

SE AREA NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Chat

I was informed recently of the death of John Dart. For many years John was the driving force behind the Indoor Competition that the Crawley club ran on behalf of the South East area, and my condolences go out to his family.

As you will know, the BMFA subscription has been increased. Part of the reason for this is the possible loss of the rebate we get from the insurance brokers; some £30,000. This is due to the increase in the cost of claims of repairs to cars and replacement of models. I would therefore ask club committees and their safety officers to review their flying sites to see if their car parking and pit areas are as safe as they can be, and

are away from flying areas.

Whilst I'm on the subject of safety, I recently lost two models due to a loss of control. The only commonality between the two incidents are the pilot and the transmitter. I'm not dismissing it could be me but, I know I had no control when the craft went in, so I sent the transmitter off to be checked. No fault was found, but they replaced the RF unit.

Having got the transmitter back I set about re-binding and range-checking all my models; most were quickly done, except my helicopters and multi rotors. This was because they require a PC program to re-bind the control units.

Problem one was a rebuilt PC; I needed to reload the software. Prob-

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lem two was because the level of the software was no longer compatible with the firmware on the controller, so a re-flash of the new firmware and a reload of the backed up configuration files was required; and problem three was because the backup format was not compatible with new program/firmware, so I had to re-set-up one helicopter and a multi rotor.

The new BMFA membership system is now up and running. By the time you read this, clubs and individuals will be able to renew your 2019 BMFA membership online. Have you logged on yet? If not, I'd highly recommend you do. It's not that difficult to do but, if you do have problems, then contact Andy at membership@bmfa.org.

The first area event of 2019 will be the indoor competition at K2 on 16th February. This will be the 44th annual meeting, but the first to be held on a SATURDAY. Otherwise, a familiar format of alternate slots for competition and fun flying. The comps are Catapult glider, (max span 12 inches), HLG, EZB, Living Room Stick, Gyminnie Cricket, Open Scale, Peanut Scale and Legal Eagle. Plus mass launches for the Butterfly and Hangar Rat. Prize giving and raffle to be held at 5:30pm Like last year, two thirds of the hall will be available for flying, still acres of space! If you are at a loose end on that date, then why not pop along and support the event. Visit cadmac.org.uk for any updates.

The area, for the first time in my chairmanship, nominated people for BMFA awards. Congratulations go to Keith Wright from the Horsham & District RCMC for his Achievement Scheme Certificate of Merit, Norman Carter of Felbridge Flyers RMFC for his Achievement Scheme Certificate, and Bob Hart, a member of a number of clubs and area Achievement Coordinator for his BMFA Certificate of Merit. Bob has also been nominated for a **Royal Aero Club Certificate of Merit, I wish him luck with this nomination.**

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and all the best for 2019. Hopefully, global warming will give us another summer of excellent flying weather!

Stuart Willis
South East Area Chairman.

2427 (Biggin Hill) Air Cadets - Phillip Langham

I am an air cadet with 2427 (Biggin Hill) Squadron and I am also a member of the Caterham and District Model Flying Club (CDMFC). I only joined last year but have recently passed my B Certificate. I really enjoy flying all types of RC planes and I really enjoy being an air cadet. I wanted to bring my two interests together so I arranged with my CO to organise both a model flying night and two model building nights. I contacted Stuart Willis at the SE BMFA about the education packs that the BMFA have and Stuart very kindly arranged for the squadron to be given 50 models.



On a lovely warm evening a minibus of cadets joined myself, Chair James Gordon and other members of CDMFC at our field. After a quick demonstration of flying and some aerobatics everyone got at least two opportunities to have a go on either the Club's Apprentice trainer or a Funfly.

I even got a chance to show off flying my P51 and Funjet Ultra. Many thanks to the BMFA who provided goodie bags for all the cadets



that attended. The evening was a great success and the cadets and club are keen to repeat the event and give more cadets the opportunity to fly.

The outdoor evening was followed by two DART model building nights. On the first night I gave a presentation all about model building and RC flying followed by the cadets getting the opportunity to start building a DART

under the watchful eyes of Stuart Willis, James Gordon and other members from CDMFC.



Stuart Willis helps decipher the plans

On the second evening we continued to build the DARTs under expert guidance on some of the trickier parts. Everyone finished their models and we even got the chance to fly them. I have now been put in charge of the cadet's aeromodelling club and the evenings have inspired the cadets to want to try out more model building and more RC flying. We look forward to continuing our links with both CDMFC and the BMFA.

