

## C.I.A.C.A-F.A.I REPORT FOR 2011

### “ AMATEUR BUILT AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY IN UNITED KINGDOM “

All costs are based on 1 Euro = £.90

#### **1 National Associations**

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##### 1.1 Membership currently stands at 8200 members

This is made up of flying and non-flying members. Approximately 20% of these members belong to sub groups or “ struts “. There are 48 struts.

The annual subscription to the LAA is £69 (72 Euros ) for members requiring Engineering support. Otherwise it is £ 48 (53 Euros). This subscription includes twelve issues of the magazine “ Light Aviation “ and discounted admission to the annual rally.

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##### 1.2 Membership currently stands at 3906 members.

The annual subscription to the BMAA is £65 (72 Euros). This subscription includes 6 issues of the magazine “ Microlight Flying “ and discounted admission to the annual exhibition.

#### **2 C.I.A.C.A. Delegate**

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#### **3 General Situation**

Whilst the general amateur built situation in the UK relatively static – probably a success itself in the current economic environment.

**Numbers of permit aircraft.**



There are additional charges for the CAA registration fee, radio licence etc.

## **6 Border crossing restrictions situation update.**

Under the 1980 ECAC recommendation, amateur built aircraft are allowed to cross International boundaries between ECAC countries. Amateur Built aircraft with restricted certification is allowed to visit for a maximum period of 28 days in any one calendar year. However prior to entering UK airspace application to CAA is required which may be done by e-mail.

British Microlight aircraft are allowed to visit France, Germany and Holland under "blanket" permissions without first having to obtain written permission. The Republic of Ireland used to accept British Microlights under a simple notification procedure but now insist on a JAR Class 2 Medical and a minimum of 25 hours dual instruction. This has effectively prevented many British microlight pilots from flying to the Irish Republic because they do not wish to obtain a medical certificate that they do not need in their own country or elsewhere in Europe. There has been a challenge to the IAA's introduction of these new requirements by the National Microlight Association of Ireland and by an individual BMAA member who resides in Ireland. The BMAA has given advice to the NMAI and the individual and has supplied briefing papers for Irish Government Ministers.

## **7 Radio / Transponder Requirements**

These are not mandatory although most aircraft certainly carry radios. Mandatory carriage of elementary surveillance Mode S transponders has been introduced in the UK for flights in controlled airspace.

## **8 Insurance requirements.**

As per EU Regulation 785/2004

## **9 Operational/environmental/noise limitations.**

Although in the UK there is no mandatory requirement for VLA aircraft to be silenced, LAA encourages members to fit silencers and consider noise implications. All Microlights must be silenced to BCAR Section S requirements.

## **10 Other remarks.**

The BMAA is a founder member of the European Microlight Federation. Such pan-European bodies are essential to be able to represent our views to EASA and other EU bodies. LAA was a founder member of the European Federation of Light Experimental and Vintage Aircraft (EFLEVA) established in 2007. Our Chairman Roger Hopkinson is President of EFLEVA

## **11 Suggestions on CIACA Initiatives.**

With EFLEVA representing EU Amateur Build (Experimental) and EMF Microlights the role of CIACA should be reviewed, and in particular how it can add significant value to those communities above what their own EU bodies now do. What is missing is interface with similar communities outside EU and CIACA could act to ensure our communities interact on an international basis.

Technical initiatives particularly with low energy power flight coordinated/initiated by CIACA might be considered.

## **12 Fly ins/dates and places.**

LAA has an annual Rally which for 2011 will be at Sywell on 2-4 September.

Several local fly ins take place throughout the year. Information can also be found on our website.

The BMAA holds an annual Microlight Fly-In. Foreign ULM pilots are very welcome and can obtain more information from the BMAA Website list of events at: [www.bmaa.org](http://www.bmaa.org)

### **13 National homebuilders magazine.**

LAA's national magazine is called " Light Aircraft ". The Editor is Brian Hope, 60, Queenborough Road, Halfway, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3BZ. Tel 0044 1795 662508  
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