



NEWSLETTER

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HOPES FOR BETTER WEATHER FOR SCALE DAY 8TH JULY

Weather forecasts for Sunday are giving us hope that the rain and wind will have abated by the weekend and we will have light winds and some sun around midday, with cloud later in the afternoon. We've recently been advised of another website that has detailed weather



Bill Mercer and his ultra-tichy, radio controlled model, recently seen buzzing around the pits.

forecasts for the local area, so try out www.metcheck.com and see what you think. We'll add it the WLMAC website shortly. Work on preparations for our big day has progressed well and on Saturday morning there will be a work party to fill the rabbit holes. If you can contribute to that vital exercise, please bring a gardening trowel.



The committee just love a work party

All the other equipment will be provided and Des Wheatley will be using our new tractor and trailer to get the topsoil out to the guys in the field. No doubt there will be some members anxious to test fly their new models ready for Sunday, so the more helpers the better.

LAST FIELD MEETING

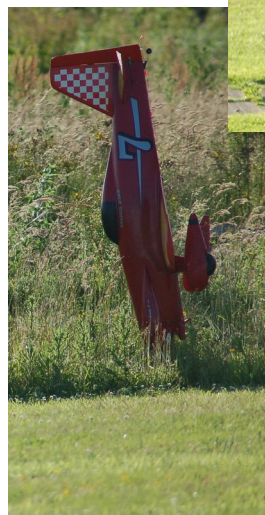
After two years of really super field meetings, that Wednesday field meeting and barbeque in June, postponed for a week due to foul weather, was held the day before our longest day - in a chilly, howling wind. Only a few stalwarts turned up to eat, drink, and watch people trying to fly.



"Thoughtful stalwarts gather round the barbeque"



"In this kind of wind"



"But another to get it back"



"It's one thing to get off the ground"

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be a Field Meeting at Harefield on Wednesday 11th July. Weather permitting, there will be a barbeque from 6.30pm and electric flying from 7.00pm. Members are reminded that guests will be welcome.

For a colour copy by email please contact Bob at bob.t.young@btinternet.com

JETS AT HAREFIELD

The turbo-jet crash on Stockers Farm reported in June's Newsletter appears on investigation to have been due to interference generated by the complex on-board electronics causing the PCM failsafe to shut down and lock the controls. Jets are prone to this problem according to other well known jet jockeys including WLMAC members who have had similar experiences. There is also a fire risk which is unique to jet turbines because of the high temperature at which they run and the quantity of fuel they carry. The outcome is that with great reluctance, your committee has decided with immediate effect to suspend indefinitely turbo-jet aircraft from flying at Harefield.

We have concluded that the site is simply not big enough to avoid the risk of another crash on Stockers Farm with the current range of jet models. The committee may review this situation in the future if a range of smaller models suitable for operation at Harefield becomes available.

There is no implied criticism of Glenn King, the pilot whose crash we reported. He is a highly skilled and safety conscious model flyer but his experience emphasises the lesson that if it can happen to a pilot of his skill and caution it could happen to any one of us.

The risk of similar crashes on to Stockers farm not unique to jets. Other models, owned and flown by several of our members are often seen over-flying the tree-line on our northern boundary. The simple fact is that if we have any more cases of models crashing onto Stockers Farm we run the serious risk of eviction from our flying site. Your Committee has devoted much time and thought to finding a solution.

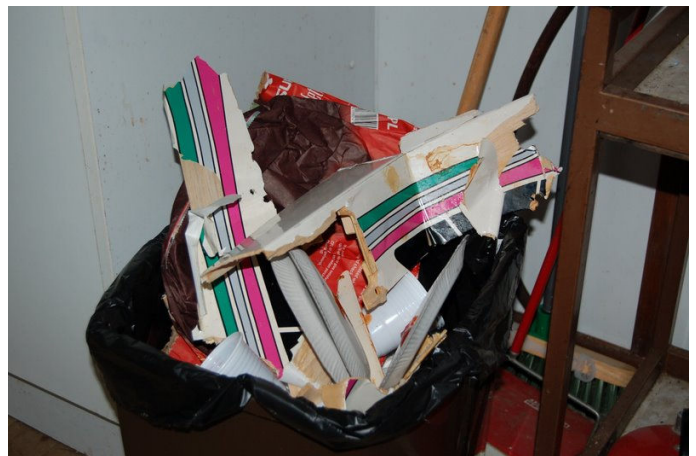
We intend to enforce much more strictly the existing rule banning over-flying of the northern treeline. Any member observing another member infringing this rule must speak to the offender and/or report the matter to a committee member.

DIARY DATES

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| 8 th July 2007 | Scale Day |
| 11 th July 2007 | Field Meeting |
| 9 th August 2007 | Field Meeting |
| 11th October 2007 | Battle of Britain Club |



More of Richard Norman's photos of the South African electric meeting



Memo to the member who jammed what was left of his latest disaster into the kitchen rubbish bin inside the club house.

Take your wreckage home with you, please!

FOR SALE

Stuart McCarthy has not been able to fly due to A-Levels and now wishes to give up R/C flying at this time. Therefore everything he has is for sale, please do not hesitate to contact him if you are interested in any of the following:

Futaba Field Force 6 Boxed - £90 ONO
Seagull Models Pilatus PC-9 + 6 Ch Radio - £125 ONO
Extreme Lite 3D + Futaba 6 Ch Challenger - £90 ONO
Unknown Easy To Fly Training Airplane - £40
WOT 40 with a Futaba 6 Ch Challenger - £100.

On all of these items, please feel free to make an offer. Please call Stuart on 01895 823256