

Newsletters are published approximately monthly to keep current permit holders informed.

**To all permit holders:** Well, that's the best of the flying season over! It's been basically a good year, with some extremely fine flying weather, but also some disappointing conditions at times -- hot and sunny periods as well as a good deal of windy, and wet, weather - so about normal ! If you were able to take advantage of the better days, often weekdays, then well done, but weekends are often poor. The airfield has been pretty busy all summer, which is good. We are well known as a community of model flyers, and I for one have fielded numerous enquiries from the general public on our activities. I'm pleased to report that most holiday makers, and other heath users have been impressed with the model flying activity they have seen, and wished us well, which is gratifying. So well done anyone else who has had similar experiences - it's in our interest to show that we are responsible users.

**A note on permits and flying.** Permits are still available, now at half price until the end of the year. All permits need to be renewed in January as we stay in sync. with the BMFA insurance scheme. When you have renewed your BMFA membership (and therefore insurance) you can then renew your BMFC permit and you are good to go. Of course the weather is not terribly inviting until about March, but the hard men can get going sooner. I've had some nice comments about these occasional newsletters which are intended to keep everyone informed, but especially new members. If you have a comment, picture or story you want to share then just email me.

**Beaulieu Airfield conditions.** Each year the access track deteriorates, due to the large number of vehicles which enter the site, and the fact that a few tend to drive too fast, creating potholes. After some discussion the Forestry have agreed to re-lay the access tracks now, so the airfield will be closed from 11th Sept until 22nd Sept. As they are only permitted to use "natural" materials the new surface will inevitably degrade again, but hopefully it will last well into next year now. Your patience is appreciated while this work is being done.

Some of you will know that the Historic Airfield Display Board was demolished over the summer (we think by the ponies, actually) but it has now been restored. Some of the off-road vehicle warnings were also damaged (and probably not by the ponies). The amount of illegal off-road vehicle use does seem to have been slightly less this year, with just one burnt out car, and a relatively few off track excursions. Let's hope this trend continues. Remember, if you see any illegal acts then please report them (to me) and we will follow up. Litter is another perpetual problem, we regularly collect and dispose of trash, but you can help too - if it shouldn't be there, then it shouldn't be there ! (take it home and help keep the airfield clean).

**F3A** Many of you will know that there is a small, but growing band of Beaulieu Flyers who are into F3A (pattern aerobatics). This year has been a good year, with Ian Mould winning the "P-only" level with a BJ Fantasia at the BMFA Nationals, Jason Woods also doing well with his Sebart 125, Ralph Arrow entering Clubman, and even yours truly keeping up in Masters. For the first time in many years there was a GBR/CAA competition staged at Beaulieu on 9th September where some of the top names in UK F3A came and demonstrated how it should be done. My thanks to those members of BMFC (Ian T, Ian H, Barrie D, and Robbie among others) who came and helped get the site ready, stewarded the public access and many other activities. Our visitors were very appreciative, and apologies to those sport flyers who could, therefore, not fly that day.

*The F3A line up for the GBRCAA comp.*



**BMFA achievement scheme.** Don't put this off - the opportunities have a habit of slipping away before you know it. Do take a look at . <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/bmfachievementsscheme.html> and do get in contact if you want to take an A-test or a B-test and we can arrange suitable times and dates.

**AGM** - this will be held as usual at the St Andrews Community centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire, SO45 4PT on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7:30pm. If you have motions to raise, discussion points that need airing, or general comments, then please send them to me by October 9th.

**Best wishes, and good flying! Richard.**

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