



# NEWSLETTER

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## SCALE DAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

Preparations for our main event of the year are well advanced and with the August rain the green grass has returned to the field. In the last few days this has been mown to produce an excellent flying strip. In the meantime members have been very busy on good flying days testing out their models ready for the competition. The pictures show that we have some very good contenders in the various classes this year. The current weather forecast is concerning but we hope that it will improve in the next day or so. We'll review the situation on Saturday evening and if the event is postponed we will have a message on 01494 672004 to that effect. The hot news section of the website will also report the decision.

Mike Sullivan



*Another view of Brian Lee's DH2*

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*David Whiteley launches Peter Emanuel's Me 262*



All flying stopped and all eyes were once again on Brian Lee's latest acquisition on a rare good flying day on Friday, August 25th. Despite a wind rather brisker than the forecast 5mph, and after some hours of ground adjustments with the help of Bill Mercer, Brian gritted his teeth and committed his monster, unconventional World War One DH 2 to the air. It is powered by a Laser 150, **modified to run backwards to allow the conventional propeller to push rather than pull**, which gives a distinctive and rather pleasant sound. Brian flew the model smoothly in the teeth of higher wind at height, and landed it smoothly and without incident to a round of applause from onlookers who, frankly, had feared an uncomfortably eventful flight. As it was, Brian spent some minutes recovering from the trembles!



Me 262

## ANOTHER SUNNY DAY

With good weather in early August the frequent flyers requested that we hold another field evening meeting with the usual BBQ trimmings. Although it was a little cooler and there was more wind than July, over 20 members and guests turned up to enjoy an excellent barbeque put together by Roy Lanning and Ian McPherson.



Tony Taylor



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Leon Taylor's CMP ARTF P40 Warhawk in flight

## OLD MOTORCYCLES TO VISIT HAREFIELD

About twenty motorcycles and riders are to visit our field on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 2 pm to see model aircraft in action. The bikes range in date from the 1920's to the 1970's and most have been lovingly restored by their owners who are members of the local section of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club. There is crossover between the activities of flying and vintage motorcycling. One of our visitors flew jets in the RAF and built his own plane a few years ago, and another flies models locally. Our Club has at least four members who ride old bikes and are also members of the VMCC. We want to put on a good show so please come along with a model and join the fun. Tea and cakes will be provided.

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting on **Thursday 12th October at the Battle of Britain Club**, will be a talk by our member Alex Weiss and further details will be given in next month's newsletter.

Mike Sullivan



With Leon Taylor on the sticks, Mike Sullivan took these pictures of his own-design cropduster look-alike on its final flight. No - it didn't crash! Mike has decided to retire his creation after several years of successful flying. "The Laser 150 engine is so incredibly sweet and well behaved that I must have it for my large scale Chipmunk, now in an advanced stage of construction" he said. Built around a set of wings salvaged from somebody else's crashed Regal Eagle, the cropduster turned out on the weighty side, having a pound of lead under the engine bearers due to a miscalculation about the nose length. "It takes up a lot of workshop space," says Sullivan. "And it's going to a good home. A bizjet pilot friend of mine wants to hang it up in his office in South Africa."

### WYCOMBE MODEL FLYING SHOW

HWDMAC will be holding their bi-annual Model Flying Show and Family Fun Day at Hard to Find Farm, Daws Hill Lane, Flackwell Heath on Sunday 10th September. Displays by flying radio controlled model aircraft will include vintage aircraft, sport and aerobatics, plus gliders and helicopters. There will also be a spectacular pyrotechnic attack sequence where all types of aircraft will attack and destroy a defended ground installation. The attack sequence will have a very topical theme and, once the aircraft attack has started, there will be explosions, smoke and lots of noise!

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