



Clubman Event – Saturday 17th June 2017 – South Norfolk Model Flying Club

Dear Clubman Event attendee,

Thanks to the support of the South Norfolk Model Flying Club I will run this Clubman Event on Saturday 17th June 2017 at their Sutton flying site. (see page 3 for entry form and page 4 for details of how to reach this site).

The aim of the Clubman Event is to help pilots who would like to learn how to fly precision aerobatics (not 3D aerobatics) to get help from an experienced competition aerobatic pilot. At some events, we will even have some current Great Britain aerobatic team members helping. I hope to run a total of 4 Clubman Events around the East Anglia Area (the first one will be/was at Raydon on 30th Apr, the second at Harlow on 21st May) and if pilots wish to attend more than one of them that will be perfectly acceptable. The final Event is on:

- Aug 20th – Tendring MFC.

Additionally, I will be running a New Pilot Open Day focused on giving pilots a taste of what flying the Clubman Schedule under competition conditions is like. This will be held on Sat 23rd September at the Bury MFC's Knettishall site.

As the basis of the training, we will be using the Clubman Schedule manoeuvres. The Clubman Schedule is the entry schedule for competitions held by the Great Britain Radio Controlled Aerobatic Association (GBR/CAA) (the Schedule can be found here <http://www.gbrcaa.org/clubmanmansch.htm> where you can select a graphical display of the schedule, a video of it being performed on a simulator and a description of each manoeuvre.). Most of the manoeuvres are the same as those for the BMFA B Certificate so learning how to fly the Clubman will be of great help to those wishing to take the B certificate.

The event is part funded by the BMFA East Anglia Area so there will be an **entry fee of only £5 per pilot**. This will cover the cost of a BBQ which the SNMFC has kindly agreed to run. You are more than welcome to bring a friend or supporter(s) to the event. They can partake of the BBQ as well at a nominal charge of £3 per head.

Finally, you must also hold a BMFA "A" Certificate.

I am limiting the entry to 12 pilots so that you get as much flying as possible. I will run a reserves list as well. I am aiming to have 4 mentors so that they will have 3 new pilots each to coach during the day. The mentors will be experienced aerobatic pilots from the GBR/CAA.

I will allocate places on a first come first served basis, so to bag one of the first 12 places for this Clubman Event, would you please send me a cheque for £5 payable to SNMFC together with the registration form (attached) to arrive no later than Monday 8th May 2017. If, after you have paid, you find that you cannot make the date, I will refund your £5. If for any reason we have to cancel the event, I will also refund your £5. Those of you on the reserve list will be offered places according to your position on the list if any of the first 12 do not register for this Event by Monday 5th June 2017.

Each pilot will get an 8 minute air time slot - that means a 1 hour 36 mins for all 12 to fly as you will fly one at a time. I hope to fly a total of 4 rounds. This doesn't sound long but you will be



concentrating hard during those 8 mins. You might like to know that 8 mins is how long you get when you fly the most difficult schedule in the World Championships! You also learn a lot by watching how others fly – a very useful training tool!

So what sort of models are needed? Well, any aerobatic sports model will be fine. So a Wot 4 would be fine. If you do have a more specialist aerobatic model that will be easier to fly **but the key is to have a well-trimmed model with, if it's IC powered, the engine adjusted so that it provides reliable starting and running.** These days, electric powered aerobatic aircraft are often in the majority – as they are in the full international 2 mtr size in the UK.

May I suggest you bring with you: a chair, any sustenance you wish.(there will be a bbq and hot/cold drinks available), your BMFA Card or proof of insurance, your model and flying gear of course and a plastic sheet with tie downs to protect our model and gear in case of rain. If it rains, we'll shelter during the rain and get back to flying immediately afterwards – so make sure you have waterproof shoes! You might also wish to bring your Tx manual to help you to enter different rates, expo settings and mixes unless you are confident that you can remember how to achieve the desired result!

