

# AGM Success



December 2015

Half the Club were able to attend the latest AGM, held on 11th December at the Battle of Britain Club. Unfortunately our lifetime President Roy Ressler was unable to attend due to poor health.

Chairman Mat opened the meeting with a precis of our last year, the trials and the tribulations involving the potential closure of Harefield. He explained how the year had gone and where we are now. The latest is that we have a Planning Application lodged with Hillingdon Council. **The decision will be announced on the 5th January 2016 on the Hillingdon planning website.**



We have a lease that runs for 5 years with SITA and that the rent is fixed for the whole 5 years. Unfortunately there is a 3 month 'get out' clause built in, this is in case SITA do come up with a better use, in their eyes, for the land. There is nothing else we can do than collectively keep our fingers crossed that they don't discover oil or come up with a better plan for the land. So, get those fingers crossed and keep them so for 5 years.

Mat then gave a Chairmans report on what we had done at the field for the last year, with the dark cloud hanging over us, not too much was done at the start of the year. However since things started to look better we have had a work party at the field, we've decimated the outfield brambles over to the right of the Astroturf. We'll follow this up again with another cut after they've started their growth spurt next Spring which will keep them down for the year. We've had a work party to repair the road and give the field a good tidy up before Winter. There are plans for 2016 to be a busy year. We plan to treat the rust on the hut and then paint it. Plus we hope to host a BMFA Scale Competition after a successful trial run last year.



The Committee lost both John Fowles and Frank Dalby Smith from the Committee, there weren't any volunteers to join so we'll stay with a smaller Committee.

John has truly served his time being Membership Secretary for many years, a role he hands over to Tony Parrott.

Frank has been looking after Indoor Flying and booking events for Club nights, this will be taken over by Roy Lanning.

Thanks to both for their fantastic efforts over the years.



A lot of the evening was spent discussing the future of Scale Day. Numbers of Pilots are going down and have been over a number of years. So, we had a discussion about what actually stops people taking part. It does seem that the biggest obstacle is that members don't actually like the Competition side of Scale Day. So, if people don't want to fly in front of others in a solo slot, nothing we do about tinkering with the various classes will ever persuade more people to compete.

So, we'll change the format for next year to see how it goes. As said before, the changes only affect the flying. We'll still hold a work party the day before, the fantastic catering will remain the same, we'll still invite all friends and family to attend.

What will change is who is flying. Unless someone books a slot, anybody will be allowed to fly anything they want, subject to the normal rules about numbers in the air. Yes, we can encourage people to bring along their Sunday Best models but we'd rather there was foamy Riot or Wot 4 in the air



than nothing at all.

We can have static display, best cockpit, most improved flier for the year, best flight of the day. All these things can continue, the Committee will work out the exact details next year and let everyone know in good time. So, rest assured, there will be an big event next year but now is the time to start planning for it!

We'll ensure that the Club Trainer is available for friends and family to have a go too.

## What shall we call the new format day?

WLMAC Open Day, WLMAC Family Day, WLMAC Family Open Day, WLMAC Open Family Day, WLMAC Summer Event, WLMAC Just Turn Up and Fly Day, WLMAC Celebrate Our Great Club Day are some suggestions.



# WLMAC Mass Build.

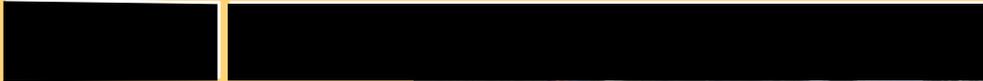
Club member Andy Blackburn is keen to encourage WLMAC members to have a go at a Mass Build, this is where everyone has a go at a similar model. So, we're tinkering with the idea and opening the models up to any of the Flair Scout series.



So that's any SE5a, Fokker D7, Baronette, Legionaire etc. Brand new builds, renovations, existing models, i.e or electric powered, all are welcome. The models would all be flown next year and prizes will be awarded.

It won't matter when you fly next year to be part of the competition, no need to book a single slot, if it flies at all during the day, it will do enough to take part in the Mass Build.

Just so we have an idea of how many people are interested, please contact Andy Blackburn directly before 6th January 2016. Registering your interest does not commit you to actually taking part but if there is enough interest, the Club may well put forward some Club funds for a decent prize.



Have a look in the shops for a new kit, buy one from ebay or the BMFA website, dig the half built one out from the loft or give your existing one a makeover or just a clean up. There must be hundreds of these lovely models out there. What could look better than a Squadron of SE5a's flying in formation?



The models are available to view on the Flair website

[www.flairmodels.co.uk](http://www.flairmodels.co.uk)

Retailers in case you would like a brand new one are:

Steve Webb Models,  
Inwood models,  
Sussex Model Centre,

[www.stevewebb.co.uk](http://www.stevewebb.co.uk)  
[www.inwoodmodels.com](http://www.inwoodmodels.com)  
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