**

The Tec. Sec. and Comp. Sec. were tasked with preparing a proposal to Full Council to amend the wording in the Council Handbook. This would be based on the principle of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 elected and co-opted members on technical committees.

### **Team Award**

Control Line announced that F2A Speed Team had been awarded the RAeC Prince of Wales Cup.

### **Record Claims**

The Comp. Sec. raised a matter concerning competition record claims. 14 days notice to submit a completed claim form was too short, given the problems obtaining signatures from officials etc. The Records Officer explained that there are two kinds of record claims: a) claim arising from a competition (14 days notice not applicable); b) a planned claim (which should be notified within 14 days). He is in the process of producing separate forms to reflect the different requirements. In the interim if anyone has any difficulty with a claim they should contact the Records Officer.

### **Agenda for Technical Committee Plenary Meeting**

Some committees had encountered problems with some elected members not wishing to play an active role on the committee once the first meeting had been convened. A suggestion was made to redress this situation by including a clause on the signed declaration on the nomination form. The clause should read, as far as possible, as follows: *"Any member who is elected to a technical committee shall be prepared to accept a post on that committee"*.

Tec. Sec. and Comp. Sec. will discuss this with the Chief Exec. to finalise the wording.

### **CIAM Agenda**

The FAI Delegate informed the meeting that the FAI Bureau will be submitting a proposal to CIAM incorporating the deadline for Judges and Tech. Sub-committee nominations in line with all other nominations, which is 15<sup>th</sup> November each year. If the proposal is accepted at CIAM it would mean that our outgoing Tech Committees would have to nominate judges prior to the Autumn meeting. The Tech Council Chairman will notify this change in the reminder letter he sends to tech. committees in August.

### **Control Line**

Suggested that there was not sufficient time for the first meeting of a Tech Committee to be held to accommodate certain deadlines, especially team managers and team members. The Chairman said that if this was so then there was no reason that the outgoing tech. Committee should not finalise outstanding business, such as appointment of team managers, members etc. at their final meeting instead of leaving it to the incoming committee.

### **Indoor**

The first indoor event at the Velodrome was very successful. Negotiations are still ongoing for Cardington. Having tested the Millennium Dome and found it to be an excellent indoor site, Laurie Barr is seeking further users for this year only, because building starts inside next year.

### **Free Flight**

Are fully up to speed and have a full contest calendar. Their first event at Wymeswold was a great success and they have subsequently been invited back by the landowner. Nationals update will be covered later in the meeting.

### **Scale**

Their programme of events has been notified to BMFA. Indoor flying is in full swing and culminates on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at the Scale Indoor Nationals. They will be looking into making use of the Millennium Dome, offered to them by Laurie Barr. Basic plans are under way for the Nationals, dictated by circumstances.

### **Tech Sec**

Apologised for the late distribution of Rule Books, as a result of his recent debilitating illness. They are in progress and will be sent to the relevant tech. committee for proof-reading in due course.

### **Comp Sec**

Has lots of plans for the future working with and helping Tech Committees. She conveyed her thanks for an excellent response from committees following initial contact with them.

### **Website**

A bulletin board is available for Tech Committees for posting any news items. Contact the Tech Sec with details of the contributor and he will issue them with a username and password.

### **Tech Committee Minutes**

Comp Sec was asked by Full Council Chairman to notify Tech Council of a decision agreed at the Sept. 02 meeting that only adopted minutes should be submitted to the office for circulation. General consensus was vehemently against this notion. A policy decision from this meeting is that we agree to unconfirmed minutes being sent out on request.

### **BMFA Trailer**

The Chairman announced the purchase of a trailer. The unit is approx. horsebox size and could be useful in many ways to Tech Committees; driving models to Eurochamps being one of them. A booking system is in operation on a first come, first served basis, similar to that operated for the BMFA transceivers that we use. Any Tech. committee or other body requiring use of the trailer should contact the Office Manager who is operating the system.

