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SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS IS THE ONLY COPY OF THE CLUB BULLETIN SENT TO YOUR CLUB.
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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 29th January 2011 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

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for Permission to be Absent.
- 3 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on 25th September 2010.

- 4 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 25th September 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 5 Election/Ratification of members to fill ASRC vacancies.
- 6 To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2011.
- 7 To receive a proposal from the following Area to appoint a Chief Examiner:
Northern Area that Andy Symons, Membership Number 126421 is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Northern Area.
- 8 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
- 9 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
 - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) Flight Challenge
 - c) Education
- 10 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.)
- 11 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
- 12 To confirm date of the next meeting. *24th September 2011*
- 13 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.



Changes to the Power Achievement Scheme

Areas Council has approved some changes to the Achievement Scheme with effect from 1 January 2011. This article is an update of those changes.

Anyone taking a B test in any discipline must first complete the relevant A test. These tests may be carried out consecutively. Some instances have come to light where someone has passed a B test, then asked to do the A afterwards. Unfortunately the A was failed.

When taking an A and B test together it would be expected that one set of pre-flight checks would suffice but possibly two post-flight checks if there were two completely separate flights. If the examiner(s) is happy with the standard of the A test manoeuvres, the B manoeuvres can immediately follow. Fuel and battery conditions permitting of course. If the pilot wishes to refuel/ exchange battery between the A and B manoeuvres this is perfectly acceptable. However if his wishes to do either during the relevant flights this can only be done with the permission of the examiner(s).

With regards to the questions. If the candidate passes the A flying aspect, but not the B then five A questions will be asked. If he passes both, then eight B questions can follow which could incorporate any relevant A questions. Remember the numbers are a suggested minimum, so a good knowledge of both local club safety rules and the Handbook is essential.

In the Fixed Wing B tests, there were exceptions allowed for two manoeuvres, i.e. the bunt and 3 turn spin. These no longer apply. The candidate is responsible for supplying a model that will both spin and bunt.

Standing behind the aircraft out on the open runway during take-off, is no longer permitted. The pilot must stand off the runway for the entirety of the flight, including landings (preferably in the pilots box if so marked). This is a rule at many clubs and so brings the Test Standards into line with safe practice.

Helicopter only.

With the increase in popularity of flybarless (FBL) systems, there has been a lot of demand to allow the A and B tests to be taken with them. This has now been approved. The onus is upon the candidate for verifying to the examiner that the helicopter does not possess any artificial stability feature. This may be done by either documentary evidence, or practical demonstration.

Would all helicopter examiners please note on the bottom of the test form whether or not the machine is FBL, including the make and type. It should then be possible to gauge to popularity of the FBL systems.

I have tried to compress the changes into this short article, but the full wording is available to view on the BMFA website www.bmfa.org/news/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Minutes-Prov-Area-10-Sept-25.pdf and the alterations will be incorporated into a written update to the current Handbook in due course.

Peter Spurway
Controller RCPAS

THE ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST

Advancing the cause of air sport and aviation

ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST BURSARIES FOR 2011

- **Aged between 16 years and 21 years?**
- **Want to advance your air sport qualifications but lack the funds?**
- **Would £1000 help you realise your air sport ambitions?**

The Royal Aero Club Trust announces its bursary scheme for young people for the 2011 season. The bursaries include the President's Scholarships (two bursaries each worth up to £750), the Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1000, and additional bursaries worth up to £500 each to anyone between 16 and 21 years of age wishing to progress their interest in either air sports or aviation. The closing date for applications is 31 March 2011.

The Royal Aero Club Trust has been offering bursaries for eleven years and a wide range of bursaries has been awarded. Activities available in the programme include gliding, ballooning, paragliding, hang gliding, helicopters, and building and flying model aircraft. Bursaries are also available for Personal Computer or Flight Simulator pilots wishing to have their first experience of an air sport.

Applicants must be UK citizens, resident in the UK, and training and flying can only be conducted at Clubs, Associations or training establishments in the UK. Applications, which must arrive at the Trust by 31 March 2011, are to be submitted through a Sponsoring Organisation, Club or Association.

Full details, rules and an application form are available on the Royal Aero Club Trust website, www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

The Trust is very grateful to its sponsors who generously provide the funds for bursaries. If you, or your organisation would like to assist young people in this way by becoming a Trust sponsor, please make contact with the Trust or click on 'Donations' on the Trust website www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2010

Mon 13th December

Fri 17th December

2011

Mon 3rd January

Fri 7th January

Sat 8th January

Fri 21st January

Sat 29th January

Fri 11th February

Mon 28th February

Fri 4th March

Sat 26th March

Fri 8th April

Tues 26th April

Fri 29^h April

Sat 21st May

28/29/30May (TBC)

Fri 3rd June

Fri 15th July

Mon 15th August

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Fri 19th August

27/28/29 Aug (TBC)

Fri 2nd September

Tues 30th August

Fri 2nd September

Sat 10th September

Mon 12th September

Fri 16th September

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Fri 23rd September

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Sat 24th September

Fri 7th October

Sat 15th October

Fri 14th October

Mon 24th October

Fri 28th October

Mon 7th November

Fri 11th November

Sat 12th November

Mon 12th December

Fri 16th December

2012

Sat 7th January 2012

2011 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline

2011 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

1st Areas Agenda Deadline

1st Areas Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

1st Full Council Meeting

1st Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

1st Area Council Meeting

1st Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch

1st Tech Council Agenda Deadline

1st Tech Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

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1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch

2nd Full Council Agenda Deadline

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2nd Full Council Meeting

Free Flight Nats & Space Modelling Nats

2nd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

**AGM 1 despatch

3rd Full Council Agenda Deadline

** Nomination Deadline

3rd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, Indoor Nats, S/F & Space Nats

End of Year for Director's Annual Reports

2nd Area Council Agenda Deadline

2nd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

3rd Full Council Meeting

Absolute Deadline for receipt of Director's Annual Report

**AGM 2 despatch

2nd Technical Council Agenda Deadline/CIAM Rule Change Deadline

2nd Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

3rd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

2nd Area Council Meeting

2nd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch

2nd Technical Council Meeting

**AGM 3 despatch

Deadline for receipt by Technical Secretary of BMFA rule changes from Technical Committees

2nd Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch

**Voting Deadline

**Proxy Deadline

**64th Annual General Meeting

2012 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline

2012 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2012 1st Full Council Meeting
