



NEWSLETTER

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FIRST "A" CERTIFICATES ARE WON AT HAREFIELD

Spring sunshine greeted the first members to turn up to at Harefield, seeking to take the test for the BMFA "A" Certificate that will be compulsory for all solo flyers by the end of the year. Two weekends saw three passes and no failures and more candidates are training for the test.

Roger Moffatt was the first to pass, followed the next day by Graham Spencer. A week later Dr Saied Sohail won his certificate after flying his Seagull Edge 540 aerobatic model through the test schedule. The test sessions are officially on the

Saturday to follow the monthly club meeting but members can make their own arrangements with any of our examiners to meet at the field for testing or training at a mutually convenient time. This is an enviable club facility. Take advantage of it!



Above: Dr Saied Sohail gets his certificate from examiner Peter Emanuel. Above right: A last minute briefing for Roger Moffatt from examiner Leon Taylor before he gets airborne to win his "A" test certificate (below).



Congratulations! It's a pass!



Another electric powered, man-carrying aircraft flew in Spain in April. Boeing's two seater, powered by a hydrogen fuel cell battery, flew for 20 minutes at 62 mph. The high-tech, super lightweight composite construction follows the pattern of many modern light aircraft.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

With electric flight becoming ever more popular at Harefield, Stuart Whitehouse, our expert on electric power, will share his expertise with us at 8–0 p.m. at the Battle of Britain Club on THURSDAY, May 8th 2008.

For a colour copy by email please contact Bob at bob.t.young@btinternet.com



The tall trees along two sides of our Harefield site claimed their first victim of the year in mid April when Peter Nielsen's Albatross electric glider lost power and refused to answer to the transmitter. Peter retrieved the wing, but the fuselage, along with its expensive contents, remained firmly in the clutches of the high level twiggery, far beyond rescue and deep into the woods that border Stocker's Farm. Summer foliage will soon hide it completely. Stay away from the trees! They are pretty but they are not our friends!

QUALITY PEGS REQUIRED



Our handsome new frequency board, combined with the yellow frequency pegs issued free to members some time ago, plays an important part in avoiding frequency clashes. More pegs are now needed, but the original peg types have proved to be difficult to find. They were larger than usual, and made from what looks like beechwood but our Head of Pegs can now find only nasty, stunted little clothes pegs, made from what appears to be the kind of wood of which matches are made. Can anyone track down a source of the larger, higher quality pegs please? And if you do, please buy lots and lots of them and call Mike Sullivan on 0208 998 1702. He will ensure the peg finder is reimbursed. Incidentally, the official "colour" for 2.4 Gig is black, but in the interests of higher visibility, 2.4 Gig pegs on display at Harefield will be required to be RED.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BRING AND BUY

April's club meeting was better attended than March's. Nothing like a Bring and Buy and the chance of a bargain to bring 'em in.



Above left. "Wanna buy a wing? Just the wing!" Hopeful Gary Skerton tries to unload a project he wished he hadn't started. Right: Bob Young eyes up Leon Taylor's pretty Tiger Moth before reaching for his wallet.



Above and below.....bargain hunters at work.

