



BAeA Club Membership



The British Aerobatic Association represents the interests of all those concerned with aerobatic flying whether in a powered aircraft or in gliders. We aim to provide an effective means of communication between aerobatic pilots and other enthusiasts and a focus for the efforts of all those interested in aerobatics.

The BAeA organises competition aerobatics in the UK and runs an extensive programme of contests each year.

Our aim is to promote progressive aerobatic training from the ab initio stage onwards and the sport of competition aerobatics.

Why aerobatics?

Briefly, aerobatic training develops a pilot's flying skills to the ultimate. It demands a high level of dedication and investment in time and, at higher levels, money.

In return it provides not only pleasure but also a real mastery of the art of flying in every attitude of flight that can be encountered in an Aeroplane.

Perfecting one's aerobatic skills will inevitably lead to increased self-assurance in handling the machine and greater safety in the air.

What is Club Membership?

The BAeA has introduced a new class of membership for flying clubs that provide aerobatic training.

Club membership allows club members to enter Beginners competitions free of charge, without the need to become individual members of the Association (currently £100).

The aim of club membership is to encourage progression from initial club aerobatic training into competition aerobatics by providing a simple, low cost way for clubs to enter their pilots into beginners level competitions.

What does Club Membership give your members?

- Free entry to beginners competitions
- Free membership of BAeA (for Beginners level competitions)
- Free entry to the Classic Aircraft Events (at Leicester, 26th May and Brighton 1st July 2007)

What are the benefits to the Club?

BAeA Club membership will encourage your members to enter competitions. This will drive higher utilisation of club aircraft and instructors.

- More encouragement for club pilots to continue with aerobatic training
- Greater use of aircraft for training flights and competitions
- Greater demand for dual instruction
- Training referrals from BAeA contacts
- Link from BAeA website to your club website
- BAeA Presentation about competition aerobatics made to your club by an experienced aerobatic pilot, tailored to suit the interests of your members

The BAeA is keen to form partnerships with flying clubs because we believe this offers clear benefits to both parties and promotes the sport of aerobatics.

What experience is needed to enter a Beginners competition?

Beginners competitions are ideal for pilots with basic aerobatic experience, for example on their club Cessna Aerobat. Pilots are not expected to fly figures perfectly, just safely.

We usually plan for Beginners to fly on a Friday afternoon. No time pressure is placed on pilots - the emphasis is on enabling new pilots to fly in a safe, supportive, non-pressured environment.

What happens at a Beginners Competition?

The pilots arrive at the competition and have their paperwork checked – aircraft insurance and CofA/Permit to fly, licence, medical and certificate of experience or test.

They are then given a detailed briefing about what is expected of them during the competition. There is lots of opportunity for pilots to ask questions and more experienced pilots are usually available to help new competitors to prepare for their flight.

The most important thing about the flight is that it must be safe. All figures must be completed above 1500 feet altitude. The pilot may stop between figures for any reason, so the pilot can climb to gain more height if needed.

Beginners Sequence 2007

A Known Compulsory sequence is published each year. All pilots in beginners competitions fly this sequence once. The Beginners programme consists of five basic aerobatic figures put together into a sequence.

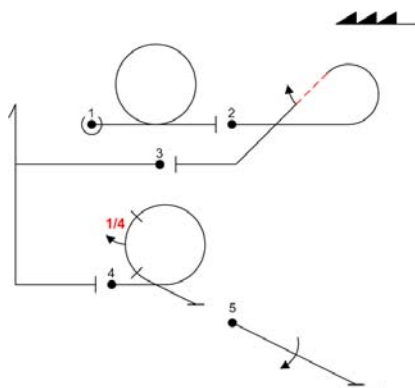


Figure	Description
1 Loop	Fly level into wind. Pull to pitch the nose up and fly a perfectly round loop to finish at the same height as you started into wind.
2 Half Cuban	Fly a five eighths loop to the 45 degree inverted down line. Fly half an aileron roll, centred on the down line. Pull to erect flight downwind.
3 Stall Turn	Pull to vertical. Wait until aeroplane almost stops travelling uphill and turn the nose using rudder, through 180 degrees to point vertically down, without pitching or rolling. Fly a vertical down-line. Pull out, erect into wind.
4 Quarter clover.	This quarter-clover is flown in pitch just as in a loop. In the second, descending, half of the loop, aileron is added to give a 90-degree heading change. This can be to the left or right, at the pilot's discretion. Finish going towards or away from the judges.
5 Aileron (slow) roll.	Roll the aeroplane through 360 degrees of rotation on a horizontal line without climbing, descending or yawing off axis.



Once the flight is complete, the pilot will be given a critique sheet from each judge that gives a mark out of 10 and a summary of any errors seen in each figure.

The judges are happy to discuss the flight with each pilot. This gives pilots the chance to get direct feedback on their aerobatic flying from experienced judges and pilots.

Beginners competitions are very friendly, supportive and enjoyable events. New pilots learn a lot from the experience and the majority go on to become regular competitors at one of the four main levels of competition.

Schedule of Beginners Events 2007:

27 th April	Fenland
1 st May	Bodmin (a Loop day)
26 th May	Leicester (Classic event)
1 st June	Sleaf
6/8 June	Wellesbourne (Beg & Instrs)
22 nd June	Compton Abbas
1 st July	Brighton (Classic)
14 th July	Little Gransden (a Loop day)
20 th July	Dunkeswell
3 rd August	Shobdon
11 th August	Sherburn
21 st Sept	Sherburn

More Information

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