



NEWSLETTER

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IDENTIFY YOUR MODEL!

In the old days of free flight no sensible modeller failed to install a label in or on his model bearing his name, address and telephone number. It's a habit we seem to have lost in these days of radio control. Perhaps we reckon that either we're in control of our plane or we're not, and that if we're not it will crash within sight of us. Not so. Recently a groundsman at the big golf course we can see from our Harefield flying site discovered an unlabelled electric glider sitting undamaged on the green. He went to extraordinary lengths to track down the owner – phoning local model shops and clubs. It turned out to belong to an WLMAC member who had lost sight of it as it flew behind the clubhouse. He had spent some time searching the overgrown area in that direction, blissfully unaware that his model had somehow managed to sneak all the way round to the distant golf course. Label your models. You know it makes sense!

Michael Sullivan



Captured above is Peter Nielsen's Harmon Rocket on its first outing at Harefield. Peter was very impressed with its flying characteristics on the initial flights and with its sleek distinctive and racey look, it cannot fail to impress the spectators.

Michael Sullivan



In between the stretches of bitter cold, grey days of January and February we were treated to the occasional perfect flying day. This one was on a Sunday in early February. A quite bearable eight degrees Centigrade, a clear blue sky and the lightest of breezes. David Whiteley launches his twin electric "foamy" Twinstar for a winter spin.

NEXT MEETING

At our next meeting at the Battle of Britain Club on 9th March we will be holding a Winter's Project Evening. Members are invited to bring along any interesting models and particularly those that they have built or are building this winter. Brentford RC Centre will be present with their Sales Table.

Michael Sullivan



Could be tricky!

Lew Wrapson



Even full size pilots have problems with their planes on the ground!

OLE TIGER

14" span, CNC cut Depron and ply Pylon/ Aerobatic model with the new Falcon PU06 power unit. Over 40g of thrust



with a 35g model, the Ole Tiger is truly a sparkling performer with full aerobatic capability. It has remarkable slow speed characteristics as well.

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Another shot of David Whiteley's plane against the blue sky

FANCY TRYING SLOPE SOARING?

We have been invited by the Coombe Hill Soaring Association to let our members know that they have a few vacancies for new members. The annual subscription is only £16 and their beautiful hill-top site, shown right, which is easily reached by car unlike most other slope soaring clubs, is ideal in westerly through to northerly winds. They fly from National Trust land overlooking Wendover, the Vale of Aylesbury and Tony Blair's country residence at Chequers.

For further information have a word with Peter Nielsen (who for his sins just happens to be treasurer of both clubs) on 01494 675716.



CAPE CORAL'S R/SEA HAWKS CLUB

Bob Young has returned from his Florida holiday with this picture and account of an idyllic American model flying Club. He writes "The city owned facility has a runway, an 18inch high chain linked fence between the pits and runway, and 4 foot high chained linked fence behind the pits to protect visitors. In the pits, there are a large number of steel tables that are designed to hold models as well as model restraints at ground level. The whole set-up was very impressive and the weather was perfect for model flying with temperatures in the middle 80's and absolutely no cloud cover. There were a least twenty flyers at the field and the models flown included a number of large pattern ships and an electric ducted fan."