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Welcome to the first newsletter of the year which promises to be nice and sunny with plenty of good flying weather for all to enjoy.

Last year's AGM was very well attended with only 10 members not attending; the club thanks Ann and Len for the refreshments which now seem to be a yearly commitment. With the absence of Mike Davey I was in a panic over obtaining keys etc. and did not have time to arrange the hot drinks etc., will try to do better this year.

The club had 21 members renew their BMFA membership through the club. It would help if all members who want to take up this option try and attend the AGM and pay at the meetings or make sure payment is sent to the treasurer before the 18th December. Our first batch was processed quickly but the few individuals ones took longer to process and used up cheques and postage.

Club membership is now full, the club welcomes those who have been on the waiting list as provisional members and apologies to the provisional members who have not gained full membership, only two provisional moved to full membership this year, I told you it would take a time.

The 2013 version of Safety at the Flying Field rules is enclosed, this has been updated with the help of BMFA headquarters following an incident at the flying site, please take time to read them fully.

The clubs Constitution is also under review, this can only come into force after the amendments have been presented to, and passed with a majority vote by members at the clubs AGM which will provisionally be held on Saturday the 1st December 2013 at Tremail Methodist Hall.

What's on for the coming year...?

The club will attend the BMFA Sub Area committee meetings as it has done on the past, the first was on Friday 15th February. Dates were set for the inter club competitions they are, Scale at St.Austell on 11th May, Fun fly at Redruth on 26th May, Aerobatic at Truro on 7th July and Vintage at Truro on 8th September. Full minutes of the meeting will be posted on the clubs web site when published

For those who have been on site recently you would have benefited from the shelter provided by the temporary gazebo purchased by the club and erected by the safety officer, a thanks to him for bringing to and taking from site each time he arrives, we will all appreciate this as the only shaded area on the site during the hot sunny days to come.

The 2013 Safety at the Flying Field asks members to act as safety officer if he or a club officer is not present, please try and be proactive in supporting this cover.

A reminder that the club is fortunate to have two club examiner's for 2013, if members want to take the BMFA "A" or "B" achievement qualification or would like any help or advice in preparation for attaining one would they please speak to one of the clubs officers.

June, July and August will be full sun; these months are when Leeds University plan to be on the airfield and surrounding moor conducting precipitation formation in the cloud experiments and observations using a combination of ground radar and aircraft flying through cloud formation. The ground radar will probably be sited near the control tower, not sure what effect it will have on our radio gear but a permanent ground radar station exists at the Predanic Airfield on the Lizard peninsula where there is an active flying club. The system will not be running every day, the radar equipment will be removed from site each evening, and we hope members will be able to approach the installation to check to see if it is operational.

A local company, Cornwall Model Boats based in Camelford is willing to offer discount to club membership, orders must be placed online but can be collect by arrangement. When an order is placed you will need to add your club membership number to the order and take your membership card when collecting ordered items.

Safe landings