



*Last seen on our patch on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Permission was granted by Chairman Mat for this test flight (Mat intends to add Airships to the list of planes that can be flown at Harefield). The owner Martin Hill gets quite upset if it's referred to as a "balloon". We believe it should be referred to as a non-rigid airship (because it is powered and can be steered), or a dirigible. How about a Zeppelin?*

## Parish Notices

### *Noise*

It is important that we all continue to fly within our site boundary and we make sure the noise levels of our aircrafts are within the stated BMFA limits.

### *Annual Fee*

For those who have not yet paid, the club fee was due by the end of December. Members who have not renewed by the end of January may be required to pay the joining fee to re-join. **BMFA insurance lapses at the end of the year, so from 1<sup>st</sup> January you are no longer insured and must not fly, unless you have paid the BMFA fee to us, to another club or to the BMFA directly.**

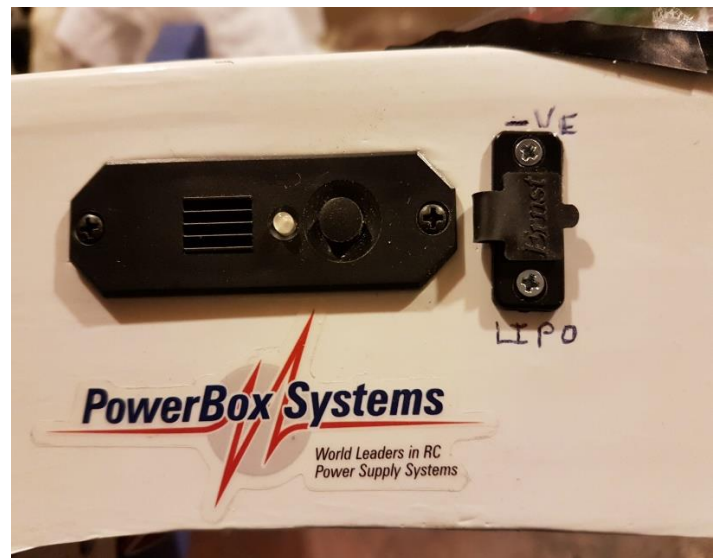
### *Thanks*

Thanks to Jeff Creak for chopping the sapling trees to the left of our field, we would also like to thank Jeff for treating the moss on the Astroturf as well.

## Tip of the Month

Using JR/Futaba charge socket to check/charge receiver LIPO's via balance lead.

If you use 2 cell LIPO's to power up your receiver, often it is difficult to check the status of the battery when the wing is bolted onto the fuselage. By removing the sleeve of a servo extension lead exposing the 3 pins, it is possible to plug the lead into a JST plug of the balance lead. You then use another servo lead on the battery tester side to check the status. By connecting a balance lead charger into the charge socket, it is also possible to charge the LIPO through the same connection. (See below) It's a good idea to Place a label underneath the charge socket with the **-Ve** end and a **LIPO** using a suitable marker as you don't want to charge it with NIMH settings. The charge sockets can be purchased from the usual supplies, Logic make one with a dust cover for approximately £5.00, those with a 3D printer can print one out for pennies.



# Club Christmas Dinner 2018

*Hopefully to become our annual event*



*A welcome wave from our very own John Smith telling of his Black Panther sitting on the webcam.*



*Roy and Stewart having a relaxing drink before the big meal*



*The committee patiently waiting for their Christmas meal.*



*Cheers Graham*





*Cheer up John, dinner is about to be served. All the tables and AGM seating was nicely laid out by the Golf club, all we had to do is turn up.*



*A fantastic turn out for our joint Christmas meal and AGM, £10 was paid for each member's meal by WLMAC. 34 people attended the Christmas meal and approximately 50 attended the AGM. A great evening was had by all.*

# Club Meetings

*WLMAC AGM, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018*



*Just a few steps from the dining table and all ready for our AGM.*



*The King checks his notes before the meeting commences.*



*Krys Holubecki was elected onto the committee.*



*I was elected onto the committee as the new editor – Felix Scicluna.*

Annual subscriptions were collected. Mathew presented his report first stating how pleased he was with our new meeting venue from the sadly now closed Battle of Britain club to the Uxbridge Golf Club, everyone agreed. Mathew also mentioned that he has ordered a new bigger and better mower for Tony our “Field Marshal”. We have 101 members from last year. Stuart ran through the finances for the year. The Committee was re-elected including two new additions, Krys Holubecki and Felix Scicluna (see photo’s above).

## Winter Projects

Frank Dalby-Smith was pleased to show us his new adjustable table for the winter projects and the following notes



I decided in the autumn that I was getting a bit fed up with the quality of some of the RTF models these days. Although most of the air frames are acceptable often the installation of hinges, control runs, motors and the like

can leave a lot to be desired. These issues can be fixed but often only with some reinstallation which can take a lot of time and fiddling; not what we expect given the cost they are now. Still cheaper than building I hear you say and yes that may be so but not quite the same satisfaction as building as I remember it; so, I decided to give it a go again anyway.

I haven't built a model from a kit & plan for probably 20 years now. However, I always wanted to build the Flair Puppeteer. Sadly, this range of models is not manufactured now; although some small batches have been made intermittently by a small group of enthusiasts. I am not sure if they still do this as I was unable to find any.

I have fortunately found an original Mk11 kit complete and untouched. The whole thing has been kept very carefully and the plans and wood are perfect. So, no excuse now! It is a perfect way to stay warm, productive and busy in the winter.

Only problem was where to build it. My good lady finally put her foot down and wants her dining room table back from modelling duties. We have a small room 8.5 x 8 ft of useable space attached to my garage. This had a desk which has been used as a general bench for 14 years and used for everything from fixing the strimmer to mixing paints and model repairs so consequently was in desperate need of total renovation.

I was recently inspired by a visit to chairman Matt's extensive and purpose-built model workshop with space designed for the work and the right tools for the work. This gave me a few ideas to adapt and see what I could work out on a small scale for a really small space. We got stuck in and it took about 4 weeks to find the time to get it all done and looking pretty good in a new coat of paint.

Having scrapped the old desk, I had to find a replacement and started looking around. Nothing really fitted the bill until I looked at second hand office furniture on the web in the area and came across 'recycledbusinessfurniture.co.uk'. There I found a desk which could be supplied with a top of your choice of size and, this is the cool bit, you can crank the table top up and down from a low of 28" to a top height of 47" to suit your needs. I chose the 1400x800mm size top to allow working around three sides when needed. (See pictures)

This was about the best I could do with a small area but the desk work height variation and being able to work around three side will, I know, make a big difference to efficiency.

So very soon the Puppeteer project will commence and I hope to send in pictures, as it goes, just for interest.

All the best

Frank D-S

### *Editors notes*

I would like to say a big thanks to our former editor Andy Blackburn for doing such a good job publishing our previous Newsletters. I hope to carry on producing the Newsletter with minimal changes and I will try to maintain Andy's high standards.

We have had a discussion with the committee and decided to include in future Newsletters, a top tip each month. The top tip should be a very brief explanation and a picture if possible. We

have a number of ideas between the committee, if any members have any top tips I can publish, please forward them to me, including diagrams and picture. It is important that they are kept short and to the point to keep the readers interested.

The committee has been discussing placing some of our group pictures on our club website from our events such as or AGM, Christmas meal, fun day etc. If anyone objects to having their picture on our website, can you please advise either Mathew, Roy, Stuart or Felix

## Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	First Aid talk and Drone flying
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa bash
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills night
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz night
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals



Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal
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Finally: Happy New Year to all WLMAC members