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Dear Mike,

Grant Application for 4 Clubman Events and 1 NPOD in 2026

In 2017, I requested and received support for running 4 Clubman Events to help pilots within the Area who had an interest in Precision Aerobatics to get tuition and practice using the UKF3A Clubman Schedule enabling them to enter a New Pilot Open Day (NPOD) where there would be a competitive element. The outcome of this was that in 2018, at a competition held at the Bury MFC's site at Knettishall, we had 10 entries for the Clubman Class. This was an unprecedented entry for over 20 years, with all bar one from the EA Area, and reflected a great return on the resources expended on this activity. See the analysis chart at the end of this document.

Unfortunately, family commitments mean that I am unable to devote the time in 2026 to run these events so a fellow club member at the Bury MFC, Mark Allen, has agreed to do so. I will work with Mark to help him with organising these events.

The aim will be to circulate all EA Area Clubs with the attached information to encourage their members to give precision aerobatics a go with the help of experienced precision aerobatic mentors who will be drawn from UKF3A members. This will both help the EA Area members to raise their standard of flying as well as encourage those with a competitive yen to enter a UKF3A Competition. This will benefit the UKF3A since membership numbers have been sliding since the Covid Pandemic. The only qualification for attendees is that they hold the BMFA A FW Certificate. The additional benefit for attendees is that at the end of this event, they will be well be competent to fly the BMFA B FW manoeuvres. This will be important for their progress in aerobatics since, to enter the higher aerobatic classes, a B FW Certificate is required.

We are seeking approval from the Area Committee for up to £200 per event to a total of £800 if all four events run for the Clubman days and for up to £200 for one NPOD. A total of £1,000. Attendees will be required to pay an entry fee of £5 per event. The funds will be used to provide a BBQ and to pay the cost of petrol for the

mentors, some of whom may well be travelling well over 100 miles plus to provide this training. The mentors will all be currently competing in UKF3A aerobatic competitions

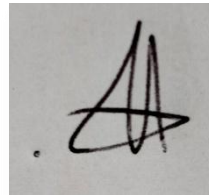
We will need Clubs to offer their flying fields to be used for these events and we will try and spread the events around the Area, always assuming that we can find suitable venues.

Could you please put this request on the Agenda for the next EA Area meeting?

Yours sincerely,



Peter J Jenkins



Mark Allen

Aims and Objectives

The aim of this initiative is to encourage EA Area Club members to improve their flying skills through learning how to fly precision aerobatics

We will achieve this by running four training days where up to 12 pilots with 4 mentors will learn how to:

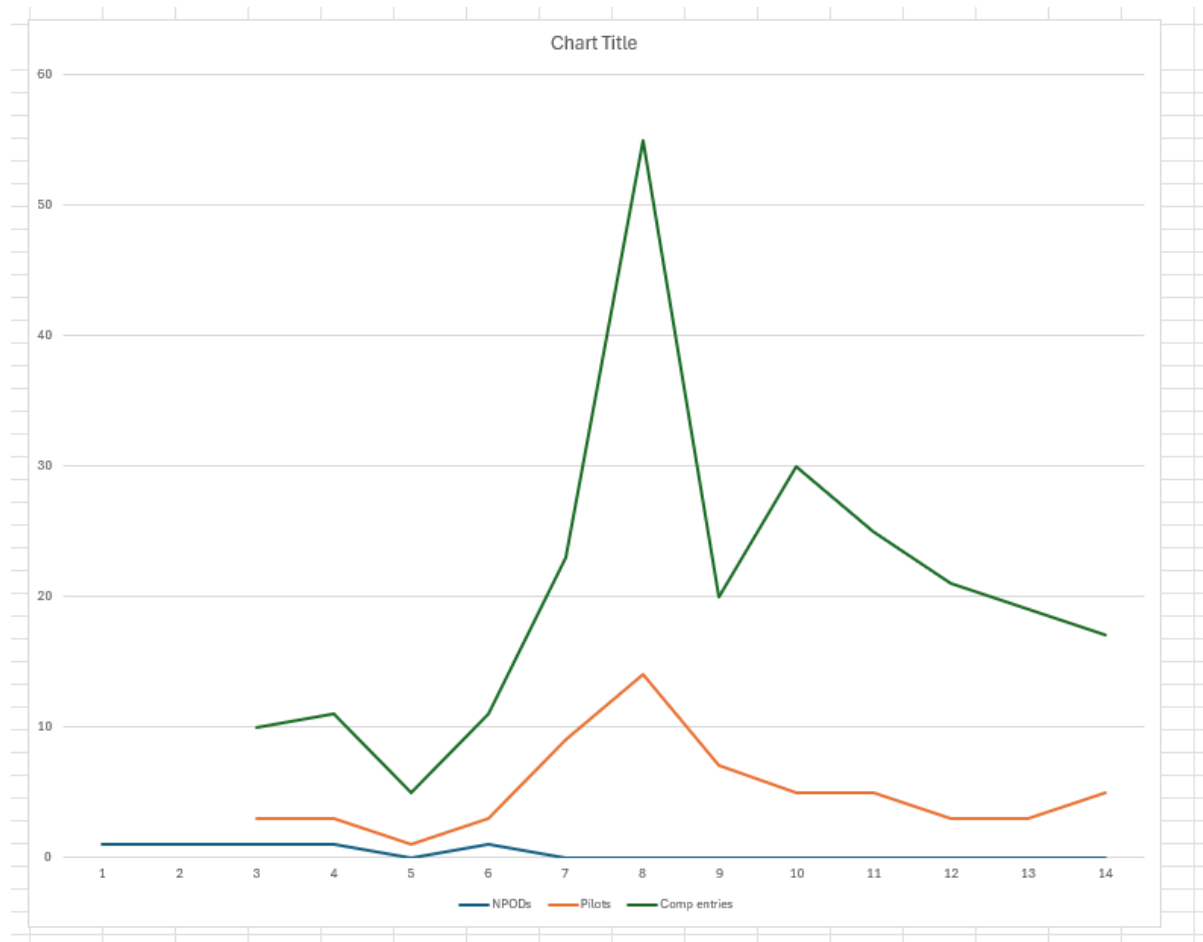
- Improve the trim of their aircraft
- Set up their transmitters to help them to fly their aircraft more accurately
- Go about flying a turn around schedule of manoeuvres rather than just central manoeuvres
- Increase the awareness that flying in a competition is not something to be avoided but rather to be enjoyed.

Following these training days, pilots will be able to enter a NPOD event where up to 12 pilots will be shown how to fly the UKF3A Clubman Schedule in a competition environment culminating in a one round fun competition. Their flying will improve which in turn will help them towards achieving the standard required for the BMFA B Certificate.

Those pilots who are keen to pursue their new found skills will then feel confident enough to enter a UKF3A competition, either in 2026 or 2027. They will also be able to join the UKF3A Association and attend the Association's training days that are held at BMFA Buckminster.

Analysis of No of Pilots and Competition Entries by NPOD “Graduates”

The first NPOD was held in Sep 2012 with the last one in Sep 2017, the year that I ran 4 Clubman events before the NPOD. Note the increase in 2018 and the big jump in 2019 (orange line) and the number of UKF3A competition entries (green line).



	Year	NPODs	Pilots	Comp entries
2012	1	1		
2013	2	1		
2014	3	1	3	10
2015	4	1	3	11
2016	5	0	1	5
2017	6	1	3	11
2018	7	0	9	23
2019	8	0	14	55
2020	9	0	7	20
2021	10	0	5	30
2022	11	0	5	25
2023	12	0	3	21
2024	13	0	3	19
2025	14	0	5	17