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Hello all members of the M.M.A.F.A

And finally a bit of fresh air as Autumn creeps in and temperature drops. For some it 's a relief while not quite so with Summer lovers. Perhaps it 's now time to start that new model building project during the windy and wet season!

Site maintenance never stops.

Grass has been actively held under control by regular spraying and trimming. It 's not over yet as this is an ongoing exercise throughout the year. It 's nice to note that flying downtime due to maintenance has been kept to an absolute minimum. Perhaps the whiner feels disappointed for lesser opportunities to practice his skills.

Keeping the place clean.

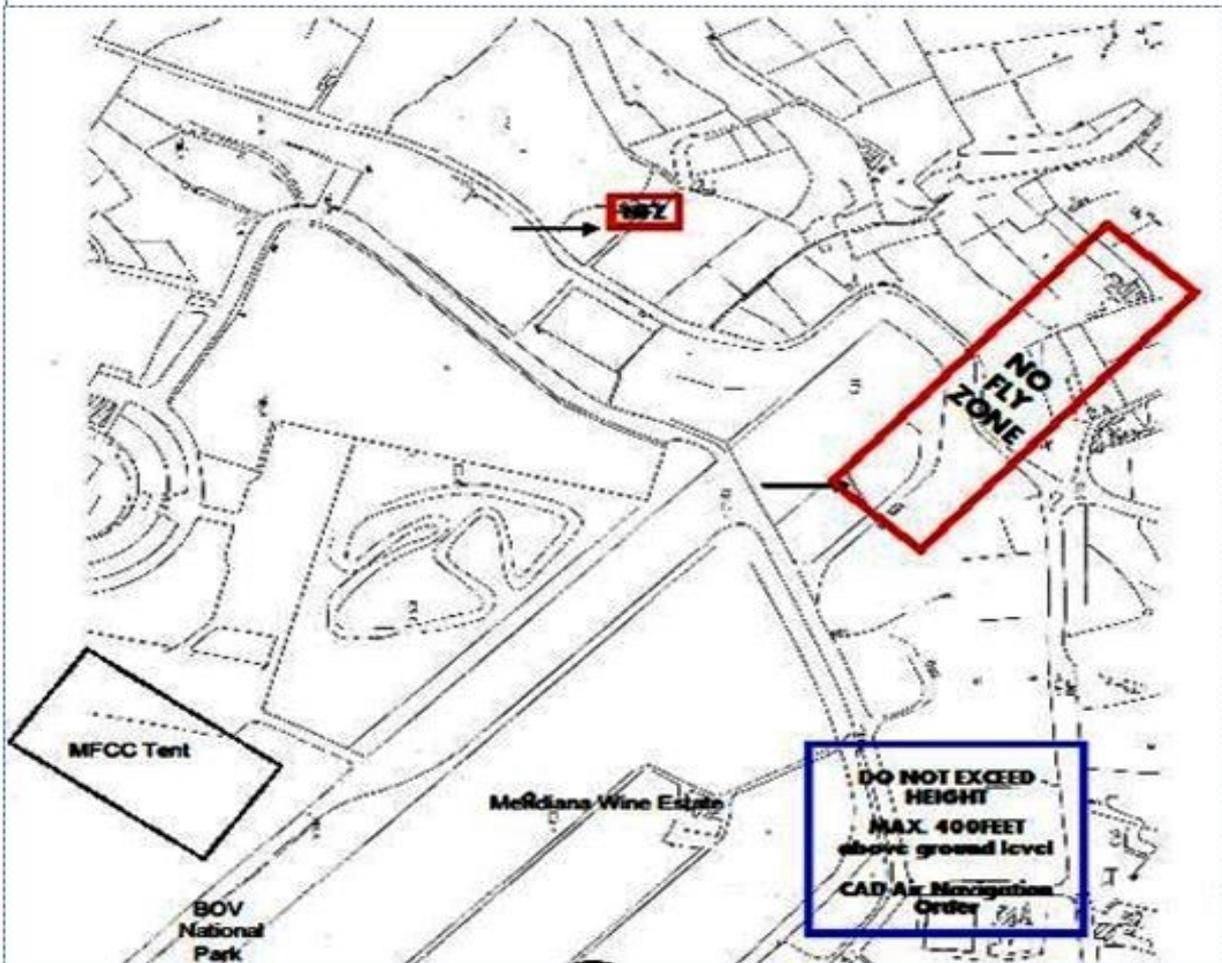
New clean bins in place. The bins are there to be used for refuse generated through the use of the site etc. It has been noticed that garbage bags containing domestic and garage waste have been disposed of in the flying site bins. This is forbidden and disciplinary action will be taken if repeated.

