

Lancaster and Morecambe Model Aircraft Club



New Members Information Pack 2010



Welcome to Lammac, the longest running model aircraft club in the area. Inside this information pack you will find everything you need to know about the club, from who is who on the committee, to when the club meetings are held. We hope you enjoy your membership with us and if you have any questions or queries after reading the following information, please do contact us.

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Membership Details

Membership to the club runs for twelve months. The cost is £69.00 for Senior Flyers or £29.00 for Juniors (up to 16 years of age), non-flying members is £5.00, and this includes the following facilities:

- 12 months membership
- 12 months Liability Insurance up to £5,000,000 of cover. (Including personal injury cover) via the BMFA
- Use of the flying strip and field
- We now operate a shared frequency system, whereby you are required to share your allocated frequency number with another member (this doubles our membership capacity) N.B. ***You Are Required To Provide Your Own Crystals.***



LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

CONSTITUTION

GENERAL

The club shall be call The Lancaster And Morecambe Model Aircraft Club (LAMMAC) and shall be affiliated to the British Model Flying Association.

The club's principal aim shall be the promotion of safe and responsible model aircraft flying.

All members, without exception, must obey all club rules. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the club which may result in dismissal.

All full (flying) members of LAMMAC must also be members of the British Model Flying Association and must be able to supply evidence of this membership on request.

When there is a joint meeting of LAMMAC and any other club, that other club must be able to produce evidence of adequate insurance cover before members of that club shall be allowed to fly.

Members may invite a guest on no more that two occasions each year. However, before being allowed to fly the guest must:

- a. Provide evidence of adequate insurance, or
- b. Fly on the 'buddy box' with the master pilot being a member of LAMMAC and an approved BMFA instructor or holding the BMFA 'B' Certificate.

c. Have read the club's safety rules.

A member may be made a life member for extensive services to the club by a majority ballot of members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

The committee has the right to refuse membership to new applicants.

New members shall be required to serve a probationary period of 6 (six) months and may have their membership terminated at the discretion of the committee for unsatisfactory conduct.

New member's subscriptions shall be subject to status and date of joining, plus any joining fee all of which may be decided at the AGM. Membership fees will be reduced to half as from the 1st of June each year. Membership fees for non-flying or social members shall be £5. Such members shall have no voting rights nor will they be eligible to serve on the committee.

Club fees will be reduced to 50% in June for new members. Existing members will be discouraged from joining late in the year and taking advantage and if this persistently happens the member not be allowed to re join at the committees discretion.

Members who fail to pay their fees by 31st January including, where appropriate, the element relating to the BMFA subscription, will automatically be struck from the register of members and barred from flying with LAMMAC until their annual fee has been received by the Treasurer.

Person letting their membership lapse for more than three months shall be required to re-apply for membership and pay any administrative charge which may be from time to time decided by the club at its AGM

All field and safety regulations will be reviewed annually at the AGM unless an emergency requires urgent action. They will be binding on all members. The field safety rules are supplementary to those laid out by the BMFA compliance with which is mandatory within LAMMAC.

Any complaint concerning any member must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). This written complaint must then be forwarded to the secretary for discussion at the next committee meeting.

Where appropriate, and if the complaint is upheld at the committee meeting, the offending member will be advised in writing of the complaint made against him/her and told what he/she must do to correct it. Failure to take corrective action may result in a ban for a specific period of time or dismissal. The committee may, in any case,

summarily dismiss any member whose actions put the activities of the club in jeopardy, are in breach of the law or involve violence.

Any member dismissed or disciplined in accordance with paragraphs 15/16 above will have the right to appeal at an AGM or an EGM which the committee will call on his behalf at a mutually agreeable date time and place when a final decision will be reached as a result of a majority vote of attending members.

Any alteration to this Constitution can be made only at an AGM or EGM in accordance with the club's rules relating to voting and conduct of meetings.

The committee can spend no more than £500 in any one year and for the good of the club without reference to the general membership, not including the "normal" annual costs such as field rent, and insurance.

FLYING

The Committee, Officers and Instructors will be responsible for the running of the flying field at all times in accordance with the club's safety rules. Appointment to the position of instructor or examiner can be made only by a Committee decision.

All members are encouraged to attain the minimum standards of flying required by the BMFA 'A' Certificate

Any member whose flying falls below the minimum standard for unsupervised flying must rejoin the training scheme until the desired standard is once more achieved.

COMMITTEE

The club's committee shall consist of not fewer than five nor more than nine members including the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of the majority of committee members but must include at least two members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman (who shall also be the Club Safety Officer), Secretary, competition secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman will be the Club's liaison officer with the BMFA.

The Committee shall be elected from written nominations (which are proposed and seconded) by a majority of full members present, to serve for one calendar year.

In the event of a position on the Committee becoming vacant, the Executive Committee may co-opt a replacement until the next AGM. The person will be selected by a majority vote of Committee Members.

Members elected to office shall have full voting rights. In the event of a tie in any vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

No member shall hold the office of Chairman for more than three consecutive years.

The Committee reserve the right to carry out negotiations and make decisions in the interest of the club and/or its members where necessary without consulting the full membership. In this case 'where necessary' means where there is insufficient time to call an EGM or where the decision is of a minor nature and does not cost more than £100.

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall each submit a sample of his signature for banking reference purposes. Money may be withdrawn from the club funds only by cheque signed by not less than two of the above nominated executives.

Any member of the Committee who is absent from more than three consecutive Committee Meetings without reasonable cause shall forfeit his seat on the Committee.

If a Committee Member becomes involved in court proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in his representative capacity on behalf of the club, as opposed to his capacity as a private individual, the club will indemnify him in respect of any fines or damages awarded against him.

