

# UKF3A-Aerobatics

*Improve your flying, your plane, and your fun.*

## **Pilots Notes**

We are a group of RC model flyers who have found that we can get more enjoyment and longevity out of our aeromodelling hobby by trying to improve our flying together.

Was that loop round? Did that really spin? How do I fly a stall turn properly?

We do travel a little and fly in the cold and wind on occasion.

We believe this will enhance your enjoyment of aeromodelling and would like you to join us.

So, we have begun to arrange a number of relaxed events around the UK where we invite you come and fly with us. The days will make as much use of the flyable weather as we can and fly one at a time so you have space.

On site we will have experienced flyers who will be able to offer some one-to-one mentoring just at the level you want and on topics that interest you.

We will endeavour to also to have on site a couple of static exotic state of the art F3a Competition planes for you to get close and personal with and learn about.

Better flying starts with preparation and set up of your aeroplane. Our mentors will be able to help with this whether it is servo setup, C of G position, prop choice, wheel retention or even the dark arts of transmitter mixing and flight modes.

Opportunities will be available to fly a well-trimmed aerobatic model on a buddy system.

We will be able to help you prepare for your BMFA B certificate and at some venues also offer an opportunity to take the test.

## **The format for the day will be:**

Pilot Briefing 9.00am.

1. Rules of the field
2. Roll call
3. Explain the "flying area"
4. Safety Briefing

It may be that there are some demo flights throughout the day if requested

Pilots should confirm with their mentors their intentions for the flight before they start their engines.

There is no rush when you are called to fly.

Take off and land into wind, do not rush your take off.

## **First flights**

Each pilot will be introduced to their mentor and has a fly to calm any nerves. After the model has been recovered to the pits you can discuss any safety or protocol issues and ask any questions with your mentor.

Prior to your second flight prepare a plan with your mentor.

## **After the second round of flights we all meet to check on:**

Everyone's thoughts and if we are doing what was expected.

Is everyone happy?

Are pilots getting out of the day what they want?

Are any demos required?

Continue with as many flights as possible during the day.

Use as much time as possible to get the most from the day.

## **Notes:**

We suggest you bring with you: A chair, food and drink. Suggested £5.00 to cover the cost of the event, your BMFA Card or proof of insurance. Your model and flying gear of course and maybe a sheet to protect your model and gear in case of rain.

It will help if you give some thought to what you would like to achieve during the day.

The weather could be an issue, so final decisions about the format for the day will be made at the Pilots Briefing and we will all come to a consensus.

Models should be assembled and fuelled ready to fly before the Pilots Briefing which is scheduled for 9.00am.

The aim of the day is to have fun, learn some new things ranging from improving your model's setup and learning some techniques for flying better, to reducing the need to reach for that black bin bag!

Most of all we hope you have an enjoyable day!

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