

# Newsletter

February 2000

Welcome to the first AHA newsletter of the year 2000. As a result of the recent AGM there have been a number of changes to the committee, and these are detailed in the box on the right. Please address any correspondence to the appropriate committee member.

Membership Fees remain at £10.00 for Seniors, and £7.50 for Juniors. A renewal form is attached to this newsletter for those who haven't already renewed. Those who have might like to indulge in a little recruitment drive with it....!

As a result of Kevin Boulden taking on a new job, I have been dragged out of "retirement" to take over the post of Newsletter Editor again. Mark Tilbury meanwhile, is taking over the post of BMFA/CIAM rep, and I'm sure we would all like to extend our thanks to Nick Salmon who has filled this post for the last couple of years.

Contest fees for the forthcoming season will be £10.00 for F3C (£15.00 to non-members) and £7.50 for Sportsmans (£10.00 for non-members).

This is going to be a pretty short newsletter aimed primarily at bringing everyone up to date. This years' European Championships are being held in Holland, just before our Nationals. The dates I have are from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, which could make getting back for the Nats a bit tricky.....! The implications of this are that volunteers are likely to be needed to assist in running the Nats this year, as the usual suspects may still be in Holland then!

Actually, this may be a bit premature as the BMFA are threatening to refuse to ratify a British F3C team this year. This appears to be due to a communications failure between the BMFA and AHA, and hopefully it will be sorted out in the near future. However, you may wish to express your opinions on this state of affairs to your local BMFA rep, if you can find out who it is, or direct to BMFA head office. A few letters might help get things moving.....!

## Team Trials

Despite the foregoing, we are assuming that an entry will go ahead and have set up two rounds of Team Trials to select a team for the Championships. The first trial will be held at the Chesham Club's field at Tring on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. A map and directions are included

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with this newsletter. The second round will be held a week later on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, at the Vauxhall Model Club field near Luton. Reserve dates in case the weather is foul are the 9th of April (Tring) and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April (location TBA).

### **New Schedule**

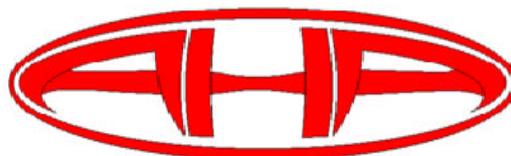
You may remember that in one of my last newsletters of 1998 I complained at the lack of response to proposals for a new schedule. As a result the only proposal before CIAM for incorporation before the next World Championships has come from the Norwegians. The schedule they have come up with is quite interesting, with some very pretty and quite demanding manoeuvres. Unfortunately it comes with a proposal to remove ALL RESTRICTIONS on engine size – that's right – NO LIMITS!

Now there does seem to be quite a lot of opposition to this, not least from the Americans, so hopefully it will be put on ice. Since this is the last chance to introduce a new schedule before the next World Champs, the probability is that we will still be flying the existing schedule in the USA in 2001. However, if anyone wants to contribute to proposals for a new schedule, they should contact Mark Tilbury or Mark Christy soon!

### **And Finally....**

Well, that just about wraps it up for now. We will be updating the membership lists over the next few weeks, so if you want to be sure of receiving your next newsletter RENEW NOW!

Pete Christy.



**Remember, copies of this newsletter can be downloaded in *living colour* from:**

[www.lance.co.uk/w3mh/](http://www.lance.co.uk/w3mh/)

## Directions for Tring (26<sup>th</sup> March 2000)



The Chesham Model Flying Club field is located close to the A41, about halfway between Watford and Aylesbury. The A41 can be accessed from Junction 20 on the M25, and should be followed north towards Aylesbury. The Tring junction is about 11 miles north of the M25.

Exit the A41 at the junction marked "Tring B4635". Those travelling northbound will have to pass under the A41, to a second roundabout on the Tring side of the A41.

**DO NOT** take the Tring exit from this roundabout! Take the second exit, marked "Berkhamsted A4251". You should now be travelling south-eastwards, with the A41 occasionally visible on the right hand side.

After 1 mile, turn left at the crossroads into "Newground Road". Proceed cautiously over the hump-backed bridge over the Grand Union Canal. Approximately 100yds beyond the bridge is a gateway on the left hand side. This is the entrance to the flying site (marked with an "H" on the map).

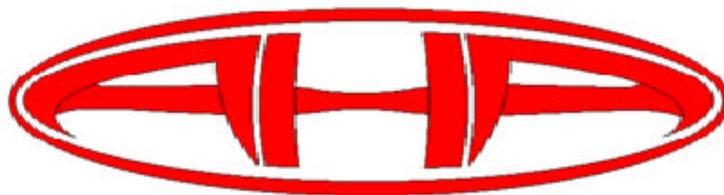
Cars may be driven down the track to the pit area for unloading, but must then be removed to the parking area, for safety.

## Directions For British Team Trials, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2000 (Vauxhall Model Club)

From junction 9 on the M1:

1. Take the A5 west towards Dunstable.
2. After 4.8 Miles, take the right hand turn signposted "Caddington 2 miles". This road is called "Dunstable Road".
3. After exactly 2 miles, you will be in the centre of Caddington. There is a lights-controlled pedestrian crossing, and immediately after, a left hand turning called "Chaul End Road". Take this turning.
4. After 1 Mile you will see the Griffin Golf Club on your left. Turn in here.

You can drive straight up the path ahead of you to the flying site to unload. This involves driving up a track between two parts of the golf course, so please drive carefully and SLOWLY! At the end of the track there is plenty of parking space adjacent to the pit area.



**AEROBATIC HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION**

**TEAM TRIALS ENTRY FORM**

**COMPETITOR DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

BMFA/SAA/MACI No: \_\_\_\_\_ AHA No: \_\_\_\_\_

BMFA Cert. Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(‘B’ Certificate or equivalent required for entry)

Entry fee is £10 for each of the two rounds.

Cheques should be made payable to the “Aerobatic Helicopter Association”.

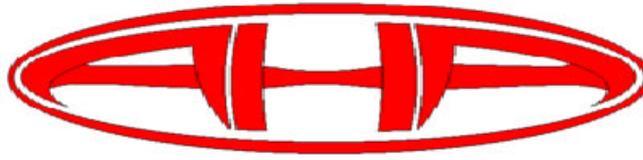
**DECLARATION**

**I agree to abide by the rules, and not argue with the judges. I also understand that the CD’s decision is final.**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed entry forms and fees to:

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AEROBATIC HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION

# Membership Form

(The Aerobatic Helicopter Association is a specialist body within the British Model Flying Association. In order to join AHA you **must** have current BMFA membership.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

BMFA No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

'A' / 'B' Cert. No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Main Competition Interest: (Please tick as applicable)

- Class I (FAI F3C)
- Class II (European Sportsman's)
- Class III (Simplified Sportsman's)
- Freestyle

Would you be interested in acting as an area rep. for AHA? (Further details available from the secretary):

**Yes**

**No**

Please return this form together with a subscription fee of £10 to:  
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