

## **AGM 2022 Package of reports**

### **BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION EAST ANGLIA AREA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 CHAIRMAN & DELEGATE'S REPORT**

2022, the year of the SAME's centenary has quite naturally been a focus on the Area's activity. In February the Area worked with the Impington Village College MAC to partner their open indoor free flight event. This was well attended and the winners of the 3 low key competitions received centenary logoed plaques.

With the aim of taking model flying to places of high footfall we organised a display of models of all disciplines outside the Forum in the centre of Norwich's shopping area. A BMFA gazebo and the simulator immediately attracted attention and numerous conversations were had. The large internal space of the Forum also provided the opportunity for some well received indoor flying. As a result, several new members were recruited and are learning to fly RC models at a local club.

Free Flight has always had strong interest across the Area, and we have been fortunate to have continued use of RAF Sculthorpe for events. The 2022 Area Gala, for Free Flight classes, was well attended and again, hosted the annual Bowden Contest and precision free flight event for the Stan Horne Trophy adding to the diversity of events. The weather on Saturday was breezy but on Sunday the heavy showers and squally winds made flying challenging.

The Record Attempt in May was a highlight and clubs across the Area played their part in contributing to the total of 3109 models in the air at one time.

The Achievement Scheme trend this year has been for Area Chief Examiners to be providing more targeted support locally to clubs and individuals. A new pilot's day for those wishing to develop their fixed wing aerobatics skills often as a precursor to the B Certificate was held. A training and testing day in west Norfolk successfully helped pilots in their development towards one of the Achievement Scheme awards.

Finally, we have been pleased to continue our small grants scheme to support clubs and in particular activities which engage young people in model flying.

In summary the Area has engaged the opportunities to celebrate the diversity of model flying during our centenary.

**Paul Hoey**

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
SECRETARY'S REPORT**

This report will reference the areas not covered by other officer's reports.

2022 The attendance at the meetings has been stable with a regular attendance of club representatives via the Zoom. The area has its own Zoom account available free to Area clubs.

Due family problems John Copsey has not been able to act as an auditor for the annual accounts. The chairman Paul Hoey has stepped into the role.

The budget for 2023/24 for the East Anglian Area has been submitted.

We have much of the year locked down and have operated through on-line facilities.

**Michael J Woodhouse**

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
COMP SEC'S REPORT**

At last, after two years of Covid precipitated delays, cancellations, and disappointments it has been possible to run a full season of area free-flight events. Thus Sculthorpe airfield has been the venue for eight one-day Area Centralised Competitions, the two day Area Gala, and with the indulgence of the MOD at relatively short notice, two days of Team Selection Trials and a day for the 100th Anniversary attempt at most models in the air.

Thanks are due to Michael Marshall and his wife Rosemary, who once again headed up the running of the Area Gala in sometimes less than helpful weather conditions.

Overall, there has been, a largely age related, decline in those competing but a small but enthusiastic band of sport flyers usually make up the numbers on the flying field. Even so a fair degree of success at national level has been achieved by area flyers.

**Stephen Bowles**

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
WEB MASTER'S REPORT**

The website is hosted by the BMFA and is kept up to date as required. It remains fair to say that it is not used by the general model flying public but is mainly a safe and easy to use repository for information needed by the Area committee or club officials attending our meetings.

In addition, we can do mass e-mails to the chairmen and secretaries of all the East Anglia clubs which is useful for getting information out when needed. These e-mails are sent as blind copies to nearly 200 people.

**Alan Paul**

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

This has been a reasonably good year for the area examiners with some people being very busy and doing a lot of work behind the scenes, Notably Jon Land and Steve Riley who have done a lot of work at club level and higher. Both these examiners also attended the scale C workshop recently at Buckminster and are now qualified to take the Scale C achievement scheme test when the new test details are released. Over the coming weeks I shall be assessing the reports and feedback from the rest of the committee and others regarding the next years renewals and replacing those that have decided to retire from examining. Once again thank you to all the examiners that have gone out of their way to promote the BMFA and up keeping safety.

