



NEWSLETTER

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NEW FLYING SEASON STARTS HERE

Spring sprang at last on the Thursday before the Easter weekend, with brilliant, warm sunshine



and next to no wind, attracting a bumper turnout for such a time of year. Des Wheatley had done his stuff with our new grass mower, and rolled it while it was still soft from its soaking during March. The leaves were only just budding, but it



might have been summer, so relaxed was the atmosphere and so varied was the flying. Mike Sullivan's airborne camera recorded the scene from his quarter scale L4 Military Piper Cub. He says sorry about the struts - the camera will be repositioned!

YOUR RULES FOR 2007

The 2007 edition of our club rules is attached. The Rules have been reviewed by the committee and amended to take into account changes noted in the BMFA rules and comments picked up at the AGM held in December 2006. There are very few changes on this occasion, but read them, please, to refresh your memory, and ensure that you have noted the changes which are shown in italics. A copy of the rules is posted on our Website and will be displayed in the club house.



Mike Pugh's De Havilland 88 Comet about to take-off. Geoffrey De Havilland was determined that Britain was to win the prestigious England - Australia air race of 1934. The subject of this model, the scarlet and white "Grosvenor House" was the eventual winner flown by C.W.A. Scott and T. Campbell Black.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting at the Battle of Britain club on Thursday, April 12th will be the annual WLMAC BRING & BUY. So now is the time to turn those un-wanted aeromodelling items into cash and also have the chance to pick up a bargain and in case you had forgotten, bargains may be scarce as there's no longer a Watford Swapmeet.

Lloyd Ressler, the club president, has donated his research notes on aircraft he has modelled or has considered modelling along with a number of aeronautical books. These will be auctioned during the meeting and the proceeds will go to club funds.

This year there will also be a Free - **yes Free** - Prize Draw open to all those who come along and the lucky winner will be taking home this amazing Parkzone Spitfire.

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- * Powerful 480 motor with gear reduction
- * Two transmitter selectable flight modes
- * 3-cell Li-Po battery compatible
- * Semi-symmetrical aerobatic airfoil
- * Fully proportional aileron, elevator and throttle controls
- * Authentic, factory applied paint scheme, decals and painted pilot
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FlIESELER STORCH

Tony Taylor captured this shot of Leon's model on what turned out to be its last appearance at Harefield, as Leon has subsequently sold the model through the BMFA website.

Originally designed in 1935 to perform the roles of casualty evacuation, army co-operation and liaison, the Storch (Stork) was noted for its remarkable STOL (Short Take-Off and Landing) performance.

DIARY DATES

12 th Apr 2006	WLMAC Bring and Buy
9 th May 2006	Electric Flight Demo
13 th June 2006	Field Meeting
8 th July 2006	Scale Day
11 th July 2006	Field Meeting

ANOTHER VANDAL ATTACK

Committee members survey the damage to the club house roof, inflicted by weekend vandals. They overturned our model table and stole paving slabs from the table under the frequency board. They took the larger logs marking the boundary between the pits and the car park, and lobbed a chunk of paving stone



so high above the club house that it pierced both the roofing felt and the steel roof beneath it. They also smashed the drainpipe from the interior lavatory – fortunately John Fowles and Des Wheatley were quick off the mark and have replaced the damaged pipe so the lavatory can be used. In addition they have covered the drainpipe outside the clubhouse with soil so that it won't tempt other vandals in the future.