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Welcome to the March 2022 Newsletter of the Southern Area BMFA.

POPHAM Show 2022 Newsletter – See S Area Website for a poster.

This is the 1st newsletter for the 2022 Popham Model show and confirms that the event will be held on August 20th and 21st. The event is an all-ticket admission. If you have not already, get your ticket via the Popham Airfield website, under “Events” click onto the “Events 2022 / Model show” dropdowns and follow the link for tickets.

To date we have received excellent response from show pilots across the country as well as groups such as the Bishops Hawk Duo, the Ghost Squadron, Steve Carr, and many other established names from the show circuit. Selection of models already booked range from large scale models from the LMA – Vintage and Classic jets, Turbines – Large scale gliders some aerotowed – Competition Gliders – 3D aerobatic – Fixed wing – Helicopters. There will be Control line flying, A Multi-rotor flightline plus many other models covering a wide range of disciplines across the modelling spectrum.

Invites are being circulated to many of the well-known traders, so we expect a selection of many shops (hopefully in excess of 25) to attend offering visitors the opportunities to purchase on site. The organizing team has most of the prime responsibilities now filled and progress is being made on the numerous detail issues that need to be resolved, and we can report that support has been forthcoming from many clubs in the area to ensure that this second show is successful.

This will be the second annual model show to be held at Popham airfield and being in the Southern Area offers a chance for all local clubs and model pilots to become involved. Besides the flying display we also have opportunities for your club to provide a static display, perhaps you would consider bringing a selection of models from your club to advertise your activities. There will also be a swap meet for those interested in selling and or purchasing bits and pieces. Could you maybe consider helping on the flight sim* (*we will have the main BMFA twin simulator trailer) to encourage the younger generation or perhaps you have specific interests and would like to share these with others to promote some new ideas.

Many are contributing to help us get this second Popham model show off the ground in August, and our thanks go to all of them.

Camping will be available for all pilots and contributors for those wishing to stay over the weekend. Information for visitors off-site camping is being sought. There will be adequate parking space for those attending for the day and of course a Bar and Refreshments will be available on both days.

We do believe that the more activities, displays, stands, and events that we can include over this weekend will only enhance the appeal of the show.

The prime objective is to organise a model flying display, however this year we have invited a model boat club that have a large portable "Lake", tanks, cars etc. Perhaps you have contacts in another modelling aspect that would enhance future events at Popham – if so then we would love to hear from you.

If you have ideas for the future, then we want to hear them – and we look forward to meeting you at Popham in August.

For general information contact Mike Pearson Airfield Manager / Event organiser.

Offering support – contact any of the S Area Committee.

Want to get involved - contact Terry Weeks email: t_weeks@sky.com

Stay safe – From the Southern Area BMFA Committee.