



# NEWSBEAT

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## Draft Policy on the Operation of Remotely-Piloted Aircraft in Malta

As most of you are aware, Transport Malta have published two Drafts concerning the operation of remotely-piloted aircraft in Malta. While the first document deals with the commercial aspect of RPV's the second document is intended to regulate the operation of radio controlled model aircraft for recreational use only.

A meeting for all members on the subject has been held on Thursday 23 August 2012 at 6pm at the Aviation Museum Ta' Qali as announced in emails sent to all members. The Association has now submitted its submissions to the CAD, a copy of which can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. These will serve as a basis for discussion with the CAD in the near future.

## Thank you Lino

The Committee on behalf of all Members would like to say Thanks to member Lino Xuereb. On his own initiative he bought 6 Small Sun Umbrellas and through his intervention he managed to get a Sponsor from MCM Maintenance Center in Malta for a further 6 x 2mtrs Square Sun Umbrellas complete with concrete stands. We do appreciate such initiatives.

We also take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to Ing. A.Vits owner of MCM Malta for accepting the request by our member for the Sponsorship.

MEMBERS UTILISING THESE UMBRELLAS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE RETURNED TO THE CLUBHOUSE WITHOUT FAIL

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## BBQing on Friday 24 August



## Appreciation - George Curmi

I fully endorse Dr Soler's appreciation of our dear colleague George Curmi who has left us recently for a better world of peace and serenity - leaving behind him the most vivid memories of a true gentleman, an ardent aeromodeller, and an aircraft enthusiast of high standing.

I first met George back in 1948 - we at the time flew scale control line models at B'kara RA parade grounds, (with a touch of radio control models when possible) with the Late Frank Nicholas and France Crockford, ----- George came over one day, introduced himself with his usual well mannered way and induced us to join him at Qali, where we then also met Joe Anastasi and John Staines and Joe Axisa and Jerry Ferro . From then on , we became non fallables every Saturday and Sunday , often enough from dawn to dusk, at ta Qali airfield - rich as we were with each other's enthusiasm of radio control models and fully involved and enjoying each other's models (and pranks)!!

It would take a book of 100 chapters to narrate all the episodes we experienced with our models in these 60 years -- during this time we met with the RAF, Royal Navy, The Australians, and the USA personnel that at one time or other were stationed and fully operational at Qali.

The majority of us have left this world - Joe Axisa, Joe Anastasi, Jerry Ferro, George Curmi, Frank Nicholas - but have left us with the most endearing memories of the nicest bunch of friends that God gifted us with for a whole life time.

The above gentlemen all have given their share in founding our Association as we know it today, and we owe it to them that we are today able to enjoy all the amenities it affords us.

