



# *British Model Flying Association* **CLUB BULLETIN**

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### **TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 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)

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 4 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 5 To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2019.
- 6 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
  - a) Power
  - b) Silent Flight

- 7 Other agenda items here:
  - a) Allocation of Area funds.
  - b) May 2019 Flightfest.
  - c) Obtain feedback from Areas regarding ceasing production of a paper edition of the members' handbook – *Full Council Minutes 2122/01/19 (18) Technical Secretary's report.*
- 8 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
  - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - b) University Payload Challenge
  - c) Education
- 9 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.)
- 10 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
- 11 To confirm dates of Areas Council Meetings 2019.
- 12 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.

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## **Achievement Scheme Roadshows & Workshops**

There will be an Achievement Scheme Roadshow on 30<sup>th</sup> March at ***Oswaldtwistle Mills Business & Conference Centre, Pickup St, Accrington BB5 0EY***

This is open to any BMFA member interested in the achievement scheme and is free of charge.

Activities start at 10.30 and finish at approximately 16.00. Lunch and refreshments are provided. The Road-shows are being delivered by members of the ASRC, who will also be on hand during the day for informal discussions etc., so why not come along and put faces to the names?

Please go to the Events & Courses section on the BMFA Go Membership portal to book your place.

### **There are also a number of examiner workshops taking place.**

A Midland Area Examiner Workshop will be hosted by Retford Model Flying Club on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 10.00hrs- 16.30hrs  
RMFC flying site is located to the east of North Leverton Nottinghamshire.

**East Anglia Area cordially invite All Area and Club Examiners, Instructors and potential Test Candidates to a Fixed Wing 'A' and 'B' Instructor & Examiner Workshop.**  
**Kindly hosted by Newmarket MFC On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**  
**(West Row site near RAF Mildenhall)**

**Please log in to the BMFA Go Membership portal to book your places on the workshops.**

## DfT publishes amendments to the Air Navigation Order.

The Department for Transport (DfT) have today published further amendments to the Air Navigation Order which impact on all users of Small Unmanned Aircraft, including the model flying community. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-drone-safety-partnership-with-business-launched-as-government-sets-out-plans-to-limit-drone-misuse>

Further details of the amendments can be found in CAP1763 (as the CAA have the unenviable task of implementing the legislation). You can read CAP1763 here: <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP1763%20New%20UAS%20guidance.pdf>

Regrettably, the DfT have put us somewhat on the 'back foot' with this due to the speed with which they have introduced the amendment which also includes elements which they had not alerted us to. The changes have been expedited in reaction to incidents involving small unmanned aircraft at Gatwick and Heathrow in the last couple of months.

We have reported previously on the creation of flight restriction zones around protected aerodromes, the concept of which was introduced in the Government Response to the 2018 Consultation on Drones published earlier this year and these zones will come into effect from **13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. A useful interactive map of the UK has been created by NATS showing the protected aerodromes with the restriction zones superimposed. See <https://dronesafe.uk/restrictions/> for further details.

CAP1763 states that 'the flight restriction zone is active at all times and applies to all small unmanned aircraft of any mass (even very small 'toys')'. This was a surprising development which would in theory even extend to paper aeroplanes.

If you wish to fly an unmanned aircraft within these restriction zones, then permission will have to be obtained from air traffic control at the aerodrome. The CAA expect such permissions to be based on a 'constructive dialogue between the modellers/model clubs and the relevant aerodrome' and formalised in a letter of agreement/memorandum of understanding.

One slight benefit included in this ANO update is that the existing restriction on flying unmanned aircraft over 7kg below 400ft in controlled airspace has now been removed, as the new restrictions apply to all unmanned aircraft up to 20Kg and maintain the 400ft limit for all unmanned aircraft.

We are seeking clarification and answers to a number of questions we have posed to the DfT and CAA on behalf of our members. We hope to receive answers this week and will publish further updates and clarification in due course.

Secretaries of those clubs captured by these changes are invited to email Andy Symons (BMFA Club Support Officer) at [andy@bmfa.org](mailto:andy@bmfa.org) for further advice/information/help as a matter of urgency.

