



NEWSLETTER

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WIND AND RAIN FAIL TO DAMPEN SCALE DAY.

A packed car park and a throng of members, their friends and families turned a day of grim weather into a convivial gathering that was a tribute to the friendly ethos of our club. Some would-be contestants declined to risk their models in high wind and ferocious turbulence but those who flew gave a crash-free display of skill and confidence that drew applause from an attentive crowd. See OTHER PAGES for more pictures of the day.



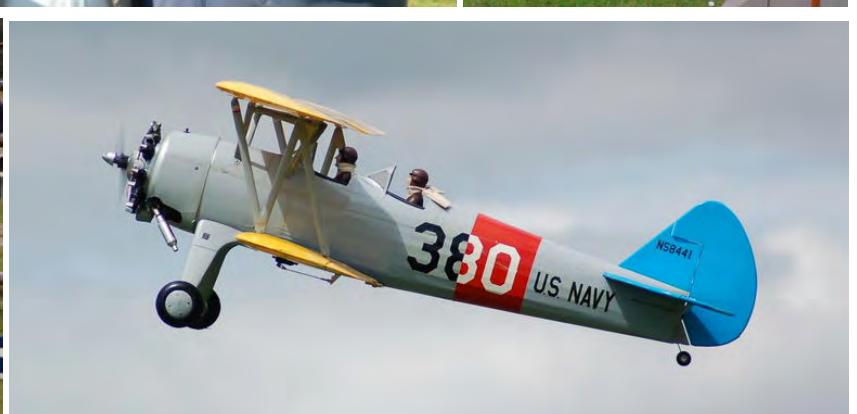
ABOVE: In a rare burst of sunshine at the end of Scale Day trophy winners line up with a big smile after a successful, day-long battle with wind and turbulence. Left to right: John Smith, who won "best flight of the day" with Tony Taylor's Stearman biplane; Peter Curnick who won the "large civil" category with his electric powered, Sback 343.; Richard Norris who won "small civil" with his civilianised SE5 biplane; Gordon Tarling, seen holding his TWO trophies—one for "best owner-built model" with his giant, third scale Sopwith Pup, which also won him the "Large Military" trophy; Ron Stephens, judged "most improved flyer over the year" and David Orrells, "small military" with his plans-built FW 190. .

BELOW LEFT: The day-before work party cleared out and spruced up the contents of the club house as sun and wind dried out the rain sodden flying field. BELOW RIGHT: Sheltering from the summer on the big day. Spectators stuck it out in the best of spirits.





Scale Day snapshots



BACKROOM BOYS.

The smooth running of this year's Scale Day was in the hands of (see right, left to right) Mike Sullivan, keeping the punters informed on the PA system, WLMAC members Ron Stephens and Des Wheatley and Robin Wilkins, Chairman of the Coombe Hill Soaring Association, who judged each entry through its flight and then when they were presented to them by the entrants. This system, now in its third year, has proved much simpler and fairer than the old method of preferential voting by members and spectators



The day was also marked by the most delicious barbecue of hamburgers and steaks, plus a memorable cold buffet served in the club house. Head of Catering Roy Lanning and his wife Jill produced the burgers while their son in law Barry did the steaks. Mike Pugh and his wife Penny manned the cold buffet. The best ever Scale Day eating—and that's saying something!.



This twin ducted fan foamie Messerschmitt 262 was the star of the show at the Mid-June barbecue when CML Distribution were invited to show off their wares. With everything installed, including its sturdy retractable gear, it will be in the shops at the end of July, price £245 but Brentford RC will offer it to WLMAC members at £209 .



WYCOMBE LEG OF TRI-CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS.

First competition was timed touch-and-goes.

Top 6 times (after adding bonuses and penalties) were:

- 1st James Beck (0:24)
- 2nd Chris Todd (0:45)
- 3rd Simon Hilson (1:00)
- 4th Graham Stone (1:14)
- 5th Basil (1:15)
- 6th Pete Curnick (1:16)

Second comp was streamer cutting. Each pilot had 4 minutes to try and cut a streamer towed behind a target plane. Surprisingly, 4 managed it, with the fastest cut winning:

- 1st James Beck (0:10)
- 2nd Mat Dawson (0:41)
- 3rd Pete Curnick (1:25)
- 4th Chris Todd (3:10)

**THE NEXT INTERCLUB
COMPETITION
WILL BE AT THE SLOUGH CLUB
ON SUNDAY, JULY 17TH
AT 1300 HOURS.**