



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEW CLUB HOUSE KEYS

The club house door locks and keys are to be renewed. The locks have become so worn that members have been having difficulty opening the door and even a set of brand new keys has not solved the problem. **The locks will be changed on April 21<sup>st</sup>.** New keys will be available to members at the next Club meeting on April the 13<sup>th</sup>. Keys will also be available from a committee member at the field. Or you can send for them by post, provided you enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. Apply to John Fowles, 16 Moneyhill Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 2EQ.

## FLY TIPPING AT THE GATE

Des Wheatley and John Fowles cleared a way through fly tipped waste at the gate on Sunday 12th March so that members could get into the field. Leon Taylor reported the tipping to Hillingdon Borough Council on Monday who cleared it away within two or three days. If you see anyone tipping at the gate please note the vehicle registration number so we can get these individuals prosecuted. The fines for this offence have risen sharply over the last few years.

Leo Wrapson



Yes the water was deeper than the pilot anticipated

Michael Sullivan



Our unusual picture shows a British Airways Airbus plodding along at 35,000 feet over the Alps, seen from above! It was snapped from a Gulfstream executive jet, flying another ten thousand feet above it. The cameraman was member Mike Sullivan, but he hastens to add that he wasn't the pilot and his pension does not run to a Gulfstream. The pilot is a buddy of his.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting at the Battle of Britain club on **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** will be a talk from The Napier Power Heritage Trust which will cover the development of Aeroengines by D Napier and Son from 1917 to the early sixties. Remember that new clubhouse keys (see above ) will be available at this meeting.



Leon Taylor's latest acquisition, a professionally built Pfalz



*Landing on snow can be tricky!*

## PASS YOUR BMFA CERTIFICATE AND MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHEAPER!

Consider yourself a competent flyer, but never got round to getting a BMFA certificate to prove it? Well the Club announces a new incentive for you to get yourself certificated. If you gain a BMFA 'A' or 'B' certificate or if you are a BMFA examiner you will qualify for a £5 discount on your next membership subscription for 2007. The club examiners will be available at Harefield on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2006 to any members who fancy taking the test. If you can't make it on one of those dates you can arrange an appointment with an examiner. For an appointment, or for more information, call Leon Taylor on 01494 674002.



*Props can be dangerous!*

## YOUR RULES FOR 2006

The 2006 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 spotted this example of close formation flying*



*With model flying grounded by poor weather at Harefield, Peter Nielsen took the opportunity to grab a flight in a full size glider from Booker and captured the above cockpit scene during take-off.*

## DIARY DATES

11 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	WLMAC Bring and Buy
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	BMFA Test Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2006	BMFA Test Day
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2006	Club house painting working party

## AEROMODELLING DAY OUT

The Large Model Association meeting at Cosford is the proposed venue for a Club visit by minibus if enough members are interested. Call Roy Lanning on 01923 466563 or email [rlanning@ntlworld.com](mailto:rlanning@ntlworld.com) to register initial interest. Once we have gauged the level of support we will contact those interested with a detailed proposal and draft joining instructions.