

WLMAC Newsletter January 2023

Editor – Graham Motler.



Welcome to our January Newsletter-

The Committee would like to wish each of the WLMAC members a Happy New Year.

The AGM and Christmas dinner was another success. The Committee was Re-elected for 2023.

Your 2023 Committee.



Colin, Mike, Andy, Jeff, Roy, Graham, Felix, Mathew and Stuart – Ready to serve for 2023.

2022 was a really good year for WLMAC. Training was full on and there was a good pass rate for Fixed Wing A certs.

Our very own Kevin Lambi has now been selected to become a club multi rotor/ drone examiner.

Over recent months there have been a few more members take up the drone flying. We would like to thank Kevin for his donations for the drone activities - gates and flags etc. Also, his time spent helping with flying instruction as well as the associated building and setting up skills. They are very similar to RC helicopters. The good thing with drones is that if they fall to the floor hard it is not as expensive to fix as a Helicopter costs.

Ready to be served (including seconds). Another great turnout with over 50 members and guests in attendance.



TB Tuning- The annual award will be issued every year for someone who makes Tony's day with regard to model engines. This year the Prize was awarded to our very own Mr "Photogenic" Colin Martin. He spends the same amount of time cleaning his IC planes as he does flying them, which is considerable!

Sorry the picture below was so big (Colin made me.)



Please check below for the various Club Membership Fee's and any additional items, to calculate what you need to pay. This will make it easier for Stuart with his book keeping. The bank information is in the article below for those of you who wish to pay by BAC's.

Club membership fees have not been changed this year. **However the club will no longer be funding the CAA registration for members** – the club had done this temporarily when this fee was introduced, as the club was running a surplus and the legal arrangements were changing so fast it wasn't clear if the CAA fee would continue. The registration can be paid via the club, just like the BMFA, and this is the easiest way. It is now £10 for the year. (And if paid via the club we will honour this price – if your CAA actually renews later in the year and you pay directly it is likely to be £12 from about April).

Club subs can be paid from 1st December. The preferred method of payment is bank transfer to the WLMAC account, as this incurs fewest (no!) bank charges. If not paying online, payment can also be made on the night at the golf club or by a cheque posted to Stuart Whitehouse, details also below.

Charges are as follows:

WLMAC full adult member: £120 (or 1 instalment of £60 with £60 balance in June)

WLMAC social member: £32

WLMAC Junior member: £35

BMFA membership is: £42 (junior £20, family junior £15)

Xmas dinner at AGM: £16 (£22 for guests)

CAA registration: £10 (not payable by Juniors)

Pickeridge field bollard key deposit: £10 – only if you already have a key

**Total for an adult member with BMFA and CAA = £120+£42+£10 = £172
(or £188 with xmas dinner)**

Paying by online payment to the following account (preferred method)

Sort code: 40-38-20

Account number: 41139258

Account name: West London Model Aeroplane Club

Payment by cheque - payable to WLMAC and post to:

Stuart Whitehouse

Orchard End,

Bentley Road,

Slough.

SL1 5BB

The club fee is 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 1st 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.**

Our arrangement with the High Wycombe club (<https://www.hwdmac.co.uk/>) flying at their large new field at Cadmore end continues. You can pay their subs via WLMAC if you wish (their subs are also £120 / £35 for juniors). And any current WLMAC member with an A-cert can join High Wycombe without paying their joining fee while they remain a member of WLMAC – if anyone wishes to join HWDMAC who is not already a member, please contact Stuart for details of

Harefield site. Harefield, as usual, is looking very good with well-manicured grass for the main strip and the rotary areas.

This is dedicated? Training in the snow on a cold Saturday morning at Harefield. Picture thanks to Stuart.



RC car article/ update, kindly provided by Tony Parrott

Considering that WLMAC is primarily a model flying club the RC cars guys are incredibly well catered for. Among that group, thanks solely to our venue's topography, the RC rock crawlers can, potentially, enjoy even more of the site than the flyers do.

However, somebody in authority seems to be of the opinion that you can't have too much of a good thing and have seen fit to bless us with brand new, all-weather, section. Thank you very much. Consisting of no less than seven large lorry loads of road plannings our benefactors even saw fit to place them in the car park. It might not be big enough to see from the International Space Station but the very edge of it definitely appears on the club's webcam.

