



NEWSLETTER

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OUR 21st ANNIVERSARY AT HAREFIELD

Twenty one years ago the West London Model Aeroplane Club moved on to our Harefield site and carved out a small, turfed strip for take-offs and landings, about 100 yards to the north of our current pits. The picture below, taken in 1987 from Peter Neilsen's model (that's him in the foreground) shows the typical weekend attendance. In the pits are Lloyd Ressler, Bob Young, Dave Summers, Ron Pratt and a few others. In those early days there was much frantic work to improve the field and later, frequent work parties. Within two years the field was greatly extended, a car park built and the first clubhouse installed. Just ten years ago the field was refurbished and the new "armoured" clubhouse we have today was brought on to the site. Time just flies when you're having fun!



Brian Lee and Bill Mercer ready for another fan jet mission



Mike Sullivan

We call it aeromodelling archaeology. After 21 years of flying at Harefield there's a wealth of history under that grass!



Against a dark and moody sky, Andy Hopper's Hanger 9 Mustang leaves a trail of smoke puffs - one for each piston stroke of its Laser 100 engine. This picture was shot by Mike Sullivan in early March, on a day when the rain and wind gave way to a day of fitful sunshine and a comparatively light breeze. At the time we were hoping for an end to the rain but as it turned out it was the last of the rain!!

NEXT MEETING

There will be a barbeque at the field on Wednesday 9th May at 6.30pm and a demonstration of the latest electric flight technology by the people from FlightPower. They will be talking about the EVO25 which is the next generation of Lithium Polymer battery packs for RC flight that are bringing us ever more power and greater duration in almost-silent flight.

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Peter Nielsen's Parkfly Spitfire beats up the field for Tony Taylor's camera.

BRING AND BUY

The April bring and Buy attracted 50 or so members and their friends and much trading was done. Des Wheatley won the Parkfly Spitfire in the free Raffle. The Auction of Lloyd Ressler's



Aeronautical Books and Research Papers raised £77.25 for club funds.



Lew Wrapson sends us this picture of a lovely model Hercules that was subsequently lost when the owner took-off with the wrong model selected on his computer radio transmitter – just the kind of accident that the new 2.4 Gig radios will eliminate, though there are lots of other careless ways to destroy a model!

Lloyd Ressler



Lloyd Ressler's Tiger Moth with his home built Four Stroke Four cylinder engine that won the Silver at the Model Engineer Exhibition.

FOR SALE

This scratch-built scale model of the 1930s Comper Swift racer, winner of the 1994 WLMAC Scale Day competition, is retiring after thirteen years of trouble free flying. Designer, and builder Michael Sullivan offers it without the engine, but with Futaba radio and servos still in place. It flies nicely on an OS 46LA or an OS52 FS. Mike says it is intolerant of crosswind landings and take-offs, and demands a skilled hand on the sticks - just like the real thing! Offers?



DIARY DATES

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
9 th August 2006	Field Meeting