

Dear Beaulieu Permit holder,

2016 is definitely over and the weather has finally "clagged in" with winds and frosts here. We've had a very good Autumn with lots of very flyable days and I'm pleased to report that there has been a lots of activity on good days, so well done to all of you who have made the effort to get out enjoy yourselves.

The BMFC AGM was held as advertised in November. It has been a very successful year from all points of view: increased membership, good attendances at the field, reasonable weather and reduced impact from anti-social behaviour. So well done to everyone for helping and enjoying our unique flying facility.

We also had some interesting and challenging subjects to discuss. The main one being the potential impact of the pending EASA legislation which may affect model flyers. I have nothing to add at this point, other than to recommend that everybody reads the various status reports that the BMFA is showing on the www.bmfa.org website. We, the model community, are trusting that they are looking after our interests, and so far they seem to be making some progress.

Other than that, the existing committee was re-elected and will continue next year in the same vein as this year. Some minor changes to the Regulations were made which are shown on our website <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/regulations.html> Please read them and make sure you are operating safely.

The Permit issuing process in 2017 is the same as in 2016. First get your BMFA insurance, then apply for a Beaulieu permit.

The BMFA opened its 2017 membership on the 1st December, and the early birds are getting their insurance renewed already. Once you have your BMFA membership (which you can do online now, if you are a Country Member) there is nothing to stop you renewing your Beaulieu Permit as our website is also open:

- Go to "permits" and follow the instructions there - lots of flyers are already doing it.
- if you have renewed already, then thank you for being efficient and helping us.
- If you haven't, or if you get your BMFA membership through another club, then please jog your club secretary into action as we cannot issue permits unless we are absolutely sure you are insured.

Permits will also be available at the field from a committee member, on presentation of the required insurance details and cash or cheque payment, but we would prefer application over the internet as it makes it easier for us to manage. We are not able to accept applications by post.

We will post your permit card, and permit flag to you along with the associated documentation which I would urge you to spend a few moments reviewing as there have been a few (small) changes. You should receive:

- an invitation letter from the committee,
- a copy of the new 2017 Regulations - this has been slightly reformatted for ease of reading with some minor additions,
- a copy of the Forestry Commission's map of our area and operations - this is a little out of date in some minor details but is what we have agreed with them,
- a copy of the relevant 1982 By-Laws which govern the New Forest. This is also on the website.

Remember, too, that the permit process is run by willing volunteers who are doing their best to keep up with the demand. Please be patient if your permit doesn't arrive quickly - we are trying !

Best wishes, and good flying in 2017! Have a great Christmas break and may Santa bring you something good!
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