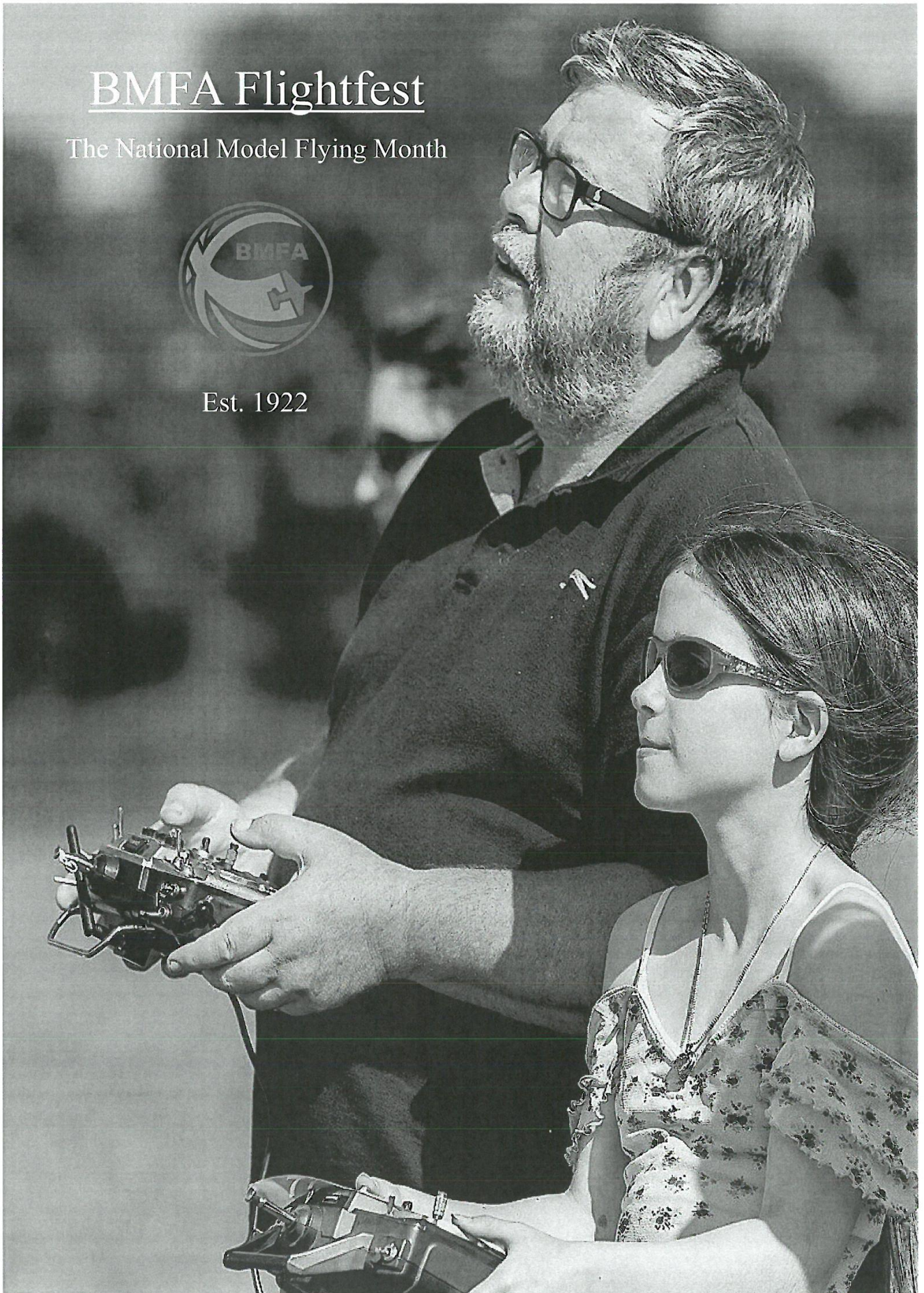


# BMFA Flightfest

The National Model Flying Month



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## BMFA National Model Flying Month May 2019

The BMFA would like to encourage all Areas and affiliated clubs to hold an event at their flying field during the month of May. The aim of the 'Flightfest' is to raise the profile of our sport with the public and encourage more to partake. For 2019 this will be a relatively simple affair, with the hope that in coming years the concept can grow and develop, both in variety and reach.

Suggested types of events a club could put on include:

- Fly-In.
- Trial experience flights.
- Friends and family BBQ.
- Invite a local Scout group, ATC, sports team etc to visit.
- Invite local radio, newspaper and TV news to take part.

There are many types of events that a club could organise and they should be encouraged to host events that they feel comfortable organising. Whatever type of event a club holds, it should allow visitors the chance to get hands on, be that via the club trainer, PC based flight simulator, or free flight models for children to build and keep.

The BMFA will produce and distribute to clubs a Marketing Toolkit that will contain artwork for posters and flyers, along with event guidance. This leaves the Areas and clubs to fill in the blank spaces on the promotional material with their event details, then distribute within the community and online. This will present a uniform brand for the month long event up and down the country.





## BMFA National Model Flying Month May 2019

BMFA Buckminster will be the main showcase for the Flightfest, leading by example and hopefully encouraging more clubs to get involved next year.

We will work nationally to attract media attention and encourage TV, Radio and the press to visit the National Centre and take part. Hopefully, with Areas and clubs interacting at a local level and at the same time nationally, we should increase the reach and visibility of our sport further.

We will be on hand at every step to help assist, guide and support any club that is taking part. This first year shouldn't be overly complicated or taxing for you.

The key thing to remember... no matter what activity you decide to try, focus on making sure that the club comes over as a welcoming, fun and enjoyable place to spend time.

All members know the personal pleasure that model flying brings, the friendships made, the personal challenges enjoyed and succeeded at. If we can pass on this enthusiasm to our local community, the event will have succeeded.

*“United We Achieve”*