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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My fellow members,

In the last month , your Committee has continued to work at an unrelenting pace to put in place measures and facilities to promote both safety and greater comfort for the Association 's members. The NEW CHARGING FACILITY just outside the club house is now ready and **ELIMINATES** the need to charge any form of battery **whether lipo or not** inside the club house. With immediate effect charging of hobby batteries of any kind in the clubhouse is **PROHIBITED**. A reminder that **SMOKING IN THE CLUBHOUSE IS NOT ALLOWED EITHER**. The RUNWAY upgrade has also started and some results are already visible with more enhancements and safety features to follow .

Preparatory work on the WEATHER SHELTER continues with the necessary MEPA permits being applied for. Meanwhile various solutions for a practical design structure are being evaluated. The design will also allow the shelter to be relocated to the western side of the runway should circumstance require this. We shall continue to keep members updated and hopefully have visuals available in the near future to give an idea. I take this opportunity to once again thank all those many members who have already generously donated and I encourage the remaining members to follow the example of their colleagues and come forward to donate to this worthwhile investment for YOUR benefit and comfort too. The Committee 's focus of course continues to be the all important **SAFETY** in practicing our hobby. The first of a series of GROUP MEETINGS ON FLIGHT SAFETY announced in the May Newsletter has already taken place and was welcomed very positively by all members called to attend. More meetings shall follow shortly. Members will be individually informed by email or post of the date of their meeting in advance. So keep checking your mail box regularly . As was very clearly explained in the May newsletter ( " The way forward " ) these meetings are **ONLY THE FIRST BUT NECESSARY STEP TO INFORM AND EDUCATE** so that ALL members of whatever ability have understood the rules and responsibilities. The next important steps include PILOT CERTIFICATION & PROFICIENCY TESTS which shall continue based on the guidelines introduced last year and with , we trust , the cooperation of the same instructors/examiners to maintain continuity. *Happy Landings in Safety* , Martin.

## **Official appointment of the Helicopter and Quadcopter MMAFA sub-Committee**

The Committee has formally invited the following members to form a sub-committee on Helicopter and Quadcopter models as empowered by Article 7 of the MMAFA statute.

**Jesmond Azzopardi  
Jonathan Cassar  
Matthew Gauci**

All appointees have accepted to serve in the interests of their fellow Helicopter and Quad copter pilots.

The committee intends to draw on their knowledge and expertise in the subject of Radio Controlled helicopters and quads to assist and support the central committee as regards to matters involving such models.

It is the committee's wish that the sub-committee coordinates helicopter and quads activity at the MMAFA site within the limits of the established standing regulations and always in consultation with the central committee.

It is expected that that the sub-committee should aim to achieve the following goals:

- organise events of specific interest to these categories of models.
- evaluate and propose measures which increase the level of safety in operating such models.
- coordinate and perform technical evaluation of helicopter and quad models which are being operated by beginners.
- coordinate flight training for beginners.
- provide the committee with a framework for pilot certification for helicopter and quad model flyers.
- update the committee with any developments which may affect the safe operation of these models

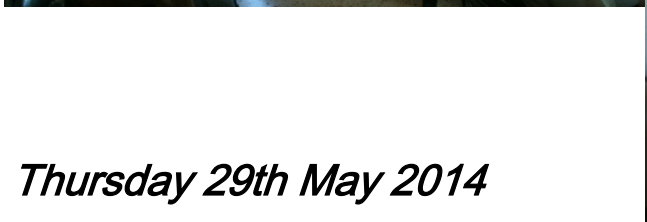
This appointment is valid until the end of the term of the currently elected Committee or until the committee decides to dissolve the above mentioned subcommittee. All official communication to members by the sub committee will be effected through the MMAFA newsletter or official email. The Committee expects that all members of the MMAFA will provide their full cooperation to the sub-committee.

**SCALE FLY IN 17th May 2014**

**(Photo Credits Patrick Paris ;  
Kersten Farrugia ; Joe Briffa)**



*Group Meeting on Standing regulations and Flight Safety held at our club house.*



*Thursday 29th May 2014*

# **REMINDER**

## **FLIGHT SAFETY INFORMATION GROUP MEETINGS**

Every flier member will in due course receive either by email (or by post) a request to attend a safety meeting.

Please note carefully the date of YOUR group meeting.

As a FLIER MEMBER of the MMAFA you will be required to attend the information meeting on Club Rules and Safety to be held at our flying site on weekdays at 7.30pm (actual day to be advised to each member individually). Duration approx. 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

These meetings are an integral part of the implementation of the Association's flight safety rules at our site as required by the Civil Aviation Directorate (CAD).

**Please note that no flier member of our association is exempt from attending these information sessions on flight safety.**

At the end of each information session all participants will be asked to sign a compliance certificate confirming that they are aware of, and will abide by all safety regulations issued by the MMAFA. This signed declaration will henceforth become mandatory for any flier member (incl. newcomers) to operate from our site in Ta' Qali as part of necessary documentation in support of ANO Art.47

All participants will receive an official MMAFA Certificate of Attendance.

In case a member is unable to attend on an appointed date please contact the flight safety and training coordinator Ronald Carbonaro on 99427449 or email [info@mmafafa.eu](mailto:info@mmafafa.eu) to postpone to another convenient date.

Members are reminded that as a responsible Association under the law we are collectively answerable to the Civil Aviation Directorate, under Article 47 of the Air Navigation Order ANO S.L.499.09 2010 which unequivocally states “a person shall not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property” **It must be made clear that NO model aircraft of any size or weight is exempt under Article 47 .**

**Check your model properly before each flight and  
FLY SAFELY IN FULL RESPECT FOR FELLOW MEMBERS AND OUR  
NEIGHBOURS!**



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