**Jason Channing**

**Proposed examiners for 2023**

Jason Channing - Examiner 1945 BMFA 103014  
Garry Peacock - Examiner 1495 BMFA 076014  
Colin Bliss - Examiner 298 BMFA 80867  
Graham Gooch - Examiner 1267 BMFA 080174  
Linda Easter - Examiner 2341 BMFA 172450  
Steve Riley - Examiner 2387 BMFA 172603  
Neil Garnett - Examiner 2091 BMFA 127797  
Greg Butterworth - Examiner 783 BMFA 31315  
Jon Land - Examiner 2486 BMFA 082690  
Glen Rackstraw - Examiner 2155 BMFA 045179

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022  
ACHIEVEMENT CHIEF EXAMINERS ACES**

**Jason Channing - Examiner 1945 BMFA 103014**

A busy year with mentoring at many clubs and talks regarding safety held at various clubs, after standing down from the home club there seems to be little interest in the achievement scheme however I have put my efforts into other clubs and am currently mentoring 3 members towards the Aerobatic C and 2 towards the Jet C. This year has seen me mentor 2 BMFA members for the scale C and both passing on the first attempt.

**Garry Peacock - Examiner 1495 BMFA 076014**

I would say that this year has been even quieter than last year regarding the achievement scheme around the Harlow area. I have been mentoring Romeo Vignali as our club had requested, he become a new fixed wing examiner.

The test for this was successfully carried this Saturday just gone with the paperwork being sent off in the coming days. I would very much like to continue in this role for 2023 if proposed and will continue to promote the achievement scheme whenever and wherever I am.

**Colin Bliss - Examiner 298 BMFA 80867**

As another year draws to a close, been a mixed year for me because sadly my dad Len Bliss who for over a year had been in a care home with dementia passed away on the 11th august. It was my dad who got me interested in RC flying many, many, years ago. We travelled all over the world as I competed in F3C helicopters. We were a formidable team, and I would not be where I am today without him. I've still managed to fly and promote the BMFA achievement scheme and have mentored several fliers to A and B standard, I have just recently passed someone for his B fixed wing. I only managed to run one fun fly competition and barbecue this, it was very well supported. I actively encourage all modellers to fly safely and with care and consideration and I enjoy my status as a role model.

After my dad's passing it was a struggle to get back over to the flying field, but I realised how fantastic flying is as a form of escapism and good for mental health and it's been so helpful to get through this difficult time. Sorry it's a short report

**Graham Gooch - Examiner 1267 BMFA 080174**

This year was always going to be busy for me on a personal level as our son's wedding had to be cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions and brought forward to this year, coupled with our daughter's wedding always being planned for this year, so both Weddings hasn't helped on the flying front. Although late in the year, an NPOD is still being planned and will take place early in November. Numbers will have to be restricted to 12 to make the day beneficial to those attending. Several mentors will be used for the coaching process on a ratio of three to one. Sadly, two of the candidates that I had been working with have become less interested in achieving their BMFA "B" certificate and one has spent more time this year restoring a classic car. We keep in touch and hope that next year he returns more to model flying.

On a personal note, I have continued with my pursuit of F3A Aerobatics and consider myself very fortunate to have been allowed to run three Competitions as Contest Director for the GBRCAA this year. The most prestigious of which was the two-day BMFA Nationals at Buckminster on the 1st & 2nd October which happened to coincide with a

Model Builders Show also taking place on the same weekend and as we had many spectators showcased what precision flying is all about.

I am working closely with two Junior members in the club that I am also a member of and certainly one of these is almost ready to gain his "A" certificate. I am also working alongside several of our Senior members who for various reasons have never obtained a rating. Two of these are again very close to gaining an "A" certificate.

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

**Neil Garnett - Examiner 2091 BMFA 127797**

Presentations on Aeromodelling or BMFA topics attended or given none  
Approved Instructors mentored at Raydon Model club and at Owell Model Club  
I have only mentored a few people this year with fixed wing IC and jets.  
Promotion of the BMFA at the LMA shows I have flown at  
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 many people, various training and pointers have been given out.  
As mentioned above but this is not limited to clubs but also events held locally.  
I am flying regularly at the LMA & JMA events and meeting different people from all

**Linda Easter - Examiner 2341 BMFA 172450**

Up until now we have had a very good year with nine new members and increasing interest in the sport. I have been very busy with training up until now but as of last week I am in the hospital with my husband who has been unwell recently. I am afraid we have just had the devastating news that he has pancreatic cancer so at the moment my priority is to him so cannot add anymore to my email. I will obviously not be flying for a short period. I would appreciate that nothing is posted anywhere on the Facebook pages,

**Steve Riley - Examiner 2387 BMFA 172603**

My annual report for 2022. I've managed to do 3 A fixed wing 2 A silent flight 1 club examiner. Attended Buckminster for the scale C workshop. As you are aware Odd Bods is only a small club. 24 members we have only one member now needing to achieve his A fixed wing and we will have a full membership that have achieved what they set out to achieve in 2022. I've visited 2 clubs to promote the B M F A achievement scheme namely Chelmsford and North Weald I was unable to help North Weald as they are in the London Area. At present they have no club examiner. I asked the hem to report it.

