

## **A report by Terry Weeks on the 2018 Model Engineering Exhibition:**

For years the BMFA have supported the Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexander Palace. This used to be manned solely by the London Area but for various reasons support diminished and the Southern Area offered to assist in the running and have done so for the past three years.

The exhibition was set up on the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January afternoon and was open to the public on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The BMFA stand, as can be seen by the photo's consists of a promotional area where all information pertaining to the BMFA was located, selling the various models such as the popular Dart, caps, badges and of course joining information.

Also on the stand was a static display of model aircraft covering all aspects of the sport from large scale, control-line, free-flight and competition class models from the Esoaring / F5J to the hand-launched F3K, the vast majority of these from the southern area lads.



On the right of the photograph can be seen the Flight Simulator trailer, this is two sided and is extremely popular with young and old alike. The simulators installed are the commercially available Phoenix v5.5 and these can be set up with various flying fields and the available models which number in the hundreds from Fixed wing to Glider and Helicopter types. Models such as the popular Wot 4 and Hanger 9 Super cubs are accurately depicted and match the flying characteristics of the actual models.

Behind the simulator, although not easily seen is a large netted area where demonstrations of indoor models took place throughout the entire weekend, this also created much interest.

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