



M.H.M.A.C NEWS LETTER

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Many of you will know of the sad demise of our chairman friend & fellow flier Mr Eric Bradley earlier this year following a brave battle against Cancer. Eric first joined the club way back in May 1970 so he would have seen the club move from various flying sites from Shangton to Clipston & finally Welham lane, he was also an active member of the Rutland radio flyers who flew at North Luffenham airfield. His funeral which was very well attended (standing room only) was held at Kettering crematorium ,the club donated an amount to the Market Harborough branch of the Macmillian nurses (family request)

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLINGS

This is the latest report from your sec so here goes, this year there has been constant level of the membership which finished at a total of 34, all members are reminded that all access to information is now via the web site & or e-mail. You should all be aware of the need for all models that weigh over 250 grams to have your C.A.A number on the model. If any member is in doubt about anything please refer to the B.M.F.A website where there are all the details.

My last request is that all members make an attempt to attend the A.G.M./prize giving on JANUARY 24TH 2025 at Church Langton Community Hall 7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start (refreshments will be available)

TREASURERS TOTALS

This year no major expenses were incurred so the balance sheet looks to be in a healthy state, therefore the committee decided that the club fees will be £39.87 for seniors juniors remain free, please note there is a family scheme should there be any parent & child joining. With regards to paying your fees for 2025 could I please ask that you pay by either bank transfer preferably however cash /cheque payable to MHMAC is acceptable this way it easy for me to the sign you up to the BMFA ,CAA, magazine etc. & keep track who has re-joined etc.

You can re-join for 2025 from December 1st onwards but

PLEASE NOTE PLEASE RE JOIN by JAN 15th OR NOT INSURED

The fees for 2025 are Club =£39.87 B.M.F.A =£49 CAA =£11.13 giving a yearly total of £100.00.The BMFA magazine is now available online for free however if you want a hard copy posted to you it costs £10

Indoor Flying

The committee are planning another indoor open flying evening at Church Langton Community Hall in February this will only take place if the members support this (cost of hall) please let any committee member know if you are interested.

Buckminster

If you have never been to our national flying centre at Buckminster then I suggest you check it out via the BMFA Buckminster website to see the multitude of events that now take place there including Swap meets Auctions & all disciplines of model flying from radio control line tethered car racing free flight etc. plus there is now a café onsite

Free Flight

As many of you are aware I fly a lot of free flight models in various competitions around the country I have had a year of very good results & a couple of average results, I competed in the U.K team trials at RAF Barkston Heath where I came 3rd which could have given me a team place to fly in the world champs next year in Romania however I cannot go due to other commitments & costs (would need to spend £2,000) on new models etc.

Competition secretary report

November 2024.

The last comp of 2024 has not taken place yet the comp RC PATTERN may not be run this year. All the results of the events will be announced at the A G M in January just to keep you in the dark a little bit longer.

This year there have been different senior members winning some of the comps and at the time of writing I have not finished the figures it might make things a bit interesting, that's all for now.

Finally could all the winners from 2023 please return all cups & shields polished and in there boxes A, S, A, P to Pete Baldwin some members have already done this.

Thank You
Pete Baldwin

FUTURE PROGRAMME

January 2025

Friday 24th A, G, M, 7,00pm Start

March 2025

Friday 21st Indoor Chuck Glider Competition 7,00pm Start
EVENT 1

April 2025

Friday 25th Concours D' Elegance Competition 7pm till 10pm
EVENT 2

Sunday 27th RC PATTERN
EVENT 3

PETE BALDWIN

News Editors words

Firstly, on behalf of the committee I would like to give our sincere condolences for the loss of our Chairman; Mr Eric Bradley. Our thoughts go out to Jad and the family. Also a sad loss earlier this year was Mr Dave Brown. You will both be sadly missed down the field and we will always remember the good times.

On a brighter note the committee would like to give a big shout out to Graham Leatherland who has very kindly fixed the hut door and ramp up to it. Nice work Graham it looks amazing, thank you.

If there are any members that wish to contribute to the next newsletter please email me on the address above, any kind of input is welcome.

Thank you to all that have made this year an enjoyable experience at Wellam Lane and hope to see everyone up the field when the weather is warmer.

Wishing everyone a Merry Xmas and a happy new year.

😊Happy Flying😊

Tim Smith

Models for Sale

Ring: Dave Porch on 01536 760291

Come and have a look various models with engines including;

Auto Gyro

Twin Engine Tiger Cat

Miles M20 WW2 Fighter

Mini Rooky with Power Pod

Black adder open cockpit twin tail night fighter

And a few others wing spans from 3 to 6 foot, most have servos.