How the 'Seven Peaks' evolves as we move into 2023 is anybody's guess. It could get even bigger or it may disappear entirely. For the moment I'm just enjoying the addition and I'm not the only one. Construction genius Jason Scofield even built a removeable bridge that linked the summits of the two tallest peaks. I wish I'd have thought of that. TP



Rock crawlers in action.

Pickeridge site.

All good - Please contact Felix if you would like to visit/ check the parameters for induction etc.

Also, if for any reason you find there is a vehicle blocking the entrance, there are some printed sheets in the large bin inside the gate. These are to be placed under the wipers of the offending vehicle.

Club nights at the golf club.

Some of the dates for 2023 have now been added at the bottom of this newsletter, so please add them to your diaries for 2023.

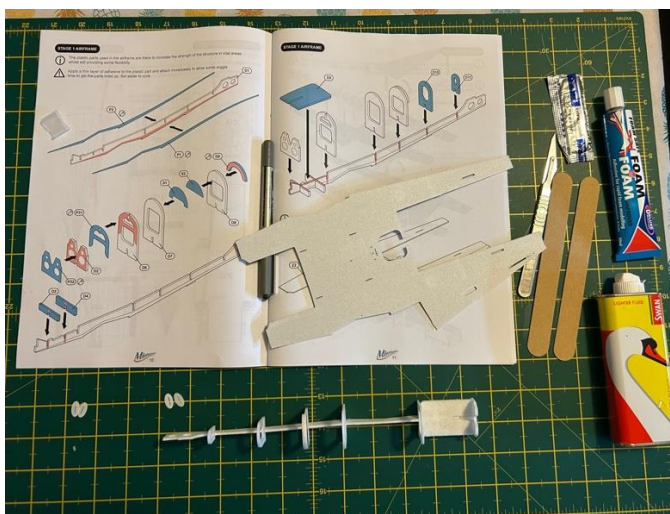
As was discussed at the AGM the first club night at the golf club will be a Life Skills night. Please attend this, if possible, it's free and we think will provide us with some skills which might just to help us in an emergency, either at the field or even out on the road. We would like to thank the instructors for their help and giving up their time.

Projects.

the indoor flying at both venues has taken off in a large way. Thanks to Brian from High Wycombe/WLMAC for all of his time spent organising this.

I was asked what I wanted for Christmas, she said “I was an awkward person to buy for, as I normally just get what I want for myself”.

So, this year I asked for a scale model from Microaces. Santa didn't let me down.



Indoor flying date info from Cliff (Aylesbury Club) and Brian (Wycombe Club).

This season's indoor flying, 19.00 to 21.00 on the following dates: - At the Guttman Centre, Aylesbury, HP21 9PP.

2023

6th January
20th January
3rd February
17th February
3rd March
17th March

High Wycombe dates at Wycombe Sports Centre. Opening times are 6pm to 8pm.

Handy Cross, HP11 1UP.

2023

7th January - Full Hall Extravaganza
4th February
25th February
18th March - Full Hall Extravaganza

Also, looking forward to next BMFA South Midland Area Extravaganza.



The Date for this has now been agreed Sunday 12th February 2023.

Entrance to the hall will be at 13.00 and finish at 19.00.

Entrance fee will be £15 per person.

Change of flights time slots will be 20 minutes per class.

Scale, shockies and free flight.

We'll have drones and helicopters with the RC like we did last year.

The venue for this will be the same as this year.

Wycombe Sports Centre, Hand cross junction 4 M40. **Up and coming Events**

WLMAC Events.

| | Event | Location | Description |
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| Thursday 9 th February | Club meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | Life Skills Evening |
| Thursday 9 th March | Club meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | Drone Racing |

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| Thursday 13th April | Club meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | The Balsa Bash |
| Thursday 11th May | Club meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | TBA |
| TBC | BMFA Scale | Harefield | BMFA Scale Heat |
| Wednesday June | Club Meeting | Harefield | BBQ at the field |
| TBC | Fun Day | Harefield | Club event. |
| Wednesday August | Club Meeting | Harefield | BBQ at the field |
| Wednesday September | Club Meeting | Harefield | BBQ at the field |
| Thursday October | Club Meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | Will possibly be another Quiz Night. |
| Thursday November | Club Meeting | Uxbridge Golf Club | Will be Drone Racing Night. |
| TBC | AGM | Uxbridge Golf Club | Membership renewals |
| TBC | Christmas Meal | Uxbridge Golf Club | Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal |