

# WLMAC April Newsletter 2024.



Editor – Graham Motler.

## Welcome to our April Newsletter-

So, the clocks have now gone forward an hour, this will give us extra daylight in the evenings. Or an extra hour for rain.... Apologies for the short newsletter, as Graham has some family commitments.

### Club Nights.

March club night was again another success with the indoor drone racing. There were many heats to finally end up with a winner. Yes, Mathew came first, Stuart came second, and Adrian Svensson was third. Cash prizes were gratefully received. We would like to thank Mike, Colin and Kevin for organising this event.



Mat being crowned winner. Again.



Stuart was second.



Adrian was placed third.

**Harefield Site** The site is still looking good, just please be mindful of the ground conditions around the flying areas. Appropriate footwear should be used, cold and wet feet are not good when you are trying to concentrate on your flying. Also keep to the mesh area when walking out to the flight line. Felix and Jeff have made another two flight benches and have also repaired some of the older, damaged ones. Rowen made good use of the old bench by having a bonfire. Some will be transferred to Pickeridge site at some stage. The mighty duo (Felix and Jeff) have used AstroTurf to protect the

uprights this time, as the birds kept on pecking the foam used before.



**Pickeridge site.** Pickeridge is still looking good. Plenty of drainage so flying can happen all the year around.

We are now at the stage to reapply for full planning permission, Mat is working on the drawings etc. ready to submit.

**TBT (Tony Bloomfield Tuning) Monthly Tips.**

Glow plugs, don't take them for granted, if your engine is hard to start and you have to up the tick over to make it reliable, the chances are the plug is not 100%. Replace it with a new one and see if there is any difference, if not then put the new plug back in the packet and put the original one back in. The problem lies somewhere else. The plug should be shiny, and the coil should be nice and round, you can connect the glow start to the plug to see if it works but that doesn't tell you how good it is under load.

Hope this helps!



**Your Projects.** If you have any projects on the go and would like to have photos in the newsletters just email them to me. [service@thecareavanman.co.uk](mailto:service@thecareavanman.co.uk) Also, pictures of any new equipment you are getting to grips with.



**Warbirds Replicas FW 190 Butcher Bird.**

This is David's Warbirds Replica's FW 190, a short kit that he received for Christmas. It's electric powered by a 4s 3000 Li-po battery and is a basic, no-frills short kit. A short kit means that it includes laser cut frames, canopy, cowl and bits together with foam wings finished in obechi (or similar) WR advocate covering in cheap brown paper and PVA glue, then emulsion Match Pots for paint.

David glassed the plane, just because he could and then sprayed it with Tamiya paints with an airbrush, another Christmas present!

Richard Wills runs Warbird Replicas but with fewer and fewer customers as foamy models have taken most of the trade. He therefore designed and cut this virtually to order. He wrote a thread on the RCM&E forum under the title The Big Question, then invited people to agree to buy them before cutting a limited run of 25 kits. He's keen to encourage more people building rather than buying foamies, hence this simple to build kit.



The plane launches off a dolly and belly lands, no flaps, no retracts to worry about. The kit sold for £150, the motor was £25, and it has a 50-amp ESC. It uses smallish servos that he already had rather than buying new. The plane flies very well and had its first outing with the dolly in the sun on Saturday 30th March. The next one in the series is a Typhoon and there's a thread on that on the forum too. He builds it first and adds photos that we can then use to build, a picture worth a thousand word and all that.



## Mat Dawson's Blackburn Firecrest.

Most of you know Mat's Firecrest, he's designed, laser cut and built this model from scratch. It had its first flight the other day, a true success!

The plane is powered by a Laser 100 and weights 9.5 lbs with a 60" wingspan.



It is still not finished, there are insignia and markings yet to be added. This was a first flight to make sure it actually flies.

Even better news is that he's been selected as reserve to represent the UK in the World Scale Championships in Romania later in the year.



## The Club rules.

These were emailed out to everyone and contain a few changes, please read them to ensure that you know them.

NB Its highlighted that you **must** call the farmer Richard Orr before crossing the fence onto his land. We have a good relationship with him, he's promised that he will always allow access but he likes to know when someone is on his land. Please follow the rules and call him before going out to retrieve a model! His number is on the inside of the door to the Club hut.

**Indoor flying** HWDMAC have kindly invited to join them for their indoor flying at the High Wycombe Leisure Centre, see the date below. £10 per session, payable on the evening. Obviously, dust off/ repair/ get spending, so that you are ready.

## Dates for indoor flying at High Wycombe Leisure Centre

- **Saturday 6th April** - 2 zones – 17.00 to 20.00.

**EVENTS** The other dates of key events for 2024 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website.

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Thursday 11th April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa Bash.
Thursday 9th May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills Evening.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Day	Harefield	Club Event.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	Field Meeting	Pickeridge	BBQ & Electric Flying.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Pickeridge.	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest Speaker TBA
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz Night.
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal