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From your President

Dear Members,

This INTERIM newsletter is being distributed to inform all members of the EXHIBITION TIME TABLE and NECESSARY CHANGES MADE so that things will run smoothly especially on the opening night and members will know how and when to bring their models to the Aviation Museum and if possible also lend a hand. All assistance will be most welcome and many hands make light work! Please take careful note below to avoid any unfortunate misunderstandings.

The opening ceremony has been BROUGHT FORWARD to FRIDAY 28th March at 7.30pm The Hon. Dr. Luciano Busuttill B.A., LL.D, M.P. Chairman of the Kunsill Malti Ghal-liSports will inaugurate. Therefore all members are invited to be present by latest 7.15pm Models should as much as possible be brought to the Aviation Museum from Thursday 27th afternoon to Friday 28th morning or afternoon latest 7.15pm Members who can only attend from Saturday may bring their models if possible up to opening time 10.30am—Thereafter space, if still available, will be given on a first come first served basis. Late exhibitors will abide by instructions of the committee. Those members who can make it on Friday are cordially invited to a reception to celebrate our joint effort to be held after the official opening. Press and TV will be present. In case of any difficulty please contact any of the committee members for guidance. Let us together make this a memorable event to put our Association on the public map.

Sincerely, Martin.

HELICOPTER SUB COMMITTEE

Following the issue of the latest Standing Regulations, the committee's attention was drawn to some factors that needed fine tuning in the context of helicopter and quad copter flying. The matter was discussed with members Jonathan Cassar, Matthew Gauci and Jesmond Azzopardi who came forward with very positive and constructive comments to refine the rules governing the flying positions of Helicopter and Quad pilots for better safety. They are to be commended for taking the initiative and should be an example to other members to come forward with constructive comments on how to improve their particular category, or the Association in general.

In accordance with Article 7.1 of the Statute of the MMAFA, which states that "*The Committee may delegate work to sub-committees consisting of two or more full members, not necessarily Committee members*", it was decided that these members shall form a helicopter sub committee with the general objective to assist the Committee to coordinate helicopter and quad copter flying at our site. The remit and final composition of this subcommittee will be announced in due course after the Exhibition activity which is understandably the main focus at the moment.

The committee strongly encourages all members to come forward with ideas and proposals which are intended to improve all aspects of the activities of the Association. We are committed to consider all constructive suggestions.

Members should not allow the spreading of unjustified and very misleading sweeping comments in the MMAFA public forum (contrary to established standards) or other unsubstantiated petty accusations and rumours being bandied about at Ta' Qali, to discourage them and keep them from participating in the full enjoyment of the hobby within the parameters of the established regulations.

It is encouraging to note that there are already very clear and positive signs that the majority of members are willing to cooperate and follow standing regulations which is the most important factor to protect our site and the future of our Association.

On the continuing subject of SAFETY your committee feels it opportune to once again publish the FLIGHT SAFETY CODE. Members are urged to review these rules and follow them to the letter as our ability to SELF REGULATE ourselves should now be our MAIN focus. **SEE PAGE 6 FOR THE DESIGNATED FLYING POSITIONS.**

It is up to us ALL.

Happy Landings in Safety!

MMAFA OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Members are invited to enter the website www.mmafa.eu to see the work in progress to make this site a useful tool and public relations window. It is fitting to acknowledge the efforts of Roger Xuereb Archer for his technical assistance in trouble shooting some thorny issues we have had in the mailing software and the ongoing work to restore the process allowing new members to register and members' areas. A big thank you must also go to our indefatigable Treasurer Mario Micallef for tackling the website issues head on.

FACEBOOK

Members will surely have noted that our informal MMAFA forum has been changed to an OPEN group and as a result subscriptions have been rising and so is our exposure and out reach to make the Association better known. This brings with it a responsibility to MMAFA members to avoid contributions that may irreparably harm our Association. As custodians of this site the committee exhorts contributors to refrain from posting offensive material, demeaning, insensitive or derogatory remarks. Please do not force the committee as administrator to ask individuals to remove such posts. If necessary the offending posts will be removed without notice. All communications directed to the Association should be addressed to info@mmafa.eu



65 YEARS OF MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING AT TA'QALI 1949-2014

29th, 30th, 31st March - Malta Aviation Museum Ta' Qali

EXHIBITING MEMBER PARTICIPATION FORM (WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

MEMBER NAME SURNAME

CONTACT NUMBER (PREF. MOBILE)

* State type of model eg Glider, Aerobatic, Trainer, Jet, DF, Warbird, Heli or Quad.

