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Welcome to the very first newsletter of the Combat Flyers association (CFA). Your founding committee have been working very hard on your behalf since our formation and I can now report

that at the council meeting on the 11th Jan. we were UNANIMOUSLY accepted as a Specialist Group within the BMFA.

For the benefit of all let us introduce ourselves formally:-



Jim Carolan
(Chairman)

Mick Lewis Richard Evans Richard Herbert
(Secretary) (Comp. Sec) (Treasurer)

All positions will be up for re-election at the AGM later in the year. A copy of our constitution a membership list and the calender for the coming season is attached to this newsletter.(soon to appear in BMFA News and Model Flyer).I will firm up the provisional dates asap so lets hope our numbers continue to grow as they did in 2002.From my recent e-mails this seems a strong possibility with at least one “big name” returning to the fold.The present membership stands at 40+. If you know of anyone thinking about starting or re-starting give them a nudge in the right direction.

Well what’s been happening over the winter?

The big news is that you can now buy your Taipan 8x6 props from

P.S. Aeroproducts at the realistic price of £1-25 each plus p&p.They are also kitting the Yeti for the Vintage class at £25 plus p&p.Watch out for a review in BMFA News in the near future.(I'm pleased to report that the CFA has been closely involved with these developments)

A new Russian half-A motor has become available through Mervyn Jones.I saw one at the Nats and it certainly looks the business.They cost £50 each and are selling like hot cakes!At the moment this motor is not legal for our half-A class but seems certain to be voted in very soon if my information is correct.Lets hope this leads to a resurgence of this class.

On the CT3 front if you have motors with Roger Fisher please bear in mind that he spends a great deal of time on each one so don't expect a quick turnaround-be patient.

While talking about the CT3 has anyone any comments about the quality of recently purchased motors?

Could one be used "straight out the box" or are those days long gone? What are the implications for the future of Vintage?Let's hear your views.

Now a question for you!What do you want to see in your news letter?

Some ideas are:- Where to get supplies,equipment and expertise.

Workshop-passing around good ideas.

Contest reports(with pictures and results) For sale and wanted.

How often should the newsletter appear?

Twice a year?Three times?Every month?(no way!!!I've also got building to do!)

This newsletter is FREE thanks to the fact that your officers donated their last years Nats. expenses to the CFA however(there is always a catch!)this money will not last forever so we may in the near future ask for a small fee just to cover costs.

You may have heard on the grapevine that Barkston is not available for the Nats. this year. At the moment there is no information available as far as an alternative venue is concerned but we will keep our ears to the ground!

Contact me Mick Lewis on 01453542367 or e-mail

Got an e-mail address?

If so let me know and I can e-mail you the newsletters in future as it will be quicker and save costs.

The nice CFA hooded sweatshirts and T-shirts some of us were wearing at the Nats are now available at £12 and £5 respectively. Ring Richard Evans on 01179241557 with your order.