



NEWSLETTER

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MIRACLE AT HAREFIELD!

Britain's appalling 2007 summer weather took a one day holiday on Sunday, July 8, presenting our Scale Day with a rare display of warm sunshine and the lightest of breezes. The event had been brought forward from September in search of a better chance of good weather but it was still preceded by weeks of torrential rain and high winds. The rare window of opportunity arrived just in time for our day of flying, eating and socialising. It lasted just long enough. As we packed up at the end of the day, dark clouds gathered and a stiff, chilly wind blew up. Thunder storms and torrential rain returned the following day and settled into another two weeks of intermittent grey skies, wind and rain. We couldn't believe our luck.

The field was a beautiful sight. The Saturday work party had filled in the rabbit holes. Des Wheatley had close-mown the grass, thick and healthy from long summer soakings. Roy and Jill Lanning set up their impressive portable barbecue and laid out a delicious buffet lunch inside the club house.

Peter Emanuel, brandishing the club's loud hailer, briefed, marshalled and herded the pilots into a non-stressful series of relaxed display flights. With Panama hats, summer dresses; the constant buzz of model engines (and the crunch



of the occasional crash), it all added up to a classic WLMAC Scale Day.

The one real newcomer to the winners was Matt Dawsons's pretty electric DH 88 Comet, the bright red, electric twin prop racer. After several unsuccessful attempts to get it airborne from its wire dolly, Matt coaxed it into the air to a round of applause and won the Electric Trophy.

Brian Lee's big DH 2 World War One pusher biplane returned from its trophy win last year to win this year's "Best Flight" trophy. Leon Taylor



won the Large Civil Scale Trophy, performing a series of crisp aerobatic displays with his elegant, quarter scale Clip Wing Piper Cub, Mike Sullivan won the Large Military Scale Trophy with his big Military version of the Cub, the L4. Bill Mercer's much-flown, F4 Corsair leapt off its dolly to carve up the sky and win the Military Scale Trophy. Tony Taylor's Impressive Stampe biplane won the Peter Conway "Most Desirable Model" Trophy. Bob Young won the Civil Scale trophy with his pretty and agile Space Walker.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be a Field Meeting at Harefield on Wednesday 8th August. Weather permitting, there will be a barbecue from 6.30pm and electric flying from 7.00pm. Visitors are welcome



DIARY DATES

8th Aug 2007
11th Oct 2007
8th Nov 2007
13th Dec 2007

Field Meeting
Battle of Britain Club
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