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## **Report on the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2003.**

### **Financial Report**

The Honorary Treasurer was pleased to report that the year end Accounts were progressing very well. It is expected they will show a surplus of general funds between £18000 – £25000. His response to whether there would be any impact due to loss of the Nationals was that it should not affect general funds too much as the Nationals are a separate entity. Team Travel funds could be depleted as this is extracted from the Nationals surplus. He reported that at the current level of surplus, the Society was holding sufficient funds in reserve to cover six months expenditure.

### **Chairman**

Had been very busy this year so far including travelling to Scotland at very short notice to attend the funeral of the SAA Chairman, Harry West. He was supported by Graham Lynn, Allan Weighell, John French and the SAA were very grateful for our presence.

He had attended the CIAM Plenary meeting in Lausanne, giving him the opportunity to attend both the Bureau and Plenary meetings. This enabled him to gain a first hand knowledge of FAI meeting procedures. He also attended the RAeC Awards meeting and General Council meeting. Most recently he attended Free Flight Nationals and Sandown.

### **Chief Executive**

Reported on the outstanding membership figures to date and a considerable increase in new members. An opinion was voiced that this was possibly due to the vast sales of ARTF models subsequently producing a surge of novice members. Some clubs are experiencing difficulty meeting demands and are being forced to curtail membership.

After recently attending Europe Airports he was pleased to inform the meeting that the formation of EASA will not affect model flying as their lower limit of involvement has tentatively been set at 150kg. After reviewing flight crew licensing, model flyers for the time being do not require a formal pilots licence. There is an issue causing slight concern with the setting of airspace level Zulu (9-13,500 ft) down to ground level. He will be monitoring this situation very carefully to ensure the level of freedom we currently enjoy to operate within controlled airspace is not subject to unnecessary restriction in the future.

A topic which was also broached at Europe Airports is Mandatory insurance for flying. It is not yet clear whether this latest EU proposal will incorporate model aircraft. The Chief Executive will continue to monitor this aspect carefully.

### **Vice Chairman**

It was commented that there is a lot of ground to be covered to build on the existing BMAC database which currently comprises 5,000. The total number of schools in the Country is 27,000.

### **Amendment to Areas Constitution**

The following amendment was carried by a majority vote.

**“The Chairman who shall preside over meetings of the Committee and conduct them in accordance with its rules and Constitution. He shall endeavour to be present at Area Council Meetings in the first instance, or if indisposed represented by a suitable substitute.”**

### **Non Flying Members**

Northern Area asked for clarification of non flying members. The Chief Executive explained there are three categories of members: a flying member who needs to have full BMFA membership; non flying member- doesn't actually fly but actively involved with organisational/committee duties, requires insurance; social member – does not require insurance as he/she forms part of the social fabric of the club. The Executive will review the categories in an endeavour to provide a more comprehensive definition.

### **PRO**

The PRO congratulated the Records Officer and anyone else involved with the continuance of this post during his absence. He welcomed any additions or alterations to the Show list. He stressed the importance of a BMFA presence at venues, be it large or small and asked everyone for their vigilance in scouting new ones.

### **BMFA Nationals Championships / Alternatives**

Chris Bromley FSMAE reported on the recent decision to cancel the Nationals. However we intend to fulfil our obligation to run a National Championships and to that end each discipline will be expected to hold an open competition. They will have the full support of the BMFA and funding will be available based on individual merit.

Some concerns were expressed with regard to meeting initial outlay costs. The Honorary Treasurer reiterated that funding will be available but committees will be required to submit reasonable costings for expenditure.

London Area asked for recognition of the Free Flight Nationals this year and to thank Free Flight Technical Committee, with special thanks to Dave Clarkson for producing a full report and results only one week after the event.

The BMFA News Editor confirmed he would require information on Nationals events from Tech Committees/Specialist Bodies on by the middle of June. The Technical Secretary also reminded Tech Committees that in order to hold an open event it must be notified in the Contest Calendar. The Competition Secretary gave her reassurance that if it was not possible to meet the deadline for BMFA News, contingency plans are in place.

The Competition Secretary introduced Les Eagle Chairman of R/C Power Tech. Committee and Nationals Safety Officer to make a presentation in support of a proposal for endorsement by this Council to organise a display/ trade event over the August Bank Holiday, details of which had previously been circulated.

