

WLMAC Newsletter

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2013 AGM Approaches.

Thursday 12th December is the date set for our AGM this year. This Annual event is where you elect Committee Members and we get to discuss everything and anything about our Club.

This year we'll be discussing a new Constitution for the Club. The BMFA recommend that every club has a written Constitution and Stuart Whitehouse has spent hours pouring over their 'standard', one size fits all, constitution. He's deleted pages of the really dull, irrelevant stuff leaving the essentials.

The proposed Constitution is attached for you to read before the AGM. The main thrust of it is to protect the Club from a rogue Committee and to formalise rules that would allow a member to be forced out of the club under discipline rules.

AGM Food.

Over the years we have tried various options to provide something for members at the AGM. This has been supplied by the 'Chef' at the B of B Club and last years hot dogs were truly awful. Cold and watery seemed to be standard he aimed for. They don't want us to bring in outside food either.

So, this year, we are returning to crisps, nuts and Twiglets. If you need a meal, please have one before you arrive. At least if we warn you in advance, you can arrive fully fed and content.

How about meeting up informally beforehand in the Chippy opposite?

2012 Club Fees and Charges

Adult membership fee stays at £60

Plus £25 Astro Turf contribution = £85

Juniors and social non-flying members £32 (Total)

Joining fee £150.

Plus whichever of the following are applicable:

Senior BMFA: £33

Clothing- caps £8, polo shirts £17.50 and fleeces £33.

So, for most of us, its £85 + £33 = £118.

If you join BMFA directly, minus the £33.

Indoor flying: £30 to prepay for next year or whatever is owed from last year if you didn't prepay (If unsure what you need to pay for indoor flying, please contact Stuart

Whitehouse) Cheques should be made out to the West London Model Aeroplane Club or, if you are paying cash, please present the EXACT AMOUNT.

If you are not attending the AGM, get your cheque off

BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR to:

The WLMAC Treasurer, Stuart Whitehouse, Orchard End, Bentley Road, Slough SL1 5BB (For electronic transfer: 40-38-20 Acc No 41139258. Use your name as reference.)

NOTE THAT IF YOUR WLMAC SUBSCRIPTION REMAINS UNPAID BY THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR YOUR BMFA COVER WILL BE INVALID AND YOU MAY NOT FLY. IF IT HAS NOT BEEN PAID BY THE END OF JANUARY, YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL CEASE.

Starter Innovation

Following his nasty accident, Committee member Mike Pugh used his convalescent time to good effect. He's devised this system to allow him to start his plane from behind the plane, avoiding the spinning propellor.



The starter is clamped to one of the table uprights and foot switch added. Mike holds the plane to the starter, presses the foot switch and the starter spins away. Once started, the plane can be placed on the table to allow for any tuning or carried straight to the flight line. This way, he stays away from the dangerous, spinning, propellor. Simple!



Please remember to move the Solar Panel outside upon your arrival. Even on cloudy days it will still charge the batteries, just, but it's better than nothing.

Remember the Summer?

Earlier in the year we had Scale Day, an event that seems to be lost in the mists of time. Well, do you remember seeing Phrix wandering around with his video camera? He filmed for the entire day and has now edited the video down and has copies for sale at the AGM. This is not some poorly focussed footage taken from a phone camera but high quality HD stuff. It's only £10 for a copy, he'll be showing the video at the AGM so that you view before you buy.



Phrix is pictured with his video camera.

The next
Indoor Flying session
is

Friday 6th December, 7 -9 pm.
Vyners School, Ickenham.

The first Friday of the month, school holidays permitting.

Hurricane Maidens at last!



Mat Dawsons Hurricane took to the skies in November and flew well, but it proved to be a little nose heavy which caused a few problems on landing. He had to keep the speed up and landed a little short of the AstroTurf. The plane then hopped onto the AstroTurf and flipped over resulting in the second photo where the plane was caught mid somersault. Damage was limited to a bent oleo and some minor tail feather damage, which has already been repaired.



Club Night Talk Success!

The last Club night featured a talk on First Aid from Kayo Contractor, he's not only a Doctor but a Surgeon to boot. He gave an interesting and very informative talk on First Aid and the best initial treatment to give, either to your self or another member. He's checked out our First Aid box at the club and added a few extra bits. Hopefully it will never be used but it's wise to be prepared.

The Club has now fitted a number plate sign to the gates, simply saying WLMAC. This is to help the Ambulance crew identify the correct set of gates. If you have to call 999, our address is [WLMAC, Springwell Lock, Springwell Lane, Mill End](#). Give them the combination number, tell them to come though the gates, then follow the track up the hill to the end.



Motor Bikes

On Sunday 24th November there were some members at the field when 7-8 motor bikers came up the track unexpectedly. They saw us and disappeared over the back of the waste ground where they could be heard for 10 minutes or so. Chairman Mat tried to talk to them but only one would slow down but he didn't stay long and they all disappeared. We found their tracks and they had entered the field by the Canal lock where dogs walkers had created a little path.

An instant work party was formed and the hole in the fence was blocked with cut trees and bushes. We'll try and get Sita to block the hole more permanently but hopefully this will stop them for the moment. Thanks to Tony Parrot, Felix Scicluna, Bill Mercer and Chairman Mat for their efforts.

By Wednesday though, locals had forced a small path through. To be fair, we don't mind the local dog walkers, its the bikes we want to stop.



Black Wednesday Declared!

Wednesday 27th November was an afternoon of carnage after three models met their demise. First was Richard Norris's Autogyro. Despite having flown before this whirling contraption refused to obey the sticks and crashed into the ground.

Tony Parrot and Richard pose for the camera afterwards.

It may well fly again, the pose was entirely for show!



Not long after that crash, John Smith lost orientation of his helicopter and into the Astroturf she went. Various bits and bobs were broken but she'll fly again with some new blades and said bits and bobs.



John Fowles then ended the afternoon off by losing his Oxalys into the brambles way out to the left. We searched and searched but couldn't hear or see anything at all. So, no photo's as we couldn't find it.