There is also a 'For Sale' link on the MHMAC website with other items for sale.

It's worth a look! Thank you to Roger for his tech skills and his work in updating the Website.

Sue's year- Next, is a breakdown of events that Sue has attended and taken part in.

The weekend of the late May Bank Holiday I went to the free flight nationals. This year 2024 they were held on Salisbury Plain. Which is, I am sure the furthest I travel for a competition especially when roads are closed, or people are slowing down to get a view of Stonehenge. I competed in the women's cup with my senator, and was happy to retain the trophy for another year. Pictures are two of the flights and my medal and certificate





When I do not appear at the flying field on a Sunday afternoon it is usually because I am at a free flight event. There are 8 area events throughout the year starting in March and ending in October.

Flyers fly all over the country simultaneously with the results collated and then overall winners declared. On 7th July I flew at North Luffenham to compete in a class called mini vintage.

I was thrilled to achieve a maximum time in one of my flights.

I was even more pleased when the results were published and I had achieved a second place over the whole country. And my plane landed safely! So no repairs either, a very good result.



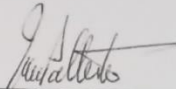
British Model Flying Association

SILVER AWARD

Event: 5th Area – Mini Vintage

Venue: Area Venues

Date: 7th July 2024


Chairman



Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers Ltd

The body delegated by the Royal Aero Club for the control, regulation and administration of the sport of model flying

Mini Vintage

	Name	BMFA	Club	Score	Fly off	BFFC
1	D Etherton	59852	Crookham	5.38		9
2	S Johnson	212096	MHMAC	3.45		6
3	G Oulds	33645	Crawley	2.00		3 ½
-	S Willis	34982	Croydon	2.00		3 ½
5	P Masterman	54410	Vikings	1.55		2
6	G Peck	53756	Morley	0.18		1

Awards dinner



One of the many highlights of the flying year for me was to attend the European Free flight Championships held near Deva in Romania.

I was not a member of the team but offered to go as a helper.

Most of the team and myself flew out on the 18th July at stupid o'clock in the morning. Others flew out later and an intrepid former member of our club drove all the way. The competition was spread over the week, but prior to the competition itself there was lots of practice, and a day set aside for registration and processing of planes. All planes to be used were inspected and labelled with all the correct numbers. As one of the team had to drop out as he had hurt his shoulder the reserve was called in and he had to have his planes registered and processed at 6am at the hotel!

There were lots of 6am starts and I would not recommend the trip to anyone who likes to lie-in.

The competition proper started on the Tuesday with a long day's flying on the Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday with a reserve day on the Friday. This was not needed for the competition so we actually had a lie in and a rest day.

I had a marvellous time, saw some great flying and some amazing planes so although our team did not come home with any medals it was a wonderful experience.