This event derived from a concept originally scheduled for 2004 to take place after the Nationals in the form of a competition to establish the best display pilot. After the sad news of the cancellation of the Nationals the idea was formed to organise a show which would serve as a springboard for the 2004 event and fill a large void at the same time. It has the blessing of the Nationals Co-ordinator who has offered his assistance to help with the organisation. Any surpluses from the event would be donated to the Nationals fund.

#### **International Team Managers and Team Members ratification:**

F1D European Champs Team Manager – Laurie Barr FSMAE

F1D European Champs Team Members – Derek Richards, Geoffrey Lefever, Nick Aikman.

Space Team Manager – Stuart Lodge

Space Junior Team Members will be presented to Council post Championships, due to lateness of team trials. This decision accepted by the Competition Secretary.

#### **Millennium Dome**

The Indoor Nationals will be taking place there on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Technical Secretary asked Mike Colling if he could prepare a list for the calendar detailing limitations of use and constraints relating to security.

#### **Trophies**

The 'Henry J Award' was adopted as an official SMAE Trophy. This is an annual award for outstanding performance by a junior member. It was awarded to Matthew Hart at the Society's 2002 Prizegiving for his performance in the speed class at the World Championships 2002. The Chairman reminded the meeting that nominations were required for 2003. In addition, Mercury Models are producing a stainless steel memento (shown to the meeting) for the winner to keep.

#### **Records Ratification**

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|----|----------|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| a) | Name     | Nigel Fraser Ker (122400) |      |                             |
|    | Class    | F3162                     |      |                             |
|    | Site     | Creek End Farm            | Date | 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2003 |
|    | Duration | 62min 10 secs             |      |                             |
| b) | Name     | Mark Hopkins (119540)     |      |                             |
|    | Class    | Electric Helicopter       |      |                             |
|    | Site     | Creek End Farm            | Date | 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2003 |
|    | Duration | 70min 50 secs             |      |                             |

## **World Air Games**

World Air Games looks likely to take place. Three aeromodelling classes are being considered comprising Indoor R/C; Artistic Aerobatics; Hand Launched R/C Gliders. The FAI Delegate had the opportunity to convey to the FAI President that the BMFA endorsed the Games in principle with the proviso that the Gold Medal awarded at the Games should not take the same format as those awarded at World Championships.

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## **CLUB DIARY / EVENTS**

### **Bury Metro MFC**

Swapmeet - 2nd July (the first Wednesday of the month) at St. Bernadette's Social Club, Manchester Road, Bury (our usual meeting place). The entrance fee is one pound and tables are free. Doors open at 8pm and the bar is open until 11. For further details contact Chris Harrison on 0161 796 2726.

### **EBOR SILENT FLYERS ELECTRIC FLY- IN. YORK RACECOURSE JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2003.**

0930am to 1500pm. Annual Electric Fly-in for all types of Electric Powered models. No formal competitions but prizes for best flown in each class. AULD for glider and Vintage model. More details Eric on 019044 22615 / [eric@edplans.freemove.co.uk](mailto:eric@edplans.freemove.co.uk) or Mike on 01904 489386.

### **LLEYN MAC BRING AND FLY 2003.**

September 26-27-28. Pen Y Berth – formerly RAF Penrhos. Excellent slopes catering for all wind directions within 15 minutes drive from the huge power field. All welcome – BMFA or LMA. Proof of insurance. Camping and caravan facilities on site – pre-booking advised. Email Secretary LMAC [enginertorque@aol.com](mailto:enginertorque@aol.com) or telephone 01758 750586.

### **WREKIN MFC**

Weston Park International Model Flying Show – 14-15 June 2003. Contact Derek Whitfield 01952 460719.

### **HASTINGS MFC**

14-15 June 1003 Scale Weekend.

Middle Bridge, signposted from A259 Pevensey Marsh Road between Bexhill and Eastbourne. All types of RC aircraft welcome. On site camping available by prior arrangement. Commentary by Colin Hammond. Entrance to event free to pilots and spectators but donations to club funds appreciated. Proof of insurance required. Contact Colin Hammond 01424 219833.

