

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders for information only.

To all permit holders: It's been an interesting year from a model flying point of view: a long winter, a very hot summer, and some average opportunity since. The traditional model flying season is really Easter to August Bank Holiday, but we have the luxury of an all weather site and so can fly throughout the year, even if it is a bit brutal in the winter.

Flying. I'm glad to report that we have had good attendances at the field in recent months with flying possible nearly every day for the last couple of months. Here are some pictures of a few of those.

We've had lots of interesting models on show. Ian T. with his i.c. powered Spitfire - very realistic flying sequence. My own Zlin Z50 in the air (picture courtesy of Richard Tambling). Ian and I both flew models at the BMFA sponsored "Middle Wallop Wartime" display day,

and a good group of Beaulieu flyers also attended the Salisbury Scale Models event, including a rare outing for the Zlin. Well done to Garry Young for winning the "best achievement" trophy at that event.

There still seems to be a great interest in vintage and nostalgic modelling as shown by these two pictures of high-wing old-timers, both of which flew very well despite somewhat difficult conditions - windy in one case and turbulent in the other.

The flight line and pits line ups look pretty much the same whatever the weather and whatever the time of year. It's good to see a healthy collection of flyers and models as on this sunny day in September. This is what we exist for - a fun flying environment for everybody, whatever your interest or skill level.

Flight operations. I am pleased to report that flying discipline has been very good this year with everyone taking turns and very few incidents or disagreements - well done all ! Do re-read the Regulations from time to time: it's

vital for our future that we are seen to honour our rules, as flouting them could lead to serious consequences. 7Kg limit, stand in the pilot box, fly beyond the flight-line, stay within the perimeter track, be safe -you know !

Drones and law changes. I am sure most of you will have seen the articles in BMFA News, and various model magazines on the changes to the law, in particular the 400ft height limit. We understand that the BMFA has negotiated an exemption for "conventionally operated model aircraft" to exceed this height limit. Drones (multirotors) are not exempt and must keep below 400ft. We have a number of drone flyers with permits and we will be reviewing the whole subject of the viability of drone flying at Beaulieu, and alternatives, over the winter.

BMFC AGM. This is now scheduled for December 11th (7:30 for 8pm) at the St Andrews Centre, Dibden (refreshments provided). Please come to make your views heard on how we operate and what might be up for next year.

Best wishes, Richard (BMFC chairman, and BMFA Southern Area Chief Examiner)
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2018 Diary Dates

Oct 14 Pony Drift -Furzey Lodge
Dec 11 BMFC AGM ****NEW****
St Andrews Centre, Dibden
Dec 12 2019 permits available online
Dec 31 2018 permits expire

My Zlin Z50 with OSFS 90



Ian T. with a very nice ic powered Spitfire



"Jenny" based on a Ben Buckle model



Bob Corfield with his Junior 60



Pits to the left in September



Pits to the right on a nice sunny day

