



Anyone need some fuel for your IC Heli's?

**Welcome to our June Newsletter** - A mixed month with days lost to rain topped up with some nice flying days. We have again, new owners at Harefield. Mat and Stuart have met up with the planners at Pickeridge, Graham has given us a short insight to one of his other hobbies, we have received a complaint from a Mr Fishall, some interesting projects from Roy, Richard and David O, congrats to Kevin for passing his B and more. Hope it makes interesting reading. There are also some member items for sale, right at the end.

## **Parish Notices**

**CAA Operator ID Reminder** - It is important that we all either stick our ID on our aircraft or place it in a compartment inside that does not need a tool to open it. Please be aware that you will not be insured if this is not carried out.

**South Midlands Area Meeting** – Roy, Graham and Felix attended the BMFA South Midland Area Zoom meeting to represent WLMAC. Items discussed included if there was a need for areas, at all, within the BMFA structure. The recent BMFA survey found that very few members were aware that the areas even existed. It was agreed that our area is in favour to continue with the area system.

The Drone initiative was also discussed, there are many drone flyers that have joined the BMFA purely for the purpose of flying drones, it is intended that they will stay under the same main BMFA banner, further discussions to be held.

Over the years the BMFA have been extremely helpful with advice and support in helping our club with applying for planning permission for Pickeridge farm, liaising with the CAA for us and providing support in general.

**Filming at Stockers farm update** - Filming is now ongoing, at least until September. There will be someone from the filming team at the field to ask us to stop flying, only if necessary. This should only affect some models. As usual please co-operate with any polite requests.

**Pickeridge Farm Update** – Graham and I have been showing members around the field, instructing them how to secure the site and including how to check if they can operate the heavy security bollards. It is expected that a few members will not be able to operate these and Mat needs to know how many of the special keys he needs to order (a £10 deposit will be charged for these). One of them is stuck in the up position and Suez will be changing this at some point, hopefully with a gas assisted version which will be much easier to operate. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, we had our first official visit session with 4 of our members. On our way out, we were approached by two pairs of residents who were generally interested in what we were doing. It was nice to communicate with them and to give them an idea of what we do.

With the recent rain, the grass is picking up nicely and at this time of year will need cutting regularly and Tony B has started this. The runway area needs rolling but this can't be done until the bollard has been sorted, as lorries and tractors can't get into the site until it is.



First visits to Pickeridge for some of our members, with our grassed area after mowing, it's growing and greening up nicely.

**Grahams other Hobby with real Helicopters** –

Adventure 001 has been another part of my spare time. My Daughter in-law is a big part of this company. I am Aviation trained fire and rescue. I normally work at RAF Cosford.



RAF Yeovilton and North Weald. I get involvold in refuelling and loading paying passengers. Any excuse to jump in the front seat. This hellicopter was on TV show Treasure hunt hense call sign G-ONTV.

**WLMAC Newsletter received a complaint** – A fellow member who preferred to remain anonymous forwarded this complaint from a Mr Fishall – The original piece came in close to the publishing date the previous month and didn't make it in. As we had just returned to flying, it would have been an ideal time to publish it, here it is in its entirety as I'm sure a number of us haven't made it back to the field since lockdown.

Hi Felix, I've just had a rather agitated email from Mr R.T. Fishall, asking why his piece on "Modelling Gods" didn't make it into either this newsletter or the previous one. He's beginning to wonder if he has somehow managed to upset one of the editorial committee, or whether some of the committee are - and I hesitate to say this -

**Unbelievers...The Gods of Radio Control Flying – R T Fishall**

Name	Responsibilities
God of Combustion	Functioning of 2 and 4 stroke engines, lifetime of glow plugs, starting (with God of mechanics), stopping for unknown reasons, etc. Also looks after water in fuel and suchlike.
God of Mechanics	Difficulty starting and stopping 2 and 4 strokes dues to worn parts, blocked jets, holes in fuel lines, dislodged clunks, etc. Also functioning and security of servo-control surface linkages, and (importantly) correct (or incorrect) operation of retract units. Has been known to set difficult tests for unwary builders/operators. Often loosens nuts and bolts over the winter. Favourite trick is to loosen prop nuts and sit back to watch the fun.
God of Electrical	LiPo fires, LiPo ballooning, under and over-

Potential	charging. Manages black wire corrosion on receiver batteries, has no compunction about infecting the switch as well if the situation is left unchecked. Also fails solder joints in flight packs. Favourite trick is to randomly fail BEC/UBEC/SBECs.
God of Wireless	Not much, these days, as radios are so reliable. Often unfairly blamed for the activities of the God of Mechanics, or more usually when the God of Electrical Potential has failed a battery or solder joint. Traditionally invoked with the (usually unfounded) declaration of "Interference!"
God of Airflow	The activities of moving air in the real world. Doesn't sound much but if your model stalls on takeoff or on the approach, that's the work of the God of Airflow. Model is reluctant to come out of a spin? God of Airflow. Also initiates flutter, but what happens next is of course down to the God of Mechanics.
God of Design	Works with the God of Airflow to influence the design of an aerial device; often manages to produce a model of full-size aerial device that has the most appalling characteristics. Occasionally has a real triumph and manages to produce such dreadful aircraft as the Lacey M-10 or Fike Model E.

