

SE AREA NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Chat

A rather sparse newsletter this time as we have run out of articles and no one is sending us any. I must start with a bit of a whinge and I make no apologies in doing so.

I recently sent out two emails to all the clubs in the area. One a request for information, the other a begging email. The request for information was asking clubs if they could send me details of the type of data they keep on their membership as this would help us when looking at the new GoMembership and the new GDRP and guidelines, etc.

The second email was a begging letter for donations to help support the cost of the licence for flying on Ashdown Forest and the cost of the rent for flying on the Longman site. I sent out 68 Emails.

The system shows that over half of the emails were opened, so the requests were seen. I received only 8 replies for the data information request, thanks to the 8, and only one in reply to my begging letter, which was nothing to do with offering a donation as it happened. It would be nice if clubs replied even if they just acknowledged the email and tell me they have nothing to say on the matter.

The Area has had a couple of donations; one from Slope Soaring Sussex that came about by them seeing the post on the area website. Thanks to Rob Stanley and the committee of Slope Soaring Sussex and from Caterham and District Club for their donations.

GDPR regulations are now in force. A lot of work has been done by Andy Symons to provide support to clubs in the way of documentation and guidance on

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the subject and all this information is available from the BMFA website at <https://bmfa.org/Downloads/All-Downloads?EntryId=2501>. A big thanks to Andy for all the work he has done on this. Is your club GDPR compliant?

The Area has been able (partly due to the donations) to provide the Biggin Hill ATC squadron with a number of BMFA darts to enable them to have a go at building and flying model aircraft. Look out for a full report in the BMFA newsletter. The area is supporting a few events this year; see the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and also on the Area website at <http://southeast.bmfa.org/calendar>.

The Summer Ponds event will be running this year but not in the same format; details also on the website.

I have noticed over the years that I have attended the BMFA Awards evening the lack of any awards being presented to people from the South East Area and I'd like to get this changed. Do you have a person or persons in your Club that has been a long-standing member of the Club, who is always first to volunteer for field maintenance etc. and generally enables the smooth running of your Club for the benefit of all? If so, then please nominate them. It's not hard, a simple form is available from the BMFA website, so send it off and let the Awards Committee do the rest.

**Stuart Willis
South East Area Chairman.**

Help Wanted

Warden Park School at Cuckfield is running an "in school activity day" on Wednesday 4th July.

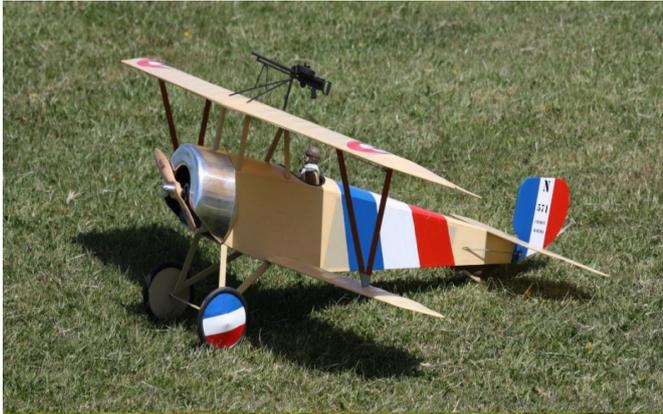
I'm looking for 4 or 5 helpers to assist groups of 4 students build, trim, and fly BMFA darts.



I did put out a request a while ago and a few people replied they may be able to help out depending on if they were free. Details are still to be finalised but if you are able to help out please contact me.

My details are at the end of the newsletter.

Stuart Willis



**Eastbourne &
District MFC**

**SCALE
VINTAGE &
CLASSIC**

Fly In 2018

Deanland Airfield, Ripe, East Sussex

Sunday 24th June. from 10am to 5pm

A relaxed day of flying at this wonderful site.

