

East Anglia Area Newsletter

June 2021



Take Off...

At last the wet, windy and cold weather we have had for several weeks has passed at least for the moment. I hope you have been able to get out flying and giving maiden flights to all those lockdown builds.

Over the past year the BMFA has had to rise to a number of challenges not least gaining CAA Article 16 approval. There is no doubt this is a major achievement which safeguards model flying. But lockdown, covid measures and other factors have put some flying sites at risk and the staff team have been busy advocating with some success on behalf of clubs.

I hope you have been able to enjoy the 'In the Air Tonight' sessions or scale masterclasses both of which will continue but probably at a lower frequency.

Finally, this is the first newsletter the East Anglia Area has produced and hopefully will not be the last. Your feedback, suggestions and contributions will always be appreciated.

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Stop Press: Achievement Scheme

There will be 2 workshops this year for the East Anglia Area, The First is close to Dunmow and is booked for June 5th starting around 10.30 , due to the nature of the site and the permission we have received the places are reserved to a limit of 10 participants.

The purpose of this workshop is train new club examiners and current ones and keep them up to speed with the current legislation, The workshop will focus heavily on the flying aspects of the Fixed Wing A and B awards including several flights to demonstrate the rights and wrongs of the tests.

To reserve a place contact our Achievement Scheme Area Co-ordinator , Jason Channing sparklingstars916@msn.com or 07940 271128 and the exact location and time will be given.

ZOOM for Club Meetings

Do you want to hold club committee and member meetings by ZOOM but without being timed out after 40 minutes? If so you might like to use the Area's ZOOM account to hold meetings for up to 100 participants without time limits. Contact **Paul Hoey** for details paul.hoey@yahoo.co.uk.

EAST ANGLIAN FREE FLIGHT GALA: 31 July and 1 August, 2021



The East Anglia Area Free Flight Gala will be held over the weekend 31st July-1st Aug on Sculthorpe Airfield, Fakenham, Norfolk. Uniquely this year the historic Bowden Contest will be held at the Gala. The Bowden Contest is, at its simplest a precision free flight competition for sport models where you judge your engine run and glide to land at the target time of 45secs. Crazy, not at all easy but good fun!

The airfield is situated about four miles west of Fakenham on the north side of the A148 Kings Lynn Road. For access turn off the A148 onto the B1454 road for Docking, in about 300yds on the right are double metal gates - the only point of entry. In all probability this gate will be manned from shortly before 9a.m for the greater part of both days - you will need to show proof of BMFA membership. If you arrive late, phone one of the numbers displayed on the gate. In either case then proceed to F/F control and sign the register. Please note NO DOGS are allowed on the airfield at any time.

Classes to be flown include:- E36; P30; C02; Tailless; Mini Vintage; Vintage Rubber/Power; Vintage Glider; Classic Glider; Classic Rubber/Power; and Combined Glider, Rubber and Power (3 separate events).

Although the Gala is first and foremost a competitive event, free flight flyers are very welcome to come along and enjoy their flying on this vast airfield.

Control Line Flying in East Anglia

Proposed BMFA East Anglia Area Control line Gala.

In view of a noted increase in interest in Control Line flying within the East Anglia Area, It has been suggested that the BMFA East Anglia Area Committee looks into the possibility of funding and running an event to celebrate & encourage the growth of Control Line flying.

We want to hear from any members of clubs in the East Anglia area who would be interested in taking part and /or help organise such an event.

General Overview and aims:-

1. The event would be called The East Anglia Control line Gala.
2. The event would be held at a location accessible to as many area club members as possible.
3. The event would be exclusively for Control Line flying (IC and electric).
4. Emphasis would be on fun and to celebrate control Line flying in all its forms, but a low key competitive element may be introduced to the event.
5. The aim is to cater for as many styles as possible. Depending on interest shown, this would include General Sport Flying, Carrier Deck, Combat, Scale, Stunt (Vintage and/or F2b) and grass Team Racing in some form, plus small capacity speed (eg Weatherman). Only definite exception at this stage would be anything ultra noisy such as Pulse Jets.
6. It is considered vital that there is a practical training programme available to encourage complete novices and to help anybody wanting to advance their existing CL skills. Volunteers will be required for this.
7. Initially, this would likely be a one day late summer event with appropriate facilities (toilets etc.). Future events would depend on interest shown, but could include availability of food and camping.

Progress and issues arising:-

1. We are currently searching for a central (to the area) Control Line friendly location. It must be noise tolerant and have car parking and toilet facilities. Most options to date are on the periphery and this puts a travelling penalty on those furthest away.
2. We are aware of other events such as at Old Warden and Peterborough which are either not in the area or are on the edge of it. We do not wish to compete with those events.
3. It is anticipated that event number one would be quite a small affair to judge interest.
4. Event rules to control excessive noise, local disruption and safety are being drawn up.

The Area committee wishes to hear from any members or clubs that have suggestions, or wish to help bring this event into being. Please let John Copsey know if you are interested.

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British Model Flying Association Centenary 2022

2022 promises to be an exciting year for model flying. Hopefully we will have a full years flying with the various National Championships reinstated and the opportunity to celebrate and promote model flying.

The Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers (SMAE) now known as the BMFA was founded in 1922.