**Jon Land – Examiner 2486 BMFA 082690**

I have taken the following "A" Tests who were all successful:  
John Northall 26 Jan 22. RMAC  
Wayne Norman 27 March 22. RMAC  
Mike Francis 22 August 22. RMAC

I also taken the following successful "B" Test all of which I coached personally to achieve the required standard.

Barry Brudenell 8 September 22. RMAC  
Steve Sealey 11 September 22. RMAC  
Mick Sumpter 21 September 22. RMAC  
Phil Tadman 3 October 22. RMAC.

I have another student who I'm currently coaching toward the "B" Test, and I expect him to successfully pass the test before the end of the year.

**Glen Rackstraw – Examiner 2155 BMFA 045179**

This year's report is quite short as due to my wife's health I have had little time to get down the field. I have been able to carry on trying to lead people down the right road to improve their flying towards their B certificates and passed two club instructors for their Approved instructor rating. One of these has gone through to the BMFA the other will follow shortly. As my home problems are unlikely to improve, I am considering resigning as ACE at the end of this year, I should know by then if I will be able to have more time available.

**Greg Butterworth - Examiner 783 BMFA 31315**

Thanks for the reminder and hope you are well. A slow recovery from the effects of lockdown within many clubs and challenges to life in all aspects, aeromodelling has not escaped, and many clubs have had to adapt and change. Still seeing a reduction in the number of new flyers coming through.

I remain active both with general and aerobatic fixed wing F3a Aerobatics has been very quiet for me. I continue as treasurer for the UK Classic Aerobatic Association - our membership is stable and with about 50 members still but fly ins through the year have had a very much reduced attendance forcing a rethink of strategy for next year.

South Cambridge MFC experienced a large fall off in members at the end of 2018 and this continued into late 2019, Covid did not help matters. The club is now full once more but activity through the year has been slow and with a small waiting list, we are aware of several that do not intend to re-join for a variety of reasons. We however still have a good cohort of trainees now studying and practising hard for the Achievement schemes in both Fixed Wing and Helicopter. We still strive get a significant proportion of our membership through the A test as a minimum

I am always very keen to continue the work of the BMFA albeit examiner testing remains slow over the past 12 months. I remain active with the South Cambs MFC. I also fly, predominantly for the specific sites suitable for F3a at the Ivel Club and Warboys and continue to utilise my long-standing membership of the Old Warden club through several well attended evening model flying sessions. Happily, the grass is now being maintained to a better standard for RC use and smaller wheels - long may that continue.

Safety and training remain on the agenda everywhere and we encourage the achievement schemes in all disciplines.

**Steve White - Examiner 1249 BMFA 65455**

Has been a quiet year, the two clubs on Two tree Island Leigh on sea are now amalgamated, as one club and some 120 members. I have done two club "E"s FW and a couple of "A"s FW , with lots of continued training , and pushing my pet subject about the importance of "Fail safe " and its correct application particularly with elec models. Due to age, I do not wish to continue with my "E" FW. I look forward to flying in a more relaxed way, and my ACE. Ret. Certificate if that exists. I think 25 years as FW examiner is enough.



**2023 Dates for your Diary**  
**Area meeting dates for appropriate BMFA Council**

Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> – Full council

Thursday March?????? - Area council??????????

Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> – Full council

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> - Full council

Thursday October????? – Area council??????????

Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Area AGM

Committee meetings will be by Zoom 19:45.

The AGM will be face to face

**East Anglian Area BMFA - Accounts 2021-22**  
**(01/04/21 to 31/03/22)**

2021	Expenditure	2022	2021	Income	2022
53.48	Secretary	5.22	1600.00	BMFA Support	946.00
0.00	Room hire	0.00	387.00	Airfield	731.00
625.00	Airfield	971.00			
(51.20)	Mileage	8.00			
0.00	Achievement Scheme	0.00			
0.00	BMFC	0.00			
	Zoom	143.88			
	Website	56.00			
	NPOD	212.29			
	"100"	489.99			
1359.72	Surplus/Deficit for the year	(209.38)			
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<b>1987.00</b>		<b>1677.00</b>	<b>1987.00</b>		<b>1677.00</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>					
9709.81	Surplus brought forward	11069.53	11069.53	Bank	10860.15
0.00	Creditors	0.00		Debtors	
1359.72	Surplus/Deficit 2021-22	(209.38)			
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