The team





Getting wound up



Preparation



6am for processing

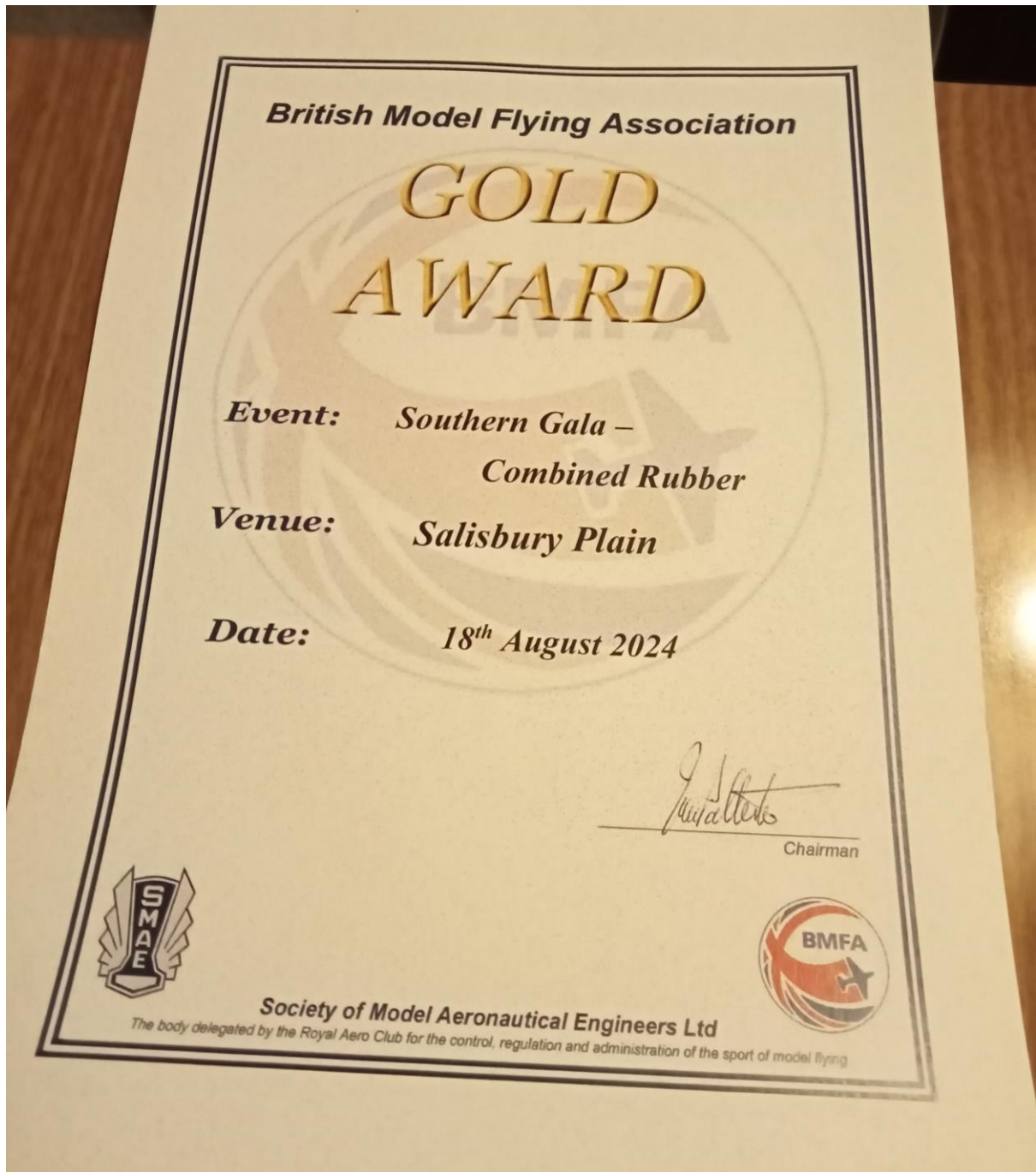


Processing



Waiting to Launch

In August I again trekked down to Salisbury Plain for another competition in the free flight calendar the Southern Gala. This time I was competing in a class called combined rubber. My senators qualify to fly in this class. I was very lucky and achieved a first. A very good moment for me.





In September I decided that I would go and see something completely different, so I visited the indoor duration nationals at Daventry. The competition took place over three days 6th 7th and 8th and there was a really good turnout. I was one of only a few spectators and was agreeably surprised and pleased to be asked to assist one of the flyers by timing his flights. The range and size of the entries really amazed me, as did the lengths of the flights with some clocking over 10 minutes. I was also fascinated to watch flyers using very long poles to prevent their planes hitting obstacles in the ceiling. A very interesting day and I have a much better understanding of duration flying.





BMFA AGM

In a break with tradition the annual general meeting was held separately to the prize giving and awards dinner.

The venue was also new as the meeting was held in the Goldsmith hanger at the BMFA national centre at Buckminster.

This was quite useful as all the lots for the auction the following day were laid out in preparation for the event which made a viewing of items very easy.

The meeting opened at 1.30 with an announcement that the financial items on the agenda would not be discussed as there had been insufficient time between the publication and the meeting, so an extra ordinary meeting has been called for Nov 26th on zoom. This is quite unprecedented.

The rest of the meeting proceeded as per agenda.

1 Minutes of last meeting received and accepted

2 Adoption of company report up to 31st August 2024

3 Appointment of auditor for coming year and fix the remuneration.

4 Consider recommendations for the election of Fellows of the society.

5 To receive the results of the nominations for the elected officers and technical committees including the results of elections.

There were also two items of special business.

1 The FAI delegate will no longer be an elected position within the organisation, in future a suitably qualified candidate will be appointed.

Agreed

2 a) the post office records officer is removed from the list of elected officers

2 b) a post office Trophies Officer will be created and this will be an appointed post.

Agreed

Final item was to fix the date and venue for next AGM.

1st November at Buckminster.

Meeting closed at 3.35

Wow, 2 Gold's and 1 Silver. Thank you Sue for your input including the information on the BMFA AGM and well done on your awards. Very well deserved.