**Kevin Lambi passes his drone B certificate** – A big well done to Kevin our first drone flying member with a B certificate.



Kevin with Chris Bradbury (BMFA Achievement Scheme Chairman) after taking his B-Test

**Wings and Wheels RC Model show is on** – Well at the moment it is!

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We're so excited to be back and for all trades, exhibitors, pilots, and all RC modelling enthusiasts to be together once again!

I'm sure you all have so much to catch up on and let's hope for some new & awesome 'lockdown' models to carve up the skies over North Weald come 26th & 27th June!

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## New member to WLMAC –



**Patrick Seward** – A warm welcome to Patrick, we hope you enjoy your time at our club and our hospitality as soon as we are allowed to congregate in larger numbers. Patrick started with our hobby using single channel radio many years ago and he has an A certificate, now fly's electric only. Patrick has had a test flight at Hairfield and is now looking forward to visiting Pickeridge Farm.

## Projects.

**Roy's Pro-fighter is nearly finished** – All covered and looking very different to any of the other Spit's. Well done Roy.



**My Lockdown Hairplane by Richard Saunders** – Nice work Richard and good to see you in the picture with good proof that you carried out the work in lockdown carrying longer hair than usual, even your cat managed to get in the picture. Super, thanks.

Parkinson's law holds that a job will expand to fill the time available (ditto yer barnet).

So, although my ugly duckling Sikorsky S-39 project kicked off as soon as we plunged into lockdown, the last lick of paint didn't go on until the barbers opened for business again.

Apart from all the aluminium strut-wrangling involved, her finicky giraffe skin paint job didn't disappoint in helping the weeks fly by. So much for "When the fun stops, stop."

Though, as you can see from the pic, apparently it's convincing enough to attract the attention of predators on the prowl.

All-up weight (without 1800 3S lipo) isn't that bad at a cat's whisker under 2 lb. So here's hoping the little Williams Brothers Wasp radial will be enough to coax this "bunch of airplane parts flying in formation" off the ground one day...

Regards and happy landings,

Richard



**David Orrells Lavochkin 7**- Here's some picture of my Lavochkin 7 (La-7) that's nearing completion. Mat painted it for me and over this last holiday I've advanced it a bit more. I've added the pilot, the canopy and framed it. I put it all together and balanced it too. It took about 250g of lead added to the engine bearers. The plane has a brand-new Laser 80 and the whole thing weighs in at 10lb 10 oz, 2 oz over the weight recommended by the manufacturer, Warbird Replicas. They make two sizes, this is the slightly larger 63" version.

It's got foam wings and some fuselage panels and then glassed and painted with two coat paint by Mat. Yes, it's a bit purple, by the time the photo was taken, sent to me, I sent it to Mat who then printed it, the tones were a bit too purple. But I don't care, the paint finish is superb and I'll not notice when it's flying past at 50'.

The weather was so poor that I never attempted to fly it. I take that back, I took it to the field for taxi tests but left the really long wing bolts at home so gave up but took these snaps.

Let's hope I have better luck and better weather next time





No dates as yet for our monthly club nights. We will know after the 21<sup>st</sup> of June when Boris decides.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Sunday 13 June (Sat 12 practice)	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day
Sunday 1 July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day
Wednesday August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 14 October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz night
Thursday 11 November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Thursday 9 December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 9 December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

## Items for Sale

Parkzone Mosquito Mk VI - fitted out with optional retracts and flaps.

Hardly used model little to no damage, I would say it is essentially in as-new condition apart from one missing prop! It does come with a new pack of two spinners and two props so will only need a prop adapter to fly. The originally supplied Spektrum receiver is installed as is the original instructions and any of the hardware removed while installing the retracts. More photos available by request.

£200 ono, collection only from Ruislip, or can deliver locally.

Contact Robin Kearney -



Hangar 9 Christen Eagle airframe only- comes with two cowls, fuel tank, remote glow lead, tail-plane/ fin covers, wing storage frames and 3" Ali spinner. I had a Saito 125 engine fitted. This is now open to offers.

Contact Tony Bloomfield



**AR6270T carbon fuselage receiver** -used once in a glider half price at £35.

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