The fence.

The fence is repaired. As promised in our previous Newsletter we managed and succeeded in repairing the fence which was literally falling to pieces, with minimal expense. The result is a sturdy fence which should stand the forces of nature (and the occasional model bump) for many years to come. A big thanks goes to Richard who did an excellent job.

NOTICE BOARD

Respecting Fly Zones is not an option: It's mandatory!



Fly Zones should and must be observed at all times without exception! Should wind direction make it difficult or impossible to control your model then don't fly. FLY ZONES should and must be respected all day long. There's no morning, afternoon or evening exceptions. Defaulters will be held to account. Self regulation is the key to success. All flyers are expected to fly safe and responsibly. Safety is our number one priority.

The Committee is very concerned about Airsoft pellets found strewn on the flying site floor. Members are warned that weapons of ANY sort are NOT allowed to be carried into the compound at any cost and at all times. Defaulters will be held personally responsible and lose their membership forthwith. It is sincerely hoped that this will never happen. Members are urged to help by keeping an eye and report any dangerous activity within the compound in their own interest



Current Affairs

SCALE MEET

The Scale meet is scheduled for Saturday 12th November. This is the next activity of the Association. Scale model aircraft attracts people from all walks of life. Men in the street refer to scale models as 'it looks like real' while seasoned modelers may refer to it as 'realistic'. Who's right or wrong? Are they both right or both wrong? Ok, let's leave philosophy alone and concentrate on the positive values which come out of such meets. Friendship, happiness and solidarity.

OPEN DAY

The **Open Day** is now scheduled for Saturday 19 November. It's a one day event incorporating all types of model aircraft during which all members are expected to take part by bringing up their model/s, flying or at least turning up as a supporter. As in previous years, this Event will include fund raising activities in favour of the **Malta Community Chest Fund**. **All members are urged to donate generously towards this Noble Fund whose beneficiaries are Maltese citizens hit by the most severe illnesses and disasters.** Further details and programme to be issued via a mail shot.

Attendance Register

Very soon, the register will appear in the Club House wherein members will be required to sign on arrival at the flying site. This is a tool to protect your interest and your co-operation is solicited and expected.



Perhaps the logo in caption may be new to some, but certainly not to your very active team loosely called the 'Committee' whose following emerging developments very closely. The future of model aircraft flying depends on new laws and regulations set by this governing international body called European Aviation Safety Agency. Rules and regulations issued by EASA are binding and mandatory in all EU countries. We are actively working towards your interest. Help us by showing sportsmanship, raising safety standards and following the club's rules and regulations. Hard work pays.



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Calendar of Events

Scale Meet	12 November
Open Day	19 November
Jet Meet	26 November
Christmas Drinks	11 December
Christmas Dinner	16 December

Safety and Behavior

Our first priority is safety for all Club members, visitors and other third parties. This is closely followed by good behavior towards all fellow members. Follow the guidelines of the Committee as we work hard towards your safety and enjoyment.

We remind members that the Committee can be contacted by email on info@mmafataqali.com

Every effort is made to keep the place clean and safe for each and every member to enjoy. Please use the facilities diligently and safely.

The last member leaving the site carries the responsibility to see that all lights are switched off, to ensure that club house and toilet doors are closed and proceed to close the gate before leaving.

Best wishes to all our members, Fly Safe and Enjoy.