Pilot fee £5 and Proof of BMFA required

Further info from

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Eastbourne & District MFC
VINTAGE & CLASSIC Fly In
2018

**Deanland Airfield, Ripe, East
Sussex**

Sunday 9th Sept. from 10am to 5pm
Dig out those old timers and classics and
enjoy a relaxed days flying.

Bring along any unwanted models and associated
bits and pieces for an informal Bring & Buy

Pilot fee £5 and Proof of BMFA re-
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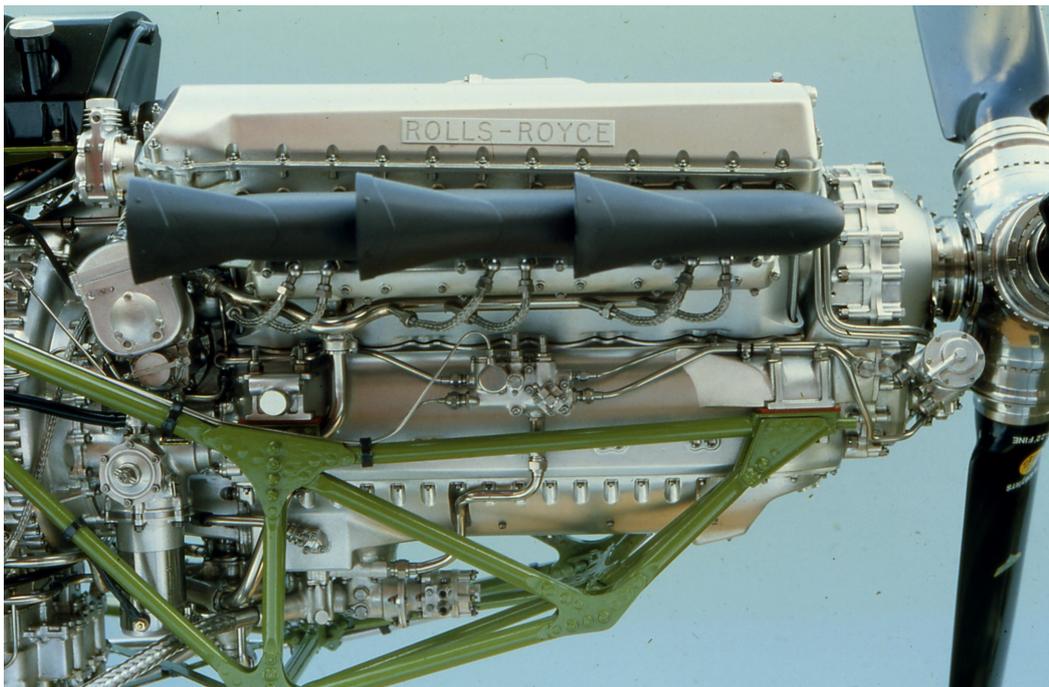
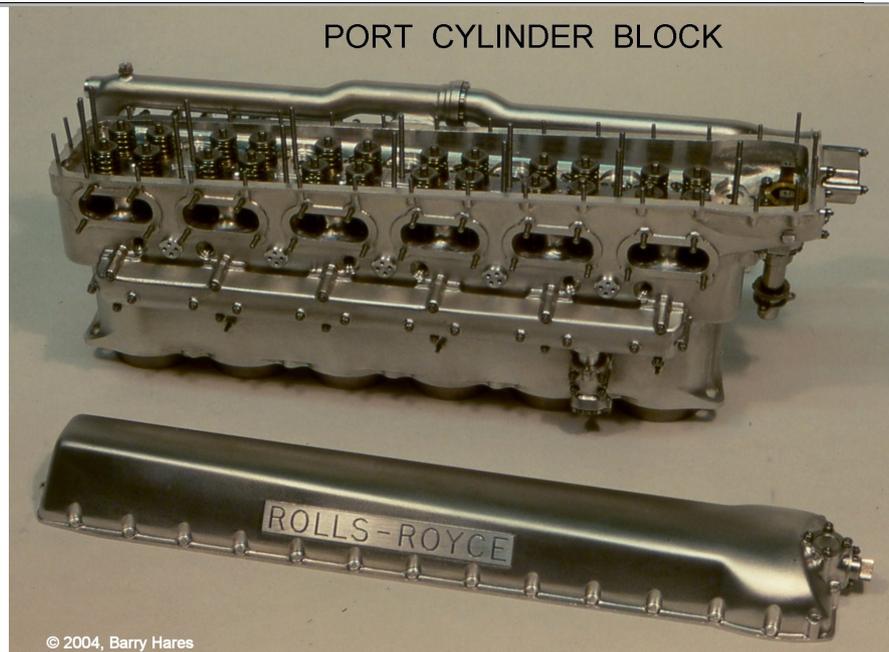
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Barrington Hares - Master Model engineer

