



Newsletter June 2015

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Scale Day Success

Scale Day was held on Sunday 5th July and we were lucky with the weather so a great day was had by all. Numbers were down from last year which may have been down to the uncertainty of tenure for the Club. We changed the classes to encourage more pilots but this didn't really work with only 13 pilots in total. Pictured here are the winners, Frank Dalby Smith with his Spitfire as Best ARTF. Graham Stone won the Best Cockpit award with his 'Pup'. Jason Schofield won the Best Foamie with his blue painted Spitfire. Leon Taylor won Best Built kit with his Balsa USA Taube. The food, as usual, was first class. There was a huge effort from the catering team of Mike and Penny Pugh, Frank and Liz Dalby Smith so a big vote of thanks to them, the food was excellent and plentiful.

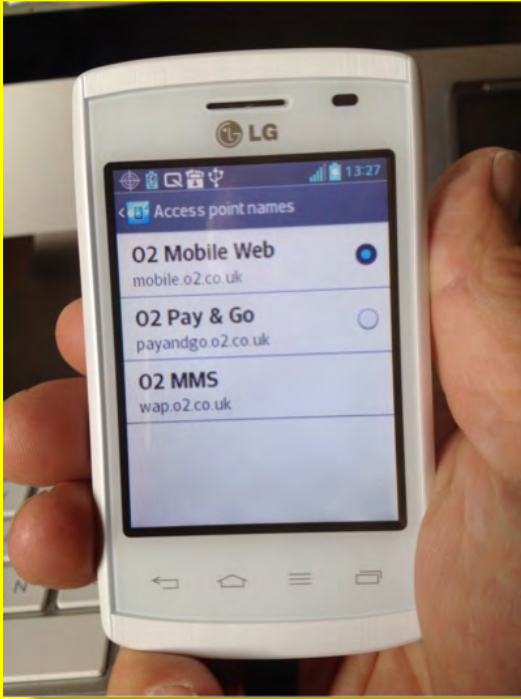


Thanks to all of you that helped on the Saturday at the work party to give the hut its once a year clean up. Everyone's efforts at the start and the end of the day ensured that the field looked its best.



Just a few snaps from the day.

WLMAC SCALE DAY	
MODEL	OWNER & FREQUENCY
FOAMIES	
COPT 200	PETER SAUNDERS
YAK 54	PETER SAUNDERS
YAK 54	IAN BURNHAM
MORICANE	DAVE GIBBLE
YAK 54	TONY SMITH
MOSQUITO	JOHN SAUNDERS
COY	PETER EMANUEL
ME 262	FRANK SAUNDERS
YAK 54	JOHN FOWLER
THUNDERBOLT	JOHN SAUNDERS
SPITFIRE MK IX	JOHN
ARTF	
YAK 54	PETER EMANUEL
SPITFIRE	FRANK SAUNDERS
* BUILT MODEL	NO
UPPERCA	EDDIE HENRY
TALON	LEW TAYLOR
STERRAN	BOB WATSON (ST)
* BUILT MODEL	NO
AUGUSTA	MATTHEW DANIEL



The web cam recently gave up the ghost as reported in last months newsletter. We believe that we cooked it on the very hot day. As we had a few problems with that brand of phone, we bought a different brand this time, plumping for LG. So, I bought a second hand phone from E Bay for £20 and installed the free app called MobileWebCam. This is now working but as you may have noticed, the picture quality is not quite as good. However, its purpose is for us to see who is at the field, not necessarily to see what they're having for lunch. With that in mind, it will have to do unless someone has a phone that they are willing to donate. It can't be an i phone as the programme wont work with an Apple phone.

If someone can donate a better phone, we'll move this older one so that it looks at the flightline and we'll have two cameras.

