

**Our next meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall at 8pm Monday 3/11/14. This will be a general "get together" plus two models for discussion. Paul will show how he will repair the (crashed) P40! And Bill will show us why he likes the Ultimate. Something different! See you there!**

At our last meeting in the hall, Bill explained the role of the BMF A in trying to ever increase the awareness of safety, by encouraging achievement schemes, which not only improved flying skills, but also carried with it common sense behaviour to protect both flyers and spectators.

It is very easy to get into bad habits, as we get familiar with one special model, and rely on our memories (sometimes faulty!) to get us through the impatient bit as we want to get into the air as soon as we can. Bill recently managed to get a "C" scale achievement award, which is quite a difficult test, but he was surprised to find that flying was not the most important function, but Safety was.

Everything, but everything was covered in the BMF A handbook, which should be READ each time you get an updated copy, and the suggestions adhered to before starting, and before "Take -off". No doubt all of this is "Old hat" to those of us who have been around for a while, but as Bill pointed out, the BMFA has a duty to ensure that we NEVER become a danger to others or ourselves. Taking care, and common sense, will not detract from our "Fun" In fact the opposite is more likely, as successful flights, will give us more satisfaction.

One thing surprised a lot of us, and that is that not all of our club members possess a volt meter and simply charge overnight on the assumption that all is well, and the servo's are moving quickly! Anyway, the message is READ the handbook again, and each time you get a new one!

Paul has been keeping abreast of developments regarding the Solarfarm which has been a potential threat to our well being, and it looks as if the local planning has stopped the idea, good! The committee need nominations for the Alan Banks club trophy, ie someone who has contributed to the club's well being, also, please remember that the club AL WAYS needs speakers for the winter months. Have you told a committee member of your opinion, regards "do we want the "Fun-fly" or not?" The AGM will soon be upon us, so start getting your ideas together.

Cheers Dears, Mike