I make no apology for writing about Barry Hares, he is primarily a model engineer but his work is just fantastic. He is a master model engineer who has built both a Rolls Royce Merlin and Rolls Royce Eagle 22 aero engine at one fifth scale.

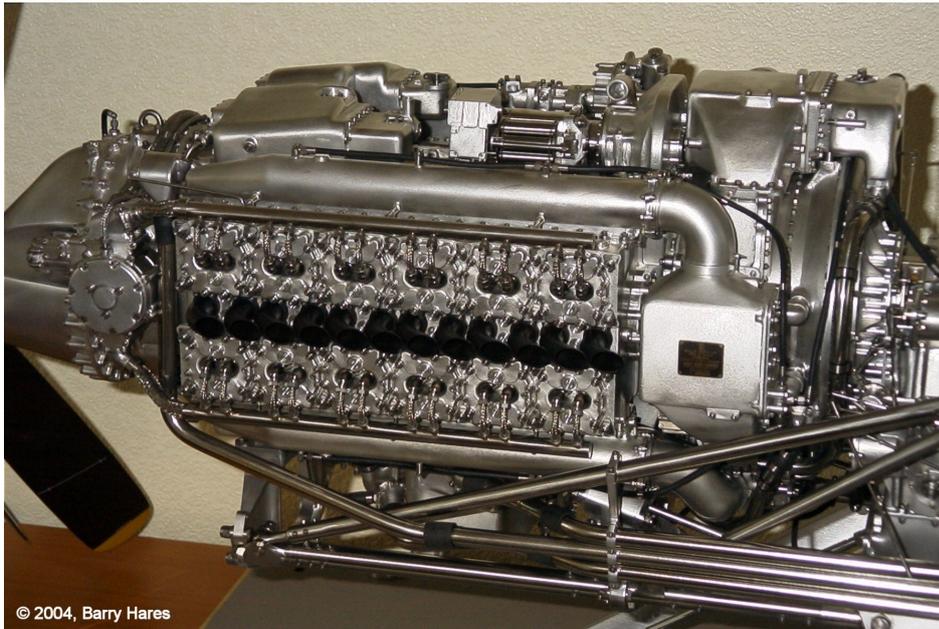
A glance at the photos will show what a magnificent work of art they



both are, just look at the detail. What is exceptional though is they both run. Not with a concealed electric motor but on liquid fuel fed to pistons ignited by miniature spark plugs

fed by scale magnetos. The Merlin is also the 61 (or XX) variant with the 2 stage supercharger which combined the Vulture and Merlin compressors working in series.

Each part has been made by Barry and the workmanship is just jaw dropping. The Merlin has been installed in a scale Spitfire but I have been unable to determine if it has flown. The capacity of the engine is 11.31 cubic inches (185cc) and every part has been faithfully reproduced, some 7000 of them tak-



ing 6000 hours of work.

The Eagle 22 is a step further, if that is possible. The Eagle was a 24 cylinder "H" engine with 2 crankshafts, sleeve valves and fuel injection. Only 15 were made and it was a similar concept to the Napier Sabre

that was used in the Typhoons and Tempests.

