



# NEWSLETTER

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## ANOTHER SUNNY SCALE DAY

The sun came out for our September Scale Day, which was attended by more members and visitors than at any other year. The southerly breeze was a little stronger than most pilots would have liked but nobody was discouraged from entering into the Scale Day spirit of friendly, not-too-serious competition. Alan Cardash thrilled us all with his 8ft span, jet powered "Boomerang", including a spectacular flame-out at height and dead stick landing. Even the mishaps provided entertaining spectacle, though they were not so much fun for the owner/fliers. Brian Lee's Sikorsky 39 – a detailed, one sixth scale model of the 1930s amphibian, powered by a flat twin 160 – stalled into the top of one of the tallest trees, where it rested for three days before being rescued by a professional tree man. That earned Brian the award for the best (and shortest) flight. Gary Skerton's big veteran Spitfire, which first appeared at Harefield seven years ago, suffered an undercarriage hang-up at the end of his skilful display.



*Alan Cardash's Boomerang in a fly past*

Then the petrol engine stopped as he found himself downwind, heading for the trees. With no alternative but to try to turn, Gary could not avoid a stall and vertical plunge into the rough. The main airframe survived, and Gary says it will fly again.

Peter Emanuel, who directed the competition flying with great energy and organisation, also managed to win the trophy for Large Civil Scale as well as the new Peter Conway Trophy for the "best model" award with his big, Saito 300 twin powered Extra. Leon Taylor's kit built Taube, powered by a Laser 90, may look quaint but proved to be extremely stable and controllable, winning

him the trophy for Large Military Scale. Frank Dalby-Smith gave a sparkling, high speed display with his bungee-launched, electric ducted fan Saab Viggen, winning the trophy for electric entries. Ian McPherson won the "Small Civil" with his pretty Bucker Jungman biplane and Des Wheatley won the Small Military Scale with his P51 Mustang.

Food and drink, polished off with great efficiency by all present, was provided by Alan Colman, Bunty Taylor, Ellie, Tesco's and Marks and Spencer's. Another memorable Scale Day! *Mike Sullivan*



*Stewart Wilkinson's hairy Hercules flight*



*Saab Viggen Fly past*



*Peter Conway's Trophy Winner*

# SCALE DAY PICTURE ROUND UP



Leon Taylor's Taube in Flight



Tony Taylor's Chipmunk on Take-off



Brian Lee's Sikorsky 39 finally gets airborne



Leon Taylor receives his award



Brian Lee's Sikorsky 39 has landed



Visitor Liam Clayton-Smith holding a model for the first time. He is now keen to try his hand at flying the plane.



Gary Skerton's Spitfire caught with one undercarriage leg down

## TREE RESCUE

The Scale Day flight of Brian Lee's impressive amphibian ended up in the trees, which have a long history of ensnaring our models. The trees are much taller than they seem when viewed from the club house, because the ground drops away sharply towards their base. Brian promptly engaged the services of a professional tree man who lives less than a mile from our flying site. His name is Alan and his telephone numbers are 01895 825922 or 07961557025. He can usually retrieve models early the next day. Typical cost is £40/50 – providing it takes no longer than one hour. A little extra if more. Make a note of these numbers or you can find our newsletter archive on the WLMAC Web site where the last three years newsletters are available.

Mike Sullivan

## NEXT MEETING

Our next Meeting will be at the Battle of Britain Club on **Thursday 13th October and will commence at 8.00pm**. Peter Emanuel will be demonstrating the latest flight simulation software and showing examples of the latest RC models and equipment. He will be available to answer any questions you may have in the use of these products.