JOE CASSAR

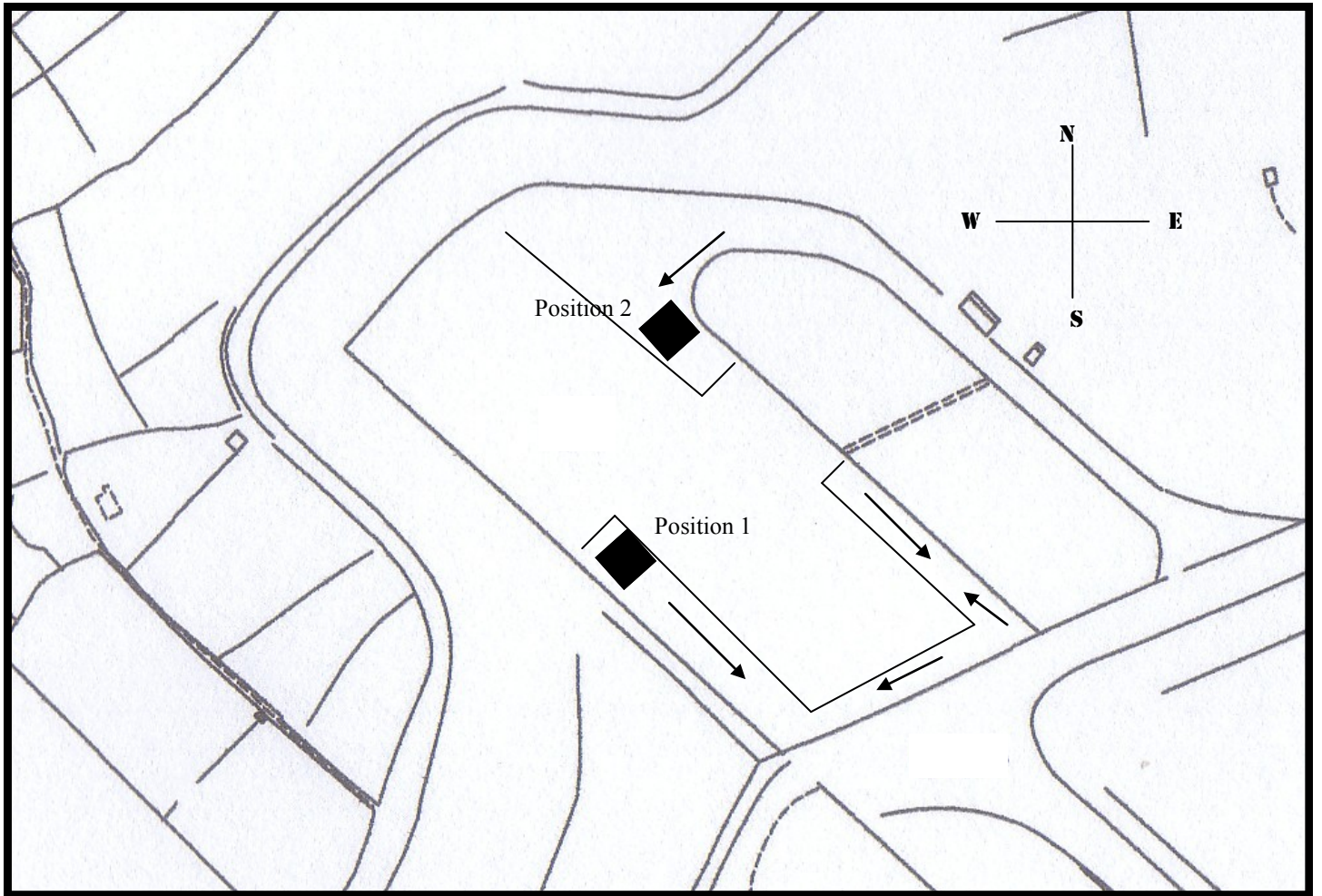
**LET'S SPEND A DAY FLYING!**

**INSTEAD OF OUR ANNUAL OPEN WEEKEND, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ORGANISING A WHOLE DAY OF FLYING ON SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER FROM 10AM ONWARDS (Weather permitting)**

**Bring along models of any kind and enjoy the company and atmosphere of our Club**



A long standing member of the Association and a keen aeromodeller, Dr Jos. Ellul has met the risen Lord earlier this month  
May god grant him eternal Peace



## **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**As a lot is being said about flying positions and left and right hand landings, the Committee is once again advising members as follows**

- 1. Until further notice, when more than one flyer is flying, flying positions must be as indicated in the above sketch—ie Position 1 when it's a North Wind and position 2 when it's blowing from the South. Crosswind flying positions must be determined and agreed upon by the flyers themselves**
- 2. When using position1, flyers must taxi along the indicated lines (see arrows) and must NEVER cross the runway.**
- 3. NEVER fly over the pits area.**
- 4. Avoid flying over buildings.**
- 5. Call all take offs and landings**

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## **IMPORTANT—TO ALL MEMBERS**

**The committee will shortly be appointing three sub-committees to formulate and prepare reports on the following topics relating to the newly drafted CAD regulations governing radio control flying in Malta.**

- 1. Certification of airworthiness of large model aircraft**
- 2. Appointment of official instructors**
- 3. Formulation of new standing regulations**

**Any member who wishes to form part of these sub-committees is to contact the association on [info@mmafa.eu](mailto:info@mmafa.eu) at his earliest, and not later than Sunday 30 September 2012. Each sub-committees will consists of two paid up members and two committee members**