

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - 2009

Well what an incredibly good 2008, which of course included a super CLAPA Championships at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham. All control line classes were catered for and each class had a hard fought battle. I would like to thank all those who took part and all those who organised and judged.

In May 2009 we are going to run a stunt workshop at the Leicester Model Aircraft Club at Gumley near Market Harborough . If you need help flying the schedule, then this is your opportunity to get some useful guidance. We would also mention at this time that if you intend participating in this event, please ensure that your model is fitted with a proper silencer. LMAC club rules dictate that all models must meet the standard 82db test at 7 metres, and a noise check will be made on the day prior to any model being used.

Planning for the premier C/L Aerobatics event of the year, the members-only CLAPA Championships, is already underway, and as usual the event will be spread over three days from the 5th to 7th June. Friday is for practice and setting up camp, with the AGM being held in the late afternoon. Saturday is for the competition proper with the annual dinner in the evening at Ashmores Restaurant. Sunday is again a competition day with the prize-giving in the late afternoon.

At this year's Championship we will be running the Vintage event to Sam 35 rules. Mick Castell first put forward this proposal to the committee some months ago, and after a fairly long drawn-out discussion your committee finally agreed to give it a go. It seems that more Vintage flyers prefer to fly to Sam 35 rules than those of the BMFA, so if this is a way to encourage participation, then we are all for it.

We will also be running at the Championships the new P40 profile event being promoted by Roger Ladds. This is a limited venue event, so if you fancy giving it a go then this could be your chance. All the rules for the event were described in the November/December 2008 issue of Claptrap, the house Newsletter of CLAPA, so look back and check the details. Remember of course that all events at the CLAPA Championships are restricted to CLAPA members only, so if you would like to join then make contact with our membership secretary, Mick Castell (address details on the home page of this website – just click 'Membership').

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy and successful 2009 and, whether you fly competitively or just for fun, may your lines always be tight.

Peter Jackson, CLAPA Chairman.