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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A  
STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

**TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at 11.00am which is to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645. Email: [admin@bmfa.org](mailto:admin@bmfa.org)

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for Permission to be Absent.
- 3 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008
  - a) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

5 To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2009.

6 To ratify the following members of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mick Eames	Bob Mahoney
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Andy Symons
Peter Spurway	John Harris

7 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.

- b) Power
- c) Silent Flight

8 a) To receive the following proposals from Chris Bromley FSMAE, BMFA Technical Secretary on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:

i) That the attached re-write of the 'A' Certificate (Helicopter) Standards Booklet be accepted.

**(Separate attachment)**

ii) That the attached re-write of the 'B' Certificate (Helicopter) Standards Booklet be accepted.

**(Separate attachment)**

iii) That the changes promulgated in the new Heli 'A' and 'B' Standards Booklets, specifically the handling of Electric models and the new arrangements for the return of pass certificates be accepted for all other Standards booklets where they are appropriate.

iv) That the 'A' Certificate (Helicopter), Page 52, column 2 of the 2007 Member's Handbook, paras (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) is modified as per attached proposal. **(See separate attachment)**

v) That the Four Point Pirouette and the Pilot's Pirouette are removed from the Helicopter 'B' Certificate test schedule and replaced with:-

***Perform one Four Point Pirouette with Landings***

*This is, in effect, a four point pirouette with a landing and take off at each of the 'held' positions during the manoeuvre.*

On condition that the previous proposal is passed, that the Helicopter 'B' Standards booklet be altered by the deletion of information on the Four Point Pirouette and the Pilot's Pirouette and that the following is added:

***Perform one Four Point Priouette with Landings***

*The helicopter is in its normal take-off position, on the take off/Landing pad (TOLP) and tail-in to the pilot. The model lifts off into a stable hover from the tail in position is held in that position for about 5 seconds. The model is then rotated 90 degrees and then landed on the TOLP, sideways on to the pilot.*

*The model again lifts off into a stable hover in the sideways on position and is held in that position for about 5 seconds. The machine is then rotated a further 90 degrees in the same direction to the nose in position and then landed on the TOLP, nose in to the pilot.*

*The model again lifts off into a stable hover in the nose in position and is held in that position for about 5 seconds. The machine is then rotated a further 90 degrees in the same direction to the sideways on position and then landed on the TOLP, sideways on to the pilot.*

*The model again lifts off into a stable hover in sideways on position and is held in that position for about 5 seconds. The machine is then rotated a further 90 degrees in the same direction to the tail in position and then landed on the TOLP, tail in to the pilot.*

*This completes the manoeuvre.*

*The helicopter must rotate either clockwise or anti-clockwise for the entire manoeuvre. The Examiner will state which direction he wishes to see. The clear inference is that the candidate must be competent to perform the rotations in both directions prior to the test.*

*Hover height must be consistent throughout the manoeuvre with minimum wandering away from the TOLP. All landings must be within the 2 metre diameter circle centred on the TOLP. Cont'd.....*

*Continuation.....*

*Note that no times are stated between each 90 degree rotation and the subsequent landing. This will depend on the skill level of the pilot and may range from a descending 90 degree corkscrew turn, landing in the appropriate orientation, to a pilot who wishes to stabilise the model in it's new orientation before making a conventional descent and landing. All are acceptable as long as the 90 degree change in orientation of the model is reasonably accurate and the landing is acceptably gentle and on the TOLP.*

- d) To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that the Areas Council initiate the development of an Indoor Achievement Scheme for pilots flying indoor models; the scheme to be similar in structure and purpose to our existing schemes.
  
- 9 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
  - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - b) Flight Challenge
  - c) Education
  
- 10 To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
  
- 11 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
  
- 12 To confirm dates of Areas Council Meetings 2009.
  
- 13 Any Other Business.



## **2009 CLUB CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE**

We have recently written to the Chairmen of affiliated clubs in the three Northern Areas i.e. North East, North West and Northern, inviting them to attend the 2009 Club Chairman's Conference to be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> in Pontefract.

This Conference follows resounding success of the first one held in March 2008 and whilst aimed primarily at the North does not preclude clubs in other areas from attending, we are thinking mainly of the Northern parts of the Midlands Area. Should any club outside the three Northern Areas wish to attend please contact the Leicester office and full details will be sent immediately.

## 2009 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2008

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December

### 2009

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> January  
 Sat 10<sup>th</sup> January  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Sat 31<sup>st</sup> January  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February  
 TBA  
 Sat 28<sup>th</sup> February  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
 23/24/25 May (TBC)  
 Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> August  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> August  
 29/30/31 Aug (TBC)  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> August  
 Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September  
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 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Sat 12<sup>th</sup> September  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> September  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> September  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> September  
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 Sat 26<sup>th</sup> September  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October  
 Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October  
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 Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> November  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> November  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> November  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> December  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December

### 2010

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010

2009 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline  
 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 1<sup>st</sup> Areas Agenda Deadline  
 1<sup>st</sup> Areas Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 Full Council Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 1<sup>st</sup> Area Council Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tech Council Agenda Deadline  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tech Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 1<sup>st</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 Nationals Planning Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tech Council Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Council Agenda Deadline  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Council Meeting  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Agenda Deadline  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 Free Flight Nats & Space Modelling Nats  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 \*\*AGM 1 despatch  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Council Agenda Deadline  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, Indoor Nats, S/F Nats  
 End of Year for Director's Annual Reports  
 \*\* Nomination Deadline  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Council Agenda Deadline  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Council Meeting  
 Absolute Deadline for receipt of Director's Annual Report  
 \*\*AGM 2 despatch  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Agenda Deadline/CIAM Rule Change Deadline  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Council Meeting  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting  
 AGM 3 despatch  
 Deadline for receipt by Technical Secretary of BMFA rule changes from  
 Technical Committees  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch  
 Voting Deadline  
 Proxy Deadline  
 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline  
 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin  
 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting