

Beaulieu Model Flying Committee Newsletter #56 6th September 2020

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Full flying again. August 2020 has at last seen full operation restored at the airfield, and a wide collection of models have been seen, a few of which are shown here. There have been many more, so if you want to share your recent achievement with others please mail in a photo and description and we'll see if we can get it in the next newsletter.



This has been a very unusual year. I can't remember anything similar. Of course we've had flu epidemics, and health scares galore, but a total lockdown to prevent the spread of a contagious virus, that's something new.



Thank you all for your forbearance as we, along with the rest of the world, tried to understand what was and was not allowable. I am pleased to report that most fliers have been sensible about keeping the risk of transmission down - I'm sure it has been effective. The last thing any of us want is to transmit the virus, or to get it in the first place.

The one thing I've been observing, and I know others have too, is to go to the airfield a little less often, despite desperately wanting to make up for lost opportunity during the lockdown. Those of us in the older age brackets are more at risk, so it makes sense still to avoid unnecessary contact, to be extra careful over cleanliness, and stay our distance in the pits and

on the flight-line. The markings in the pits and the pilot box are a reminder to help spacing.



The 2020 BMFC AGM. You may have been wondering when this will be. After extensive discussion in the committee, and consultation with the operators of our normal venue, it has been decided that the usual open annual general meeting of the Beaulieu Model Flying Committee will NOT be held this year. The logistics of holding an indoor meeting with a large number of people, while maintaining distancing and room cleanliness, make it impossible.

Instead, the committee will hold a closed meeting (possibly by video conferencing). This will be fully reported on the website and by email. The date of the meeting has not been set yet, but will probably be in November. The accounts will be closed at the end of September and reported at the meeting.

The topics to be discussed will include:

- reports on our activity, and finances, for 2020;
- the current and expected status of CAA regulations for model flying in 2021 and beyond;
- the possible interruptions to airfield access in 2021 due to New Forest ecology considerations;
- the effect of the current Natural England review of our permission to use the Beaulieu Heath airfield;
- the likely impact, if any, on the cost of permits in 2021;
- election of BMFC committee members.
Please email if you are interested to stand.

If you have proposals which should be discussed, or suggestions for improvements in the way we operate, then you are invited to email in your contribution by the end of September.

There is a possibility that a multi-person video conference (via "zoom" or similar capability) could be organised for those with access to computers capable of taking part. If you are interested in this please email in your interest.

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