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CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A  
STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

**TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 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](mailto:admin@bmfa.org)

**AGENDA**

- 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
- a) The review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st March 2009.
  - b) Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
  - c) The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
  - d) The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.
  - e) The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following proposal from the Chairman:
- i. That should two or more members wish to be considered for the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate and CIAM Education Delegate then, provided that they are properly nominated, Council will decide which shall fill the post by ballot at it's January meeting.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
- a Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
  - b Annual ratification of Honorary Members.
  - c Proposal from the Honorary Secretary that the South West Area is split into two, County based, sub Areas – essentially one sub Area for the Cornwall clubs, the other for the Devon ones. Each sub-Area to have an interim committee of three as agreed during the July visit of members of the BMFA Executive and their committee then appointed/ratified by an EGM or AGM for each sub-Area.  
This EGM/AGM to be convened before the end of 2009. Due to the reduced size of these sub-Areas, a quorum for sub-Area meetings will be considered as effective provided that at least three clubs are represented at such meetings. For overall representation to Council it is proposed that one Area Delegate will still represent the South West area i.e. this Delegate will represent both sub-Areas. Each sub-Area may appoint their own Chief Area Examiner for administrative convenience.
- Funding for all Areas normally comprises a fixed element plus a sum for each club within that Area. For these two sub-Areas it is proposed that the fixed element (as applicable to the SW Area in total) is allocated 50/50 between the two sub-Areas and each sub-Area will additionally receive funding as applicable to the number of clubs within their sub-Area.
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposals:
- i. The 2007 Member's Handbook, page 40, column 1, THE BMFA SAFETY CODE FOR MODEL FLYING DISPLAYS, Organisation, paragraph (c), be modified as follows:
 

**Delete**

(c) Verification of flyers' competence. The BMFA has a voluntary Achievement Scheme for R/C flyers and it is recommended that this is used to assess competence. Details are included in this handbook.

**Replace with**

(c) Verification of flyers' competence. The BMFA and other organisations have voluntary achievement schemes for R/C flyers and organisers should consider these as they are all guides to the proficiency of flyers wishing to take part in the display or event. Details of the BMFA Achievement Scheme are included in this handbook.
  - ii. The 2007 Member's Handbook, page 34, column 2, THE BMFA SAFETY CODE FOR MODEL FLYING DISPLAYS, General, paragraph 8, be modified as follows:

The following minima for sites, distances maintained from spectators and ***proficiency*** ~~competence~~ standards required from flyers of model aircraft at displays are recommended as a result of many years experience by the BMFA. As there are several different types of model aircraft they each require different facilities and site conditions for safe and effective displays. The different types will therefore be treated separately below.

### **Reasons**

On Council's general instructions that the Handbook and other documents should be checked for the use of the word 'competence' and it's relevance in context, it is felt that the word 'proficiency' is more appropriate in this case.

- iii. The Technical Committee Terms of Reference be changed to add the following elected post.

### **The Rules Officer.**

The function of the Rules Officer will be to ensure that any rules overseen or generated by the Technical Committee or its Specialist Bodies are discussed and minuted by the Technical Committee and supplied to the Technical Secretary in good time to enable the BMFA rule books to be published early in the new year.

The information should be presented as early as possible but no later than mid February.

A return is required from the Technical Committee via the Rules Officer covering every possible rules source, although a 'no changes' response is acceptable.

The Technical Committee or Rules Officer is not required to hold all rule changes and submit them as a block. The sooner any individual changes are discussed by the Committee and then submitted the better.

- iv. The following addition be made to the BMFA Safety Code for Model Flying Displays, Member's Handbook 2007, page 39.

### **Young Pilots**

Whenever a young pilot takes part in a display, it is very strongly recommended that a suitably qualified person is tasked to stand with them as a safety pilot. The legal responsibilities and possible liabilities of young people under the age of 15 are not clearly delineated and the organisation should take great care that no young pilot is allowed to fly unaccompanied by a person know to them as being competent.

- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.
  - c Receipt of contest fees for Free Flight for next year.
  - d The following proposals from the Competition Secretary:
    - i. That the funding for International Teams remains as it currently is with the additional proviso that the International Teams Budget Holder (currently the Competition Secretary) monitors the entry fees approved by CIAM for each championship and if they appear unreasonable then she may use some of the unused portion of the International Team budget to alleviate the financial burden on the team members.
    - ii. BMFA General Rules: new paragraph 2.3.7 and re-number subsequent paragraphs  
The BMFA complies with the Anti-Doping Rules of the Royal Aero Club which are the UK Anti-Doping Rules and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.

