



# NEWSBEAT

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## From the (re-instated) President

First of all, I hope all of you have received and read the communiqué issued by the vice-President last week wherein the turn of events which led to me taking the helm once again are explained. This communiqué should have cleared matters once and for all.

Secondly, I want to show my appreciation (and I expect the majority of members will join me) towards the five committee members who trudged through these last couple of months and worked incessantly to solve the various issues which cropped up right after the Annual General Meeting. Suffice it to say that the committee had to meet no less than 6 times until the present day. From what I am hearing and seeing, in fact, the “limping” committee managed to go through the rigours of establishing our association as a non-government organization, which action was started initially by the undersigned and have also managed to trash out the bureaucratic details for flying 20+Kgs models with the relative authorities, apart from other problems.

Thirdly, I hope that some lessons will be learnt from what happened this year; in particular I cannot overstress the importance of members attending the Annual General Meetings where important and sometimes vital decisions are taken by those present only.

Finally, while appreciating that the format of the last Newsletter was quite attractive and worth copying, I am sticking to the old format until I get my feet firmly on the ground once again.

During the last Committee meeting, Mr Laurence Dalmas was co-opted to serve on the committee for the remainder of this year. See page 4.

## Calendar of Events

On the next page you can find a revised Calendar of events for this year. Please note that the date for the Multiplex aerobatic Trophy has also been changed as the original one coincided with the annual airshow.

## Other plans for this year

The committee has been working on a number of projects related to our site.

Firstly, action has been taken to refurbish the clubhouse and Office—some more work is needed and will shortly be undertaken.

Secondly, a CCTV system has been acquired with minimum expense and will shortly be installed around the Clubhouse. Mr Laurence Dalmas has kindly offered this equipment free of charge.

Thirdly, action is being taken to install a wi-fi system on our site—more details will be provided later

Fourthly, a windsock kindly donated by member Lino Xuereb will soon be erected permanently on site.

Finally, the advantages of becoming a non-government organization (NGO) will be explained in due course

## Calendar of Events

<b>1 JUNE.</b>	<b>AEROBATIC MEET</b>
<b>27 AUGUST</b>	<b>OFFICAL BBQ NIGHT</b>
<b>21 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>MULTIPLEX AEROBATIC TROPHY</b>
<b>12 OCTOBER</b>	<b>John EARLAND SCALE TROPHY</b>
<b>26 OCTOBER</b>	<b>JET MEET</b>
<b>09/10 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>WINGS OVER TA-QALI</b>
<b>22 DECEMBER</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DRINKS</b>
<b>27 DECEMBER</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DINNER</b>

### **ROUTINE AND PREFLIGHT CHECKS YOU SHOULD DO**

Checking your rc plane before flying will prevent crashes and unnecessary accidents. Here is a quick, pre-flight and routine checklist.

#### **Radio Control System of RC Planes**

Servos - Check that they are still mounted securely to the rc plane.

Servo horns - Properly screwed to the servos.

Receiver - Check that it is mounted securely. Make sure antenna is properly routed and secure.

On/Off Switch - Make sure it is functioning properly. Old switches tend to loose contact and the receiver loses power or turns off unintentionally.

Battery - Use fresh batteries for the receiver and electric motor.

#### **RC Plane Landing Gear**

Check and tighten rc plane landing gear screws.

Wheels should spin freely, tighten collars if necessary.

Check if any of the plane's landing gears have been bent or damaged. Fix or replace if necessary.

#### **Engine/Propeller of RC Planes**

Tighten all engine mounting screws.

Secure muffler attachment of the rc plane.

Check your rc plane's propeller for cracks or damage. Fix or replace.

Ensure that propeller is balanced

#### **Fuel**

Check fuel tank for leaks.

Check fuel hose for leaks or blockage caused by debris.

Clean the fuel filter.

#### **Others**

Check and replace worn hinges.

## 35Mhz Frequency Allocations (Update October 2012)

Jesmond Cutajar Jeandre' Cutajar Leonard Theuma Edgar Butigieg	55	Victor Borg Silvio Agius <del>Brian Calleja</del>	71	Robert Curmi Jonathan Scicluna Jesmond Apap	84
Mark Pavia Emanuel Pavia Carl Pavia	56	Josef Gatt <del>Frederick Pope</del> Joe Pule' Mario Pule'	72	Alan Micallef Stefan Scotto Josef Vella Norman Darmanin	85
Mario Amaira Tarciso Farrugia Ruben Mifsud	57	Philip Chircop		<del>Frederick Pope</del> Horst Macioschek	
Mario Camilleri Brenan Andrew Camilleri Luke Schembri	58	Saviour Fenech Reuben Saliba	73	Chris Bonaci Charlot Cutajar	86
Victor Saliba Stefano Saliba	59	Sandro Magri Franz Zammit Haber George Mangion	74	Clive Cutajar Bernice Cutajar David Schembri	
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Joseph Muscat Wayne Galea	62	George Delicata Eman Micallef Francis Micallef	77	Alan Mercieca Frank Mercieca Frank Vassallo Joe Cilia	88
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Brian Busuttil <del>Joe Cassar</del> John Cassar Kurt Camilleri	65	Joe Cutajar Simon Warrington Stephen Warrington	80	Joseph Bonett Edward Portelli Daniel Cardona Mark Falzon Nicholas Polidano Henry Attard Ramon Tabone	90
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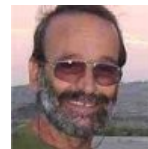
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