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

As Autumn creeps in while Summer cools and slides silently away we realize that it 's been some time since the last Newsletter publication. However we never actually lost touch as important notices were issued regularly to keep you members well informed of current and important affairs.

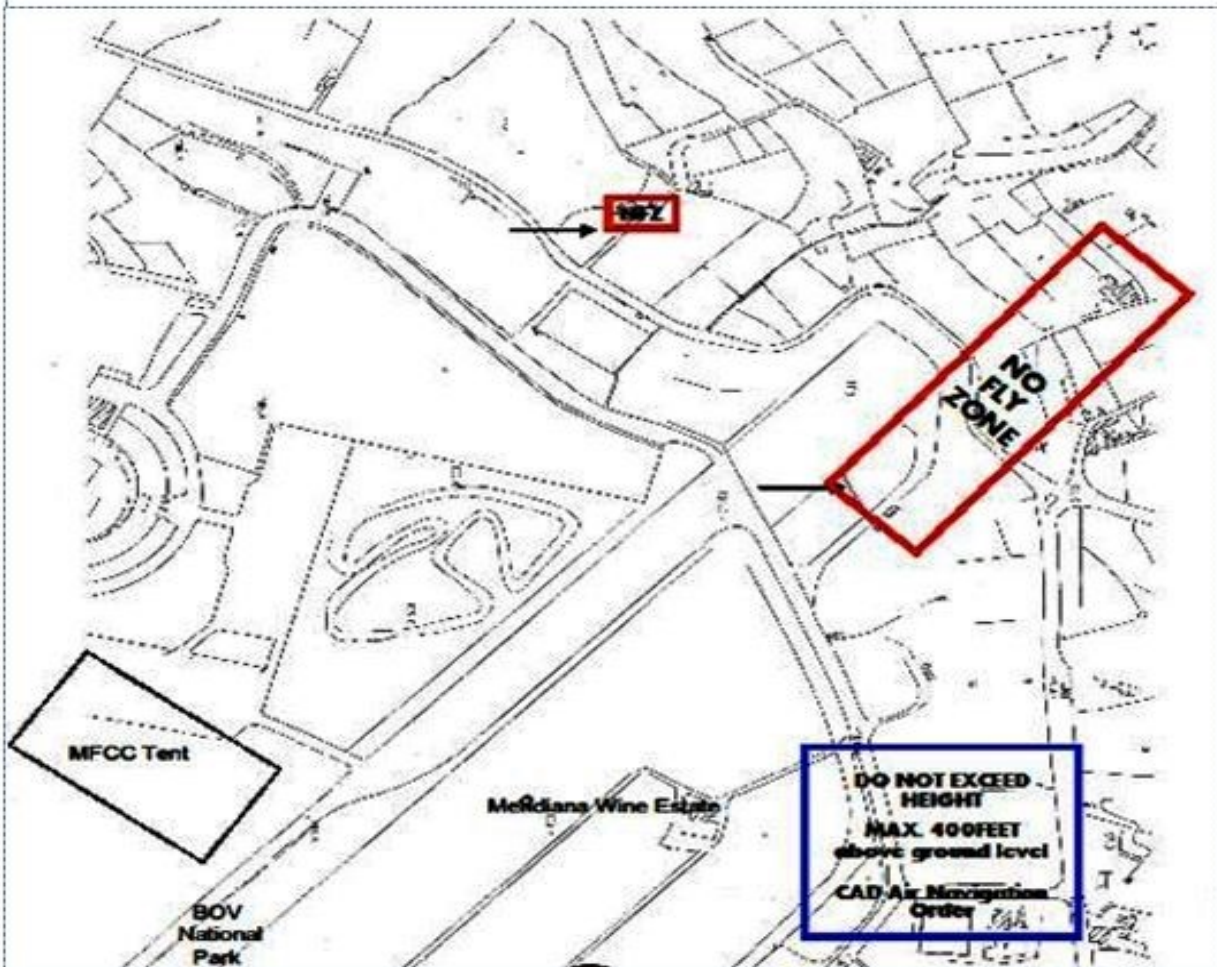
Site maintenance was carried out throughout the summer so as to keep our site in top form for members to enjoy. Grass was kept at bay by regular weeding, very low branches which were causing problems were trimmed off, dry and stubborn shrubs running along the runway perimeter were cut off and new bins replaced the old ones which were 'eaten' by rust. Once on this subject we would like co operation to keep the place clean. The bins are there to be used for refuse generated through the use of the site etc. It 's OK to throw coffee cups, drink bottles etc., however the bins are not the place to dispose of car parts and other domestic waste!

One other thing which is on our maintenance short list, is **the fence**. Unfortunately funds do not allow for a downright upgrade of the fence; so we 're repairing and changing the broken parts. We are talking to two people who can do the repairs for us. Ideas and quotations are still coming in and the most advantageous will be selected. The idea is to have the fence repaired as soon as possible.

The **drinks machine** also needs replacement with a modern and more power efficient machine. Steps are being taken towards this end, however one of the problems is finding a machine which goes through the door. Most of them are too large to go through!

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 MMAFA has been invited to participate in the forthcoming 'Military Mtarfa' event by setting up a static display of World War II era scale model aircraft. The event shall be held on Sunday, 16th October 2016 at St. Nicholas Secondary School (Ex David Bruce Naval Hospital) opening to the public at 10 am. Members who are interested in participating are kindly requested to send an email to [in-fo@mmafataqali.com](mailto:info@mmafataqali.com) by 30 September 2016



Current Affairs

HELICOPTER MEET

The Helicopter meet is scheduled for Saturday 1st October. Our heli flyers are invited to participate in this full day event while members are urged to show their support by attending to this special event.

One can rest assured that we have very talented helicopter flyers who can offer a spectacle with their models' agility, speed, maneuverability and above all their flying skills!

COMPETITIONS

John Earland and Multiplex. It's time to consider these two important annual events. Dates are Saturday 15th October for the John Earland Scale Trophy and 5th November for the Multiplex Aerobatic Trophy. Entry is free, however competitors should register their interest as soon as possible and certainly not later than two weeks prior the date of the event.

Model Engineer Exhibition at the Gozo Sports Complex

The Malta Model Flying Association has been invited to participate in The Model Engineer Exhibition, Gozo. The event will be held on the 22nd and 23rd October. Models will be housed overnight at the Sports Complex, with a watchman present. Tables / barriers etc, will be provided. The CEO of the Sports Board is working on inviting the President of Malta, and doing a voluntary collection by the public attending with the proceeds going to the Community Chest Fund. He will also be launching a new Sports Scheme at the event.

Kindly register your interest with the MMAFA at your earliest.

Attendance Register

Most of us knew that someday we will all be required to sign in our attendance at Ta Qali... Just like everybody does elsewhere! Well, here it is now. Very soon, a register will appear in the Club House wherein members will be required to sign on arrival at the flying site. The information required is the Date, Time in, and Model. It only take a minute to do. This system of keeping an attendance record already exists in many local clubs and widespread abroad. Your co-operation is once again solicited and anticipated.



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Calendar of Events

Heli Meet	01/10/2016
J. Earland Trophy	15/10/2016
Open Day W/E	TBA
Jet meet	TBA
Multiplex Trophy	05/11/2016
Christmas Drinks	TBA
Christmas Dinner	TBA

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 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.

Members must close the club house, toilet and the main gate before leaving. The responsibility falls on the last member leaving the site

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