

Report on the first Aerobatics Training Day 2nd May 2026

Well, what a great day we had at the British Telecom Research Model Aircraft Club <https://btrmac.bmfa.uk>

We had light winds and blue skies from the minute we arrived, the club had prepared their field and it looked fantastic.

My aim was to conduct an organised yet relaxed day for the flyers to enjoy.

Following a pilot briefing highlighting the day's structure and local safety rules, we conducted a quick roll call and made our introductions.

Unfortunately two entrants could not make the day which left us with seven flyers, one of the club helpers who was setting up equipment decided to join us on the day so now we had eight. Flyers were split into three groups and assigned a mentor. Each mentor met their group flyers and discussed what they wanted to focus on and achieve during the day.

After a mentor demonstration of the UKF3A Clubman schedule (flying a 70 size aerobat) we started flying at 10am. Each flyer had four rounds of ten minutes with their mentor.

The day started with light winds from the left but after a great BBQ lunch (thank you Mick and your team) the wind started to pick up and then blew from the right, an interesting challenge for the pilots.

Before we started the afternoon rounds we were treated to a UKF3A flight by Garry Peacock who flew the FAI P-27 schedule with his lovely Hui Yang Velar aircraft. His control and precision was appreciated by the pilots watching.

It was very evident that every pilot's flying improved round by round, some tweaking their settings and model trim along with guidance in the air from their mentor.

Models of all types and size were flown as follows:

- Ruckus Pro
- Foam-E Wot 4 (two flown)
- ARS 300 with DLE 55cc
- E-flite Ultimate 3D
- Moonglow (pattern ship from the 1970's)
- FMS Olympus
- Hangar 9 Tiger

This goes to show that you don't need the latest top spec aerobat to fly aerobatics.

After the four rounds I wrapped up the day with a big thank you to the BTRMAC members who helped make this day possible.

From the feedback I received all the participants were very happy with their day, had learnt a lot and had reignited their enthusiasm to fly more controlled and structured.

As a measure of success, they wanted to know if we would come back next year and do it again!

After my closing message most of the mentors then took the opportunity to grab a practice flight which included a FAI F-27 flight which is quite a spectacle.



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