

# East Fortune Aeromodellers

East Fortune Aeromodellers (EFA) has a membership ranging widely in age and expertise from beginners to competition flyers. We fly fixed-wing and helicopter models of all kinds – including scale, aerobatic, sport, jets and gliders, and, in the winter, indoor electric models at a local sports hall. Other activities include several barbeques and fly-ins through the year and a periodical newsletter for members.

**Flying Sites** - We operate from two outstanding sites, the original one is on the old East Fortune Airfield and has a long tarmac runway, particularly good for jets, and the other is at Mount Lothian to the south east of Edinburgh near Penicuik. The **East Fortune** site consists of a section of the tarmac perimeter track, surrounded by 5 acres of grass, and has a large Club Hut with a viewing window facing the runway. Members can fly here throughout the week but the most popular times are Wednesday afternoons/evenings when teaching takes priority and Saturdays. While the Sunday Market is operating, flying is limited to helicopters and small electric fixed-wing models. Flying is also limited on some weekends when the track is being used for motor cycle racing. Members then use our other site at **Mount Lothian** which is available for flying at all times throughout the year. This site has a good, wide, grass runway, and is very convenient for Edinburgh members (about 15-20 min from the bypass). It is particularly popular with glider flyers on summer evenings.



*The Club Hut and pits area at East Fortune*



*Inverted hovering over the East Fortune runway*

**Training for Beginners** – We offer training to members who are new to the hobby using the ‘buddy box’ (dual control) technique. This takes new flyers up to the stage where they are competent and confident enough to fly on their own and to achieve the Scottish Aeromodellers Association (SAA) Bronze Safety Certificate. All SAA affiliated clubs require this certificate before people can fly unsupervised. Most training is done at East Fortune on Wednesday evenings during the summer but can be done at other times by arrangement. Advice is also available to new members on selecting a first model, and on trimming and checking it for flight.

**Visitors** – You are welcome to come to either flying field to see some flying and to have a trial flight (dual control) on one of the Club training models. It is best to contact either the Chairman or Secretary (see below) beforehand to organise a convenient time, and, in the case of East Fortune, so that someone can meet you at the entry gate to the site which is kept locked. Visitors who are qualified to fly solo must show evidence of insurance before flying.



*Boeing Stearman (1:4.3 scale) at Mount Lothian*



*Spacewalker(1:3 scale) at Mount Lothian*

**Further Information** – There is much more information about the club and a gallery of photographs taken at both flying sites on the website [www.ef-aero.org.uk](http://www.ef-aero.org.uk). The current Annual Membership fees, which also include membership of the Scottish Aeromodellers Association, and the necessary third party insurance, are given below.

**Contacts:**     **Chairman -**     David Bouchard - 01368 830283, email – [chairman@ef-aero.org.uk](mailto:chairman@ef-aero.org.uk)  
                  **Secretary -**     Bill Frost - 01875 870405, email – [secretary@ef-aero.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ef-aero.org.uk)

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## Membership Application Form

Forename(s): ..... Surname: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Address: ..... Town/City: .....

Postcode: ..... Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Please outline any previous experience of model flying:

If you are already a member of the SAA or any other national aeromodelling organisation which gives you insurance cover, please state which one, give your membership number, and enclose a photocopy of your current membership card:

SAA/BMFA/LMA/MPA Membership Number: .....

If you already hold SAA (or other) Safety Scheme Awards, please say which: .....

**Children (under 18) and Vulnerable Adults** (requiring a higher level of supervision than normal): The Club has detailed rules for the promotion of welfare and care of children and vulnerable adults. In summary, it is required that such members shall at all times be accompanied by their parent, guardian or carer whilst on any EFA site. If the applicant falls into either of these categories then this application must be accompanied by a fully completed and signed copy of the Form "Notes to Parents, Guardians and Carers" (available to be downloaded from the Club's website, or from the Secretary).

**Annual Membership** runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The fees are:

Adult   £84                                 (being £55 Club and £29 SAA)  
Junior  £21 (under 18 years)         (being £6 Club and £15 SAA)

A copy of the current Rules and Constitution will be sent to you. Your Club Membership and your Insurance commence when you are given notice by the Treasurer.

**I wish to join the EFA and agree to abide by its Rules and Constitution (copies available on website).**

I enclose the current Membership Fee of £84 or £21 (delete as appropriate), together with a completed "Notes to Parents, Guardians and Carers" form (if appropriate).

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

Please send the application form to: John Sharp Esq., Treasurer EFA, 13 Caiystane Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 6RW with your cheque (made payable to "East Fortune Aeromodellers").

**To be completed by the Treasurer:**   Accepted / Declined   Year .....   C&VA Form: No / Yes