Aim to arrive around 08:45 so that your model is assembled and fuelled ready to fly and your BMFA insurance checked (No BMFA card – NO FLY) before the Pilots Briefing which is scheduled for 09:15 am. We will aim to start flying at 10 am prompt After the briefing you will have time to meet your mentor and describe what you are seeking from the day, what help you envisage you may need and receive any tips on how to set up your aircraft/radio. The weather could be an issue, so final decisions about the format for the day will be made at the Pilots briefing.

As regards trimming your model, you might wish to see this guide on trimming on the GBR/CAA website <http://www.gbrcaa.org/acrobatfiles/Trim.pdf>. A well-trimmed model is the essential starting point for the Clubman Event.

Most of all we hope you have an enjoyable day and come away feeling that you have learned a lot. This was certainly the feedback from the previous Clubman Events that I have run.

Outline Schedule of Events –to reflect 12 pilots flying

0845 onwards	Arrival and checking of insurance and A Cert
09:15 – 09:30	Pilots Briefing (PB) (including SNMFC site rules) – you must attend
09:30 – 10:00	Discussion with your mentor
10:00 – 10:10	Clubman demo flight by mentor
10:10 – 11:36	1 st round (8 mins per flight, 12 flights)
11:40 – 13:16	2 nd round (8 mins per flight, 12 flights)
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch (NB this overlaps the flying slightly)
13:45 – 15:21	3 rd round (8 mins per flight, 12 flights)
15:30 – 17:06	4 th round (8 mins per flight, 12 flights)
17:15 – 1730	Demo of FAI schedule by a mentor with a 2 mtr aircraft
17:30 – 1745	Concluding remarks and depart

Yours sincerely,

Peter Jenkins
Contest Director



ENTRY FORM FOR SUTON EAST ANGLIAN CLUBMAN EVENT 17th June 2017

Name:	
Club	
E-mail	
Telephone/mobile No	
BMFA Certificate Held and number	
35 MHz Channel being used or 2.4	
What are your aims for the day? e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like to learn how to fly an aerobatic schedule• Would like to improve on flying a loop or roll• Would like to learn new aerobatic manoeuvres	

If under the age of 18, you must confirm that you will be accompanied by either a parent or guardian. You must be accompanied throughout the day otherwise you will not be allowed to participate.

Name of Parent/Guardian.....

Send completed form and Cheque for £5 payable to "SNMFC" to:

Peter Jenkins
Barn Owl Cottage
Great Ashfield
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk IP31 3HX

If you would like a paper receipt please include an SAE otherwise I will acknowledge receipt by e-mail.



Travel Instructions

The event will take place on Saturday 17th June 2017 at the South Norfolk Model Flying Club's Sutton site.

If you are using a Sat Nav, you can either enter the post code NR18 9SJ or the coordinates N 52 32.863 E 001 4.660

For those without Sat Nav, these directions are from the A11 trunk road.

From the South

1. Exit the A11 north of Attleborough onto B1172 signposted Wymondham
2. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit signposted B1172 Wymondham

GO TO INSTRUCTION 6 BELOW

From the North

1. Exit the A11 south of Wymondham at B1172 signposted Wymondham
2. At the end of the slip road turn RIGHT signposted B1172 Wymondham
3. Take the 2nd exit from the roundabout signposted B1172 Wymondham
4. At the 2nd roundabout take the 2nd exit signposted B1172 Wymondham
5. At the T junction turn RIGHT signposted B1172 Wymondham

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6. Go past 2 minor lanes to the left
7. Turn LEFT at the 3rd lane which has a curved brick entrance signposted Great Expectations Business Park at the top with South Norfolk Model Flying Club at the bottom
8. Follow the route markers for the flying site and parking. All participants will be directed to the car park nearest to the flying site.

NB- You will have around 100 mtrs to carry your equipment to the pits. The SNFMC will be able to help with a wheeled trolley but if you have your own please bring it with you. You will be wheeling the trolley on grass.