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FLIGHT BRIEFING

EDITORIAL

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Looking back at the last newsletter, the Chairman wrote:

January - what a month! The rain continues to fall, preventing us from flying at Macca. Although the track remained dry and the drain has been working well, The field is just a (very) wet field, so we have been restricted to flying at Wilden for the time being.

Well, since then a lot has changed:

Covid 19 brought with it the lockdown, and as soon as lockdown came into force, the weather improved and dried the field at Macca. *Buutt!!!!...* We were locked down and could not take advantage of the fine weather during that time

During Lockdown, Ivel MAC Members found a variety of ways time to occupy themselves:

Some involved themselves in quizzes on the Whatsapp group.

Others took the opportunity to do some building to increase their squadron of models by building or buying models. Regret too many to include pictures of all of them. Some members have built sheds to increase the hangerage space for the increased size of their squadrons.

However, during that time Frank, our club member who cuts the grass at Macca for us and maintains the tractor continued to work on his engineering equipment to improve our grass cutting



equipment, the gang mower. He made the equipment to sharpen the blades, and he repaired and replaced various worn parts.

By the time that Covid 19 restrictions were relaxed enough to permit flying again, Frank had managed to refit the gang mower to the tractor, and with help, had cut the grass ready for you to use Macca,

We all owe Frank a round of thanks for his sterling efforts. If you do see him at the field remember to thank him for all his efforts.

As we all know, Coronavirus has been a big shock to everyone, all around the world. It has affected us all in what, how and when we do things. It will continue to affect us for a long time to come.

For our part, we need to be vigilant and maintain the distancing precautions when we go flying.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

After putting out an email requesting help with cutting down the weeds at the edge of the track at Macca. I was pleased to see a quarter of the membership turn up, full of enthusiasm.

After two and a half hours of hard graft we had cleared the whole track. Those that were unable to wield any of the three trimmers were busy raking the cuttings into clumps. Three trimmers I hear you ask?



Well thanks are due to Tim Oakley, not only did he supply a generator man enough to power two electric trimmers, he also donated the generator to the club. Thanks Tim! and thanks to Bill for being caretaker of it.

While all this was going on, Frank was busy mowing the grass again, and I have to say that the field has never looked better. Thanks Frank!

Don't worry if for whatever reason you missed out on this session, because the next working party will be to clear the parking area at Wilden. I have a feeling I may be looking at **"pressed"** volunteers.

Thanks again to everyone that helped out. It is very much appreciated. Give yourselves a big pat on the back.

SAFETY

With my safety hat on, regrettably I need to remind members to operate safely and carefully. Please have another look at the BMFA Handbook and Club Rules to remind yourself and ensure you abide by them.

Simple things like using a restraint, only connecting the battery in the pits area, ensuring the failsafe is working correctly and that your range check is performed for each model you fly.

Another thing, I know I mentioned it last time, we should all try and do is to have a working throttle cut switch. It is very easy to knock the throttle when moving between the pits and the flight-line.

NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM)

Although we have a NOTAM for **both** of our sites which means that passing full-size aircraft **should** be aware of our presence. The validity has now been extended until 20 July 2020

As a reminder, the effect of a NOTAM being published **does not mean that full-size aircraft are prohibited** from the airspace around our NOTAMed airspace. It also means that occasionally the pilot of a full-size aircraft may contact the designated club contact person to advise he may be passing by. The intent is that we will advise members promptly by text whenever this occurs. It has already happened several times although we are not always advised of the time. Nevertheless, KEEP A LOOK-OUT.

CAA REGISTRATION -- Display of Operator No.

At the AGM members agreed to a change to the Constitution that spells out clearly that as we are affiliated to the BMFA, and in order to comply with the law, all our members are to be registered with the CAA.

Furthermore, each member will have to display their Operator ID on or in each model in order to fly.

So, no Operator ID = No flying.

A simple method is to write on a piece of masking tape with a permanent felt pen and stick it on or in each model.

This is a legal requirement and it will be policed internally by members of the committee.

WEBSITE www.ivelmac.club

The Ivel MAC website has been instrumental in attracting quite a few new members to the club over the last few years. As well as giving basic information about our club to prospective members, it also holds information and provides links that may be useful to all club members.

There is a page with recent Club News and another with information about Upcoming Events. In addition, there is an extensive Photo Gallery with a collection of pics recent and old, listed under different sections. There is also a download page which has Ivel MAC newsletters from the last few years as well as links to various BMFA publications that you may find useful for reference. Currently there is another page which show information and give links to CAA Regulations and registration.

If you have an idea for addition content, please speak to a member of the committee outlining your suggestion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BBQ and Competitions

No dates selected so far, (possibly August, Covid 19 restrictions permitting) but see the next page for information about the competitions.

COMPETITIONS 2020

Scale Competition - Sunday 26 July

Derek has agreed to organise another scale day, and this time there will be an element of competition involved. It will be at Macca on **Sunday 26 July**, after he has settled in after his house move. No other events will be planned for the day.

Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and will be notified and also shown on the website.

Glider Competition - TBD

Paul Jones has agreed to run glider comps again in 2020. These may include other formats in addition to the way they were run in 2019,. Possibilities include; unpowered gliders using a winch or bungee. as well as a separate event electric self powered launching as before. Paul is anxious to use to the winch owned by the club and being refurbished by Roland and Paul also has use of another winch.

Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and will be notified and also shown on the website.

Racing competition - TBD

Over the last two years the racing comp consisted of a number of rounds over a number of days and weekends. Therein lies the problem, because it's not just all the racers that have to make themselves available each time, but also the helpers. Trying to organise a date and time when everyone is available and when the weather is suitable is not a simple task.

The entry has been limited to 8 Contestants, and it is intended to be completed on a single day, as a knock-out competition. The model chosen is a Wing Wing Z84 and most of the 8 contestants have already flown and set up their racer.

Covid 19 precautions prevented the competition being held on the original planned date. Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and will be notified and also shown on the website.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020

Officers of the Club

Chairman: Paul Goodwin*
 Secretary: Neil Goodwin
 Treasurer: Richard Warner
 Safety Officer: Paul Goodwin*

Other committee members

Paul Jones
 Derek Chapman
 Roy Rogers
 Bill Edwards

INSTRUCTORS

Here is the list of instructors:

Paul Goodwin	Ken Staynor
Paul Careless	Derek Chapman
Roy Rogers	Ollie Emery

Until the next time