### **TIMPERLEY MODEL FLYERS**

Open Day – Free Flight Events – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2003 at North Luffenham. Open Rubber, Open Glider, Open Vintage, Cd'H, Combined Power (inc. Electric). 9am start BMFA members only. B O M applies. Contact J Wingate 01407 831383 or G Ferer 0161 928 4955.

### **EASTNOR MODEL & HOBBIES SPECTACULAR 2003**

Saturday 19, Sunday 20 July 2003, Eastnor Deer Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. Daily 9am – 6pm. Website [www.traplet.com/Eastnor/](http://www.traplet.com/Eastnor/) or tel Julia Lawrence on 01684 595340.

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## **!!! ATTENTION ALL CONTROL LINE FLIERS !!!**

### ***The 2003 Control Line Nationals are on!***

The Control Line National Championships will be held on Sunday & Monday 24th & 25th August at Oakington, near Cambridge.

*Because of the extraordinary circumstances this year, only Control Line flying will be held at this venue. **No Trade, No Swapmeet, No RC Flight Line, No Evening FF, No Spectators.***

Access to the flying site will be restricted to organisers, competitors & their helpers & immediate family members. Please respect this restriction.

There will be a basic campsite & there are a number of hotels & B&Bs in the area.

Information & entry forms will be sent out sometime in June to all those who **pre-entered** the 2001 & 2002 Nationals. Information & entry forms will also be available from the end of June either by:

(a) contacting the CLTC Secretary, telephone 01582-424398 or by

(b) downloading from the BMFA website (on the Home page menu bar go to "News"; in the drop-down menu click on "News"; on the subsequent page look for, and click on, "CL Nats Entry Form & Nats Information")

**Pre-entry is required for most events**

## **LOST AND FOUND**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

Theft of models from Rob Sherratt, tel 01394 672292 or 07766 011660 – details below:

- 1 Xcell Pro 2 (Carbon) 4 stroke, white/blue/green cabin and fin fade effect. Fitted futaba G401 gyro and tail servo, GV1 speed governor, YS91 AC engine, Zimmerman tuned pipe. JR servis and RX.
- 2 Shuttle SXX, translucent blue cabin and fins, red stick on stripes. OS31 engine, Yusa muffler, futaba G401 gyro and tail servo, JR servos and RX. Quick UK blue head button and tail servo conversion.
- 3 Shuttle SXX fitted with Kalt Baron Cabin, red and yellow stick on stripes. OS31 engine, Yusa muffler, futaba G401 Servo, JR servos and RX. Quick HK head button and tail servo conversion.
- 4 JR PCM 10 X transmitter (programmed for all the above) – some unique custom entries for model names in the 10 channel memory were – Bell 47G, Housefly, Xcell Pro, Shuttle Baron, Shuttle New.

**£200 REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO RECOVERY OF THE STOLEN PROPERTY.**

## Indoor Flying at Cardington

If you are not already on my list, as a past Cardington flyer, then I will need your full name/address/BMFA number/phone/E-Mail address.

The hanger is only flyable on days when- The wind is 10 mph or less. The wind must be from any of the Southerly directions (Any wind with any "Northerly "direction is no good, unless the wind is virtually Zero!)

Also, if there is a lot of rain, the holes in the roof make indoor flying impossible.

If you are not sure conditions are good enough, then call me – Laurie Barr on 01628 487544. If you are sure, conditions will be O.K as outlined above, just come!

We fly in hanger No1 (The battered old shed on your left, as you approach. from the A600). Drive between both hangers, and turn left across the back of No1. At the end, turn left again, and half way down, you will see the ATG Ltd sign. Entry is gained via the large sliding door.

This door will be open at approx 9.30 a.m, and shut at 11.00 a.m, so we do not create turbulence inside the hanger, and break models already assembled, or flying. Try to come between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. as we do not like our models being broken, by someone's lack of thought. If you have a valid reason for coming late, come in through this door on foot, only opening the door as least as possible, and shut it immediately. Come and make contact with me, to see if conditions allow late entry by car. Once the door is shut and flying starts, the door will remain shut until approx. 6.00p.m

We fly at the back end of the hanger, as Airships are moored in the front half.