Phillip Langham



James Gordon helps the cadets



Try Pylon Racing - Gavin Barden

Ever thought of trying Pylon Racing, or competed in the past?

There is a movement afoot trying to resurrect the Club 20 racing series



along side the newer electric formula of E2K. There have already been race meetings in Shrewsbury and BMFA Buckminster which have been a great success. On the 20th January 2019 a race meet will be held near Paddock Wood in Kent to gain some interest in the south.





E2K follows simple rules, which are available on the BMFA website, and all models have restricted airframe designs making the racing close and exciting. Where E2K is the entry level electric powered formula, Club 20 uses the old club 20 airframes with either an ASP or SC 0.32 motor (which fits in the 25 size mount). A competitive E2K model can be built for around £100 making it an affordable sport at entry level.

All events are pre-entry only to allow for the racing matrix to be compiled, if you fancy having a go then please contact me at support@evolution-models.com where I can pass on details of the event to those wishing to enter. Alternatively log on to Facebook and find us on the E2K/Club 32/C2000 Pylon Racing page. Race entry normally costs £5 for the cost of field

hire, at the Paddock Wood Event the club have kindly confirmed for a total of £10 they will include a breakfast roll, lunch and tea and coffee on tap. More importantly in January they have a fire pit and heated clubhouse to keep us all warm between rounds!



Gavin Barden

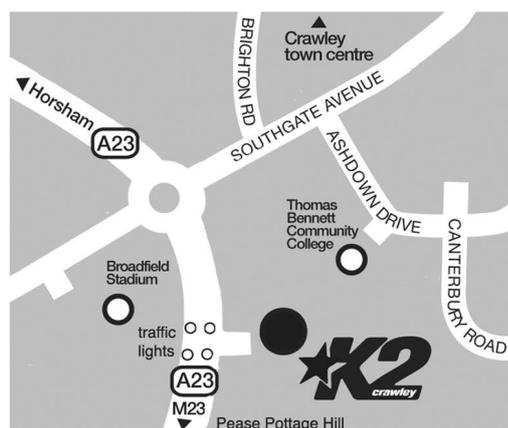
BMFA South Eastern Area
CRAWLEY INDOOR FF MEETING 2019

SATURDAY 16th February 11am to 5.30pm

K2 Leisure Centre
Pease Pottage Hill
Crawley
West Sussex RH11 9BQ

1 minute from Junction 11 on M23

Contact Alex Cameron
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www.cadmac.org.uk



Alternate FUN-FLY and competition slots.

Comps are Catapult, HLG, Open & Peanut Scale, EZB, LRS, Legal Eagle,
Gyminnie Cricket plus Mass Launch for Butterfly & Hangar Rat



2018/19 Calendar

DATE	TITLE	VENUE	CONTACT
Most Sundays up to end January 2019	Wealden indoor flying	Beacon Academy Crowborough TN6 2AS	http://southeast.bmfa.org/event/wealden-m-a-s-indoor-fly-ing?instance_id=85
20th January 2019	Pylon racing	Paddock Wood Kent	sup-port@evolution-models.com
16th February 2019	Free flight indoor	K2 Centre Crawley	alex@cadmac.org.uk

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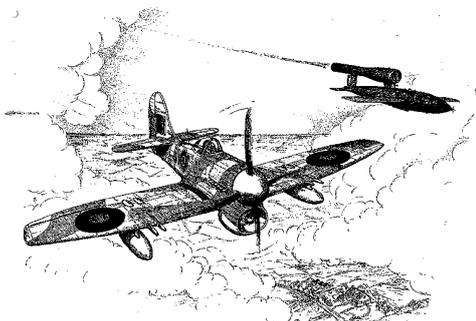
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SE Area does have a facebook page which is useful for circulating information - don't worry you don't have to sign up to Facebook and we won't ask to be your friend (or even like us!!).