MODEL 1	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 2	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 3	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 4	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 5	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 6	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>
MODEL 7	NAME	<input type="text"/>	WINGSPAN MT	<input type="text"/>	Type*	<input type="text"/>

* part built models are most welcome especially those of traditional construction.

Tick boxes BELOW (x) if applicable THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I am happy to lend a hand to set up exhibition Friday pm Sat am

I am happy to spend some time to man displays

Saturday	<input type="text"/> am	<input type="text"/> pm
Sunday	<input type="text"/> am	<input type="text"/> pm
Monday	<input type="text"/> am	<input type="text"/> pm

I am pleased to loan the following items to display

Old photos	<input type="text"/>
Vintage Radio equipment	<input type="text"/>
Vintage Model engines	<input type="text"/>

Please complete this form asap and hand to any committee member or email scan to info@mmafa.eu

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or any other Committee Member

THANK YOU !

APPENDIX "A"



FLIGHT SAFETY CODE

FOR FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER PILOTS (This code forms an integral part of the Association's Standing safety regulations and must be observed at all times)

FLYING POSITIONS

- **Fixed wing pilots** must maintain one common grouped position on the flight line.
- **Helicopter pilots** shall exceptionally align themselves and maintain a greater safety distance (min. 30 metres) between them on one side of the runway.
- **Quad pilots** shall if other helicopters are flying :
 - (i) Use an alternate launch and recovery pad allocated for quads in the grass area south of the central taxiway and keep away from the runway, and other helicopters.
 - (ii) Launch on a SE heading and recover on a NW heading, and keep clear of the runway, and other helicopters.
 - (iii) Avoid the Club gate area and access road at all times.
 - (iv) Never launch or recover from the pit area.
- Pilot(s) on the flight-line **HAVE PRIORITY** and other pilots wishing to fly must group themselves on the same side as these pilots.
- In the interest of safety it is **ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN** for pilots to fly models from opposite sides of the runway at the same time.
- Any Pilot who feels uncomfortable flying from the current fliers' position (example facing the sun), should delay the flight for a few minutes until all the other pilots land, after which he is free to cross to the far side of the runway and assume priority.
- **PRE-FLIGHT CHECK** your model thoroughly before each flight in a methodical manner.
- **START** your engines safely in the prescribed areas.
- **TEST** your engines and **TAXI** your models **AT A SAFE DISTANCE** from other fliers. Test your brakes if fitted.
- Pilots on the flight line are to keep clear of the central taxiway **RUNWAY EXIT** to allow unrestricted space for models to taxi in and out, and pilots to walk in and out, safely.
- Do **NOT** take-off, or land in the direction of other fliers.
- Ensure the take-off and landing area is **CLEAR**. Be ready to abort your take or landing if runway becomes obstructed.
- Do **NOT** fly over other pilots.



FLIGHT SAFETY CODE

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- CALL out your take off, missed approach (overshoot), and landing.
- Exercise utmost CARE when exceptionally crossing the runway when you have priority only (see above).
- Make your intentions KNOWN to other pilots on the flight-line loud and clear.
- Fly in a SENSIBLE and SAFE manner to avoid mid-air collisions.
- Factor in your model's SIZE and SPEED in managing your flight path and height above ground.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND THE MODEL'S LIMITS. DO NOT SHOW OFF.

- **IN ALL CASES IT IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO FLY OVER THE CLUBHOUSE, PIT AREA, TAXIWAY AND GRASS FORECOURT AT ANY TIME AND AT ANY HEIGHT.**

AVOID NO FLY ZONES (SEE MAP ON CLUB NOTICE BOARDS).

- **DO NOT PLACE YOURSELF AND OTHERS AT RISK.**
- **DO NOT JEOPARDIZE THE CONTINUED USE OF OUR FLYING SITE BY YOUR ACTIONS, OR NEGLECT.**

**NB THE FOLLOWING PAGE INDICATES THE
DESIGNATED FLYING POSITIONS TO BE
ADOPTED BY FIXED WING PILOTS
OR HELI/QUAD PILOTS**

Designated Flying Positions

Below please find the designated flying positions – **RED BOX** - which should be used at our site. Pilots should group at these points . **ONLY** these positions should be used .These designated positions should be understood in conjunction with the latest standing regulations. Members needing clarifications should contact a committee member .

Fixed Wing flying positions (Only one of these positions can be used at any point in time by fixed wing pilots)



Helicopter and Quad Flying simultaneous flying positions



Message from the Treasurer

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE TO DATE STILL NOT PAID
THEIR RENEWAL FOR 2014 ARE NOW KINDLY URGED
TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.**



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