



NEWSLETTER

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SCALE DAY! SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Arrangements are well under way for our annual Scale Day. Members and any friends and relatives are welcome to get together at the field to see the models we are proud of and enjoy a spot of food and drink as they do so. There is a competition which is designed to be a friendly affair in order to be a pleasant day out, as it has so often been in the past. Your "Contest Director" this year is Peter Emanuel. The key arrangements are as previous years but listed below as a reminder.

Entrance gate. A mobile phone number will be displayed at the gate and it can be used to summon a member to open it. Which means, of course, that people who have no key should arrive with a key-carrying member, or bring a mobile phone with which to summon assistance.

Field arrangement and flying rules. Flying boundaries will be devised and marked out with tape on the day, with special regard for the safety of visitors. This

may include departing from the customary arrangement of the pits if the wind requires it. There will be a large diagram on display for pilots to brief themselves. Even if you don't have something to offer for the "scale" competition, don't be shy about bringing your favourite model to put into the air for this part of the day.

General flying will begin at 11 - 00 a.m.

Competition classes. If you are taking part in the competition, register your model on arrival. The class of each entry will be decided at the time of registration. Entrants will be given a label to attach to their models displaying their contest number, their name, the model's name and its class. There will be five classes:- Large Civil Scale, Small Civil Scale, Large Scale Military, Small Scale Military and Electric Scale. There is also a trophy for "Best Flight of the Day." **"Large Scale" is defined as a model which is quarter scale or of 82 inches wing span or more. If you did not build your entry model yourself, you will be required to fly it yourself. Self-built models, including ARTF's if the owner has assembled them, may be flown by somebody else.**

General flying will end at 2 - 00 p.m. when entrants will begin their qualifying flights, with **ONLY ONE IN THE AIR AT A TIME.** Serious attempts will be made to co-ordinate start-ups, take-offs and landings to provide a watchable show, so please co-operate with Peter.

Voting slips will ask for the voter's first, second and third choices in each class. They will be collected and counted at 4 - 30 p.m. Trophy presentation is at 5 - 00 p.m.

In case the weather looks iffy. From the evening of Saturday, August 30th, a recorded message on telephone number **01494 672004** will announce the committee's decision to go ahead or cancel. A message will also be posted on the club's Web Site www.wlmac.org.uk.



A recap of last year's result



SUPER GLUE ATTACK ON THE LOCK

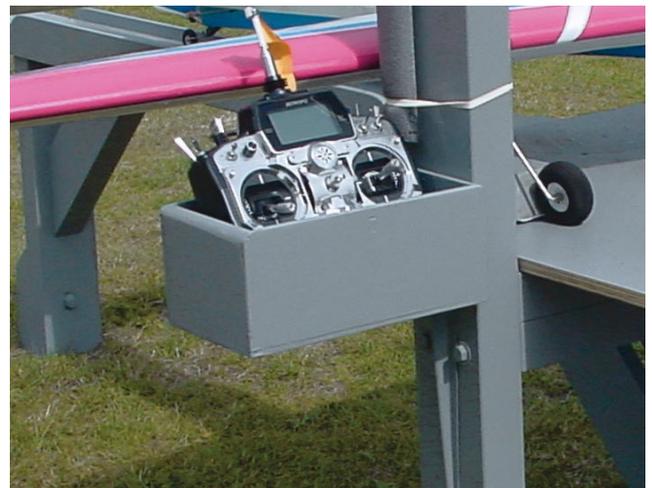
Peter Dorow, one of our long standing members visited the field recently, and met the guys who shoot at the field. They told him that they had trouble opening the gate lock and thought that Super Glue had been inserted in the padlock. After inserting a lot of oil, they managed to open the padlock. They recommended that we keep the padlock well oiled and under no circumstances should the padlock be left locked with the keyhole in the uppermost position. If you have any problems with the lock please contact a committee member so that they are kept aware of any developments.

SAFETY CONSCIOUS OR WHAT?

This has to be the ultimate in safe starting equipment, beautifully built by WLMAC member Stewart Wilkinson and now in regular use at Harefield.

We all have models that by virtue of their shape or size are difficult to grip securely while starting and there can't be many of us older flyers who haven't received nasty cuts to the hands from time to time, and this device certainly provides an answer. Apart from the safety benefit, in that it firmly holds the model at a convenient height for starting, the stand also has chocks to prevent the model sliding backward, a holder for the transmitter, and at the top of the two vertical members, parallel bevelled edges for checking the centre of gravity.

The Wilkinson Starting Stand is clearly too big to bring to the field for each flying session so is now kept in the steel container to the right of the clubhouse. Stewart generously offers its use at any time to any member who wishes, providing of course that the user returns it to the security of the container before leaving. The container key hangs from a piece of string on a hook, on the right hand wall as one enters the clubhouse.



The WLMAC Web Site, wlmac.org.uk has finally been installed and the pictures shown of the flying field are somewhat out of date. If you have any comments about the Web Site or, have some super pictures to publish, then please email them to Bob Young at bob.t.young@btinternet.com.

NEXT MEETING - There will no meeting at the Battle of Britian club this month.

In August a social fly-in will be held at the field on the second Wednesday in the month - weather permitting.