



NEWSBEAT

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From the President

Firstly, I would like to thank all members attending the Annual General Meeting of the Association who demonstrated their faith in me and my colleagues by electing them once again on the Committee.

I assure all members that we will be doing our best to administer our Association and endeavour to promote our hobby as best we could.

The New Committee

Three new members have been elected on the Committee for this year. They are Roger Xuereb Archer, Brian Busuttil, and Laurence Dalmas.



Franz

Brian

Stephen

Emanuel

Roger

Laurence

Frank

The rest of the committee are Stephen Warrington, Frank Mercieca, Emmanuel Vella and the undersigned.

The designation of each member is as follows:

F. Zammit Haber	Hon. President
Brian Busuttil	Hon. Vice-president
Emmanuel Vella	Hon. Secretary
Stephen Warrington	Hon. Treasurer
Frank Mercieca	Public Relations
Laurence Dalmas	Member
Roger Xuereb Archer	Member

Membership Fee

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER WHICH IS BEING SENT TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET SETTLED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2010. As from 1 March these members are not permitted to use our flying site and cannot be covered by our insurers in the event of a claim. They will also be deleted from the list of 35Mhz users and may forfeit their right to use their frequency allocation.

The fee can be settled by cheque payable to MMAFA sent to the address above or by contacting any Committee member at Ta' Qali. In case of difficulty, feel free to contact

me on 9947 1193. Normal membership is Euro 45, Family Euro 65, Senior citizens Euro 30, non-flying Euro 20

The following 2009 paid up members have still not settled their membership for this year.

Mark Abela Scolaro	Gordon Agius	Mario Aquilina
Anthony Azzopardi	Kevin Azzopardi	Oliver Bennett
Charles Bonanno	Micael Boyanzis	Gordon Calleja
Julian Calleja	Chris Camilleri	George Camilleri
Kurt Camilleri	Ronald Carbonaro	Gerald Cardona
Philip Cardona	Daniel Casingena	Gregory Cassar
Fabrizio Catalogna	Kevin Chetcuti	Robert Chircop
Christian Coleiro	Robert Curmi	Charles Delia
Joseph Ellul MD	Alex Enriquez	David Fenech
Wayne Galea	Louis Gatt	Herman German
Diego Giordano	Melkisedek Grima	Alan Markham
Claude Markham	Ruben Mifsud	Mario Pule'
Lawrence Sciberras	Stefan Scotto	Paul Soler M.D.
Joseph Spiteri	Jamie Tonna	Stephen Vella
John Vella	Clayton Vella (JR)	Mario Vitale
Anthony Zerafa		

Calendar of Events

On the following page is the Calendar of Events for this year. Due to lack of participation in competitive events, the committee has opted for fewer competitions, and more meets and training sessions. The committee also plans to organize visits to Aviation related industries and organizations, so keep a lookout for amendments to the Calendar of Events.

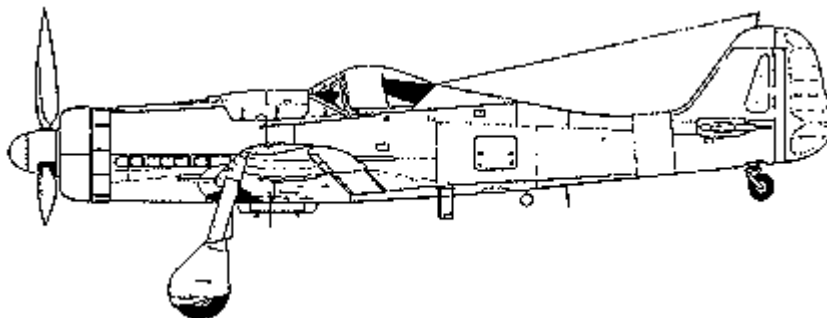
The open weekend this year is being organized by the Association only—keep a note of the dates and pray for good weather.

Frequency allocations

The Committee has discussed this matter which was raised at the AGM and it does not seem that any changes are necessary. Beginners who are on channels 81 to 90 on the 35 Mhz band and have become proficient flyers can always request the Committee to allocate them another frequency from 55 to 80.

For the benefit of all the Standing Regulations of the Association are being reproduced on page 5 of this Newsletter.

See you at Ta' Qali



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 15 May	Fun fly meet
Saturday 24 April	Aerobatic Training Session
Saturday 5 June	Jet meet
Saturday 21 August	Official BarBeque
Saturday 18 September	Scale Competition
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30/31 OCTOBER	
WINGS OVER TA' QALI 2010	
Saturday 13 November	Unlimited Event
Wednesday 8 December	Helicopter Event
Sunday 19 December	Xmas Drinks

For Sale

Katana S40, 54-inch span, complete with OS46AX, prop and 5 servos - €250

Can sell without engine and/or servos if required. €150 without engine or €100 bare airframe.

CAP 232, 63-inch span, complete with Supertigre 61 ringed, prop and 6 servos—€200

Can sell without engine and/or servos if required. €125 without engine or €75 bare airframe.

Part-exchange for scale / semi-scale / pattern unbuilt kits (no artf's) also considered.

STANDING REGULATIONS AT TA' QALI

1. **The Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association consists of a majority of members flying radio controlled fixed wing aircraft and a minority of members flying rotary wing aircraft, or helicopters. IT IS AN ESTABLISHED SAFETY PRINCIPLE THAT FIXED AND ROTARY WING FLYING DO NOT MIX. A member flying helicopters must therefore seek a slot with fixed wing flyers of at least 15 minutes every hour if this is found to be necessary.**
2. Upon arrival at Ta' Qali members should park their cars in the marked parking docks on the Club House side and the models and equipment should be taken on the pits area behind the railings. Members' children and the public are strictly forbidden to enter the pits area. Identify yourself with fellow members and determine the pilots' positioning according to wind direction. On departure, the last member to leave the flying site should ensure that the Club House, Toilet and the Gate are closed. Membership proof for the current year and a valid R/C licence (if applicable) must be shown to any Committee member on demand.
5. Before commencing flying every member utilizing the 35 and 41 Mhz band must pick up his frequency tag from the frequency Board. Members caught flying on these frequencies without a frequency tag will be penalized. Only internationally approved spot frequencies are allowed—these are the 35Mhz, the 41 Mhz band and the recently introduced 2.4 Ghz band. When using the 35 and 41 Mhz, the frequency tag must be placed in a prominent position on the flight box. Beginners/new members are to note that they can only occupy the Channels numbers 81 to 90 on the 35 Mhz band and will not be permitted to fly on their own before their competence is determined by a Committee member.

Beginners /new members may consequently request that the Committee allow them to use a different channel once they have acquired total flying skills. The Committee will consider this request and after ensuring that the member is sufficiently proficient, allocate another channel for their use. Any Frequency allocation, however, remains at the sole discretion of the Committee.
6. If the frequency tag is in use, await your turn until the corresponding transmitter is switched off and the tag returned. Each flying session must not exceed 30 minutes. It is strongly recommended that the principle of impounding transmitter between flyers using the same frequency is adopted. Transmitter antennae must be retracted (where applicable) while in the pits and while taxiing out.
8. Flyers are to coordinate their flying and group together in the predetermined spot, and within the marked yellow lines. Call your landings and take-offs. Clear the runway as quickly as possible after landing. Avoid crossing the runway unless absolutely necessary. Avoid flying low over transmitters whatever the frequency. Flying over the pits and spectator areas is strictly forbidden.
15. All flyers are to land immediately if a full size helicopter or microlight aircraft is seen approaching the area. Actual flying should be restricted to a radius of approximately 150 metres from the centre of the flying area. Avoid flying over any building within the area mentioned.
13. Running in of engines is to be performed away from the pits and flyers. Effective silencers are compulsory on site. A maximum level of 85 dB at 7 metres is being imposed on all days of the week. No flying or starting of engines must take place before 0800 hours and not later than sundown on any day of the week.
16. The committee reserves the right to suspend any member of the Association should his actions or flying constitute a hazard to other members and the public.
17. Mobile phones must not be operated on the runway as they have been reported as causing interference to modern computerized transmitters.
18. Flyers teaching their sons/daughters to fly may use their own frequency until total proficiency is attained by the pupil in accordance with clause 5, after which the pupil will have to move to one of the beginners' frequencies. Responsibility in such cases falls on the parent.
19. **Keep in mind that the main objective of the Association is for recreational and educational purposes. Every effort should be made not to spoil other members' enjoyment by dangerous flying or in an unpleasant way.**
20. **Do not show off—fly safely!**

