

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders. Permit renewal is underway. Only permit holders can fly.

To all permit holders: Some pretty decent weather at last has brought out a good number of modellers, and some interesting models. It's been really good to see old faces and new getting back into action. A pattern seems to be emerging of scale (mainly i.c.) on sundays, sport flying and F3A practice on weekdays, and helis on Saturdays. But of course every type of flying is possible on any day, just watch what others are doing and if it's busy be prepared to wait a bit if necessary.

The state of play. The hoped for access track improvements haven't happened yet, but we have filled in one of the potholes. The dry conditions recently mean that the ground has become quite hard, but vehicles have not made any further deterioration. Do be careful on the approach tracks as stones can be thrown up, and the remaining potholes are a bit awkward. The hard ground means that tethering models from stakes in the ground is not possible, so please find other ways of restraining your model while starting. This is important for electric models as well, since they are live when plugged in.

BMFA achievement scheme. We are well underway with the plan of making BMFA achievement scheme tests readily available. So, to all those of you who don't have any certificate at present, it's up to you: if you are interested (and, really, all serious flyers should be) we can now do A tests on demand, and B tests with a little notice. Wouldn't you like a certificate like this to show off? You can do it! And remember: it's free of charge! Look at our website for more information, links to BFMA, documentation and so on. <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/bmfachievementsscheme.html>

Activity on 9th April



BMFA Certificates



Ralph Arrow (centre) B(FW)



Jason Pealman A(H)



Our first two successful passes, one at B(FW) and the other at A(H). I've had interest from at least four more guys wanting to do A(FW) and one for B(FW) so if they can do it, so can you. You can do a "dry run" if you are not sure. When you are ready just say.

In Memoriam: We heard the sad news recently that one of the longest serving model flyers. Alan Pointer, has died recently. Alan was a superb builder and very knowledgeable about all aspects of flying and will be missed. There is a short note on the BMFA website at <https://www.bmfa.org/News/News-Page>

This month's featured model: With the modern trend to ARTF models we don't get too many new builds, but one example is the EAA sport biplane show here, made by Martin Armstrong from a Balsa USA kit, with an NGH 38cc petrol model and DLE exhaust system. Very impressive from both a building and flying point of view. If you have an interesting model, or an interesting story associated with a model, you can always send it in and it might feature on a newsletter here!

EAS sport biplane - April 8th



Advance Notice: The GBR/CAA organises F3A aerobatics in England and has agreed to stage an event at Beaulieu on September 9th. Normal sport flying will be suspended while that is happening. If you are interested in precision pattern aerobatics contact Ian Mould, or me, for details.

Best wishes, and good flying! Richard.

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