In the event of a Committee Member being awarded damages or costs in the course of proceedings taken by him in his representative capacity on behalf of the club, such damages or costs will belong to the club and that member will pay them to the treasurer immediately upon receipt.

Any Committee Member wishing to resign should do so in writing.

Voting and Conduct of Meetings

A quorum shall be not less than one quarter of the full membership (excluding social and non-flying members).

All formal meetings shall have an Agenda and be minuted. For meetings other than the AGM or EGM, subjects for discussion must be given to the Secretary not less than 14 days in time for him to give members reasonable notice of that subject.

For the AGM or any EGM, subject to the vagaries of the post, the Secretary shall issue the agenda to each voting member not less than 28 days before the meeting, excluding day of post and day of service. Any amendments to proposals contained in the Agenda must reach the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting. Amendments to proposals will be voted upon first.

Voting will be by a show of hands by eligible members unless any member requests a secret ballot. Proxy votes will be allowed but postal votes will not.

The Committee, through the Chairman may require any person to leave the meeting in the event of that person disrupting the meeting.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

In the event of the club's dissolution, members will receive a refund of their fees pro rata for the year. Any balance shall be subject to an EGM. All members shall be given a final statement of accounts.

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FIELD & SAFETY RULES

All flyers must read and sign these rules.

2.4gig transmitters must display a black pendent.

All flyers must observe field discipline and comply with Air Navigation Orders, all relevant BMFA safety codes and Civil Aviation publication (CAP) 658.

On matters requiring an immediate decision, the responsibility for that decision lies with the Safety Officer or a member of the Executive Committee.

In accordance with paragraph 20 of the Constitution. no member shall be allowed to fly unsupervised unless he hold the BMFA 'A' Certificate.

All flying must be carried out with due consideration to other pilots, particularly those in training to whom precedence will be given except in any emergency.

No more than 6 aircraft shall be airborne at any one time.

Except in an emergency, no flying will be carried out over the pits or in the 'No-Fly' area as designated in Annex 'A' to these rules.

Once their aircraft is airborne, all flyers must move to the 'Pilots Box' as designated by the sign.

The frequency system in use is the 'Peg-Off'. Flyers must not switch on their transmitters unless they hold the peg of the relevant frequency.

Transmitter aerials must remain retracted unless the model is being flown.

Transmitters should not be taken away from the flight line when retrieving an aircraft, unless to do so would aid the retrieval.

Should an aircraft go out of control in any area where there is danger to people on the ground, then a warning must be shouted.

All accidents shall be reported to the safety officer who shall keep a record of the event recording, as far as can be ascertained,

- a. Pilot's details.
- b. The reason (e.g. Pilot error, engine failure, structural failure, suspected interference, etc.)
- c. General area of the crash (to give any substance to the claim of interference).
- d. Details of any damage to people, livestock or property. If such damage may even possibly result in civil or criminal action, or involve costs of any sort to the club or any of its members, then a full investigation will be carried out by the Safety Officer and at least one other member of the Executive Committee and a written report submitted to the Chairman for onward transmission to the BMFA

Before starting an engine, the aircraft must be properly restrained and the pilot must ensure that other people in the immediate vicinity are behind the propeller arc.

No engine is to be left unattended whilst it is running. Electric engines must be disconnected or isolated in the pit area so they cannot run.

All aircraft must comply with the Department of the Environment Noise Code which requires noise emissions to be 82 dB or less at a distance of 7 (seven) metres from the aircraft..

Any aircraft having a fail-safe mode should set the throttle to idle, or 'stop' in the case of electric motors.

Before take-off, all pilots must ensure that flyers already in the air are aware of the intent and have given clearance.

All flyers intending to land must give a clear warning to other flyers by calling loudly "**LANDING**"! Other pilots must then ensure that they are clear of the landing area.

In the event of an engine failure, the pilot must call loudly "**Dead Stick**" at which time all other pilots will give absolute priority to the pilot in trouble.



Meeting Dates

Meetings begin at 19.30hrs , we will contact you if there are any changes to the time or dates. The AGM begins at 7.30pm. The bar is open for refreshments. The location will be advised.

Dates:

AGM. Thurs 25 Nov 2010 starting at 19:30

Club nights:

Feb 25 19.30hrs

May27 19:30hrs

Aug 26 19:30hrs



Competitions

We try to hold a number of competitions each year, these include:

The bomb drop: this exciting and fun activity gives everyone a laugh including those who get it really wrong! The competition requires a little skill, although it is still great fun for the novice, and it is the only competition where you are allowed to be assisted in take off and landing for all those of a nervous disposition. You are required to have a cup placed upon your model, which contains a lammac bomb (golf ball) and your aim is to release the ball from the cup by any means possible, so that the bomb lands as near to the lammac target as possible. The nearest to the target is the winner.

The Limbo: this fantastic but skilled competition is not for the faint hearted and is open to all members, but unfortunately no assistance is given, so if you want to take your aircraft home in one piece we suggest that you practice first! As the name suggests, you have to fly your model under a line suspended between two poles, on each round this line is lowered. The aim is to get under the line without touching anything. The person who gets their model under the lowest line wins.



Contacts and Committee Members

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Committee members for general enquiries:

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Please visit our website at: www.lammac.org



British Model Flying Association

(Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers Ltd)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP No _____ (If applicable) UNDER 18 YES/NO (Please Delete)

TITLE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SURNAME _____ FORENAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

Telephone: Evening _____ STD Code _____

Telephone: Daytime _____ STD Code _____

Email: _____

Club _____ Club No _____

Disciplines Flown: C/L, F/F, HEL, IND, RCP, RCS, SCA (Please Circle)

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