

Some More Information on the BFFA...

The British Fun Fly Association (BFFA) is a specialist body of the BMFA created for the promotion and organisation of competitive Fun Fly in the UK. Fun fly originated from informal club events in the 1960s where the format proved to be very popular. From these beginnings a formalised version of fun fly was accepted by the BMFA as a British Nationals event in 1985. Since that time the format has evolved and continues to do so to this day.

The appeal of fun fly is grounded on some key features such as:

- **It's an event that feels like a day out flying with your clubmates.**
- The tasks are uncomplicated and within the ability of any competent club flyer while presenting a real challenge to build a high score.
- Competitive models and power trains are relatively cheap and are suitable for use as general sports fun models in between events.
- A range of Classes have been developed to suit the skills of the beginner and average club flyer looking for a fun challenge in Class 3 while also accommodating the highly skilled and committed competitor in Class 1.
- No matter what your level is, fun fly will improve your flying skills and confidence in areas that are relevant to everyday flying.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the **Foamy Class**, an entry class introduced in the last couple of years. It is clear that foamy ARTF models, such as the Wot 4 and Riot are very popular and have sold in great numbers. Many of these models are capable of performing competition fun fly tasks very well and they provide a way for owners of such models to try their hand at fun fly without having to buy a more specialised set up to do so. Please note that any standard foamy model can be used as long as it also conforms to the Class 3 eligibility. We would love to see you bring along your foamy ARTF to have a go at the Foamy Class which is run as a sub-class within the existing Class 3 but has its own award for the highest scoring foamy entrant. At the Nationals you could become Foamy Class National Champion, or, as has happened before, Overall Class 3 Champion with your Foamy model!

Please take a look at our events for this year. All our events, either at national, area or club level are perfect for newcomers to Fun Fly and you will always be made very welcome. Some events also come with a Barbecue so are also a great social day too!

By the way, you do not have to join the BFFA to take part, in fact, taking part in one of our events automatically makes you a member with no fees to pay above any event entry fee. The BFFA team would love to see you at our events this year.

Finally, calling all club event organisers; we know that there are clubs out there that organise their own fun fly comps and we would be happy to help you promote those events if you would like to attract participants from outside your club. Your event does not have to be run to BFFA rules, whatever works for you is fine. If you send details to either of the contacts below, we will post it on the BFFA website and **BFFA Fun Fly Group facebook** page.

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Best regards

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