The engine was used in the Westland Wyvern prototype and development was not followed up as jet engines were overtaking the piston ones. This made the large complex piston engines almost redundant overnight. This model masterpiece took 8000 hours to make and runs just as the Merlin does. This one is bigger at 22.53 cubic inches (370cc).

I don't believe he cast the major items but machined them from solid. I would not know where to start - he needs to get out more!



There is a web site for each of the engines which show all aspects of the construction in detailed photographs. Just take a look and be gobsmacked, they are at:

http://www.enginehistory.org/merlin_xx.htm

Where there is a link to a video of the engine running.

http://www.enginehistory.org/eagle_22.htm

I just love this sort of quality work and would love to own one.

Norman Carter

2018 Calendar

DATE	TITLE	VENUE	CONTACT
10 th June	FW Scale Fly-IN	Charlwood, Surrey	secretary@southeast.bmfa.org
24 th June	Free Flight Competition	Ashdown Forest	mike.horam@uwclub.nen
24 th June	Scale Vintage & Classic Fly	Ripe, East Sussex	shaun@saltwood35.co.uk bonding@sky.com
8 th July	Free Flight Competition	Ashdown Forest	mike.horam@uwclub.nen
28 th July 29 th July	Summer Fly-in/Swap meet	Middlebridge, East Sussex	robindhart@btinternet.com
29 th July	Area Scale Day	Middlebridge, East Sussex	robindhart@btinternet.com
29 th July	Electric Fly-In	Charlwood, Surrey	secretary@southeast.bmfa.org
4 th August	Cloud Tramp	Epsom Downs	rwilles@hotmail.co.uk
9 th September	Vintage & Classic Fly In	Ripe, East Sussex	shaun@saltwood35.co.uk bonding@sky.com
16 th September	Free Flight Competition	Ashdown Forest	mike.horam@uwclub.nen
29 th September	Autumn Fly-in and Swap Meet	Middlebridge, East Sussex	robindhart@btinternet.com
14 th October	Free Flight Competition	Ashdown Forest	mike.horam@uwclub.nen

Up to date information available at: <http://southeast.bmfa.org/calendar>

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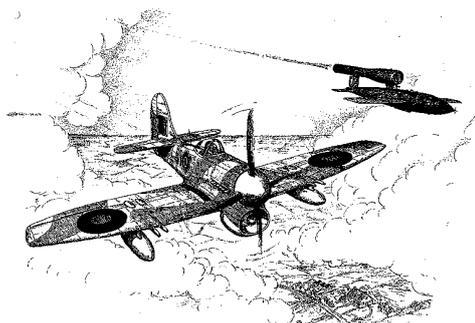
S E Area website
www.sebmfa.org.uk



<https://www.facebook.com/BMFA.South.East.Area?>

SE Area does have a facebook page which is useful for circulating information - don't worry you don't have to sign up to Facebook and we won't ask to be your friend (or even like us!!).

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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting 9th May 2018.

Present:

Stuart Willis	Chairman	Felbridge Flyers
Robert Richardson	Vice Chairman	Hastings MFC and Horam MFC
Chris Searle	Secretary	Felbridge Flyers
Jim Tucker	Treasurer	Wealden and Hastings MFC
Terry Knight	Member	Crawley MFC
James Gordon	Member	Caterham and District MFC
David Lambert	Member	E.D.M.A.C
John Philips	Member	E.S.S.A
Peter Burgess	Member	E.S.S.A
Paul Holmes	Member	G.A.C
John Collins	Member	G.A.C
Rob Stanley	Member	Slope soaring Sussex
David Stiff	Member	Riddlesdown MFC

Apologies:

Bob Hart	A.S. co-ordinator	Wealden and Hastings MFC
Mike Richardson	Flying Discipline Secretary	
Taj Manning	Education co-ordinator	
David Wolper	Member	E.R.F.C
Roger Marples	Member	E.D.M.A.C

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Read and approved by those present.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting.

To be discussed under specific topics.