Currently there are no BMFA sanctions against any flier in BMFA competitions who is tested and has an adverse analytical result. However, competitors are advised that an adverse analytical result could affect their eligibility for international competition.

It is incumbent on any competitor in BMFA competitions and for team managers and support staff to be aware of the anti-doping rules.

- 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 agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.
- 15 Next year's Major Events:
  - a To discuss venues.
  - b To accept co-ordinators.
  - c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
- 16 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
- 17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
- 18 To discuss an application for Specialist Body status for F5D.
- 19 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 Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 20 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 Flying Site Adviser's Report
  - k BMFA Archivist Report
- 21 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.*
- 22 Date of next meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP DEAL

The following CREDITS will be issued from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 renewable against 2010 membership.

<b>Sept:</b>	<b>Seniors £11</b>	<b>Juniors £6</b>	<b>Fam Partner £8</b>	<b>Fam Junior £4</b>
<b>Oct:</b>	<b>Seniors £12</b>	<b>Juniors £7</b>	<b>Fam Partner £9</b>	<b>Fam Junior £5</b>
<b>Nov:</b>	<b>Seniors £13</b>	<b>Juniors £8</b>	<b>Fam Partner £10</b>	<b>Fam Junior £6</b>

## SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LIMITED

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND ANNUAL DINNER/PRIZE GIVING 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

This year the AGM will be held at a new venue – BARCELO HINCKLEY ISLAND HOTEL, A5 Watling Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3JA. Signing in will be from 10am.

Exhibitions of models from the various Technical Committees will be on display. Lunch will be available from 12noon until 1.30pm.

The AGM will start at 1.30pm.

The Dinner and Prize-giving will be held in the evening commencing at 7.15pm.

Dinner Tickets will be £25 and the overnight room charges will be £50pppn for a single room and £37.50pppn for a double room all including full English breakfast. Dinner Ticket and overnight booking forms will be available from the BMFA office from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Toasts and short after dinner speeches will be made and the presentation of the Society's Trophies to the current years' winners will take place. It is quite a spectacle to see all the gleaming trophies lined up – if you have never seen it, you do not know what you are missing!

After the excitement of the Award presentations, we adjourn to the music and dancing accompanied by a late bar to help things along.

The Free Flight Forum starts at 10am on Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> November, or you could visit the Sports Centre in the hotel, so why not make a weekend of it.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO VISITORS

Members, who are not Club Delegates, are very welcome to attend the AGM but we would ask their consideration in that priority allocation of seating will be given to bona fide Delegates and Fellows. Thank you. For your interest the Menu for the Evening Dinner is as follows:

*Chicken liver pâté flavoured with port and brandy, served with red onion marmalade, mixed leaves, crusty bread*

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*Supreme of chicken, tomato mushroom & tarragon sauce, baby roast, market veg*

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*Vegetarian Alternative Mushroom Risotto in a popodom basket*

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*Chocolate Bread and butter pudding, vanilla custard*

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*Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee*

## **GARAGE BREAK-IN CAN YOU HELP LOCATE THE STOLEN GOODS BELOW?**

Any information can you please contact Gavin Howlett on :

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## **THUNDER TIGER RAPTOR 50**

Futaba GY401 AVCS Gyro  
1 x S9254 Digital Servo  
3 x hitec servos cyclic  
1 x futaba servo on the throttle  
Spektrum AR900 DSM2 9-channel receiver with RF extension  
Battery checker on side of the heli ( about 10 leds )  
Carbon fibre main blades ( white and black )  
Carbon fibre tail blades ( black )  
Red quick uk metal head upgrade  
Red quick uk tail boom  
Red quick uk tail Boom supports  
4 x quick uk canopy screw pins  
fibre glass canopy/shell white with standard raptor stickers  
red skids  
carbon fibre bottom brace plate under engine  
os 50 engine  
glow plug extension wire  
carbon fibre tail servo holder  
carbon fibre tail fins  
red quick uk holder for tail fins  
large blue heat shrunk battery pack 100mm long x 45 high/wide ( 4100mah I think )  
Velcro strap and blue pad padding on and around receiver

One of the canopy pins on where they are pushed in to the plastic frame has been super glued...!!!

