

Hi,

I don't know about you, but it seems to have been a long winter this year. Perhaps it's the memory of such a good summer last year that lingers.

At the end of February I attended the 'meet the BMFA top brass' do at the Hall of Aviation in Southampton. Not having attended one in the past, I didn't know quite what to expect. It was actually all very informative and there were several specific items discussed, the main one being the Policy, Procedures and Guidelines document for the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. Something that is going to affect us all whether we like it or not. Also mentioned was the fact that there were now over 36,000 members in the organisation and the fact that the BMFA had been a leading figure in getting the 35Mhz frequency band for model aircraft adopted throughout Europe (all except one country and no prizes for guessing which one!).

Apart from the meeting itself, there was an opportunity to examine some of the exhibits. I'm ashamed to admit it, but although I have a Southampton postcode I've never been to the museum before. I will definitely be going back again this year for a 'proper' look!

Happy Landings
Ken

What's On

Saturday April 17th

Lancing Indoor R/C Meeting

Lancing Manor Leisure Centre

West Sussex

Details from Tom Gaskin on 01903 531 653

Or tom.gaskin@btopenworld.com

Saturday/Sunday April 17th/18th

Salisbury Free Flight Trimming

Contact Bernard Aslett at 25, Honeyhill, Wooton Bassett, Swindon SN4 7DX to pay fees and get on Army list. Contact Peter Tribe on 01225 862748 on Friday before travelling

Saturday April 24th 19:30

Balsa Brain

Acorn Social Club

Winchester Road

Fairoak, Eastleigh

Details from Terry Mason on 01329 661644 or Roger Bedford on 01962 867116

(see page 4 for details)

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May

BMFA Free Flight Meeting

Salisbury Plain

Contact: Contact Peter Tribe on 01225 862748

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th May

Salisbury Free Flight Trimming

Contact Bernard Aslett at 25, Honeyhill, Wooton Bassett, Swindon SN4 7DX to pay fees and get on Army list. Contact Peter Tribe on 01225 862748 on Friday before travelling

Sunday 9th May

Lords Hill MFC Heli-Fly-in

Contact : Ade Law on 07734 463471 or ade@dynamic-soaring.co.uk

Ian Davis on 02380 693495 or ian@gillian240.fsnet.co.uk

Saturday May 22nd

Salisbury Model Flying Club

Swapmeet at Alderbury Village Hall

10:00—12:00 Adults £3.00, Juniors Free, Tables £6.00 includes admission for one person (pre-booked)

Contact Graham Dean on 01985 248250

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd May

Sandown Symposium

Sandown Racecourse

Esher, Surrey (see advert on page 7)

Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th & Monday 31st May

BMFA Free Flight Nationals

Barkston Heath Nr. Grantham

Contact BMFA or for competition Mike Woodhouse on 01603 457754 or mike@freeflightsupplies.co.uk

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June
LMA Duxford Model Show
Cambridgeshire.
Contact Tony Hooper on 01926 641490

Sunday June 20th 10:00—19:00
BMFA Electric Fly-In.
Winchester Club site
Contact Andy Palmer on 023 92 253761 (see page 6 for details)

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June
Wings and Wheels Model Show
North Weald Airfield, Essex

Sunday 4th July
BEFA Electric Fly-In
Middle Wallop Airfield

Sunday July 4th
BMFA Scale Day and BBQ
Portsmouth and Districts Club site at Thicket Farm
Contact Doreen Palmer at doreen.palmer@vtplc.com

Sunday 18th July
BMFA Southern Area
Glider Fly-In
Tangier Farm, Bishop's Waltham (for details see page 5)

Saturday and Sunday 21st/22nd August
Royal Victoria Country Park Hobby Extravaganza
Details from Steve Warren on 01329 832343 or 07979 244247

BMFA Southern Area Committee Meetings, Shedfield Reading Rooms, Shedfield, Southampton, Hants
April 19th, June 1st, September 6th, November 15th (AGM) ALL welcome.

**Southern Area BMFA
Would like to invite you to a BBQ and fly-in at
PADMAC site, Thicket Farm on
4th July 2004**

All are welcome, no competitions, just a good site to fly with a BBQ. Food will be served from 13.00 to 14.00 on the day. Please let Doreen Palmer know by e-mail Doreen.palmer@vtplc.com or Telephone 02392 253761, if you intend coming along, so we can cater appropriately.

If you are unsure of where Thicket Farm is, go to PADMAC website on www.padmac.net where you will find a location map.

