



British Model Flying Association

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**IMPORTANT !!!
SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS IS THE ONLY COPY OF THE CLUB BULLETIN SENT TO YOUR CLUB.
WOULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ITS CONTENTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED,
AS APPROPRIATE TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AN UPDATED COPY OF THE "EVENTS AND CONTEST
CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A
STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 4th February 2006 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 1st October 2005.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 1st October 2005 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2006.
6. To ratify the following members of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:

Terry Rounce – Chairman
Mick Eames
Chris Bromley FSMAE
Peter Spurway

Dick Whitehead
Bob Mahoney
Martin Godden
John Harris

7. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
8. To receive a proposal from the Technical Secretary on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee to review and ratify the document 'BMFA Radio Control Achievement Schemes 2006' (Document attached).
9. To receive a proposal from Midland Area "To revise the way that Midland Area operate and carry out their future business, with effect from early 2006. (Attached extract of Midland Area minutes 7.12.2005 shows detailed proposal).
10. To receive a proposal from Midland Area that J Peter Turner, Membership Number 30359 be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Silent Flight) for Midland Area.
11. To receive a proposal from East Anglia Area that Garry Peacock, Membership Number 76014 be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for East Anglia Area.
12. To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that Tim Whitcombe, Membership Number 18749 be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing and Helicopter) for Mid West Area.
13. To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that Nicholas Minchin, Membership Number 53159 be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Mid West Area.
14. To discuss Area Constitution. (Note: copy of the Guide to Area Constitution circulated to Area Delegates, Secretaries and Chairmen with October 2005 Area Council Minutes).
15. To receive any reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
 - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) Flight Challenge
 - c) Education
16. 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.)
17. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
18. To confirm dates of Areas Council Meetings 2006.
19. Any Other Business.

DEAR CLUB SECRETARIES

APOLOGIES for confusion arising from a letter enclosed with your affiliation pack for 2006, relating to date of birth requirements.

To clarify the situation **dates of birth** are required for all members under 18 years of age.

For existing members **over the age of 18** who are still paying the junior fee, proof that they are in full time Education will be required i.e. copy of NUS card.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

CLUB SECRETARIES

PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE NOTICE OF YOUR EXAMINERS

There will be a meeting of Chief Examiners on Saturday 18th March 2006 at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE at 11am.

Discussion will include many aspects of the Achievement Scheme.

We would also like to extend the invitation to Club Examiners, however with only limited availability could **CLUB EXAMINERS** interested in attending please contact **Linda Harding, Office Manager on 0116 2440028 before 1st March 2006**. To keep costs to a minimum, members travelling from the same Area will be expected to travel in one vehicle.

THE BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT MODEL FLYING

WHAT IS THE BMFA?

The BMFA is the National Governing Body for the sport of model flying. Its aims are to promote, protect, organise and encourage model flying within the UK at all levels. It comprises over 750 clubs and over 37,000 members who have entered a partnership to ensure that model flyers have a voice and that their rights are recognised by the authorities. It represents all model flyers from the international competitor through to the grass-roots club flyer regardless of the size or type of model aircraft flown.

WHO RUNS THE BMFA?

The membership runs the BMFA by electing officers to represent them at all levels of the organisation. The BMFA is a truly democratic organisation whereby every member has the opportunity to influence BMFA policy.

WHAT DOES THE BMFA DO?

The BMFA offers a complete package to promote and protect model flying in the UK and represents model flying at the highest levels. This includes negotiation with various government departments, the Civil Aviation Authority, international bodies, and a variety of aviation, sports and recreational bodies. By maintaining close contact with the authorities we maintain the model flyer's status through national recognition and self regulation.

The BMFA also provides the following services to its members and clubs:

- Unique Central Council for Physical Recreation approved insurance
- Members' Handbook
- Flying Site Planning and Protection (clubs only)
- Instructor Scheme
- Achievement Scheme
- Education Programmes
- Personal copies of BMFA News
- Regular Club Information Bulletins (clubs only)

- Advice, assistance and support on all aspects of model flying.
- Provision of free information pamphlets on a wide variety of topics.

MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

This is an essential reference book for all model fliers. Not only does it give details on the British Model Flying Association, it includes a comprehensive safety code drawn up from the legal obligations all model fliers have to meet. It also includes measures and advice on accident prevention and how to avoid the many pitfalls that can befall model aircraft fliers.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The BMFA recognises today's young people are tomorrow's aeromodellers. Many of us experienced the thrill of building and flying our creations in our youth only to give it up because of other commitments such as family or education. However, the seed was sown even if it did germinate much later in life when time and finance permitted.

Encouraging young people to fly model aircraft today will secure the future of model flying.

THE BMFA NEWS

The BMFA News is the Association's newspaper and covers a myriad of activities. Not only does it contain many interesting articles on construction and flying, it also contains items of Association business that is of interest to the members. It is the prime means of communication for the BMFA members on every aspect of Association activities.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The BMFA employs experienced and knowledgeable aeromodellers on both full time and volunteer basis. Much of their time is devoted to providing advice on all aspects of model aircraft flying and club organisation. Should they not know the answer immediately, they will either find out or direct you to a person who does.

NUMBERS COUNT

The BMFA's strengths are its proven expertise and its strong membership. Without the backing of its clubs and members we could not have accomplished the many things that have given us credibility and recognition. Major achievements have been: Sports Council recognition, negotiation with the CAA to ensure model flying can be undertaken without draconian restrictions, the introduction, retention and expansion of the 35 Mhz band for radio control flying, the retention of flying sites for free flight, indoor and R/C, and the implementation of a flying rights agreement with the National Trust.

The BMFA is a vibrant, respected and trusted organisation and can move forward into the future with confidence to promote and protect the sport of model flying in the UK.

United we achieve and will continue to do so if we work together.

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