## **Copterx 450 se ( same as t-rex 450se )**

Spektrum AR6100 DSM 6-channel Receiver  
3 x hitec HS65hb servos  
castle creations 35amp esc brushless speed controller  
align brushless motor 430x I think  
telebee heading lock gyro  
Futaba s3154 high speed servo  
carbon fibre black/yellow main blades  
Black tail blades  
2 x Velcro straps  
Carbon fibre frame ( black )  
Aluminium head & tail ( in blue )  
Fibre glass canopy yellow/black/

## **Kyosho concept 30 size**

plastic white canopy pointy nose version with blue screen  
sc engine .34  
black plastic frame  
black boom  
5 x jr servos  
old chunky box type battery checker  
old lock style gyro  
futaba receiver 8 channel

## **Walkera 60#B**

Frame only hand no electronics in it  
Orange & white canopy plastic  
Silver aluminium frame  
Black carbon fibre tail boom  
white main blades  
anodised blue metal head & tail

## **Bazooka radio controlled 1/8th buggy ( same as Kyosho MP7.5 )**

green/white/purple shell with loads of holes drill in it ( shell is pritty tatty )  
Green wheels with good tyre on  
polished silve/chrome chassis plate  
sh nitro engine with black heatsink ( with some scratches on top )  
purple front and rear suspension mounts  
polished exhaust pipe with dents in it  
sanwa 2.4mhz receiver  
venom fail safe with temp sensor

## **CEN MG16 Mini monster truck**

purple and black shell with the back end part well smashed  
white wheels  
front bumper missing  
one of the wishbone ball joints at the back needed replacing kept coming off

## **jr pcm transmitter programmable**

this was silver, had an orange transmitter aerial, also the transmitter had a hole in the side where you could slot the aerial away for carrying, had a small lcd display with about 10 push/clicky button acrossed the bottom

## **Futaba transmitter**

old stale transmitter not programable had a couple of pots glued on top, was black and silver

## **PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL OF A MEMBER FROM A CLUB**

Unfortunately, when all else fails a club has to consider dismissing a member for conduct unbecoming their position as responsible club member. The process and deliberation of dismissal must give consideration to The Laws of Natural Justice, to ensure the member is dismissed lawfully as clubs, although private organisations still have to abide with law.

The BMFA has sought legal advice and recommends the following procedure is undertaken to lawfully dismiss a member:

- a. The member is to be given a verbal warning by an authorised committee member in which the member is made aware of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- b. If the member does not respond, he is to be given a written warning by an authorised committee member to advise him of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- c. If he still fails to respond, the Committee should invite him in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his membership.
- d. If he still fails to respond to reasoning or fails to attend without reasonable cause, the Committee can advise him in writing that his membership is withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision was reached. Reimbursement of his club subscription would depend upon the Club's Constitution. If it is not set out, it is recommended his full membership subscription is returned.
- e. When the member is advised of withdrawal of his membership, he must be given the right of appeal. If he opts to appeal, this would normally be to the Club membership at an EGM which the Committee would call on his behalf at a previously agreed date and time. The motion to uphold the membership withdrawal or reverse it must be in accordance with the voting procedures set out in the Club Constitution.

In the case of gross misconduct, elements "a" or "a" and "b" may be omitted but this should only be for exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that advice is sought from BMFA HQ in this instance.

Refusal of renewal of annual membership is tantamount to dismissal.

The above process should be included in the Club Constitution to prevent misunderstanding and to advise members of their rights.

For further advice contact the Chief Executive or Development Officer at Chacksfield House.

**Remember –dismissal should only be used as a last resort and must be carried out fairly and with due regard to the law.**

## Interactive Club Map for BMFA PR Stands and Website

Those of you who have attended the BMFA Stand at shows throughout the country over the last few years are perhaps familiar with the BMFA Map Books. Currently, these are a collection of road map books which have numbered stickers identifying BMFA Affiliated Club sites. If potential members identify their nearest clubs, we are then able to provide contact details. Maintaining up-to-date information manually is extremely labour intensive and as such we have recently developed an electronic system.

The electronic system is based on Google Maps with each club being represented by a 'pin'. Clicking on the pin brings up the name and number of the Club and any contact details which have already been approved for publication on the website (the approval is contained within the Affiliation Renewal paperwork).

It is possible to zoom into the map and also alternate between the map view and a Google Earth image. In many cases, it is even possible to see models parked on the ground!

The map data has been compiled by Chris Bromley FSMAE, BMFA Technical Secretary using existing information and additional information already within the public domain (such as Club Websites).

The BMFA Executive are conscious that some Clubs may not want their details including on this map and as such I would like to give all Clubs the opportunity to 'opt out' of the map system (though clearly we hope that you will be happy for your information to be included!).

Should your club wish to 'opt out', the Club Secretary should return the form below to us by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Regards

Dave Phipps  
Chief Executive

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## Interactive Club Map for BMFA PR Stands and Website – OPT OUT

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to 'opt out' of the electronic Club Map system so that our Club information **does not** appear.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to:

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