On the plus side, the phone works reliably and saves a whole load of power over the old one. The old phone was supposed to 'sleep', then wake up, take the snap, send it and go back to sleep. For some unknown reason, the phone refused to do that. The compromise was to keep the phone display on for the whole time. This obviously used a whole load more power but I never worked out a way around the problem. This one does as required though, for most of the time the phone screen remains dark but it still takes the snap and sends it. So, unless someone wants to donate a phone with a better camera, we'll have to stick with the slightly poorer quality snaps.

Thanks to Chairman Mat, a new power system was installed in the Club hut at the beginning of July. The new system works using a ring of LED's in five normal looking light fittings. The big advantage is that these all work from a 12v system, no need for the inverter. This is particularly handy as once removed from the system we tested the inverter and found it to be broken. The two lights near the centre of the hut are brighter than the ones at each end. The old leisure batteries were also found to be wanting and unable to take much of a charge nor hold what they had. The two new-ish batteries that powered the web cam are now linked directly to the large solar panel. The web cam is in turn directly linked into the same two batteries. Remember the jobs smashed the small solar panel that was used to keep these charged.

So, the new system is charged by the big solar panel that we need to move in and out each day. If its a dull day, place the panel on its back straight on the grass. This allows as much light as possible to be converted into electricity. The power captured by the panel is then stored in the two, linked, leisure batteries. So, please DO NOT use these batteries to re charge any batteries. There isn't the capacity to run the lights and web cam and to charge your batteries. So, either buy your own leisure battery or use your car battery.



The Club meeting at the Battle of Britain Club on

Thursday 8th October

is is going to be an

Indoor Chuck Glider Competition.

Each pilot will be supplied with a single sheet of balsa together with a single piece of balsa. From that you will have to build a glider that we'll then fly in the hall, the one that travels the furthest wins. There will be a £20 first prize and a £10 for second, these will be vouchers to spend at Brentford RC.

Some Simple Rules.

1. No compressing the balsa into a ball and hurling it down the hall, the creation has to actually fly down the hall.
 2. You supply your own glue, knife and cutting board. We suggest cyano and possibly activator too, see Rule 4 below for why cyano would be ideal glue and not PVA.
 3. We'll supply the balsa sheet, balsa stick and plasticine for weight.
 4. We'll have a 30 minute time limit for building.
 5. You can research designs before you get there but cannot bring plans or pre cut parts.
- Its designed as a fun night where we try to recreate the building of small gliders from our youth.



Large Model For Sale.

Here's me at RAF Fairford with a very large model Hurricane thats looking for a home. Anybody fancy adding it to their fleet?



Mike Pugh was having a fly the other day but was unfortunately attacked by Horesflies. These brutes give a really nice bite so Mike had a really good go at fighting it off. Such a good fight that he lost sight of his Acrowot. That is until is arrived back on Mother Earth, even the poor old pilot lost his head.

Brentford RC have moved 20' to the right!

Brentford RC have expanded by moving into the shop next door, this being bigger premises for them. They are now in a special relationship with Robotbirds and stock a lot of their items and have access to their whole stock. So, if its electric power for you, give Brentford RC a look. They have fast and reliable acces to everything from Robotbirds and open for longer too.



The New Shop in the same Parade of shops, literally the shop next door.

WLMAC is a member of the Colne Valley Association, this is a group of clubs that use the Colne Valley for recreational use. We're a member so that we may be able to call on them in the event our tenure at Harefield is threatened. The Colne Valley were getting ready to fight any Planning Application for a Solar Panel farm but, so far, there hasn't been any such application. Once a year the Colne Valley have a Family Fun Day and we are always happy to attend to promote our hobby. As you may recall, last Sunday was a complete washout with the rain hardly stopping all day. However, Chairman Mat, Stuart and Roy all turned up to man the stand. Except they didn't really erect the stand as virtually no-one turned up. They all must have looked out of the window and decided to watch the Tour de France or the Grand Prix. Or the test card, anything but go outside.



Here's a snap of Roy and Stuart standing where the tent should have been.

And I think this one is the burger tent. We are looking for volunteers for next years event!



Well done to Chris Froome and Team Sky for winning the Tour de France!