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On Saturday July 12th. Rachel and I travelled the 50 miles or so to the BMFA HQ at Buckminster as SAM1066 representatives to the :

BMFA Centenary Reception and Exhibition of Model Aircraft

We were somewhat hampered in walking about as Rachel had tripped over a coffee table at home and severely bruised her leg. A visit to hospital had confirmed no broken bones but she was in constant pain and hobbling about with the aid of a walking stick. Of necessity this report will be mainly pictures from the exhibition hanger and the VIP marquee. In truth it was too hot to wander about, but thanks to Jim Wright we had a golf buggy lift from the Exhibition Hanger to the VIP Marquee.

Our day started with arrival at HQ and we were directed to VIP Blue Badge parking directly behind the VIP marquee. From there we had a short walk, slow and painful for Rachel, to the Goldsmith Hanger which housed the Exhibition.



General car parking



The 'Goldsmith Hanger' containing the Exhibition



The Barn as it was in 2016 when we visited the site

The rebuilt Barn is a significant asset for the BMFA, now named The 'Goldsmith Hanger'. It is a large clear space well illuminated and suitable for exhibitions, conferences, dinners, general meetings, lectures and a multitude of other uses.

The Hanger Exhibition





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The hurricane was immaculate and of particular note for the pilot in the cockpit.



Due to the heat of the day being what it was, and our lack of mobility, we found chairs in the Hanger and, with bottles of water provided by Mrs Wright, we sat passing the time of day with visitors until time for the address to the VIPs by the BMFA Chairman, Ian Pallister FSMAE in the VIP marquee.

Jim Wright was on hand again and arranged for a buggy to whisk us across to the marquee.



The VIP Marquee

Ian Pallister spoke well to the assembly thanking all and sundry for the effort they had put in to make the event possible. He also observed that the event had been well received by the media and had raised our profile in their eyes.

After the address the extensive buffet lunch was opened and all who were able formed a massive queue. We waited until the rush had died down a little and limped down to the back of the queue. We were rescued once again by Jim who, much to our embarrassment, negotiated with those at the front to let us jump the queue. We filled our plates and scuttled off as fast as possible, fast is somewhat of an overstatement. We left for home mid-afternoon as Rachel's leg was giving her gyp.

The exhibition is well worth a visit, it's on until the end of August, there are 135 models on display with many odds and ends to boot. One I found interesting was a prototype for the Frog 100, I wish I had photographed it. One case had my U-Reely C/L handle on display and my somewhat scruffy C/L Kan-Doo was there on one of the side tables.

Throughout the day there was a demonstration R/C flight line where warbirds of all descriptions were being put through their paces. Too hot outside for us to spectate.

An excellent event celebrating the BMFA's 100th anniversary.

John Andrews.