

Get Into Aeros: Sleaf, 7 and 8 May 2016

Participant pre-event briefing notes

Introduction

Thank you for signing up for our Get Into Aeros event at Sleaf on 7 and 8 May.

We hope you have an amazing time in a fun, safe environment.

These notes are designed to enable you to prepare for the weekend and to be familiar with the overall format of the event. Please note that things are inevitably subject to change due to the weather or other factors outside our control.

Arrival at Sleaf and registration

Please try and arrive at Sleaf by 0830-0900 on Saturday 7 May to register. Please bring your PPL and Medical with you - and sunglasses!

On registration, you will be enrolled as a temporary member of the British Aerobatic Association for the duration of the event.

Please bring your PPL and medical to registration for inspection. You will be required to sign a declaration confirming fitness to fly. It goes without saying that you must be fit to fly - this is your responsibility to confirm.

If you are planning to arrive by air, please contact Shropshire Aero Club for details. Compliance with their guidance, and arrangements and payment for hangarage, fuel and maintenance will be your responsibility and not the BAeA or event organisers.

First briefing

The first briefing for the event will be at 0930 in the briefing room adjoining the museum.

This briefing will cover the scope, format and procedures for the event - with a particular emphasis on safety - and will lead into a session on the aerobatic figures you will be being taught to fly.

At the end of this briefing, you will be introduced to your instructor for the

two day event.

To enable us to plan aircraft and instructor allocation **please could you email your weight with clothes and shoes, height and flying / type experience to: getintoaeros@aerobatics.org.uk by no later than 21 March.**

Further briefings and presentations

Over the course of the two days, you will receive a number of other briefings and presentations to enable you to understand the sport of aerobatics and how to progress in it.

These will include an explanation of competition aerobatic judging; and how to access our sport affordably.

Nigel Lamb - a multiple National Aerobatic Champion and Red Bull Air Race Champion - will be both talking and taking questions at the event and will be in attendance for much of Saturday and Sunday.

Weather permitting, we aim to finish by about 4pm on Sunday.

The flying!

You will undertake two flights (weather permitting) with an instructor - following comprehensive briefings.

The first of these will cover an introduction to 5 basic aerobatic figures - a loop, an axial roll, a stall turn, a half Cuban and an aerobatic turn. This flight will last about 35 minutes.

The second flight will last about 15 minutes and will allow you the chance to try what you have learnt in the aerobatic box for our judges over the airfield! If you want, you can enter our mini-competition and have your score published; if not, the judges will provide you personal feedback. This is entirely your choice - no pressure either way.

Demonstration flights

In the evening of 7 May, alongside the Hog Roast (see below), there will be a series of demonstration competition flights at different levels by experienced competitors. These will be being judged to allow you to learn about the judging process and what the judges are looking for.

The Chief Judge will be passing his comments in real time!!

Accommodation

We have arranged for camping facilities in a field adjoining the airfield. This will be explained to you on arrival if you wish to camp.

If you do not wish to camp, we recommend that you book accommodation early locally as there will be some 30-40 pilots and BAeA people all looking...

Hog Roast and catering

There will be a Hog Roast with salads etc on the evening of 7 May. During the event, food and refreshments will be available from facilities at the Shropshire Aero Club at participants' cost.

Contingency plan

If the weather does not look suitable, then we plan to re-run the event in September - details to be confirmed. It is vital that you provide your contact details - see below - to enable us to tell you if the weather means that we cannot run the event in May.

Please could you email your contact mobile and best email address in the case of event weather problems to:
getintoaeros@aerobatics.org.uk as soon as possible.

If we need to postpone the event, your entry and fee will be rolled forward.

Contacts

If you have any queries before the event, please contact any of:

Paul Brice - 07802 978546
Emily Collett - 07870 672468
Steve Todd - 07973 521209

And finally...

We really look forward to seeing you. Fly safe and have fun!!