



Minutes of club Jan 9th 2024

Members attending 44

Meeting started at 8.0 pm

1. We have 141 members so far.
2. Article 16 update - no change from last year
3. NOTAM explained - stands for 'Notice to Airmen', which just informs them of our existence, & that we can be flying over 400 feet
4. Northern area updates. 8th & 9th June is our '50 year fly - in', replaces 'flight fest' (& NA will pay for event)
5. Field events for 2024:
 - May 11 - Achievement
 - June 8 & 9 - 50th Anniversary Bash
 - June 29 - Armed forces day
 - July 20 & 21 - Electric + Retro
 - August 4 - Chairmans fun fly
 - September 14 - C/L carrier deck
 - September 15 - Club scale event
 - October 6 - BMFA scale
 - October 19 - Achievement
6. Club night entertainment:
 - January - nothing arranged
 - February - Swap meet
 - March - CAA explained
 - April - Machine foam cutting
 - May - Spray painting & decor tips & tricks
7. CAA consultation survey. This is to find out if modellers agree or not to proposed changes to future rules. Martin explained some of them:
 - a) RID (Remote I/D) involves fitting of a tracker in your model to tell everyone exactly where your model is so that other flying machines can avoid 'mid airs' (e.g. drones carrying drugs between hospitals or companies delivering goods). These trackers will cost between £100 - £500 + operating costs around £10 per month.
 - b) Geo fencing which will stop models flying in to controlled air space.
 - c) The 'C' categories of drones depends on weight/speed etc.
 - d) Distances from buildings may change.
 - e) Only models over 29kg MUST be insured.Some of these may not come into force before 2028.

8. Club clothing. A new badge - just for this year has been designed & was shown on various shirts, hats etc. & are available from Rob Buckley (club member)
9. A.O.B. none

Meeting closed at 8.45

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