3. Officers reports

Chairman and Council Delegate;

The indoor event at K2 ran at a loss this will be covered later in the meeting.

Back in January I attended the first full council meeting in Leicester. The a big part of the meeting was taken up with the usual first meeting administration of ratifying and formally receiving the various posts, positions, member's council and members of sub committees. The meeting then went on to ratify the international teams and their managers for the forth coming years' competitions and setting various 2018 contest fees The full details are on the BMFA website or I have them if you wish to have a look.

Relevant points from the reports given at the meeting.

Ian Pallister was op-opted as chairman until the AGM in November 2018.

Peter Halman was co-opted as Vice-Chairman until the AGM in November 2018.

Julie Fisher has taken up the position of FAI Delegate from Peter Halman.

The CAA has produced their Risk Assessment on Drones which is available through their website

There was a presentation from Paul Tallett who was employed as a PR consultant.

He is building up relationships and partnerships with a number of bodies

The RAF – Our wish is to work with them on their education program and the RAF 100 celebrations.

Melton Mowbray District Council – A strong relationship has now been built with Melton Mowbray District Council. Offers of assistance include help with funding for BMFA Buckminster's future development phases.

ADS – The Aerospace, Defence & Space Trade Association – Another strong relationship has been built with this organisation since being made aware of them at the BMFA AGM.

It was agreed by the council that Paul would be retrained for a further 15 months.

Dave Phipps gave an update on EASA Regulations. The latest update on this was published on the BMFA website on the 15th April

The National Centre is doing very well with a lot of weekend already booked for 2018 and it was agreed that we should look into applying for Charity status for the national centre

Andy Symons gave the council an update on the new Go Membership System. I will cover this later in the Meeting.

The ASRC put forward a proposal that Award Dinner Tickets would be funded and given out to Achievement candidates to be re presented with their certificate after much discussion it was agreed in principal and the details to be finalized by Areas Council.

The honorary secretary has instigated the creation of a new 'Code of Conduct' for members

We currently have a 'Code of Conduct' for Directors however this does not cover members. This document will set in place a means by which we can try and safeguard our members from abuse and discrimination as well as enabling a mechanism to deal with any cases of abuse and discrimination.

This is part of the review of all current BMFA guidance documents for members and clubs.

I attended the ASRC Road Show in the beginning of April. All aspects of the ASRC were covered and was a very informative day. It was good to see some of the area clubs represented at the meeting but I think it would have been nice to see more clubs represented. It is one of the areas responsibilities to promote and encourage clubs and their members to take up the achievement scheme but I still think we are preaching to the choir at these events.

I recently sent out two Emails to all the clubs in the area. One a request for information on the type of data that clubs keep on their members as part of work being done on the new BMFA membership system and the other one was a begging letter for donations to help support the cost Ashdown Forest and the long man site. I can see that of the 68 emails sent out over half were opened but there is no way of telling if they were read. I received only 8 replies for the data information and only one in reply to my begging letter which was nothing to do with offering a donation. It would be nice if clubs replied even if they just acknowledge the Email and tell me they have nothing to say on the matter. We have received a donation of £100 from Slope Soaring Sussex that came about by them seeing the post on the area website. Thanks to Rob Stanley and the committee of Slope Soaring Sussex for their donation.

Vice Chairman;

Nothing to Report.

Secretary;

The Kempton Park club has ceased to exist due to loss of flying site. Area Events had been sent out to Club Secretaries. Emails from the Area can be unsubscribed by a club member if it is forwarded to them, the solution is for Secretaries to copy and paste the content and send out. The ERFC events have been put on the BMFA Events page.

