



The prize-winners on Family Fun Day, Sunday 1st July – from left to right; Tony Parrott and Eflite T-28 Trojan (Most Improved Flyer), Andy Blackburn and Hangar 9 Messerschmitt 109F (Peter Conway Trophy), Mark Pressling and Align 700 (Best Aerobatic Flight) and finally Tony Bloomfield with his Hangar 9 Twin Otter (Best Flight of the Day) [Graham Motler Photo]

Parish Notices and Reports

Family Fun Day on Sunday 1st July

We had the family fun day on Sunday 1st July, it seemed that a good time was had by all and the day has been judged by an independent expert¹ to be a “Great Success”. Thanks are due to Peter Emmanuel for providing commentary of the flying, Roy Lanning for looking after the BBQ and Vin for masterminding the food arrangements in the hut. And last but not least special thanks to everyone who turned up on Saturday morning to get everything ready, and to those who stayed on Sunday afternoon to tidy up. There was a possibility that the committee had over-catered again as people were seen taking cake away at the end, but as one of the main beneficiaries I see nothing wrong with that...

¹ It was Leon Taylor actually, but even though Leon is a long-standing member with a considerable amount of expertise and gravitas, “Independent Expert” sounds better and more important...



The flight line at about 12:00; I was only hanging around near the BBQ because I thought the burgers might be ready...

I spent most of the time flying and taking pictures so it's difficult to give a blow-by-blow account of what happened, or who did what to whom. This year the report is therefore going to be in two parts with not a lot of text;

1. A summary of the entrants
2. A random selection of models in flight (sorry if I didn't get yours) and other photographs

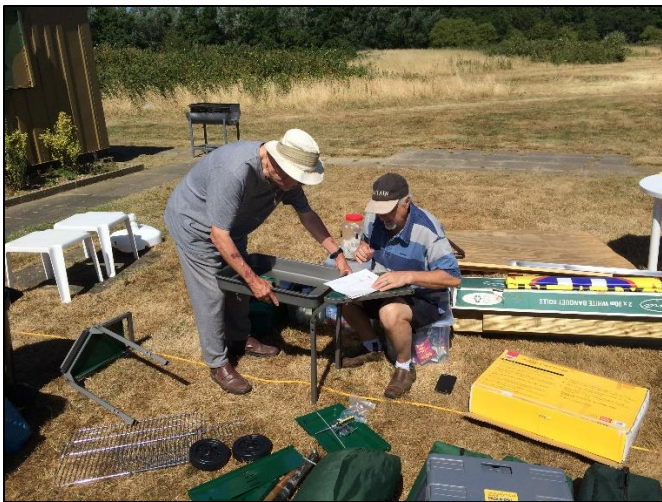
Refer to the header picture on page 1 for details of the winners.

The Entrants to the Flying Competition

Flyer	Model	Comments
Tony Parrott	T-REX 700 Eflite T28 Trojan	Hughes 500 body. Won the Most Improved Flyer award (David Whitehouse Trophy).
Colin Martin	Black Horse Shrike Commander Seagull Silence Twister	Left the top hatch at home, but flew it anyway - Kudos!
Tony Bloomfield	Black Horse D.H. Chipmunk Sebart Miss Wind S 50E	Had a few minutes on the sticks afterwards; it was an

	Hanger 9 Twin Otter	absolute delight to fly, I can see why they're popular. Won the Best Flight of the Day.
Andy Blackburn	Hanger 9 Messerschmitt BF109F	Won the award for the Best Scale Model, built and flown by the owner (Peter Conway Trophy).
Leon Taylor	Flair P47 Thunderbolt Razorback	Dolly launch. Flew quite slowly.
Michael Johnson	Sebart Sukhoi S29 30E Messerschmitt Me262	Converted to 4 cells (from 3). Converted from scratch-built EDF model to 2 x electric pusher.
Graham Motler Mark Pressling	Mitsubishi Zero WOT 4 (ARTF) Align 700 Electric helicopter	Won the Best Aerobatic Flight award.
Richard Norris Andy Turner	Cossack EFlite Sea Fury	

A Random Selection of Family Day Photographs



Frank Dalby-Smith and Roy Lanning attempt to assemble the spare BBQ.



