



# M.M.A.F.A.

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## Hello Members and flyers.

Been some time since last Newsletter! However activity was high as flyers and members enjoy the extensive facilities available at our flying site. Notwithstanding the heat waves we had to put up with, attendance and flying have been remarkably high with activity taking place from the early morning hours to the very late at night. Young members seem to have established their 'time slot' to pursue their art, thus finding a way for peaceful co-existence for all flying disciplines. This is real time manifestation of the Association's aims which says the following :

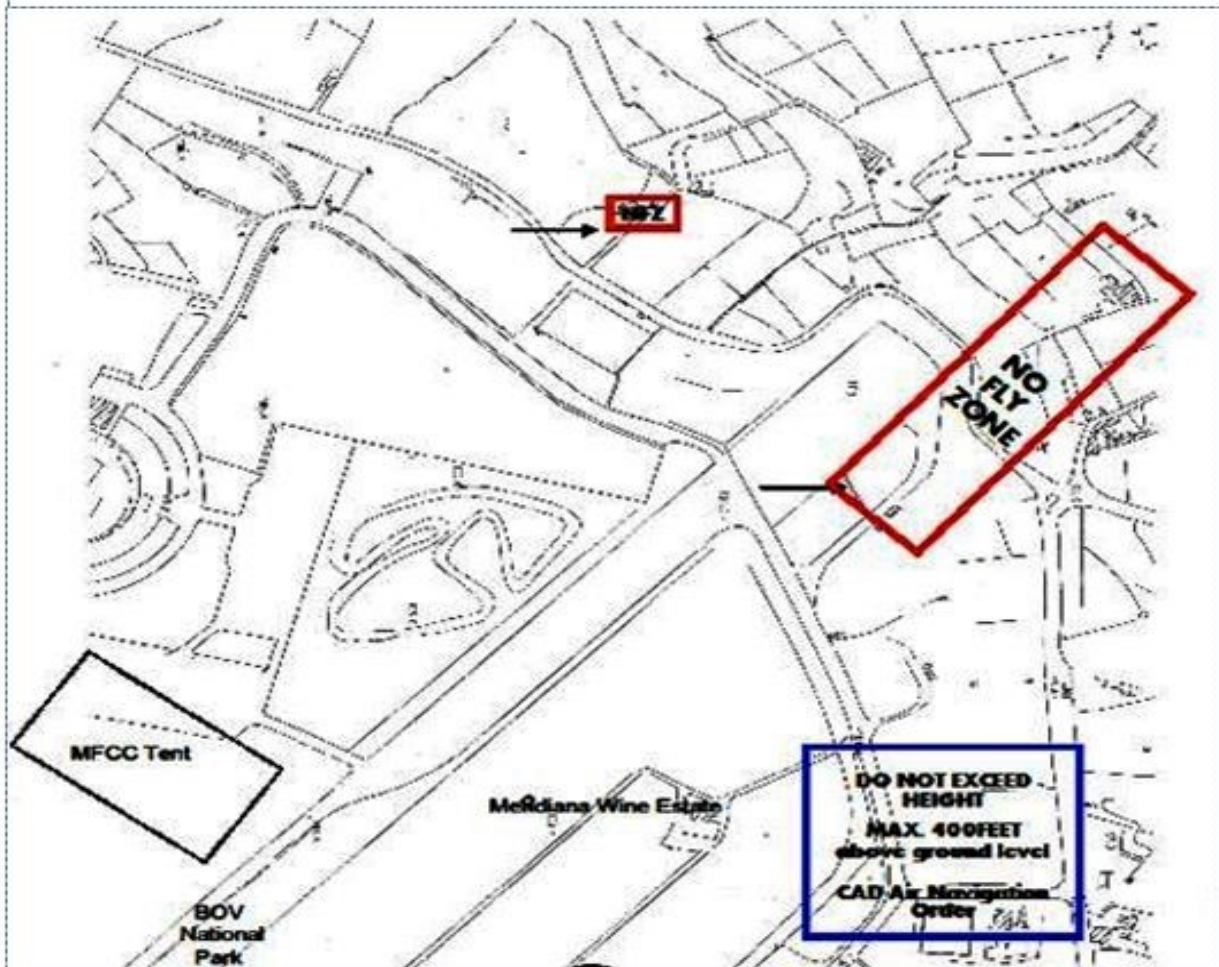
The aims of the Association are to foster friendship and understanding between model aircraft enthusiasts, young and old alike and also to promote a general interest in aviation especially the acquisition of a more intimate knowledge of the physics of flight, model aircraft engines, electronics and the operation of radio control equipment.

### Looking after our lovely flying site:

Keeping and maintaining the site in such a high standard comes at a price. There are monthly recurrent expenses to be met and members are urged to keep AND HELP in keeping our Flying Site clean and safe. Unfortunately one can still see litter, coffee cups and plastic bottles on the floor especially in the parking area. This is not good. Fortunately there are a few people who care and are known to have taken initiatives to clean and tidy up the place. We would like to see more members helping for your collective benefit. It will save the Association good money and make our presence more enjoyable.

## 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 would like to remind 'members' who are not in possession of a valid Membership Card that they are NOT covered by Insurance. No one is ever allowed to fly at The Malta Model Aircraft Association Flying Field without Insurance. Failure to comply may lead to serious consequences. Members are urged to report any case of infringement to the Committee.**



## Current Affairs

### August BBQ

#### **The M.M.A.F.A. Barbeque is set for the 5th August :)**

Take note of this important date to meet fellow members and friends in a festive atmosphere while users may avail themselves of free charcoal for this special occasion. 'COOK FOR FREE' ... once again :)

The Association's BBQ is of course not big enough to cater for all attendees, so it may be a good idea to bring along your personal BBQ to avoid delays. Members who opt to bring in their BBQ are still entitled to free charcoal (starters excluded).

#### **Runway surface maintenance & garbage collection:**

Runway maintenance is being carried out throughout the year at sunrise, and summer is no exception. Regular weed spraying, debris collection and cutting of the long tough weeds at the North West approach zone paid off. Flyers can enjoy a safe and smooth runway throughout the year.

Garbage collection is a cost issue too. Sometimes we have to bring the collector twice in a month! This is not for free either!

The Committee is considering organizing 'cleaning events' so as to keep the place safe and clean while controlling expenditure.

Prices for services go up from year to year and we have to be very careful with our money. The Association survives from Membership Fees and as the annual accounts show, it is a struggle to make ends meet.

Ideas and initiatives are appreciated.

**DO YOUR PART.**



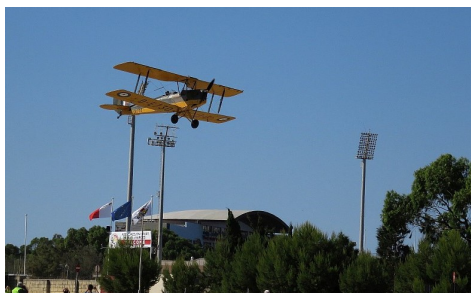
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- "When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." Unknown Philosopher

### **And the Tiggy takes to the sky again 10/07/2017**



### **Safety and Behavior**

Our first priority is safety for all Club members, visitors and other third parties. This is closely followed by considerate behavior towards all fellow members. Respect the guidelines and wishes of the Committee as we work hard towards your safety and enjoyment. We again remind that the Committee can be contacted by email on [info@mmafataqali.com](mailto:info@mmafataqali.com) on club matters / issues.

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. Let's appreciate and enjoy what we have achieved together.

**Be proud to form a part of Malta's oldest and  
Greatest Model Flying Club**

Best wishes to all our members, Fly Safe and enjoy