Treasurer;

The yearend balance is £400.00 and the Area accounts have been sent to Head Office. The end of year balance is similar to previous years. The major items of expense this financial year are the Ashdown Forest and Long Man flying sites and the K2 Indoor meeting. A bank transfer from Slope Soaring Sussex had failed so Rob Stanley presented a cheque of £100.00 to go towards the Long Man site and stated that it was their intention to repeat the donation every year. James Gordon presented a donation from the Caterham Club of £20 for the same cause. The Free flight flyers from Crawley, East Grinstead, Maidstone and others, when flying at Ashdown on the 8 competition days are being asked to contribute £5 per day on top of the competition entry fee. However this will be reconsidered later in the year because if a flyer attends all 8 meetings then they will have each contributed £40 towards the licence fee.

A.S Co-ordinator;

James Gordon is now up and running in his role as one of our Chief Examiners. James, Rob Creasey and I attended the Achievement Scheme Road show at Swanley. I found it very useful and interesting.

Education officer;

Report not received.

Flying discipline Secretary;

The good weather on the 1st & 3rd Free Flight competition days on Ashdown Forest (The 2nd on the 4th March was cancelled by the BMFA because of the bad weather) resulted in some good placing's nationally for SE area flyers, Neil Alan coming second in combined power at the 1st event, while at the 3rd, Alex Cameron topped combined glider, with Ken Taylor place 2nd in combined rubber for the prestigious Gamage Cup, while in F1C power for the Halifax Trophy, Neil again came 2nd.

To date, flyers at the competitions have contributed a total of £80 in donations towards the cost of the Ashdown licence, which I will forward to the Treasurer in due course.

South East Area events in 2018.**K2 Indoor;**

Despite only hiring two thirds of the hall (which did not affect the flying) a reduction in attendance left a shortfall of £200 that was made up by the Area. Over the last 3 years the Area has allocated a total of £700. It was thought that putting up the admission fee would only reduce attendance even more and also spectators can watch from the balcony without paying. An alternative source of income would be created if it could be classed as a national event, Stuart would discuss this matter with Mark Benns who is on the Free Flight Technical Committee. Donations are unlikely to be received from any companies that are present at the K2 as their likely returns would be too small to result in any meaningful contribution. If we were to invite companies to pay for stands at the event this would change the agreement with K2 and the price would go up as it would be a commercial event

Electric and Scale meetings at E.R.F.C;

The Electric Day is scheduled for 29th July and the Scale Day for 10th June. So far the response to the publicity (Area website, BMFA Events and email to all Clubs) has been very disappointing with only 2 for the Scale and 3 for the Electric.

Hasting Scale Day;

The Hastings Scale Day will be held on 29th July. This clashes with the Epsom Electric day but was unavoidable.

Cloud Tramp;

Scheduled for 4th August at Epsom Downs.

GDPR

The BMFA have a guide booklet and Privacy Policy template available and there are also many relevant documents on the club support page of the BMFA web site. If the comments made by those club Secretaries present are representative of the Area clubs it would seem that implementation of the new rules is well in hand.

New BMFA membership system

Stuart gave a description of the membership system which will be live by the end of the year. The BMFA will have all information, Areas will hold details of clubs and clubs will hold details of members within a specific club. Once logged in (using the same credentials as for BMFA classifieds) members will be able to renew their membership online and will then receive a pdf document as proof of membership. Club Secretaries will be informed and legacy methods of renewing will still be available. A.S. certificates will be emailed to successful candidates however James Gordon thought it might be better to send them to the examiner for presentation. Club Secretaries will get a new logon and it may be possible to use new system in place of existing club records.

Area Bank Account.

For the purpose of continuity, should the Treasurer be unavailable to sign cheques, Stuart had obtained a mandate form for the Treasurer to sign that would enable Stuart and Chris to also operate the bank account. In addition it was decided that only one signature on cheques would be necessary in future.

Biggin Hill ATC BMFA Darts

At the Caterham Club prize giving last year Alison Langham and her son Philip discussed the BMFA education system with Stuart and he offered to look into supporting the ATC with some BMFA Darts. It was agreed to supply the Biggin Hill ATC with 50 Darts which is enough for 1 Dart between 2 cadets. The cost would be £125.00.

A.O.B.

John Holmes will be unavailable for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING 5th September 2018