We have a frictional relationship, with one of the Managers at ATG, who

does not want us there at all, and/or use his toilets!. Please exercise the utmost care, and keep away from the Airships. If we do any damage, we are finished!! Never climb any stairways without my express permission. Hard Hats are advisory. Some are available on site.

The costs will not be more than £10.00 per person, to use the hanger, and this includes entry to our competitions. Gas for balloons will cost £5.00 per fill.  
Indoor Duration Flying for 2003.

May 24th E,Z.B  
May 25th L.P.P  
May 26th F.1.D

June 1st F.1.M  
June 22nd E.Z.B

July 13th F.1.D  
July 27th E.Z.B

August 3rd L.P.P  
August 31st E.Z.B

September 7th, 28th. Any other purpose, fun fly/ delayed trials? Etc.

## **2003 INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE MILLENNIUM DOME**

I am delighted to announce, our Indoor National Champs, will take place in the Millennium Dome, at Greenwich, London. The best way to approach it is from the Blackwall Tunnel. If you come from the South, I can recommend that you approach from the M25, along the A2, which runs into the A102 all the way to the Dome. I advise you to download a map from [WWW.Multimap.com](http://WWW.Multimap.com), using the post code-SE10 OAX, which being in colour, shows these important slip roads well! I believe this route, is outside the London congestion charge zone. Also the London Underground, North Greenwich is on the doorstep.

Finding the right exit before, or after the tunnel can be tricky. From the South just before the tunnel, there is a VERY BRIGHT BLUE pedestrian overhead foot bridge, and you must take the very next exit. Turn right under the motorway, to the Holiday Inn roundabout. Turn left down Millennium Way to the Dome. Look for gate 3. I hope we may have BMFA signs to guide you in near this gate.

This is a VERY HIGH SECURITY SITE. YOU MUST TELL ME by post or E-Mail, your name and address, your BMFA number, and the reg No of the car you will arrive in, by June the 10th. Only if you comply, will you be allowed in. At the gate, you will be logged in, and escorted to enter the Dome by car to unload, and taken back, to a designated car park. The main door will be kept shut, after 11.00 a.m each day, and will not be opened to cars again, until approx. 7.00 p.m. You can enter and leave at any time to get to your car, via a small door.

The Dome is a magnificent flying site with a big clear floor area, and the ceiling is about 164 ft! (9ft more than Cardington!).

Many of us are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, which is a stones throw away on site. If you mention you are BMFA/Dome, you may get a discounted rate for a 2 person room, bed & breakfast for approx. £84, but if you book through the Internet as John Tipper did, it will cost approx. £75 per twin/double room and B/fast per night. Try [www.hiexpress.co.uk](http://www.hiexpress.co.uk), or phone 020 8269 5000

As I write, I do not think there will any food provided inside, so you may have to bring your own.

Contests.

Tuesday 1st of July. Limited Penny Plane, and No-Cal profile scale.

Wednesday 2nd July, F.1.M and EZB.

Thursday 3rd of July F.1.D (To include 1st trials for World champs team selection) and Mini-Stick (Living room stick)

During this time, there will also be Hand Launched and catapult Glider contests, being organised by Mark Benns. Contact him on 01733 754277, or [E-Mail--mark.benns@ntlworld.com](mailto:mark.benns@ntlworld.com), for comp details, but I must also have your security details. We also invite dedicated indoor scale flyers (No Internal combustion engines). Contact Charlie Newman on [charlie@newman737.freerve.co.uk](mailto:charlie@newman737.freerve.co.uk), or phone-01865 873020 to enlist.

Please remember, our "Microfilm" models are very fragile, and you should fly your other types of models, well away, from where the "Flimsy Fliers" will be based inside the dome, and if you HAVE to pass by these models, walk very slowly!!, or damage will result.

This meeting is for BMFA members only, no one else can accompany you, other than another BMFA member.

Laurie Barr. FSMAE dated 20th May 2003