Look forward to seeing you

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ON SATURDAY APRIL 24
AT 7.30 pm**

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Details from Terry Mason 01329 661644
tandss@globalnet.co.uk

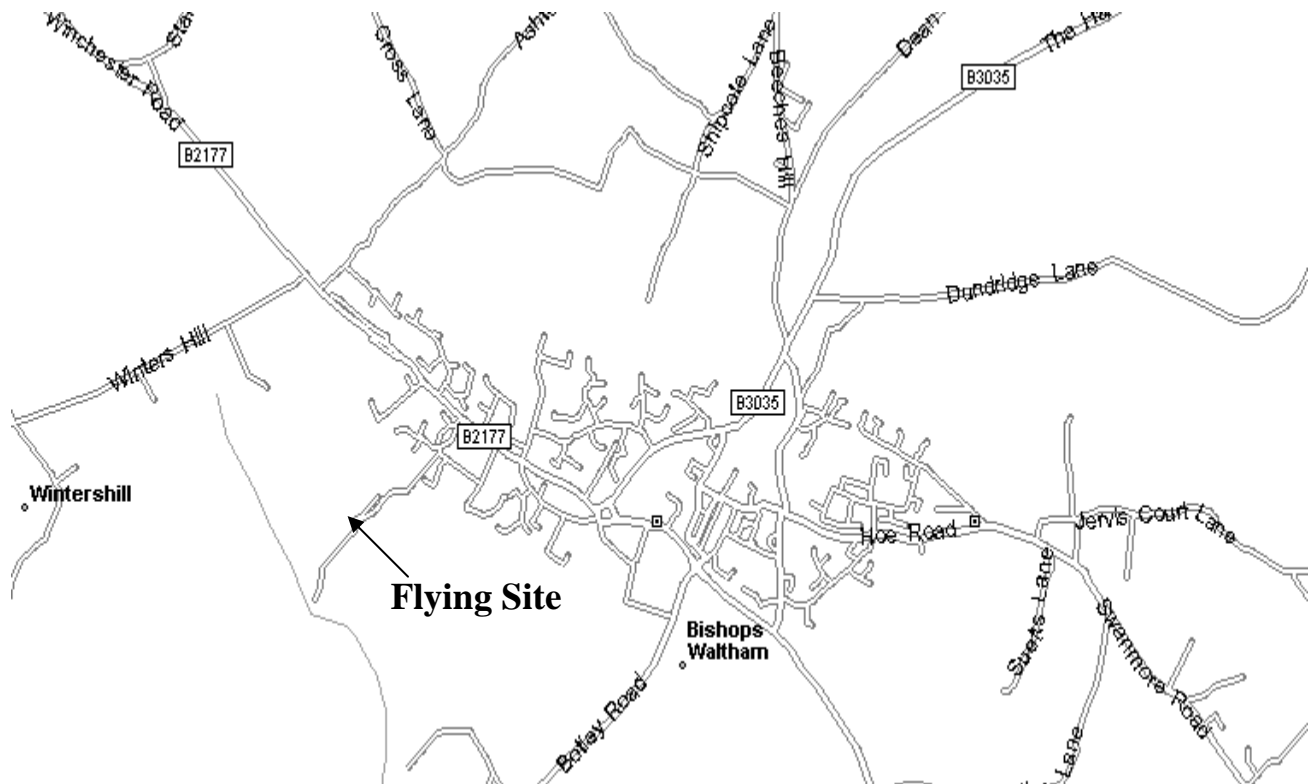
Or

Roger Bedford 01962 867116
rogerb@east18.fsnet.co.uk

B.M.F.A.
Southern Area
Glider Fly-In
Sunday July 18th 10am onwards

**Choice of bungee or winch launch. Separate class for any
Electric glider. All welcome at:**

Tangier Farm, Tangier Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, off B2177



**All frequencies will be used. Entry fee £3 per pilot.
For more information contact: Steve Warren on 01329 832343**

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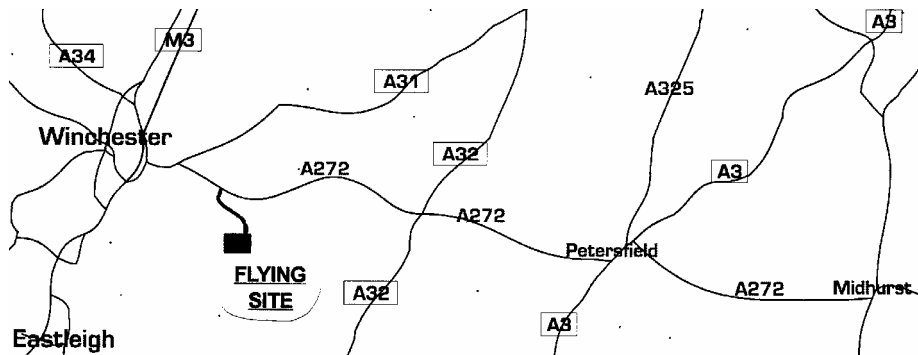
B.M.F.A.
Southern Area
Electric Fly-In

June 20th 10am-5pm

Access off the A272 Winchester to Petersfield road.

Trophies for scale aircraft by popular vote.

**Other trophies. Lunchtime All Up Last Down Comp. Lovely site
courtesy of Winchester MAC with large area of short mown grass. Join
us for a relaxing fly**



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For more information contact Andy Palmer at 92 Durley Ave, Waterlooville, Hants
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