



# Fairweather Flyer



The Newsletter of the [Medway Model Flying Club](#).

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## YOUR BMFA INSURANCE EXPLAINED (or why you paid £2 extra this year!)

One of the most important aspects of the BMFA membership package is the insurance benefits that are provided both to individual members and affiliated clubs. The insurance package provides a number of benefits but the important principal is that members are protected in circumstances where a statement of claim is made against them (in other words a member is sued in relation to model flying or related activity). For a number of years the BMFA policies have been placed with Royal and Sun Alliance and Ace Europe through our broker Perkins Slade.

For 2012 following extensive research and negotiations, Doodson Broking have been appointed as the BMFA insurance brokers and new policies underwritten by Mitsui, Chubb and Q.B.E insurance are being implemented. There are a number of benefits available under the new scheme that see an improvement in the overall package provided to BMFA members, whilst Doodsons Broking Group are a relatively new "player" in the specific field of sports insurance they are an established provider of imaginative insurance solutions in the fields of motor sport and event cover and already provide cover for a number of National Governing Bodies. The last 18 months have seen a large amount of work dedicated to arriving at a position where we felt confident in placing the BMFA business with the new provider, there are a number of benefits contained within the new scheme and the highlights are bullet pointed below.

- ⇒ Increased level of indemnity from £10 million to £25 million legal liability policy).
- ⇒ Increased level of cover from £25,000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- ⇒ Increased death benefit from £5000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- ⇒ Removal of age limits and reduced benefits (personal accident policy).
- ⇒ Increased flexibility with claims handling.
- ⇒ Reduced timeframe from incident to settlement.
- ⇒ Transparent claims handling procedure.
- ⇒ Clearer claim process for third party.
- ⇒ Preferred vehicle repairer option.
- ⇒ Sponsorship for BMFA related activities.
- ⇒ Performance related benefits available to the BMFA including profit share related to low claims experience.

Club secretaries and event organisers will be able to request the 2012 insurance synopsis document for use when booking venues or completing lease agreements.

Please note: if you have Scottish Aeromodellers Association members within your club then please contact the BMFA office before completing the affiliation details.

On a day to day basis the changes will have little effect from a member's perspective other than the confidence of increased levels of cover and the knowledge of improved procedures in the event of a claim.

Manny Williamson  
Development Officer BMFA



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The Other side



Diary Dates: Swap meet May 13th & August 5th  
Bonfire Night 3rd November Club Dinner 15th March \*see below

Indoor flying Fort Pitt Grammar School, Chatham  
Sunday 19th Feb  
Electric & free flight  
Wingspan max 24"  
Heli 350 size

Courtesy of Mike Smith. "Nev Days" are being held for all those who fancy something a little more sedate, but no less fun in their flying. Come along and support this event!

**Club dinner:** Thursday March 15th  
**Location:** Fruiterers Rodmersham  
**Time:** 7pm for 7:30 sit down  
**Price** £17.50 for starter, Main course and Tea/  
Coffee.  
**Bookings** to Brian Broad please **BY 29 FEB!!!**  
01795 477020

**Medway Model Flying Club**  
www.medwaymfc.org.uk  
"Nev's Days"  
Free Flight, F/F Scale, Control Line and Radio Assist  
Leysdown Marshes, Isle of Sheppey, Kent.  
Sunday 17th June 2012  
Sunday 30th September 2012  
All day flying from 10.00 till 6.00.  
If the weather is poor contact Mike for an update.  
**B.M.F.A. INSURANCE REQUIRED**  
**2 CHANNELS MAX NO FLYING OVER REED BEDS**  
For more information contact Mike Smith  
01474 564 863 [mike@treeflightsscale.com](mailto:mike@treeflightsscale.com)  
From A20 or A2 take the A249 north for Isle of Sheppey. Cross bridge and when on Sheppey turn right at the second roundabout onto the B2231 for Leysdown on Sea. Stay on B2231 for approx. 6 miles, past Eastchurch. Look for two green barns on the left, then immediately turn right into Harry Ferry Road, (they narrow and uneven) After approx. 2.5 miles, look for "raptor view point" sign. Turn left into field through gate. **Close gate.** Turn right at pump house and follow edge of field and dyle to the site. J.J. Miller. **Take Care!!!**  
This access road is usually servicable in good dry weather but be very careful if the fields are wet.  
**ALL FLYERS £4.00 IN AID OF THE KENT AIR AMBULANCE**

## Chairman's bits and bobs

A lot of praise has been given to the new generation NiMh AA and AAA batteries branded as "Enloope" "instant " etc. . These batteries will hold their charge without self discharging for long periods but there are drawbacks and limitations to there uses. To achieve this very low self discharge rate they do have a high internal resistance, one goes with the other. While fine for use in transmitters and low power situations or models that have standard lightly loaded servos; they should not be used with digital servos demanding higher current. With these batteries when the current draw goes up the resistance increases and the voltage goes down! This is really noticeable with 2.4 Ghz radio as the Rx's "brown out " or 35 Meg using PCM (affectionately known as "Programme Crash Mode") that go into failsafe at about 3.2 volts and as we know this can seriously damage your model .Not to mention your wallet ,property or people. The same thing applies with very high capacity AA and AAA NiMh cells . Don't be fooled by the blurb on the packs . Make sure you use a battery that has the capacity and the ability to supply the current needed 4/5ths A cells or Sub C cells can give some serious amps if needed without sagging or dropping volts . I'm not suggesting you rush out and change all your packs but if you have to change them check on the suitability of the cells you buy. Also another reminder about the dreaded "black wire" . Its at this time of year that it creeps along the battery leads . Removing the batteries and keeping them indoor in the dry and warm will help prevent it. When putting batteries back to work after a long lay off ,strip off the heat shrink and check the leads where they are soldered to the cells . Any sign of green corrosion or blackening of the wire means replacing the lead. If its left in the model the corrosion can go through the Switch and even into the Rx . This also applies to your TX so check them and keep in the dry.

The field is getting a bit soft so please check before driving on it as you may churn it up or get stuck. Better still walk your stuff over to the pits .

A quick reminder about the Build and fly at SADMALC on the 12th at UK leisure social club Sittingbourne . Starts at 7.30 and CST to Build is £3 .

Does anyone know of anyone who can give a talk at our club meetings ? If so please let us know  
Regards Phil