



# NEWSBEAT

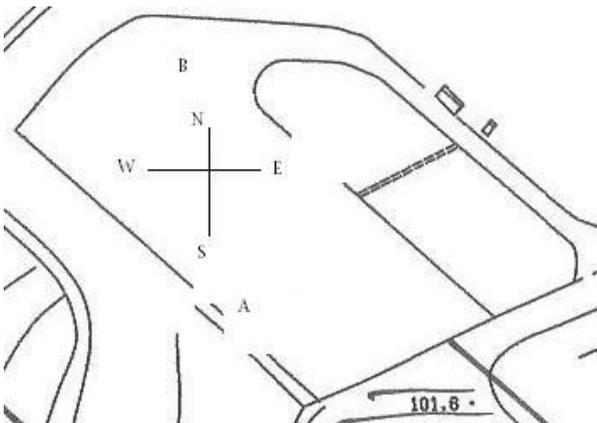
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## From the Committee

Now that good weather is with us and our site is being utilized to a good extent, the Committee is appealing to all members to observe standing regulations, give due consideration to other members, and act in an unselfish manner.

In particular it has been observed that some flyers pretend to have the whole flying area solely at their disposal while flying their models. While this may be acceptable for a maiden test flight, it is very unfair for other members. IF ANY MEMBER WISHES TO USE THE SITE WITHOUT ANY OTHER MODELS IN THE AIR, HE SHOULD UTILISE TIMES OTHER THAN WEEKENDS AS THIS IS THE PERIOD WHEN THE SITE IS BEING USED BY THE MAJORITY OF ACTIVE MEMBERS. In other words, the 45 minutes of each hour dedicated to fixed wing flying cannot be monopolized by any member, unless such member seeks the permission of all other members on site at the moment.



We must also emphasise that the established flying positions are maintained by all members irrespective of the type of model they are flying. These are being shown on the sketch below. Area A is to be used when the wind direction is from the North, NorthWest, and West and area B is to be used when the wind direction is from the South, SouthEast or East. In conditions of crosswinds (NE and SW), flyers shall agree with each other which position to stay.

## Extreme Flight World Championships –Czech Republic—12-14 August

The association welcomes individual efforts by Members to participate in International events, and after Member Mario Micallef announced that his son Johann will be participating in this rather new event, the Committee agreed to support this effort by partly financing this effort as explained in the last Newsletter. Since then Johann has been accepted by the organizers and was presented with a cheque of Euro 250 to meet some of the expenses involved. The presentation was held on the 17 May and the photo shows Johann's father accepting the cheque from the President.



We wish every success to Johann.

## **Site maintenance**

The committee has realized that the way runway weeding and overall condition of the site was being carried out needed a rethink.

Steps have now been taken to allocate the task of weeding the runway and all surrounding areas in professional hands with effect from June. Nick Mizzi will still be in charge of maintaining the cleanliness of the clubhouse/toilet,

In the meantime, I appeal to all members using the site to make an effort to keep the site clean by not throwing tissues around, leaving empty bottles and cups running about—USE THE DUSTBINS!!

## **Next Event**

On Saturday 28 May we will be trying to simulate formation flying by our Tiger 3 models, which, to my knowledge are still all in flying condition. The most important thing about this event is that all flyers must perform right or left hand circuits, maintain a constant speed ( half throttle at first) and must follow other instructions being given by ONE flyer. This is not easy as you think and needs a lot of practice, but I am sure that the overall feeling after a couple of flights will be very satisfying.

## **Scale Event and BBQ**

Given the fact that a lot of active members are coming up with Scale ARF models, I think we should organize a form of Competition to cater for these models.

So Saturday 11 June is being set for this event. Rules are very simple:

1. All types of ARF sport scale models can take part.
2. All participants must produce a three-plan view of the model they are competing with. Photographs are also permitted and they need not show the actual model presented (serial numbers, colour schemes, etc need not be the same)
3. Models will be judged statically mainly by their authenticity to scale outline and the efforts made by the participant to hide items which differ from the real aircraft (exhausts, linkages, etc). Props and spinners can be changed from static to flying. Cockpit detail WILL NOT BE JUDGED.
4. Flying is judged solely on Realism in flight—ie—the extent to which the model simulates the performance of the real aircraft as regards speed, landing, take offs, maneuvers, etc
5. A maximum of 50 points will be given for static judging and 50 points for flying.

Static judging will start from 9.30 am and flying judging will commence at 4pm

We plan to end up the day with the first BBQ of the season. A reminder for this extra event will be consequently sent to all members who provided a valid email address.

## **Lost**

A 60 size tuned pipe has been inadvertently left on site by Member Joe Spiteri. If any member has picked it up, kindly contact me on 9947 1193

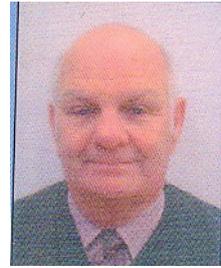
See you at Ta' Qali

## Appreciation—Claude Markham



Claude Markham was a popular figure in the Association, and contributed in no small extent the progress registered over the years in establishing our club on solid ground .

Since an early age, Claude was active in different organisations, first scouts, then in the aircraft enthusiast circles, scale model aircraft and



radio amateur clubs. His sons recall Sunday afternoons spent on the threshold of the runways in Luqa seeing military and civilian aircraft taking off and landing. His passion for aviation led him to become a member of the Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association, where he was also a member of the committee for a number of years. His invaluable contribution towards the organization of the Association's Open Weekends will be direly missed. In addition to all this, once could always find him in the evening on one of the radio amateur bands, chatting away with his friends on all the topics under the sun. At home, he rigged up his computer to track aircraft traffic around Malta, and delighted in following the progress of his son , who is a pilot, whenever he was flying.

Claude was good natured and was always up to something. He worked hard in all that he believed in and somehow always found a way to make things work. He started his professional life with BFBS, then with the rundown of the british services, transferred to a local broadcasting station. After this experience, he spent a number of years with the Eden Leisure Group as a maintenance manager, before finally finishing his career as Customer Service representative at Mater Dei Hospital.

He passed away, after a short illness on March 29, 2011 and is survived by his children Joseph, Alan, Jason and Eliza, and his brother Victor and sisters Patricia, Norah and Monica.

May the Lord grant him eternal peace.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

<b>Saturday 28 May</b>		<b>Barnstormers Tora Tora</b>
<b>Saturday 11 June</b>	<b>(NEW)</b>	<b>ARF sport Scale Event &amp; BBQ</b>
<b>Saturday 23 July</b>		<b>Majjalata</b>
<b>Saturday 13 August</b>		<b>Barbeque</b>
<b>Thursday 8 September</b>		<b>John Earland Scale</b>
<b>Saturday 1 October (changed)</b>		<b>Unlimited Event</b>
<b>Saturday/Sunday 4/5 November</b>		<b>Wings Over ta Qali'</b>
<b>Saturday 26 November</b>		<b>Multiplex Aerobatic</b>
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>		<b>Chopper Event</b>
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>		<b>Xmas Drinks</b>

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