



# NEWSLETTER

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## BMFA CERTIFICATION

Since the discussion at the AGM on BMFA certification, Leon Taylor, the club's Chief Examiner, has extracted from the BMFA Handbook the information needed to pass either the A or B Test. These summaries, together with our own Flying Rules which are part of the test, only run to three A4 pages. Copies will be available at Club Nights or can be sent by post on request to Leon. Also available are copies of the BMFA Flying Training booklet "Up and Away". So, who has already got BMFA certificates? Some of our certified member are shown below.

Rating	Member
CE	Andy Hopper
E	Leon Taylor
B	Peter Emanuel
B	John Herman
B	Ian McPherson
B	Peter Murphy
A	Alan Buck
A	Peter Conway
A	David Harris
A	Derek Jones
A	Bill Mercer
A	Peter Nielsen
A	Mike Pugh
A	Lloyd Ressler
A	Philip Snowden
A	Tony Taylor
A	Bob Young



*Mike Sutton is seen here focussed on the flight scheduled required.*

### GET FELL IN FOR A WORK PARTY

It's been a long time since we organised a work party and the ravages of the rabbits have given us cause to call another one. The plan is to insert turf into the rabbit holes at the top of the field. Please give some of your time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, from 12.00- until 2.00pm.** Bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow if you can. We shall also be cutting back the weeds on the field to the east so if you have tools that will help to expedite this work then please bring them along. Nobody will do this work if we don't!!



*John Herman brought yet another stunning model to our January meeting. This time it was a Jet powered Sabre which he had bought second hand. Having made a few adjustments to the tail plane incidence he is expecting it to fly well.*

**Our next club meeting** is at the **Battle of Britain Club on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.** Alex Weiss will give an illustrated talk on the history of Military Aviation and during the talk will show a number of video clips. Alex, a long term WLMAC member, currently lectures at London University to post graduate students. During the last few years he has also written a number of books on aeromodelling. The talk promises to be extremely interesting as it will cover aircraft that are frequently modelled - so don't miss it.

## BMFA MEMBERSHIP

All those members who have renewed their membership through WLMAC should by now have received their policy document and BMFA membership card through the post. Anyone who hasn't yet received them should contact membership secretary Peter Emanuel or Treasurer Peter Nielsen.

We will be writing separately to those members who have arranged BMFA other than through WLMAC and have not yet shown their card to a committee member.

## REPORT FROM THE MODEL JET SCENE

Peter Emanuel, our membership secretary, has a friend Tony Hooper, who is the over 20KG officer for the CAA/LMA and has kindly sent some pictures of a model he is testing. Peter thought it would be of interest to our members.

The C17 is 1/9th scale with a wingspan of 5.76 metres and a length of 5.9metres - it weighs 90kg. It has 4 Jetcat 120 turbines providing 120lbs of thrust which are all operating on the "autostart" system. The undercarriage has been specially designed by Unitract and consists of worm gear drives on each set of 4 separate 3 bogey wheels with pneumatic valves which allow the undercarriage to swivel 180 degrees on retraction and sit in the fuselage body covered by undercarriage doors.



Colin Strauss has received sponsorship for this model from The Sky Discovery Channel who have made a series of programmes covering its progress from design stage to the ultimate first flight at Wroughton on 23rd October last year.



The model flew extremely well and the test flight was very successful although on landing the aircraft tracked off the runway at the end of the landing roll sustaining some minor damage to the undercarriage doors which are very close to the surface. After working many, many hours on this model Colin has been told by his wife to put it away for the winter and come back to normal domestic family living!!

## COMMITTEE JOBS For 2004

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