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



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The OGM commenced at 08:10 on the 14th November 2018

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area Role</u>	<u>Club</u>
Stuart Willis	Chairman	Felbridge Flyers
Robert Rich-	Vice Chairman	Hastings MFC and Horam MFC
Jim Tucker	Treasurer	Wealden and Hastings MFC
Chris Searle	Secretary	Felbridge Flyers
Bob Hart	A.S. co-ordinator	Wealden MFC and Eastbourne MFC
Richard Pid-	Member	Caterham and District MFC
Roger Marples	Member	E.D.M.A.C.
David Lambert	Member	E.D.M.A.C
James Gordon	A.C.E	Caterham and District MFC
John Phillips	Member	E.S.S.A
Peter Burgess	Member	E.S.S.A
Derek Potter	Member	E.R.F.C
Martin Jones	Member	E.R.F.C

Apologies from:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area Role</u>	<u>Club</u>
Mike Sun	A.C.E	
Taj Man-	Education co-	Mid-Sussex Flyers
Mike Rich-ardson	Competitions Secretary	

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Agreed to be a true record.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

The Ashdown Forest site and Area funding issues which will be covered later in the meeting.

Officers reports:

Chairman and Council Delegate;

My report starts with the sad news that John Dart passed away recently. John was one of the driving forces behind the South East Indoor competition and has been so for a very long time. Our thoughts are with his Family.

A lot of my time recently has been taken up with the new BMFA Membership system This will be covered later in the meeting.

As stated in my annual report we will be looking at extending the hours we are allowed to fly on Ashdown forest, this took

place yesterday 13th and will be covered later in the meeting.

I attended the September Full council meeting.

The morning and part of the afternoon was spent going over the account for the year ending March 2018 and the proposed budgets for the next financial year that are to be put forward at the AGM this 17th November.

This includes the proposal for a £4 increase for the membership subscriptions. Hopefully you will all be aware of the reason for this increase as the reasons are fully explained in the BMFA news but the main factors are a decline in

membership numbers and the reduction, or total loss of the amount of rebate received from the insurers this year to the increased value of the claims being made. Clubs can also help by reviewing the locations of where they park their cars in relation to pits and flying areas at their fields. A short presentation on the new membership system was given to the council members by me.

A couple of items from the annual safety review report I felt worth of passing on. There is issue with FrSky wireless buddy systems. Unlike manufactures like Spektrum. They use their own implantation of a Bluetooth wireless connection and this has a very short range and loss of control to the student can happen. One example was when an instructor put his body between the two transmitters causing the model to be uncontrolled until the instructor realises the student did not have control and recovered control of the model.

There has been reports of loss of control when using mix and match Tx/Rx systems. This can happen when the level of software in the Tx is updated and becomes no longer compatible with the Rx or vice versa.

Reports back on the NAT's this year were excellent from the RAF staff. Which is a good start for the NAT's in 2019 but as always nothing is guaranteed.

This year's award winners were agreed. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Area has a worthy recipient this year. Bob Hart was awarded BMFA Certificate of Merit for his work in the area as Area controller. This is the first award given since I became involved with the area I hope there will be more to come, so I ask Clubs to think about this for 2019.

Vice Chairman;

Robert requested confirmation of the Insurance cover provided for Club assets.

The BMFA have arranged cover which protects individual clubs against loss or damage to club equipment at the club premises. The policy provides cover against loss or damage to club equipment such as club buildings and grass cutting equipment etc. However, the current level of indemnity should be checked with Head Office before any claim is made.

Treasurer;

Nothing.

Secretary;

Nothing.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator;

Bob reported that £1050 had been donated by 4 Areas towards the making of the Achievement Scheme training video and that another £2000 had been offered by consultants Admac.

Education Co-Ordinator;

Nothing.

Review of SE Area Events in 2018;

Stuart thanked the Hastings and the Epsom Radio Flying Club for hosting the fly-ins this year.

Proposed SE Area Events in 2019;

An E2K pylon racing meeting will be run in January at Old Hay airfield, near Paddock Wood. James will supply more details for inclusion into the Area Newsletter.

Three Clubs, Caterham, Croydon and Concorde currently hold inter club Fun Fly competitions and other clubs in the Area could be invited to participate.

The K2 Indoor Flying meeting is scheduled for 16th February 2019, the cost of the venue is £984.09. The Free Flight Technical Committee are prepared to underwrite the cost subject to approval of the financial arrangements. Stuart will contact the Crawley Club to discuss the organisation of the event. Stuart also asked if any Area members would be available to assist with the non-flying aspects of the meeting. It is not possible to invite traders as K2 have restrictions on commercial activities and the cost would increase.

Other regular meetings will be discussed during the January OGM.

There is interest within the Area in holding a Scale Helicopter fly-in, Stuart will look in to this.

If there is interest from other disciplines, for example Control Line, the area would also look at supporting these events.

Ashdown Forest Licence:

Stuart had met with the Conservators because some BMFA members had been challenged by Rangers due to flying outside of the agreed hours. Apparently these members were not aware of the times but had been flying there for some time however on this particular occasion a different Ranger was on duty who upheld the official flying times. Drone flying had caused the Rangers to enforce the terms of the licence more strictly. Proposals by the Area to extend the flying times were well received by the Conservators and they will be having an internal meeting to discuss extending the times. No increase in fees was mentioned. Restrictions had been imposed due to animal grazing and a rare bird nesting, the Dartford Warbler, but the relevance of these activities will now be reconsidered. At the moment it is allowed to power models with small IC engines but this policy may be changed to electric power only. In order to validate the BMFA membership of flyers the Conservators suggested issuing lanyards however there would be difficulties when flyers from outside the Area used the site.

Go membership:

There will be a workshop on 22nd January at South Godstone for Club Administrators, currently 15 places have been booked. Renewals can be made from 1st December and this can be done by individuals or by Clubs. It is apparent that there are many Clubs yet to add their location details.

2019 Area Accounts:

A third signature is required to be registered in the event of one of the existing signatories not being available. The Secretary will be added and paperwork to enable that was provided by the Treasurer.

The problems experienced by Epsom Downs MAC in paying into the account have been resolved by confirmation of the correct sort and account numbers.

All other departments of the BMFA supply a forecast and work to a budget, the Areas are the only part that are given fixed amounts. It would be desirable for Areas to conform to other parts of the BMFA. In preparation Mark Benns has requested that Areas write a trial budget for test purposes.

BMFA AGM:

There were no Club requests for the Chairman to make any Proxy votes at the AGM.

The subscription is expected to rise to £38.00, mainly due to a reduction in membership and also the anticipated loss of the insurance rebate.

A.O.B:

Dave Knott had come first in F4C at the Nationals.

John Phillips had come second at the BMFA F3F meeting.

D.O.N.M:

9th January 2019

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

The AGM commenced at 07:30pm on the 14th November 2018

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Although the Electric fly-in was not as well attended it was enjoyed by all that did turn up and plan to run both again next year.

The Area did not run any Examiners Workshops this year partly due to financial considerations but mainly due to the lack of response from the people we had last year.

The Area website hosted by the BMFA is working well and the email part of system is used on a regular basis. There is still the issue of returned emails because people change roles and do not inform us of the changes. Facebook is enabling us to keep in contact with a lot of people because the posts are seen by hundreds of people.

The Area was able to provide a number of BMFA Darts to the ATC Squadron at Biggin Hill as part of their model-making activities. Myself and two others were asked to help out at the Warden Park Academy student enrichment days to explain about model aircraft and the BMFA. Each of the nineteen students built, trimmed and flew a BMFA dart. The Area has been asked back to do a similar thing in 2019 only this time over two days.

We are seeing more clubs represented at Area committee meetings, which is very encouraging, but it would be nice to see more, however, my Area is quite large and clubs are spread across a number of counties.

I'd like to thank members of the area committee for their support especially Chris Searle for his work as area secretary.

Vice Chairman;

Robert stated that the attendance at the Area Scale day was greater on the rescheduled date at the end of September than would have been expected on the usual July date. This will be taken into consideration when the date of the 2019 meeting is decided.

Treasurer;

I have reviewed this year's expenditure with reference to the monies on account as at December 2017. Effectively at the above date we had £3700 (approximately) on account. The following reviews the expenditure for 2019. This is carried out by checking the current account statement for 12th November 2018 and proposing expenditure for 2019. The budget shows expenditure of £2520.00 with a revenue of £2260 (see the proposed detail). This means we have spent a further £300 of the current capital. Obviously some of these figures are only proposal so the difference could be larger or smaller. However it does seem we are slowly reducing our capital.

Budget 2019

Money on account as at 12/11/2018 - £3520.64

Ex Nov/Dec (Hastings and Hall) - £165.00

£335564

New Year Expenditure (Before BMFA Amount)

Long Man-£500.00

Ashdown-£450.00

Indoor-£900.00

£1850.00

Expected Rev

Ashdown-£200.00

Long Man-£180.00

Indoor-£380.00

BMFA-£1500.00

£2260.00

Expected other expenditure in 2019

Trophies-£120.00

Events-£240.00

Hall-£160.00

Gen Exp-£150.00

£670.00

Expected account as at November 2019-around £3100.00

Secretary;

Nothing.

Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator;

A quiet year overall. Very few test requests for our C/Es. We welcomed James Gordon to the ranks to improve coverage of the Area and I know he has completed a couple of tests for us. I am to submit our list of C/Es for ratification. I have not been able to contact Mike Sun. He was suffering poor health when last we had contact so I don't know if that's why. I and two of our C/Es attended a C/E and Co-ordinators workshop earlier this year which was very informative. The Area did not run an examiner/Instructor workshop this year.

I propose to ratify the following for our Area;

Kevin Beale, Gary Bunclarke, Mick Galvin, Dave Knott, Colin McGinn, Derek Henzell, Rob Creasey, James Gordon and Mike Sun (if I am able to get in touch with him first).

Education Co-Ordinator;

Nothing.

Flying Discipline Secretary (Free Flight);

Flying took place on 7 of the 8 scheduled area competition days this year, the 2nd event, in early March being cancelled by the BMFA due to the arrival of the "Beast from the East". On the whole, here in the south east, we were blessed with reasonable weather most of the time, at least, compared to the rest of the country, enabling south east members to place highly in the national results, with numerous 2nd & 3rd places, with Alex Cameron of Crawley placing 1st in Combined Glider at the 3rd event & Neil Allen of East Grinstead topping the results in F1J Power at the 5th meeting. Much to their surprise, with what appeared to be a modest score, the Crawley team of Alex, Gary Oulds & Mike Cook repeated their success of 2015, by winning the Model Engineer Trophy for team glider at the final meeting of the year. Alex also came top, by a considerable margin, in the Combined Glider League Table for all the scores in the area events during 2018.

Neil also placed 1st in F1C Power at the National Championships held at Barkston Heath at the end of May, while Mike Woolner of East Grinstead topped the results in F1B Rubber in the trials to select the team to represent GB in the world championships to be held in California in October 2019

As in the 4 previous years, the East Grinstead Club handled all the competition days, Rob & Ken Taylor looking after the onsite work, while I handled all the paperwork, sending of the results & entry monies to the BMFA etc. It's now time for others to take a turn & I understand that next year the Crawley club members are going to take on the work & I will therefore not be taking on the role of Area Free Flight Competition Secretary for another term, although I will of course support whoever takes on the position.

Apart from the 8 competition days, it is difficult to know what use is made of the forest for model flying, but it is very important that we retain its use for free flight, as it is the only site in the crowded south east of England large enough to host free flight competitions.

Donations totalling £110 collected from those flying in the competitions have been forwarded to the Area towards the cost of the Ashdown Licence.

The winners of the Area awards for the 2017 season were as follows:

RAFA Shield. Crawley 275 points, East Grinstead 142 points.

RAFA Individual Awards. For the top three flyers in each of the glider, rubber and power disciplines.

CO2 and electric are included in the power category. Based on the RAFA comps, a flyer's best five contest scores in one discipline, fly-offs not included, gives their RAFA Individual total.

RAFA Rubber: 1st & Trophy Ken Taylor. 2nd Robin Willes. 3rd Peter Norman.

RAFA Glider: 1st & Trophy Alex Cameron. 2nd Mike Cook. 3rd Ken Taylor.

RAFA Power: 1st & Trophy Neil Allen. 2nd Mike Cook. 3rd Rob Taylor.

Area Champion: The flyer scoring the highest aggregate of their best five BMFA totals across all 3

disciplines, including fly-off scores: 1st & Trophy. Neil Allen. 2nd Alex Cameron. 3rd Ken Taylor.

Riggs Trophy: Awarded to the flyer with the most RAFA points who has not received a trophy in any of the other classes. Includes bonus points for fly-off scores: Mike Cook.

The Nordic Shield: Awarded to the winner of FAI glider at the 6th Area Meeting: Gary Oulds.

As a matter of interest, competition for the RAFA Shield has now been running for 68 years, being presented to the Area by the Sevenoaks branch of the RAF Association way back in 1950. In the early days no less than 7 clubs competed for the trophy, now we are down to just 2.

Re-election of Officers:

The following positions were due for re-election his year;

Chairman, Council delegate, Treasurer and PRO.

The existing Chairman, Council delegate and Treasurer were re-elected for a period of 2 years. There were no applications for the position of PRO.

Mike Richardson resigned as Free Flight Flying Discipline Secretary and Alex Cameron has been co-opted into this role until the next AGM.

Returns to BMFA Head Office:

Jim Tucker will send in the Area Accounts at the end of the financial year.

Chris Searle will send in the Officer Information following the AGM.

The meeting closed at 08:10pm