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T Fly for Fun

The 19th of November was a special date for the members of the M.M.A.F.A. The event was long in coming and finally we managed to find a slot where no other activities were being run. A Sunny day marred with a cross wind and gusts reaching 17 Km/hr. Only the very brave and expert flyers took to the skies.



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Joswel Cini was one of the heroes of the day when he flew his Sbach Aerobatic plane in the nasty cross wind. The important thing is that he managed a good landing. Well done Joswel.

The AFM carried out an immaculate manoeuvre. Landing straight on the centre of our runway they executed a drill where one of the crew was hurled down on the tarmac. He was later picked up by the same line. This drill made the day a memorable one for those participating and their guests. The M.M.A.F.A thanks The Commander A.F.M. Brigadier Clinton O'Neill and the crew of the Alouette Helicopter for their support.



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The model that attracted most attention was Ronald Carbonaro's Viper Jet. A giant scale model that incorporates state of the art technology the Viper jet is powered with a Jet Italia—Kaiman series- turbine engine with a thrust of 22 kilos.



Photo by Joe Briffa

It was evident that there is a strong return to Helicopters at the flying field. These are equipped with the latest technological features.

Pilots showed their capabilities when flying these models to their extreme characteristics. The talent and skill of our pilots would impress spectators even in air shows held overseas.

The Committee would like to encourage and support these pilots to compete in international events



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The FLY FOR FUN event was well-attended with some 40 different models. A real fun day that the gusty wind could not disturb.

The ambient with the Mdina Cathedral as a back drop was wonderful. Watching all these enthusiasts sharing their experience in model building and flying was overwhelming.

The Committee thanks all its members for their strong support.

The Viper took to the sky in early afternoon with a threatening cross wind gusting at 15 knots.

Ronald flew the Viper to perfection landing the model in a smooth flair.

No small task when one considers the difficult conditions.



Photo courtesy of Matthew Gauci

Another model that caught the eye was Simon Mallia's Heli.

The Decoda H72 is powered by a JetCat Turbine PTH3..

The model is produced by Vario and is so realistic that when photographed from a close distance, it is hard to distinguish from the full scale.

Simon hovered the Decoda challenging the windy conditions.



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