



BMFA East Anglia

**Letter to Club Chairmen, Secretaries
and Committee**

Spring 2022

Dear All

I have a letter on my workbench (once a home to balsa now paper!) from a long time SMAE member born in 1922 so this year both he and the BMFA celebrate their centenary. He built his first model aged 8 and in 1939 he started a model flying club with the help of a local shop. In the war he was posted to the Aerodynamics Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment conducting tests in wind tunnels and the flight test section, no doubt heavily influenced by his model flying experience. Post war his experience fed back into the SMAE and model flying and then into academia.

This year, as covid restrictions ease, I hope your club has come through the pandemic and is planning to celebrate the centenary. Here are a few things we are doing in the Area.

The Forum, Norwich, 30 April and 1 May. Can your Club help at our centenary display of model aircraft outside the Forum in central Norwich to attract interest in model flying? We need models of all types inc free flight, control line, radio control fixed wing and rotary and people who are prepared to do a half day stint chatting to the passing public. There is easy access to the Forum and the Area will cover your fuel costs and parking. Why not bring the family who can visit Norwich with its great shops and historic sites whilst you enthuse over your pride and joy?

If you can help, and we're looking for 6 people for each half day shift, please contact Paul Hoey (Area Chair) paul.hoey@bmfa.uk

Impington Village College MAC Free Flight Indoor – 3rd April

On 3rd April the Impington Club just off the A14 in Cambridge is hosting a joint Area/Club indoor free flight event. The club are great hosts, and their events have an atmosphere of informal fun. Full details can be found on their website at <https://ivcmac.bmfa.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/IVCMAC-Public-Open-Day-Sunday-3rd-April-2022.pdf>

May is the month of Flight Fest and our world record attempt.

Your club will have received details of these events via an e mail to all club chairmen and secretaries back in February. If for some reason you haven't seen it you can find Flight Fest details at <https://100.bmfa.org/flightfest> and a very useful club guide at <https://100.bmfa.org/clubs> Flight Fest is simply a celebratory event for your club members, families and friends or it could be an opportunity to open up to potential members for a trial flight.

The world **record attempt** is equally straightforward. At exactly 12 noon on Sunday 15 May how many models can we have in air across our 750 BMFA Clubs? The models can be anything that flies, BMFA Darts, chuck gliders, RC, control line or free flight as your site allows. Your club will need to register and appoint a co-ordinator to make sure the conditions set by Guinness World Records are met. Again, all the details are on the centenary website at <https://100.bmfa.org/record>

Why not combine a centenary celebration Flight Fest with the record attempt on 15 May?

East Anglia Area Meeting and the BMFA Strategic Review – Monday 14, March.

Hopefully you are aware that the BMFA has been undertaking a strategic review to shape the organisation for the future. Proposals are now out for feedback focusing at this stage on streamlining the governance structures including how we can make Areas more effective.

Our next Area meeting on Monday 14 March at 7.45pm via Zoom will focus on the strategic review and the centenary. The papers can be found at <https://eastanglia.bmfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Area-Mtg-Agenda-14th-March-2022.pdf>

If you've never been to an Area meeting or never plan to come again, please come to this one. If you would like to come but can't, you can delegate a member of your club to be your representative. Your thoughts are really important, and I look forward to hearing them.

The Zoom link is:

Topic: BMFA East Anglia Area Meeting 14.3.22

Time: Mar 14, 2022 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84742580673?pwd=VFdBK1BjU0lWU2VmaUdyY0JtZ3U4dz09>

Meeting ID: 847 4258 0673

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Best wishes

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