



# NEWSLETTER



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## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2007 MEMBERSHIP

(Including a £10 Gift Voucher for BMFA 'A' and 'B' Certificate holders)

The membership subscription for 2007 will be £60 (Juniors £30), unchanged from last year. BMFA membership has been set at £27 for adults and £14 for juniors. So when you come to the **Annual General Meeting on Thursday evening, 14th December at the Battle of Britain Club**, please bring a cheque drawn in favour of West London MAC, or the **exact amount in cash (ie £60 or £87)**, to speed the collection process. There will be food and drink on the house as usual. The Committee wants to encourage all members to achieve BMFA 'A' or 'B' Certificate standard and as an incentive, all renewing members providing evidence of BMFA certification when renewing their WLMAC membership will receive a £10 gift voucher redeemable at Brentford RC Centre against purchases of £75 or more. We already hold that evidence if you renewed your BMFA membership through WLMAC last year but those of you who joined BMFA privately or through another club should bring your BMFA membership cards as evidence of your 'A' or 'B' certification.

Those intending to renew their membership but unable to attend the AGM should send their cheques payable to West London MAC to our Treasurer Peter Nielsen at 176 Cherry Tree Rd, Beaconsfield, HP9 1BA. Tel: 01494675716.

Tony Tolor



Tony Taylor has sent in the above picture of his latest model. This 1/4 scale Stampe was built from a Precedent kit he supplied to Vic Collins, the lovely Rothman logos were custom made by Peter Vidgeon. It has been flown by Vic on a Saito 82 but Tony has subsequently made some modifications to suit the Laser 150 he plans to use.



This beautiful bird of prey - identified as a "common buzzard", was photographed by Richard Norman as it eyed us from high above our flying field in September. It had been thermalling over the neighbouring quarry but then came over to investigate us, quite unfazed by the models buzzing around it. Their pilots landed anyway to give it some peace and quiet - and admire its effortless flight.

**Brentford Radio Control Centre** — have a number of Christmas Specials which are shown on their Website:  
[www.brentfordrc.co.uk](http://www.brentfordrc.co.uk)



David Whiteley captured these pictures of an immaculately restored Fairey Swordfish he saw on a visit to Old Warden. Of all the aircraft operated by the Royal Navy since 1912 when the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps was formed, the Swordfish aircraft is historically the most important. Swordfish aircraft have the distinction of being one of a very small number of aircraft which were in operational front line service at the outbreak of the second world war, and still in front line service after the declaration of peace in Europe. In so doing, the Swordfish has the added distinction of being the last bi-plane to see operational front line service in any of the three Services of the British Armed Forces. The Swordfish's distinguished war record includes the 1940 Norwegian Campaign, the wonderfully successful attack on the Italian Fleet at Taranto on 11 November 1940, the major part played by the Swordfish aircraft in the destruction of the pride of the German Fleet the battleship Bismarck in May 1941, in addition to operations in the Mediterranean, North Africa Desert Regions and the English Channel area.

### MAKE THE BMFA NOISE LEVEL

The recent "RCM&E Special" publication gives a simple way of optimising propeller size for maximum power within noise level limits. As a rule of thumb, for an 11" prop **maximum** rpm should be 11,000. For each 1" increase in diameter **maximum** rpm should be reduced by 1000, and for each 1" reduction in diameter, speed can go up by 1000 rpm. In tabular form:

Prop dia:	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Max rpm, 000's:	13	13	12	11	10	9	8	8	7

For a given prop diameter speed is controlled by pitch.

Mike Sullivan



*Polish RWD 13, scratch built by former member Tony Datkiewicz and finished by Mike Sullivan, shown in the air.*

### FOR SALE



To create hanger space - Peter Nielsen offers for sale his Speedy Bee pictured above. Its span is 41 inches, and fitted with an OS25, it is offered with or without RX and servos.

No reasonable offer will be refused. Call Peter on 01494 675716.

### TAIL PIECE

Since we reported the retirement of Mike Sullivan's Cropduster it has been out and about with its new owner, a pilot, and making a few records. Firstly it has logged 37 hours flying time at 45 and 47,000 feet. It has been over Holland, Germany, Poland, Macedonia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Greece, the Sahara, Algiers, Mali, to the left of Timbuktu, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Sao Tome, Angola, Botswana and finally came in to land at Jo-Burg International. The pilot and plane have captured the following world records for a Cropduster. The highest and fastest flying, experiencing 535Kts and temperatures of minus 75 and plus 35 degrees centigrade. Best duration - 7 hours 30 min legs between re-fueling. The longest single hop over water covering 3087nm from Jakarta to Mauritius Fastest climb to 43,000 ft in 14 mins (out of Kos Island Greece). Not all retired models spend their retirement in a dusty old loft!!