

Hemel Hempstead Introduction to Aerobatics day organized by Brian Seymour – A brief report by Alan Williams, ITA Mentor.

The BMFA South Midlands Area recently arranged a series of training events centered around various forms of competitive flying disciplines. Brian Seymour, the area Competition Secretary asked the ITA team to assist in putting on an Introductions to Aerobatics event. The day was to be held at the Hemel Hempstead MFC site at Shenley on the 7th of May.

What a fantastic day we had. The club gave us a great welcome, and I have to add, provided a superb BBQ and hospitality throughout the day. We had 12 pilots registered, which is a full house and 3 mentors from UKf3A (GBR/CAA) available to assist in any aspect of aerobatic flying. As always, the types of assistance we were able to provide ranged from how to fly a schedule, how to get a good spin, setting control throws, setting the centre of gravity, adjusting engine side thrust, control mixes, and so on.

Each pilot managed 4 flights in the day and 5 of the attendees elected to have a mini competition, flying the clubman schedule, as their last flight. This provided a really fun end to the day which closed at around 5 o'clock and I think I can assert that we were all tired but happy.

Brian said of the event "It exceeded our expectations, the mentors put us at ease and got us into a great mindset for developing our skills, against the backdrop of the friendly, relaxed, and fun atmosphere at HHMFC, it made for an exceptionally pleasant way to get better at model aeroplanes, we will be doing it again!"



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Photographs of the day. Brian Seymour.



Busy bustling pits at the Hemel Hempstead Shenley site



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HHMFC Know how to run a BBQ - much appreciated



In awe as Al Williams demonstrates the Clubman Schedule



Mark Honman with Mentor Chris Bond - getting tips on the BMFA B Manoeuvres



Mark Pressling wheels his plane for his second mentored flight of the day



Mark Pressling's model on short final after another mentored flight



Us hopefuls watching Al Williams demonstrate the Clubman schedule with his state-of-the-art aerobatic plane



Robin Bussell with mentor Al Williams - getting tuition on flying the B Test