



Davidstow Model Flying Club

Newsletter

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and after the wind and rain that has been falling at the beginning of the year we should hopefully have a good few days.

The club held its 2013 AGM in early December with 18 members attending together with two visitors, apologies were received from six members. For those who did not attend the club officers are the same as 2013 except for the treasurer John Cobb who advised he would be stepping down, the treasurer is now Trevor Prichard.

Discussions on flying field rules took place and members decided to ask the committee to instigate changes to them, below are the changes for the 2014 season, the full rule document will be posted on the club's web site, e-mailed to members and posted to those who cannot receive e-mails.

Members also approved the updated constitution posted to all prior to the AGM, this is on the web site for download, if you want hard copy sent by post please contact the club secretary.

Main changes to the flying field rules

2. If when leaving the main road and reaching the end of the runway aircraft are in the air, members should stop in the vehicle, put on the hazard lights and wait to be beckoned to the pit /parking area by either the safety officer, safety officer's assistant or by a club member who has assumed the role of safety officer.

3. The flying area is north of the tarmac runway, facing Davidstow Creamery; 3D helicopter pilots must stand at least 30 paces off the main runway towards the Creamery and should not take-off if other aircraft are airborne. The areas to the south which are either side of the Pit area can be overflown for take-off and landings from and to the runway if wind direction dictates it, these areas should not be used for general flying.

The two areas above can also be used for bungee launches and for helicopter pilots who are learning the basic hover, they must ensure the area chosen is not the one being used on the day as the take-off or landing flyover area and they must stand at least ten paces away from the helicopter. The two areas will be designated by the Safety Officers in the first instance.

8. At the start of each day's flying session a range check for each model must be performed on site, this applies to all frequency bands.

Club fees remain at £10-00 for the year and need to be paid by the end of January 2014 to retain membership status, membership cards will be sent out during the coming week for those who have paid as country members and to those who joined the BMFA through the club at the AGM as soon as the documents arrive from BMFA head office.

A reminder that the 2013 membership card is valid until the end of January, hopefully before that the club will know how many will not be renewing.

Would the provisional members please note the Safety Officers Mobile telephone number has changed to **07843896611**, would you now please use this to advise your presence on site as outlined in the club's constitution. The safety Officer thanks those who adhered to this procedure although he does find it very hard to carry on with his day job when you are on site enjoying the "perfect day".

The club will be represented at the Sub Area committee meetings, if members want any topics raised please contact the secretary.

Thanks to Darren Mee and Dave Perrett who again have volunteered to be club examiners for another year.

Enjoy the year ahead Safe landings