

West London Model Aeroplane Club July Newsletter



Newsletter

There's been a temporary change in Newsletter Editor, Graham has done a sterling job but needs to take a break for a bit.

Unfortunately for you, it means I'm back in charge.

Any Stories?

Nothing will change, if you have any stories or pictures, please email / Whats app them to me. You can either write the piece yourself or I'll make something up.

Shameless

In an effort to fill the pages, I will carry my camera with me and try and take some snaps for inclusion. If I forget to snap your plane, please feel free to remind me to take some flying shots.

Of course we will feature those clever and talented people who pass their A or B test, driving test, anything really!



Fun Day Alert! Sunday 7th July.

Fun Day Alert - Its almost here, so get ready. This will follow the usual, tried and tested, format We will be having a bit of a work-party the day before, to get as much ready as possible. There will be a new combination for the main gate, look out for a Whats App message with the new code. Please remember to bring hats and plenty of sun cream with you if the weather is looking hot and sunny.

Flying as follows:

10 am till approx 12.50pm general flying only followed by pilot's briefing at 12.50pm and then 1.00pm till 16.00pm event flying with slots for specific displays booked on an ad-hoc basis, with whoever is the Flight-line Director at the time.

- Food, this will announced around 12.50pm, hot food will be available from 1.00pm.



Warbird Replicas

This year I've built two models from Warbird Replicas, a Focke Wolf 190 and a Hawker Tempest Mk V. These are cheap and quick to build using balsa and foam winged models. The designer Richard Willis is on a mission to get more of us building rather than buying foamy models.

He advocates covering in brown paper and pva, then painting with emulsion paint.

He designed both planes as he liked them and couldn't decide which one to design so did both.

Neither have retracts and both fit the same dolly to launch.

My Tempest is covered in brown paper and painted, the FW 190 is glassed and then painted. Needless to say the fibre glass is a better finish but it takes a lot longer and costs more, pay your money and take your choice.

A Champion Flies Amongst Us

Most Club members will be aware of Chairmans Mats venture into the BMFA Scale competitions. To that end Mat has designed and built a model Firecrest, a prototype plane from the 50's. This model was intended as a proof of concept of the design and he always intended to build a bigger plane to compete at the highest level. However, this small plane has done so very well, Mat is off to Romania in August to represent the UK in the World Championships.

Hopefully the model will be at the field for various test flights.



The model was originally powered by a Laser engine but when it was entered into the International competition, Mat changed it to electric powered. This way he can completely enclose the engine in the cowl and score more points.

Since the above photo was taken, Mat has been burning the midnight oil to add the markings and add a whole host of other scale detail.



Stoke Poges Fair
WLMAC was represented at the Stoke Poges fair in early June. We were represented by Mat, Andy T, Kevin and Felix, they took a selection of models and magazines to showcase our hobby to local people, Stokes Poges is close to Pickeridge site so we are happy to support the fair.

Tony's trimmer woes.

Tony was flying his new (to him) biplane the other day and landed short and

the plane cartwheeled in. The engine lost the exhaust and it was in the long grass at the edge of the strip. A group was gathered, complete with strimmer and metal detector to look for the lost exhaust. A large area was cut and the detector was in



use. However, old fashioned technology found the item, a broom!

The first Summer BBQ

This was held on Wednesday 12th June, the next one is **Wednesday 10th July**. See if you can emulate Rowan by eating and flying!



BMFA Scale Heat held at WLMAC

On Sunday 2nd June the Club hosted another round of BMFA Scale competitions, this was where only the flying was judged, the scale accuracy of the model was not judged. The work party the day before had ensured the the Club put on its best face and the whole site was looking very good indeed. The work party was well attended and special thanks go to Roger Darvell with his digger, the approach road is much better. The sun shone on Sunday too, making everything look even better. Typically there was a cross wind which challenged the fliers.

There was a turnout of 10 fliers with Mat Dawson and Brian Seymour representing WLMAC. A large crowd of supporters turned out too with the added benefit of a barbecue at lunchtime cooked by Andy Turner, ably assisted by Colin and Kevin.

The flying took place over three rounds with only the best two scores being counted. Regrettably there were a couple of incidents, the worst one being a mid air structural failure resulting in a lot of damage to a wonderful Tiger Moth. Even worse was that this model was due to take part in the World Championships later in August in Romania. The left wing parted company mid flight and the plane tumbled to earth.

As the recovery party was out in the brambles recovering the Tiger Moth, a Chipmunk lost its canopy mid flight. The canopy was later recovered intact and undamaged. However the same Chipmunk then landed and damaged its undercarriage meaning it had to withdraw from the competition.

The final result was the Japanese Oscar winning, flown by Nigel Nixon, Mat came fourth with Brian fifth.

The ill fated Tiger Moth taking off for it's final flight.



Brians Aeromacchi



This Tiger Moth was supposed to be an entry to the World Championships in August.



The winning plane, a Japanese Oscar flown by Nigel Nixon.