



NEWSLETTER

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LLOYD RESSLER'S SPOOK RETURNS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SUMMER

At long last, after one of the windiest early summers on record, this image of a 96" Spook cruising slowly by recaptures the true spirit of summer flying and vintage modelling. This model has put in a regular appearance at Harefield during the last 14 days of relative calm and blue skies.

Powered by Laser 61, this particular Spook was based on the original 1940's 48" free-flight design by Barney Snyder and John Muir, but was redesigned and built to twice original size nearly 20 years ago by our founder and life-president Lloyd Ressler. It is a tribute to his design and build quality that it is still flying and in such good condition. In 1989 the plans of this double sized version were published in RCM&E from whom they are no doubt still available (ref: R/C 1591), and in an American model magazine.



MICHAEL ARNOLD

Most of you will by now have heard of the sad death of our fellow member Michael Arnold at the early age of 67.

Mike's health gradually deteriorated during the last year or so, during which we have seen less of him than usual but the end when it came, shortly after a diagnosis of bone cancer, was unexpected and a deep shock to family and friends alike.

Michael was an industrial designer turned entrepreneur and after early studies in aeronautical engineering, ran a successful business with his brother Paul designing such things as mine detectors and anti-bugging devices. In the 60's he also taught industrial design at Ealing Art College.

However he was much more than a technician, with a large personal library and a vast range of general knowledge ranging from Scandinavia, American Indians, boats, sailing and much else. Anyone in doubt about some obscure fact or process had only to ask Mike to find the answer.

Feelings of sadness at the passing of an old friend remind us of the good times we shared as revealed in the attached picture taken in happier days, of Michael (on the right) with Terry Poole and Frank Dalby-Smith at last year's scale day.

Our deepest sympathies go to Mike's wife Jo and their children Luke, Nils and Sarah.



NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to new member **Sohail Saied**, pictured here while visiting Peter Nielsen's workshop.

Sohail works as a surgeon, based at Mount Vernon Hospital, and although he first took up model flying some twenty years ago, research commitments during the last two years forced him temporarily to put aside the hobby.



A former member of the Slough and Northampton model flying clubs, one of his patients (un-named) recommended WLMAC to him as the R/C club with the best facilities near his

home in Chalfont St Giles, so he applied to join us. He is now ready to go, is building up his much depleted stock of models and equipment and we all hope to see him as a regular flyer at Harefield.



Leon Taylor's latest acquisition landing at Harefield recently



"Nigel, please wait till I've rotated before bringing up the gear!"

FREQUENCY SURVEY

The initial results of the frequency survey are enclosed with this newsletter. These show that the most popular frequencies are **62, 64, 70, 72** and **80**. Nobody has reported that they use **56, 59, 71, 75, 77, 83, 84** and **88**. As we said a few months ago we believe that **68** is being used by a model flyer close to our field so for the time being should be used with great care. An up-to-date copy of the frequency chart will be kept in the club house. Changes should be emailed to Bob Young at bob.t.young@btinternet.com.

NEXT MEETING

There will be **no** meeting at the Battle of Britain club this month. A social fly-in will be held at the field on the second Wednesday in the month - weather permitting.

Scale day will be on 12th September 2004 so make a note in your diary. See next month's newsletter for more details.

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