WLMAC Newsletter July 2018



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Tony Bloomfield's vintage Dave Smith Models Smart Move EX, flown without a cowl as the Saito 125 has only had about 40 minutes running. Very smooth, vast amounts of vertical at about half power.

Parish Notices

Important Reminder

Chairman Mat would like everyone to be reminded that <u>no one is allowed to fly solo unless they</u> <u>have an A Cert or are under club instruction</u> - this applies to anything that is Radio Controlled and flies - Drones, Heli's or Planes (and IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW SMALL IT IS, OR IF YOU'RE AT THE FIELD ON YOUR OWN AND NO ONE IS LOOKING). IF IN ANY DOUBT DON'T FLY UNTIL CHECKED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Evening Flying and Noise

Also, please do not to fly anything perceived as being the slightest bit noisy after 7.00pm (even if it <u>is</u> electric). This is a sure-fire way of getting a complaint / losing our site.

GPDR Regulations and WLMAC

As you are probably aware the new European rules on data protection (GDPR) came into force recently. The committee has wasted spent some considerable time looking into how this affects WLMAC, and consulted with the BMFA. Fortunately it has little impact on the club: we only store

minimal data on club members, and we are allowed to keep such data, and to send out newsletters on the grounds that it is essential and intrinsic part of membership of the club.

We now have a GDPR-compliant formal privacy policy on our website, so there should be no danger of any of us being hauled off to the dungeons beneath the European Parliament in Brussels.

The only change that will take place is the members' phone number list that we circulate annually will become optional and inclusion of your phone number will now require an opt-in when you renew your membership. However this year's list was sent out before GDPR started, so it's not affected.

Advance Notice – WLMAC Aviation Quiz Club Night, Thursday 11th October

We're going to have an "Aviation Quiz" for the October club night at Uxbridge Golf Club on Thursday 11th October; we'll have six rounds of about half a dozen questions each, so if we start at 8:00 pm we should be all done by 9:15-9:20.

We'd like small teams of about 3 or 4 people, the committee is happy to organise people into teams on the night but if you want to take part with your mates we're happy to go along with that, although we *may* have to move team members around on the night if we have some awkward numbers. And, think of a good team name!

Since we don't have to pay for a guest speaker (and I'd like you all to note that the questionmasters won't get paid), there will be a cash prize (to be shared equally between team members) of £100 for the winning team and £50 for the second-place team. The questions will cover:

- Notable aviation events;
- Both world wars;
- Aircraft recognition;
- General aviation knowledge.

Stuart Whitehouse and I drew the short straw to set the questions, and unfortunately he's made me drop most of the really difficult ones, so many of the questions you should be able to either work out by a process of logical deduction, or make a good educated guess.

However, I have managed to sneak in a couple of tricky questions under the radar to (hopefully) confound the experts.

There will, of course, be a cunning and relevant tie-break question in the event that there is a tie.

Work Party on Saturday 30th June

As discussed in the previous Newsletter, there's a work party on the morning of Saturday 30th July to prep the hut, clean the furniture, etc. for the Family Fun day on the Sunday 1st July – please come and lend a hand if you possibly can because a) it won't take us very long if there are a lot of people doing it, and b) a light luncheon will be provided.

Family Fun Day on Sunday 1st July

Also as discussed in the previous newsletter, the Family Fun Day will be on Sunday 1st July; Chairman Mat will send out a go/no-go email on the Saturday (depending on the weather). Please try and turn up if you can, if only for the BBQ and (I am assured) cake.

Important Notice on Local Flora and Fauna

I understand from Chairman Mat that there have been reports from a reliable source from a source that there might be a Wild Boar loose on the site. For identification purposes, here are some photographs:



Wild Boar



Muntjac Deer

No Drone Flying Over the Pits!

The committee would like members to be reminded that there is to be <u>No</u> Drone flying over the pits, for what should be obvious safety reasons. Drones are flown under exactly the same rules as helicopters – they should only use the normal flying area, and can only flown with the express permission of all fixed-wing flyers present.

A Reminder on Retrieving Downed Models

Very occasionally, models will go down in the trees or scrub and people will go out to retrieve them. If this happens to you, please make sure that you tell someone where you're going and <u>take a mobile phone with you</u>. You never know when you might have to phone for assistance after encountering the local wildlife...

Weekend of 9th/10th June – BMFA Scale Competition

We had the BMFA "Flying Only" Scale Competition on Sunday 10th June; apparently, a good time was had by all.



Some of the Competitors and models. Leon is looking on.



This Boxer belongs to one of the scale judges and is called (I kid you not) "Biggles".



The results at close of play on Sunday.

WLMAC Field Meeting Wednesday 13th June



We had a rather nice evening BBQ on Wednesday 13th June, it was very well attended in spite of the rather sporting crosswind. Many burgers and sausages were consumed. Tony Bloomfield had only his second flight with a rather nice Sebart Miss Wind S 50E biplane in red, white and green – looked very, very nice indeed. Since the sad demine of my Angel 50 I'm missing an electric aerobat, and I am quite tempted...

WLMAC Club Clothing

Club fleeces and baseball hats will shortly be available; fleeces are dark blue and cost £33, Baseball hats are available in several colours and are £8. Mat will bring fleeces and hats along to club nights/BBQ evenings and you can try them on.

Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Sunday 1 July	Family Fun Day	Harefield	Scale Day and Fun Day
Sunday 8 July	Family Fun Day reserve date	Harefield	(Only if rained off the previous week)
Wednesday, 11 July	Field Meeting	Harefield	BBQ and Electric Flying
Wednesday, 08 August	Field Meeting	Harefield	BBQ and Electric Flying
Wednesday, 12 September	Field Meeting	Harefield	BBQ and Electric Flying
Thursday, 11 October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Aviation quiz with cash prizes !
Thursday, 8 November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills Evening
Thursday, 13 December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	AGM