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Newsletter

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The Sun Still Shines On

On Sunday 27th July, WLMAC opened its doors to Watford Wayfarers to come and have a fly from our Astroturf. Several of their members visited throughout the day and enjoyed their flying from our marvellous runway. Amongst the guests was Helicopter flier Carl Newton who entertained the crowd with his extreme heli flying. Quite where the lift is coming from during some manouvres is beyond me. The helicopter realised this at some point and allowed the laws of physics to take over and his lovely Thunder Tiger Rapter went into the ground resulting in major damage to nearly every component. Still, he did what most of us do, he picked up another model and carried on flying, still flying in the same, spirited, manner.

Club BBQ and Meeting.

The next field meeting is Wednesday 13th August when the BBQ will be fired up. Come along and have a fly, a burger and a natter. Don't forget, the Club no longer supplies any alcohol.

If you are a Scale Day Award Winner, please come along, we'll be having a small award ceremony.

Shown at the top of the page and below is Frank Dalby Smith's ViperJet which he flew on the same day. The EDF powered plane sounds marvellous and flew even better. It features a host of servos driving all sorts of bells and whistles, sequenced undercarriage doors included.

Web Cam.

The Web Cam still continues to be a pain in that it has started to freeze and then stop taking and transmitting the pictures. Why it's doing this is beyond us but the matter is in hand. We've copied Cheshams Clubs system and theirs is working well but ours isn't. Please bear with us as we try to get it fixed.





Above is a new shot of the field by Gordon Tarling. It shows the access paths that have been cut into the undergrowth, the aim being to make it a bit easier to search for downed planes. It also shows the work done by Roger Darvell to fill in the sink hole, he's spread out 20 tons of earth to level the land. This all shows up as a brown smear in the bottom right hand corner of the photo. Mat will print out a copy of this photo and leave a copy in the Club House.

Colne Valley Open Day.

Thanks go to Mike Pugh, Mike Marman and Anthony Hill who gave up a day to attend the Colne Valley Day on our behalf. We are members of the Colne Valley Users Group, they will be another string in to our bow should we ever have to defend our continued use of the site. We therefore attend the Open Day to show our Sport and Hobby to the public.



RC Hotel.

Following last years successful expedition to Corfu, we've decided to organise a return trip to double check some important facts. This will include how cold the beer was, how deep was the swimming pool and exactly how much flying you can squeeze into one day. So, the rooms have been booked for May next year, only 288 days to go!

Inter Club Competition reports.

These next three pages are shamelessly 'cut and pasted' from the reports sent to us from the Chesham Club reporters. The next competition is to be held at our field on Sunday 7th September. Come along and watch or even compete!

Bombing Competition 2014

Once again Mrs Anderson's best tablecloth did not suffer under the combined onslaught of the best (!) pilots of three model flying clubs.

On Sunday 20th July the competition was held at Newground with a few pilots from West London, High Wycombe and Chesham Model Flying Clubs taking part. Two rounds were flown in good conditions in spite of the dire weather forecasts for the weekend.

The results are as follows

1st Frank Dalby Smith getting to within 9 feet of the precious table cloth.

2nd Stuart Whitehouse 11 feet

3rd Mathew Dawson 12 feet

The only two Chesham pilots, Phil Camp (5th) and Dave Anderson (6th) put up a spirited attack but were well beaten by the guests.

Other pilots taking part were Graham Stone (4th), Daren Brand (7th), and John Smith (8th).

After this competition Andrew Rimmer ran a 60 sec glide and spot landing competition with the same people. Then the BBQ was lit for much needed refreshment while I collected the treasured table cloth and returned it home in time for tea

Everyone agreed that it was a pleasant afternoons flying in good company at a superb site.

Dave Anderson

Tri-Club Competition at Cheshams Newground field Sunday 20 July 2014.

Competition - Timed Flight & Spot Landing.

The second completion of the day was the 'timed flight and spot landing' fun fly event. To recap, the objective of this competition is simple. Entrants are given 30 seconds to take off and climb to a comfortable height, at which point the engine must be reduced to idle, throttle fully back in the case of electric aircraft. The pilot has to then land his aircraft as close as possible to a marked target in the centre of the patch. The time allocated for the glide/landing is 60 seconds. The pilot will be notified at 15-second intervals of remaining time, i.e. 45 seconds left, 30 seconds left, 15 seconds left and time up!

Points are allocated as soon as the aircraft comes to rest. One point is given for every second either under or over the 60-second period. In addition, one point is given for every foot that the aircraft comes to rest from the target, measured from the point of the spinner. For example, if an aircraft were to come to rest after exactly 60 seconds and precisely on the target then 0 points would be scored (the best possible score). Another example could be that the aircraft comes to rest after 48 seconds (scores 12 points) at 16 feet from the target (scores 16 points) This would give a total of 28 points for that round.

Given time constraints and the prospect of poor weather later in the day, it was decided to run one round only, rather than the usual two or three.

Despite a dire weather forecast earlier in the week (flood warnings, lightning and thunderstorms) the gamble to run the event on the allotted day paid off, the weather at the outset being dry and overcast, with a low to moderate wind.

Most pilots managed to get their models down to ground on or around the 60-second time limit, but some struggled to bring their aircraft to a standstill promptly once on terra firma. This failing, more common in models with i/c engines than in electric powered aircraft, led to final stopping distances greater than 100 feet from the target for three unfortunate competitors.

Nonetheless, all participants seemed to thoroughly enjoy the competition and the overall standard of flying was very high.

Following a good natured and spirited completion, the results were as follows:
Post competition results and prize giving, further flying took place in ideal conditions until around 4.30pm, when the horizons darkened. I noticed that this year the gas BBQ proved very popular with our guests.

I would like to say thank you to all those who attended and hope that we repeat this successful event in 2015.

In a note for your diaries, all members of WLMAC and HWDMAC are invited to CMFC's informal Scale Day at Newground on **Saturday 9 August 2014**, further details to be circulated.

The third and final event of the series takes place at WLMAC's Harefield site on **Sunday 7 September 2014** (14 September as a reserve date if bad weather) – egg race and triple thrash.

Andrew Rimmer
CMFC Club Secretary.

Results.

Joint 7th place – Phil Camp, Jeff Lyons & Graham Stone.

6th place – John Smith.

5th place – Mathew Dawson.

4th place – Darren Brand.

3rd place – Frank Dalby-Smith.

2nd place – Dave Anderson.

1st place – Stuart Whitehouse.



An Open Invite from Chesham Model Club to their Scale Day Competition.

CMFC are holding an informal Scale Day at their Newground field on Saturday 09 August 2014 starting at 10.30M, organised by club member Toby Newton.

All members of WLMAC and HWDMAC are invited to attend this event. The field location & travel directions have been previously provided to both clubs, as part of CMFC's participation in the tri-club series of fun fly events.

Minimum flying requirements are an 'A' certificate and BMFA insurance; there is a 20KG weight limit for models and a 'B' certificate is required to fly jets.

Our gas barbecue will be out for the day (flyers and their guests to bring their own food). We have portable field batteries, a toilet and covered shelter should it rain. We do not have running water, nor mains electricity.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this invitation to your members in the appropriate manner and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, preferably by e-mail. d.andrew.rimmer@btinternet.com

CMFC look forward to meeting more members of both clubs on Saturday 09 August.

Regards,
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