

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
EAST ANGLIA AREA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020
ACHIEVEMENT CHIEF EXAMINERS ACEs**

Jason Channing - Examiner 1945 BMFA 103014

Several A and B tests were completed at different clubs close to Cambridge and one club examiner John Land who completed his fixed wing Club examiner for Ramsey model Aero club. Having previously been an examiner before he left the UK for several years due to working in the Armed Forces. He alongside other club examiners is now able to take relevant tests up to B; on all occasions I take the test I would normally let the club examiner take the lead role.

Over a relatively short period of time I also coached my son Jack to take the C aerobatic test who was examined by Greg Butterworth and John land, on passing the test, which was flown extremely well, he has become the youngest holder of a C certificate in the UK .

Garry Peacock - Examiner 1495 BMFA 076014

This year has not been so good as I'm sure everyone would agree. Covid 19 has of course put paid to a much of our flying activities this year. I had been due to take part in the European F3a champs in Spain for team GB so have felt the disappointment greatly myself.

The second half of the year has been better with myself competing in a couple of competitions that the GBRCAA managed to hold.

I have as always been very proactive where ever I have been in promoting the achievement scheme as a whole.

As I have reported previously I have been helping the Chingford club (my own club is Harlow) in obtaining some a and b cert flyers with the intention of bringing some forward to become examiners. Well that has come to fruition and I am extremely happy to say that I recently assessed and passed a club examiner for their club.

I actively encourage and help club examiners as much as can.

Looking forward too many happy flying days in 2021.

Colin Bliss - Examiner 298 BMFA 80867

Well what a strange year, weather was pretty good but 4 months no flying due to COVID 19.

The club that I fly at put in social distancing measures which have been very well observed.

I managed to Take a couple of fixed wing A tests recently, but other than that not much to report.

Let's hope for a better 2021 but who knows.

Keep safe

Graham Gooch - Examiner 1267 BMFA 080174

Well, the year started off very well with a second planned "A-way Training Day" to be hosted by the Newmarket Model Flying Club at their Mildenhall site and planned for April 2020. Places were soon filled partly by those who could not be accommodated at our first venue and by some who had heard about the first event. However, this had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

I have continued to support the Norwich International Airport Aviation Academy with the support of others. At these events, young children in the 8 – 15 age range are able to come along with their parents to gain an insight into the world of Aviation as a possible Career. I have demo flown a number of different Indoor Models in the main atrium as well as setting up a "Build and Fly your own Chuckie Glider". At the pre-Christmas event a total of 102 gliders were made by participants from either Balsawood or Depron or a combination of both. As a result of this initiative, 3 parents and their sons started to attend Indoor Flying sessions run by the Norwich Model Aero Club.

I have continued to work with three BMFA members in particular, helping them to improve their flying abilities in order to be able to take and pass their "A or B-tests". Sadly, again due to Lockdown, practicing and mentoring was suspended but now restarted picking up from where we left off. Two of the three are well advanced but still feel that a little bit more practicing is required.

I was approached directly by a current BMFA "B holder" from a local Club who requested to be assessed for his Club Examiner rating. However, as no such formal request was received by the Area, I directed him back to the Committee of the club that he is a member of. Their Chairman later confirmed to me that the Committee did not wish for him to become an Examiner at that Club.

I have not undertaken any other BMFA assessments this year as there has not been anyone else ready to be assessed.

On a personal note, I have continued with my pursuit of F3A precision Aerobatics. Following attendance at various Practice/Training days prior to and following Lockdown, I have been able to enter a number of GBRCAA run Competitions and achieved first place positions in the BMFA National Clubman Championships, GBRCAA Clubman Championships and Clubman National League tables. I am now moving up to Intermediate level and learning a new schedule

Steve White - Examiner 1249 BMFA 65455

I was reappointed Chief Examiner on the 12th March, 2020.

Two Tree Island Flying site was closed for two months at the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic. We have recently had a risk assessment and, providing we keep to the spacing, log in for contact tracing and sanitize hands, we will continue to fly.

Reference Covid 19, Area Workshops Suspended East Anglia - I watched Zoom Meetings online for various tests and was pleased to see an effort is being made to ensure consistency of standards as per the BMFA guidelines.

“A” Tests:

Brian Crosby BMFA No. 200199 passed

Joe Watson passed

Ryan Sands failed

“B” Tests:

James Lancaster BMFA No. 169206 passed

Riley Howe BMFA No. 187355 passed

Lloyd Davis failed -barrelled out of the rolls

“E” Tests:

Keith Riel passed - very good test

I have a strong interest in ensuring fail safes, particularly in electric aircraft, and am constantly reminding flyers of the various functionalities of fail safe.

It is my intention, with the assistance of other members, to run club workshops for progress to A, B and E certificates. I also intend to find other clubs with no examiners, to hopefully make them self-sufficient.

I wish to be reinstated as Chief Examiner for 2021.