Tony Parrott's flybarless T-REX 700 dressed up as a Hughes 500. Runs on 12s LiPos.



Michael Johnson's Sebart Sukhoi S29 30E – goes well on 4 cells (Sebart 30 series are fine in flat calm, but often struggle if there's any wind).



WLMAC Honorary President for Life, Lloyd Ressler, and Mrs Pat Ressler. Graham Motler is overseeing proceedings.



Colin Martin's Black Horse Shrike Commander with top hatch missing. Spans 80 inches, weighs about 10 lb and has two Saito 56 four strokes.



Andy Blackburn's Hangar 9 Messerschmitt bf109F, flies convincingly on a Laser 120



Michael Johnson's Me 262, a pusher prop is just visible behind starboard nacelle. Flies convincingly.



One of Mark Pressling's Align 700 helis, this one is IC powered if memory serves.



Mr Tony Parrott after accidentally – I am assured – stepping on my trophy after I put it somewhere safe whilst the header picture was taken. Clumsy Oaf. ☺



Packing up at about 5 pm; didn't take long.

WLMAC BBQ, Wednesday 18th July



The WLMAC BBQ that was originally scheduled for Wednesday 11th July was put back a week because England's world cup semi-final game against Croatia was on the Wednesday. Drawing a discreet veil over the outcome of the game, I can report that the BBQ went ahead on the 18th as planned, and a good time was had by all. I'm

aware that I always say that, but it's true – I never get anyone coming up to me and saying that the BBQ was a waste of time...



WLMAC members Roger Woods and Krys Holubecki manning the WLMAC stand at the Colne Valley show on Sunday 22nd July – nobody could fly on the 22nd anyway as there was filming. However, the gentlemen kindly gave up a few hours to man the stand – not as onerous as it might sound as there was plenty of reading matter and WLMAC paid for food and drink.

Car Track News – Tony Parrott

To the casual observer WLMAC would appear to be a pretty typical model flying club. However we can boast a number of key additions that put us head and shoulders above your typical club. But enough about me. Instead I'd like to bring to your attention the club's off-road RC car track.

It's been in existence, though as more of 'car area' rather than a track, for a number of years and it has recently benefited from a major upgrade. Using the soil excavated from the new car park it now has five permanent dirt jumps and a huge banked corner.

We also have enough course markers to lay out around 120m of track while a driver's podium ensures an excellent view over the entire circuit. Want more? Okay there's a track-side workbench, a dedicated foot path to the podium from behind the club hut and a brace of 16-foot wooden jumps that are stored in said hut. Not too bad, for a flying club.

In truth the track has suffered quite badly in the high temperatures we've been experiencing of late but once it cools down, and we get some much needed rain, it will be re-graded.



The track is open 24/7 for all WLMAC club members who hold current BMFA insurance, it's ideally suited to 1/8 scale buggies and truggies, and 1/10 scale Short Course trucks, but you can run whatever you want. As long as it's electric - no I/C. No exceptions.

If you'd like to get involved you're going to need a car. Assuming you don't already have one look to be paying £100 and upwards for a cheap and cheerful secondhand hack. For a new 1/8 scale truggy/buggy you'll need three to four times that amount - as with planes there is no top end spend wise. At present the most expensive truck on our track weighs in at a mighty £1100. Batteries not included.

During the nicer weather we try and have an informal thrash most Wednesday evenings and that would be a great time to come along and decide if it's for you. We also have an email group which keeps all the drivers up to date. Typically we're in touch with 10-15 drivers but rarely do more than half that number attend.

Run by the drivers, for the drivers, everyone's expected to do their bit. For more details and quick rules/safety brief, and certainly before you use the track for the first time, contact either myself or Chairman Mat.

Club Clothing



The club Fleece and Baseball hat – tastefully displayed here in classic catwalk poses by Colin Martin – are now available from Mat, who will have a supply of various sizes available at the next club meeting. Prices are £33.00 for the fleece and £8.00 for the hat.

Stop Press!



There have been several instances of a Paramotor (a powered paraglider) flying locally, close to the WLMAC patch, and whilst we have no particular problem with this it does seem to be rather noisy so we don't want to be blamed for someone else's noise pollution. The committee has therefore contacted the relevant council department and obtained a reference number in case we have a noise complaint.

Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
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