



May 2015 Newsletter

# Flying Safe for the Summer

Following our decision not to fight Sita in the Courts, we approached them and asked if we could stay until the bulldozers moved in. After a delay, they have agreed that we can stay until 31st October and we are signing a Licence agreement to that end. There is a clause allowing them to end the agreement early so we still need to keep those fingers crossed. We'll obviously approach them nearer the time to see if this agreement can be further extended.



We did make the most of the table on the roof though, you could start and launch it all without leaving the table.

Unfortunately, the little devils returned overnight on Sunday 24th May and caused some more damage. The camera had revealed some of their work and I went to the field to stand the tables upright. As I drove into the car park I could see one of tables proudly standing on the Club hut roof. My first reaction was to laugh as it did look slightly comical. The tables were overturned but suffered very little damage and could be sorted very easily. They had also ripped all the plants out from in front of the shed which was not quite so funny. On climbing onto the roof we could see that they had also stamped on the solar panel on the roof that powers the web cam. We wont replace it, now they know that there is something up there to smash, they'll be back I'm sure.

Thursday 14th May was Bring and Buy combined with Project night at the BoB hall. Unfortunately, whilst there were a few items for sale, no projects were on show.



If I hadn't flown to Corfu the same day I'd have bought along my Brian Taylor Bf 109e. Its got a brand new Laser 120 but its not been run yet.



## Wednesday 10th June at the field.

This will be our first Summer BBQ at the field, turn up and fly or enjoy some food and fly or just turn up and eat. The BBQ starts about 6pm but you can fly all afternoon and fly your electric models after 7 pm. The Club provides the food and soft drinks, you provide the entertainment!

Here's Mat and Tony enjoying a burger last year to whet your appetite.

## Scale Day Work Party Saturday 4th July

To ensure our Club looks its very best for Scale Day we'll be having a work party the day before. Please turn up and help, we'll provide you with lunch as a thank you. The hut actually gets a decent clean and it helps impress our guests the next day.

## Scale Day Sunday 5th July

Our big social occasion for the year, this may be our last on the AstroTurf so please turn up and take part. The classes are still not set in stone but there will be classes specifically for foamies and ARTF's so everyone's got a chance to win!



## BMFA Scale Workshop Sunday 14th June

We've offered the field to the BMFA for the day so that they can hold a Scale Seminar and Flight Judging workshop. So, normal flying will be suspended for the day but there will be a chance to enter and fly in the 'competition'. The classes allow ARTF's and you to fly someone else's model so turn up and have a go! So, if you know anyone who from WLMAC or the other local clubs, encourage them to enter and have a go. It's not a competition as such but training for their examiners so a perfect introduction to Scale modelling and flying.

We'll be firing up the BBQ too so you can sit and munch on a burger as you watch.

To help the day run a bit more smoothly, we're going to try and man the gate with volunteers in relays. This will only be for the morning rush as newcomers arrive at our field. So, please volunteer, the more the merrier. Hopefully you might only have to do 1/2 an hour if we have enough volunteers. It will give a better impression of our club if competitors are welcomed and directed to the field without having to open our gate. We'll change the lock to the normal combination lock after the morning and people can let themselves in and out afterwards, its just for the expected rush in the morning that we're going to try and keep the gates open.



We don't know who will be travelling to us on the day but this is the sort of thing to expect.



Not only will you get to see these beauties fly, you'll be able to get up close and to examine them properly too.

## More Forthcoming Dates

On Wednesday 12th August, Watford Wayfarers are invited to WLMAC for a BBQ, timings are to follow, this is a date for your calendar.

On Friday 28th August WLMAC are invited to Watford Wayfarers at Bovington for a return visit and BBQ, timings are to be advised nearer the time.

On Saturday 23rd May we hosted a BMFA Examiners Day at Harefield. This is a day where Examiners got a chance to meet and see various standards of flying. The idea being so that they all 'sing from the same hymn sheet' as it were when it comes to examining standards. This goes some way to ensuring that a pass by Examiner A at WLMAC is the same as Examiner B at any other club. So, various flights were made, showing what is a 'good' flight and what was a 'bad' flight. Some of the bad flights were supposed to be good flights as some of the flying was, at best, variable.



Here are the Examiners enjoying the sunny May weather.

I don't think that I've ever seen the car park so full.



Here's a snap of the Examiners in the background doing whatever they do, but working hard regardless.

Roy is also working hard at getting everything cooked and ready for them so that they can have a quick lunch and then carry on with their day.

The two 'fixtures' in the foreground are already covered in crumbs from munching down the first batch of burgers and keeping a steady eye on the sausages.