Nationally a number of events are being planned including:

- An exhibition charting the history and future of model flying at Buckminster
- A promotional film
- A Gala Dinner
- A mass participation world record attempt
- Mega Flight Fest events
- A new one design FF model, electrically powered by a capacitor and compliant with FAI class rules for simple ARTF entry level models.

At Area level we are starting to plan for next year with a focus on recruiting new model flyers and it would be great if clubs were, even now, start to plan local events to spread the good news of model flying.



Years of British Model Flying

Model Aircraft Precision Aerobatics by Peter Jenkins

If you always spin out of outside loops or tumble out of stall turns then Peter Jenkins new book on aerobatics might be what you are looking for. Peter is a previous Area Chairman and Delegate and is a keen F3A competitor. Peter describes his book as being;

“A guide for both beginners as well as improvers to model aircraft precision aerobatics, or F3A, competition focused on the UK. However, it is just as relevant anywhere else in the world as the issue of how to control an aerobatic model aircraft is not limited to a single geography! If you are not interested in entering competitions, this book will bring you some of the knowledge and techniques that you would only pick up by attending them. If you are sufficiently disciplined in your flying, there is no reason why you should not reach a good aerobatic standard after following the advice and guidance contained in this book.

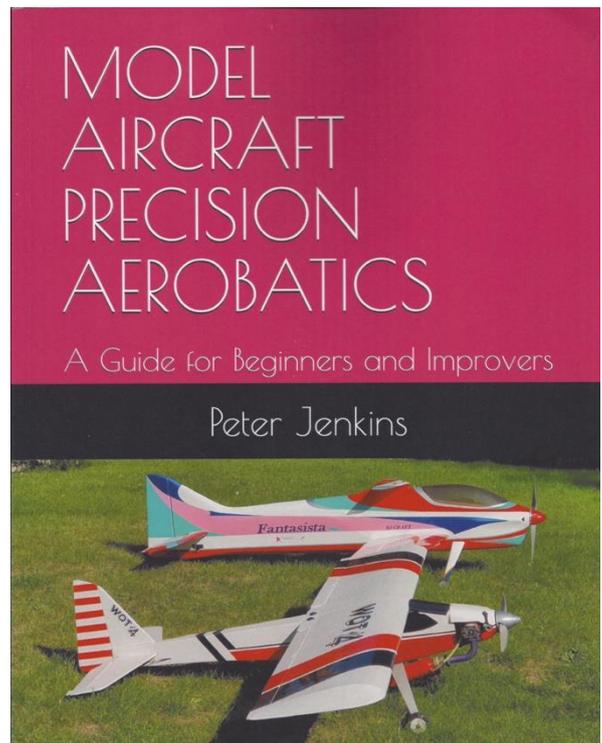
The book covers the basics of starting aerobatic flying, from when you have just gone solo, to helping you to get ready to take up the challenge of flying in aerobatic competitions.

The book contains advice on how to set up your aircraft covering for example: centre of gravity position; engine/motor thrust lines; and control throws. It then takes you through the basics of aerobatic manoeuvres with both diagrams and words. Once over this initial phase, you will get much more detail about set up and trimming as well as how to fly large smooth manoeuvres ultimately taking account of the impact of the wind on the flight.

The book contains a chapter on mini training schedules that allow you to build up your skills before describing how to fly the entry level aerobatic competition schedule used in Great Britain. Finally, I have included references to how you can access the resources to help you to progress from a practical flying viewpoint.

The book is available as follows:

- via [Amazon](#) either as a Kindle (£6.99) or paperback (currently discounted by 20% at £15.93 - full price is £19.99) - it is eligible for Prime delivery ie free otherwise P&P is charged.
- Via Bondaero - paperback, currently £14.99 plus post but call for possible deals with the sale of airframes.
- finally, via Peter Jenkins for the paperback using the email prometheuspublications@btinternet.com for £15.50 posted within the UK.



More on Aerobatics – New Pilot Open Days

Several years ago Peter Jenkins ran a number of New Pilot Open Days for those who wanted to learn or improve their aerobatic flying possibly for their Fixed Wing B test or to enter competitions. With expert coaching the NPOD days are great ways to build confidence and develop skills. Graham Gooch has picked up the baton and will be running an NPOD at Coltishall, Norfolk on 18 July. If you are interested contact Graham via graham.gooch2@btinternet.com but hurry as the places may already have gone.

... and now for some business ... but please keep reading...

- **Grants for Clubs:** In the East Anglia we have allocated a sum of money from our budget to support clubs who would benefit from a small grant. If you would like more details please contact Mike Woodhouse our Treasurer who will be pleased to help. Mike can be contacted via michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com
- **BMFA Review of Areas:** One of the key findings of the recent member survey was that the profile of Areas was very low across the membership. Something we knew and in response there is a small working group into the role of Areas. Some heart searching has led to useful thinking more of which will be discussed at our **next Area meeting on 16 September on Zoom at 7.45pm** but a focus on supporting clubs and members including country members is top of the agenda. If you have any thoughts or suggestions please contact Paul Hoey via paul.hoey1@yahoo.co.uk

Landing ...

That's all for now, the weather over the next week is looking set fair with lighter winds so hopefully much flying will be done. If the Area Committee can be of any help to you please do get in contact with:

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