WLMAC Newsletter June 2020

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Sadly this month we report the passing away of Lloyd Ressler who amongst his other skills was responsible for finding our present field in Harefield.

Chairman Mathew reported the Passing away of Lloyd Ressler-

Obituary

Lloyd Ressler, 10th May 1921 – 20th April 2020

It is with much regret that West London Model Aeroplane Club announces the sad loss of its Life President Lloyd Ressler, who passed away peacefully at home on 20th April with his wife Pat at his side. Lloyd was our club's Life President for many years, after stepping down as Chairman and was instrumental in its original development at Stockley Park when the club was the West Drayton MAC, the later relocation of the club to Springwell Lane back in the 80's and its renaming to West London MAC. He was a proactive and supportive member of the club through the many changes that followed and it cannot be underestimated how much the club is indebted to his efforts over the years. He was an extremely talented and successful aero-modeller and continued with this until he stepped back to pursue his many other pastimes including golf and building model boats.

He will be sorely missed by his Wife Pat, his 4 children, 8 grandchildren, family and friends.

Mathew Dawson WLMAC Chairman.

Bob Howard's tribute to Lloyd Ressler - I first met Lloyd Ressler in the early 1980s, when I applied to join what was then West Drayton MAC. Lloyd had taken over the club from it's founder, Terry Melleny. The club was flying on land owned by Drinkwater Sabey.

When the land was scheduled to be redeveloped to create Stockley Park Business Estate, Lloyd worked tirelessly to find us a new site. By this time I was working with Lloyd on the club committee, and we were all mightily relieved when he found our present site. I understand that Lloyd bought shares in the company to help us secure the rights to fly there.

Lloyd was by this time already interested in large scale models, including a Boeing P26 Peashooter, a Piper J3 Cub and the famous "Mr. Mulligan", a Howard DGA-6 racing aircraft from the 1930s. Many of his models had Zenoah or similar petrol power, but he also had a very rare Kalt, one of the first four-stroke engines available to model flyers.

Lloyd was very active within the LMA, and on several occasions he invited me along to their events, including a static show at the Hendon RAF Museum.

Lloyd was a skilled engineer. He already knew Neil "Mr Laser Engines" Tidey, and had several Laser engines. When he decided to build a large Cessna 310, he decided that a flat twin was the best way to go, but Laser Engines only produced V-Twins. Lloyd sourced a number of Laser components from Neil, and built his own flat twins, making his own camshafts, double throw crankshafts, and crankcases. The engines worked so well that he then build an in-line 4 cylinder engine for his Tiger Moth, again using Laser pistons, cylinders and cylinder heads. All of these engines required con-rods with removable end caps, as per full-size practice.

In later years, he tended towards vintage models. In 1989, he scaled up the 1940 "Spook" from 48" to 96" for Laser four-stroke power, the plans for which were published in RCM&E. Not content with this, in 2002 he scaled it back down to 40" for electric power.

His contribution to our club, and to model flying in general, is beyond measure.

Tribute to Lloyd Ressler on behalf of our club and members by Mike Marman - As

most members of WLMAC are probably aware, Lloyd Ressler, the founding member of our club has passed away, and as a lasting memorial to Lloyd, the committee thought it would be fitting, to have his name put on a plaque, it has been placed under side of the wing of Vulcan XH558. The certificate will be forwarded to Lloyd's family. The club will also have one of the annually awarded trophies presented in his name.



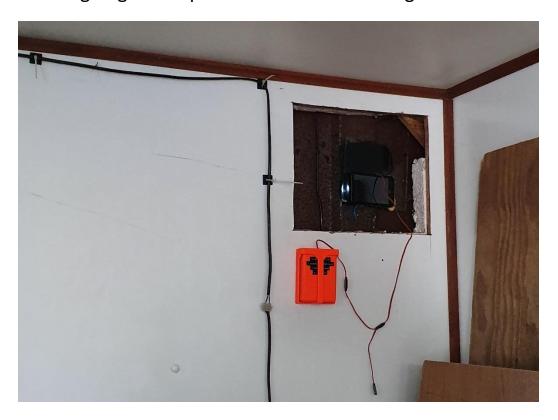
WLMAC Return to the Skies

Some good news this month with the BMFA allowing us to start flying again but with some understandably strict guidelines. It's hopeful that things can only get better. Not so many project pictures this month, but with the good news you can charge up your batteries and maiden all your winter and spring projects. I hope you all enjoy your return to the patch and be safe out there.

