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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be an Technical Council Meeting on Saturday 25th October 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. Confirmation of who is voting from those present.

3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 1st March 2003.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 1st March 2003 Technical Council Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To review the set Agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year, including the mid year reminder letter to be sent out by the Technical Secretary.
6. Hon Sec to remind Technical Committee Chairmen of their responsibility to send in the Technical Committee's Annual Return straight after their plenary meeting each year.
7. To discuss Tech Committee websites and the use of the BMFA website by Tech Committees.
8. To review 2004 International Results.
9. To discuss reporting of competition results.
10. To receive feedback from Tech Committees re draft discussion document by Martin Dilly FSMAE. (Circulated with minutes of March meeting).
11. To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
12. To receive any reports from Council, sub-committees or Elected Officers.
13. Nationals Update from Co-Ordinator and Technical Committees.
14. To receive nominations for re-presentation of International Awards at the AGM Presentation Evening. Invitations will only be to nominees from this meeting and are at the discretion of the Society Vice-Chairman. Depending on the numbers, not all nominees may be successful.
15. To receive the following proposals to CIAM:

From the Scale Technical Committee:

Proposed amendments to FAI Sporting Code Section Volume F4 (Flying Scale Model Aircraft).

(a) 6.1.8 Helpers

To allow an additional helper for engine starting and pre-flight preparation

CLASS F4F - PEANUT FORMULA INDOOR FREE FLIGHT SCALE MODELS (Provisional)

(b) 6.6.4. Flying Section:

To change the number of flights allowed from four to nine and to remove the attempts rule.

(c) 6.6.5. Appearance Score:

To modify and clarify the table of points awarded.

Annex: 6C

(d) 6C.3.6.11. Realism in Flight
Clarify the judging criteria for speed of flight.

16. To receive any events for the International Calendar 2004.
17. Notification of change to Tech Committee Terms of Reference.
18. To receive the dates of the 2004 Technical Council Meetings.
1st Technical Council – 28th February 2004
2nd Technical Council – 23rd October 2004
19. Any Other Business.

THE WRIGHT CHALLENGE – YOUR HELP REQUIRED

The Wright Challenge (was the BAE Systems Model Aircraft Challenge) will be held at RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton, on the 15 November 2003 and once again we are seeking volunteers for timekeeping, scoring and generally helping out on the day. All travel costs to and from the event will be covered.

If possible, you will be required to arrive at RAF Cosford no later than 10.00 a.m. for assignment to your teams.

If you are interested in having a great day out (including a free visit to the RAF Museum) and doing something for model flying, then contact:

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Very many thanks.

MESSAGE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

Please help us to maintain the lowest possible costs for our members by remembering the following points:

1. Please try to send in membership batches on a monthly (rather than weekly) basis, along with a single cheque for payment.
2. Administration time can be reduced if you try to provide as much information about a member as possible i.e. previous membership number. Date of birth (especially for juniors). Previous address.
3. It is important to complete and send in a blue BMFA club payment form with each batch of membership. This helps to avoid any confusion, and/or discrepancy between the payment and application forms you send.

2003 BMFA FREE-FLIGHT FORUM

The twentieth of the highly-successful BMFA Free-Flight Forums will be held in the Walmesley Room at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on Nov. 23rd, starting at 10 a.m. This is the day after the BMFA AGM and prizegiving at the same venue. It's an ideal opportunity to attend the AGM, enjoy the dinner, meet other flyers in a relaxed atmosphere and then follow it up the next day by catching up on the developments, techniques and aerodynamics of free-flight at what has become one of the annual fixtures of British model flying. Questions are welcome.

Among the topics to be covered will be F1H Gliders, Russian Thermal Detection Equipment, F1B Propellers, Hand-Launched, Catapult-, Boost and Discus-Launched Gliders, and several others. We are specially lucky to have Gerd Wöbbeking over from Germany to present two papers, one on P-30 airfoil and turbulator testing in the CargoLifter hangar, and the other on the blunt leading edge tailplane airfoils he has developed for F1A and Slow Open power models.

Lunch will be available and the finish will be at around 5 p.m. The cost for the session will be just £8, with proceeds going towards the expenses of the teams that represent us at World and European F/F Championships. Pre-booking will ensure that you get a seat, so send your cheque, payable to 'BMFA F/F Team Support Fund', to the BMFA at Chacksfield House, 31, St. Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE, marking the envelope 'F/F Forum'.

DIARY DATES

BMFA NORTH WEST AREA – Indoor event – free flight & R/C in separate areas. Sunday 19th October 2003 12 noon – 5pm at RAF Shawbury, Nr Shrewsbury. For more information contact David Lloyd-Jones dli@dli702.co.uk tel. 01565 734040 or Gerry York gerardyork@waitrose.co.uk tel. 01939 233186.

NORTH DEVON MODEL FLYERS – 2nd Woolfardisworthy model bring & buy sale, Saturday 25th October 2003 at Woolfardisworthy Sports & Community Hall. For bookings, enquiries and directions phone 01409 241058.