



NEWSLETTER

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WIND HITS SCALE DAY

Despite a stiff gusting wind that kept many models earthbound, more than thirty members with their families enjoyed a sunny and convivial Scale Day on the 12th September with the usual excellent cold buffet and wine provided by the Club and organised by Peter and Frances Nielsen.

Because of the wind forecast for that day, the committee had considered postponing the event to the following week but fortunately we resisted the temptation, for the next weekend proved even wilder than the chosen date.

By popular vote, Best Flight of the Day award was won by Peter Emanuel who also succeeded in winning the Large Civil Scale and Electrical Scale trophies. Leon Taylor won the Large Military Scale trophy with his immaculate 1/4 scale Tiger Moth, Ian McPherson won the Civil Scale Trophy with a Bucker Jungman and for the second year running Mike Pugh walked off with the military scale trophy with his P51 Mustang.

Some of the highlights from the show are shown in the attached photographic spread.



Ian McPherson's Bucker Jungman



Leon Taylor's Tiger Moth



President and Chairman caught on Camera



Peter Emanuel receiving the Datkiewicz Trophy for the Best Flight of The Day

Richard and Frank Dalby-Smith and Tony Taylor brave the elements to fly.



The West End of the Bloomsburg Airport runway became an island a few days ago in the flood-swollen waters of the Susquehanna River. Several planes and vehicles occupied the high spot yesterday as the owners waited for the high water to crest.



After a fortnight of windy weather this picture shows another of Leon Taylor's models back in the air at Harefield.

MARIE DATKIEWICZ

Marie, widow of former WLMAC member Tony Datkiewicz, died in Northwick Park Hospital in September. Marie took a keen interest in her husband's hobby, having been closely involved in his professional model-building business before his retirement.

After his death she donated a scale model P51 Mustang to the club, to be used as a trophy in its annual Scale Day competition (see page one). She also asked for his part-built one-fifth scale, Laser 80-powered model of a Polish RWD 13 light aircraft to be completed by former WLMAC member Michael Sullivan, and was present at its trouble-free maiden flight two years ago.



YET ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE LOCK

A week or so ago on a Thursday evening Bill Mercer arrived at the field and discovered that the gate had been attacked again.

This time it was by hacksaw and crowbar. The padlock and part of the frame had been removed. An inspection of the site revealed two piles of builders waste had been



Damage done by hacksaw and crowbar.

dumped recently and that one of our stainless steel tables had been stolen. It would appear that a local builder has found a way of reducing their waste disposal costs at our expense. The committee has since installed a dummy CCTV camera at the gate to discourage any further illegal



Repair completed by our Welder

activity. If you see any suspicious activity at the gate, note the vehicle number of any vehicles around, and please contact a committee member immediately.

BMFA 'A' AND 'B' TESTS

New guidelines for these tests have been published by the BMFA. If you are in the process of preparing for these tests then you can get the up-to-date guidelines at www.bmfa.org.

NEXT MEETING

For our next meeting at the **Battle of Britain Club on Thursday 14th October** we have a **"Model Aviation Photographic Competition"**. As with last year's competition there will be prizes for the winners. So here is your opportunity to share those key moments you have captured on film or with your digital cameras over the last two years.

For our **November Meeting** on the 11th, Dave Wilshere of Rotors and Motors will be giving a talk on new developments in Aero Modelling.