Parish Notices

BMFA emails "A return to the skies" - The BMFA sent us all two emails advising us that we can start flying again with a number of conditions, please make sure you read these 2 emails followed up by the emails put together by our Chairman which was agreed by our Committee. Members who intend to go to the field, please make sure you read the emails sent by our chairman, YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS, FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE AT THE FIELD.

Field camera back in service – During our lockdown the field camera mobile phone battery gave up, Mathew has now sorted out a new external battery and the mobile camera is working independently of the hut batteries, see the orange thingy in the photo. The camera has been missed by all, especially as we may need to check before going to the patch for social distancing. Thanks Mathew.



Tony Taylor is the new "Father of the club" – With the recent sad loss of Lloyd Ressler who also happened to be our most senior member. Tony called Mathew to advise him that he is now our most senior member. Congratulations Tony, long may you reign.



Up and coming Club nights etc. – All cancelled until further notice.

Reminder to Label your models – Remember to label the models you intend to fly with your CAA OP reference, also bearing in mind that you cannot see the CAA rules in the hut, TAKE A COPY WITH YOU TO THE FIELD.

Committee meetings not held back by Corona — Microsoft Teams came to the rescue and enabled our committee meetings to continue, all the committee jumped at the opportunity to try out Teams and it worked well for us. When the lockdown is over the possibilities of using it again in the event of an urgent meeting are there as well.



Brentford RC monthly flyer – Peter Emanuel has agreed to promote a couple of RC items each month and offer a discount from the usual shop price. Please see the end of Newsletter for this month's promotions. Very useful for anyone venturing out after lockdown.

At the field – Mike Marman, Mathew and Roger were there again keeping our field all ship shape and ready for the BMFA to give us all permission to fly again. Mike did the mowing and Roger brought along his digger to help distribute the burn off for the pot hole filling on the roadway. Mathew and Colin did the donkey work.



Heli patch neat and ready, thanks to Mike



The grass has managed to grow on the car track



Pot holes filled in thanks to Roger, Colin and Mathew

Back to the field on 19th May – Pictures of our return to the field from Mathew





Colin and Pete ready to take to the air with happy faces



Colin's Phase 6 glider returns to the skies!

Projects

Mathews 3d printed vacuum cleaner adapter - In-between a busy schedule printing masks for the NHS and battery holders for the webcam, Mat found time to design and print an adaptor elbow for attaching Henry to his bench sander which came out very well.





Jason Schofield's HPI Trophy Flux Truggy body spray – This is the most popular car used by members on the race track, often making it hard to identify your own one, Jason has done a marvellous job of spraying up a clear body shell with his own design.





Felix's XK X450- Sounds like a new flash Jag, but no, Stuck at home having to self-isolate, even when some have started flying, I found this an interesting little drone/delta wing plane that I could fly in my back garden on Youtube and it looked like it is easy to fly according to all the clips. For under £100 everything is included apart from batteries for the transmitter. It takes off in multi rotor mode, it can fly around in multi rotor mode or when it's the air switch it to aeroplane mode and the rear rota is switched off and the front rotas turn 45 degrees and the elevons spring into action and the plane darts forward, that's where it became too fast for my garden. It also flips into 3d hover mode which makes it even more fun to fly. I'm looking forward to trying it out in the field. Youtube example video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWHpXPSmFL4









Events are all cancelled, details left on in case the restrictions are lifted

Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 10 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 14th June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 8 th July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 4 th July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day.
Sunday 5 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day.
Sunday 26 th July	Colne Valley Festival	Colne Valley Park, Denham	Volunteers required to help at our stall
Wednesday 12 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 9 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night

Thursday 10th	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
December			
Thursday 10 th	Christmas	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to
December	Meal		pay full price of meal

BRENTFORD RC PROMOTION

Please contact Peter at Brentford RC If you are interested in any of the items listed below advising him that you are a WLMAC member on 07956 581697