Linda Easter - Examiner 2341 BMFA 172450

Hope all is well with you also. Below it a very short summary of activities this year. Sadly, due to the unprecedented times we have all found ourselves in and also a health scare in late May I have not been able to play a very big part in promoting the Achievement scheme in our club or area.

I am currently back to coaching a few club members towards attaining their A and also encouraging others to work towards their B certificates as well as promoting the sport as much as is possible and we have had a few new members joining us.

Having had a very delayed start to the season and many members still not happy to return to the field due to Covid 19 it has certainly been very quiet here. I am happy to continue next year and let's hope 2021 is a better year for everyone.

Steve Riley - Examiner 2387 BMFA 172603

Having had an upside-down year, I think all went well.

Up to the lock down. I was involved, in coaching new members towards there A fixed wing. And then the lock down came. We got back together again when the field was open, and the work started in earnest. Several A fixed wing achievements were achieved. And one member achieved his B fixed wing. 2 members achieved their A in the rotor discipline.

I also have two members. Working towards there club examiners tickets. So, all in all not a bad year after an upside-down beginning. I feel I am in a privileged position and enjoying watching new and old pilots learning something new.

Yours in sport.

Neil Garnett - Examiner 2091 BMFA 127797

No workshops Attended or Given this year.

Nothing specifically on presentations on Aeromodelling or BMFA topics.

Approved Instructors mentored were assessed with results for Raydon MC
BMFA instructors

Club Examiners were mentored and assessed. Tests taken with outcomes Peter Ayriss managed to pass his Examiners Test for both Heli and Fixed Wing. He put on a very good example of training and flying ability and will make a great examiner

I have mentored/assessed students to a higher level, outside my Club with results for multiple people in various disciplines from heli's, fixed wing to jets. I setup a fortnightly training for the B test at Raydon MC (after lockdown). This again has proved very successful and popular. This is already agreed to continue next year.

Achievement Scheme tests taken during the year, in which discipline, with results. 2 people passed their B with the training at Raydon.

Due to Covid 19, no external activities e.g. talks to youth groups, scouts, ATC, adult groups etc.

Other activities promoting the BMFA or Achievement Scheme I try to visit multiple different clubs in promoting the BMFA and achievement scheme. This year has been no different and I have given my contact details out to too many people, Various training and pointers have been given out.

Visits/presentations has not been limited to clubs but also events held locally.

Any other relevant activities I seem to be flying regularly at the LMA & JMA events and meeting different people from all over the country and promoting the BMFA with other flyers and spectators.

Greg Butterworth - Examiner 783 BMFA 31315

Another year passes, and what a strange one it has turned out to be - and continues to evolve as such with the ongoing Impact of this dreadful pandemic. Most if not all flying was rightly curtailed within the majority of clubs across the country. Many have older memberships and it was of course the right thing to do. Timing from a flying perspective could not have been more damaging to the flying calendar, coming as it did just as the weather improved to provide glorious conditions that we were unable to capitalise upon. The majority of shows and competitions were rightly cancelled and the ability of many to practice for tests was curtailed. With reduced new entrants to the hobby an underlying feed of new members was lacking. Clearly testing activity was curtailed with nothing much physically happening.

I remain active both with general and aerobatic fixed wing although this year F3A Aerobatics has suffered with a lack of competition. Only 1 "classic" meeting has been recently managed mid-week at Buckminster. Helicopter flying has somehow fared better through lockdown and a number would seem to have picked up rotary craft as an antidote to the lack of facilities with their compact flight areas proving manageable for many.

I continue as treasurer for the UK Classic Aerobatic Association - our membership is stable and with about 50 members we concentrate on the flying for fun of pre 2m pattern style machines...we hope to run local competitions once more in 2021 once the conditions permit.

Following a large fall off in members at the end of 2018 South Cambridge MFC the new website and Facebook activity has seen membership grow to 30 and almost capacity once more. Much of this coming from new modellers, several very junior and a number returning to the hobby with a number working toward tests of some form. Lockdown at least pushed many, me included, into the workshop and back to traditional modelling.

The Royston club closes the year with a continued stable membership approaching 60 and healthy reserves. Flying now from Nuthampstead the club actively promotes the achievement scheme and examinations and all of the members have achieved the A test standard after a concerted training effort by a small team of instructors.

Being on the edge of the Area and spanning into South Midland I also assist with ACE duties within that area.

I am very keen to continue the work of the BMFA albeit examiner testing this year in the current climate has been restricted to some recent training and coaching. I have been approached by and working with one local club to establish a number of tested members with a view to some club examiner appointments and hopefully over the coming months this will be fruitful. A highlight for me was the recent aerobatic "C" test that I undertook for a local Junior, Jack Channing. Clearly a very talented young flyer making a name for himself in the show circuit and a pleasure to watch a blend of precision and 3D performed very well.

I remain active with both the Royston MFC and the South Cambridgeshire MFC. Both of these Royston clubs are registered as a BMFA clubs and boasts a membership of some 60 and 30 members respectively. Safety and training remain on the agenda and we encourage the achievement schemes in both disciplines.