35Mhz Frequency Allocations

Edgar Buttigieg	55	John Muscat		
		Joe Pule'		Robert Curmi 84
Claude Markham	56	Mario Pule'		Jonathan Scicluna
				Michael Shaw
Mario Amaira	57	Saviour Fenech	73	Alex Enriquez
		Reuben Saliba		Jesmond Apap
EMPTY	58			
EMPTY	59	Sandro Magri	74	Alan Micallef 85
		Franz Zammit Haber		Stefan Scotto
		Dr J. Ellul		Josef Vella
George Camilleri	60			Norman Darmanin
		George Curmi	75	
Mario Aquilina	61	Anthony Zerafa		Chris Bonaci 86
Charles Bonanno				
		Herman German	76	
Wayne Galea	62	Johan Micallef		Angelo Calleja 87
Joseph Muscat		Mario Micallef		Joe Filletti
		Mario Vitale		Lawrence Scerri
Louis Gatt	63			Stephen Vella
Nicholas Mizzi		George Delicata	77	Vincent Zammit
		Eman Micallef		Stephan Zammit
Joseph Briffa	64	Francis Micallef		
Mark Muscat				Robert Chirchop 88
Edwin Van Der Maat		George Kissaun	78	Alan Mercieca
		Jamie Tonna		Frank Mercieca
Brian Busuttil	65			
Joe Cassar		Stephen Galea	79	
John Cassar		Anthony Spiteri Staines		Jeremy Borg Myatt 89
				Rudolph Borg Myatt
Ray Attard	66	Joe Cutajar	80	Christian Coleiro
Joe Chetcuti		Simon Warrington		Alex Farrugia
Diego Giordano		Stephen Warrington		Chris Poulton
Alex Hannaford				
Victor Psaila		Edward Baker	81	
		Mario Camilleri Brenan		Henry Attard 90
Daniel Lee Mifsud	67	Gerald Cardona		Joseph Bonett
Martin Mifsud		Carmel Cassar		Chris Camilleri
		Richard Theuma		Edward Portelli
Vincent Ciarlo'	68	Daniel Vella		
Vraij Harutunian		Emmanuel Vella		
Laurence Dalmas				
		Mark Abela Scolaro	82	<i>If your name does not appear in the</i>
Michael Curmi	69	Gregory Cassar		<i>above list and you are utilizing the</i>
Ruben Mifsud		Henri Portelli		<i>35Mhz frequency, it means that you</i>
Louis Pace		Andrew Vella		<i>have not given this information to</i>
		Jonathan Cassar		<i>the Association. It is in your inter-</i>
Paul Soler M.D.	70			<i>est to know who operates on your</i>
Joseph Spiteri		Victor Anastasi	83	<i>frequency and it is advisable, there-</i>
		Anthony Azzopardi		<i>fore to inform the Association of</i>
Oliver Bennett	71	Jesmond Azzopardi		<i>this detail.</i>
		Patrick Azzopardi		<i>This list will be updated regularly.</i>
Josef Gatt	72			
Frederick Pope				

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NEXT EVENT SATURDAY 15 MAY FUN FLY MEET

Come and participate in this meet in which experienced fliers will help beginners to acquire simple skills involved in Fun Flies—this is not a competitive event.

PLEASE SETTLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO.

(See pages 1 and 2)