



NEWSLETTER

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PLUGGED INTO THE SUN AGAIN



The club's solar panel, bolted into place on the club house roof to trickle charge the 12 volt batteries powering the club house's internal lights, was stolen by marauders at Harefield only four weeks after its installation. A new panel was swiftly purchased and fitted to an A-frame so that it can be deployed at ground level on each flying day. First arrivals at the field are required to set up the panel (it takes two—it is not light) on the grass at the end of the club house, facing the car park. A cement block has been let into the ground, to which the panel can be attached (see picture on the right), using the bungee luggage straps attached to the panel. It must be dismantled and stored away at the end of the day by the last two members to leave. **DO NOT LEAVE IT OUT OVERNIGHT.**



Above: Satellite view of the field and Stocker's Farm with flight boundary superimposed. Such diagrams have been on display in the club house for years and members are urged to observe them..

THE FIELD MEETING

NEXT WEDNESDAY, August 8th, will see demonstration flights (weather permitting) of the club's newly-purchased "First Person View" equipment in a club trainer.

Leon Taylor will also attempt to demonstrate how **NOT** to bust our boundary by allowing models to overfly Stocker's Farm land, which is happening far too often. (See left)

BBQ at 1830.



SAD SOCK. After much practice, Tony Gower succeeded in flying his Space Walker into the windsock at Harefield leaving it feeling a bit sorry for itself for a while. Tony generously offered to replace the drooping sock, which was a bit the worse for wear anyway, ordering it on the internet from Germany.



RAPT ATTENTION to the model flight simulator on display at WLMAC's stall at the Colne Valley Park Festival near Denham at the end of July. Members put models on display to attract the interest and admiration of local residents. Brentford RC provided the simulator, which was raffled off at the end of a busy day.



LEFT. This is the control room, sixty feet under the ground at the former RAF Uxbridge, from which the Battle of Britain was fought. WLMAC member Phil Bartlett, who works for the MoD at Northolt, wangled a special tour of the control room, which is preserved in the condition in which it ended the war. In this room the position of invading German bombers and the Spitfires and Hurricanes that were scrambled to intercept them were meticulously plotted on the table in the picture. It was closed in 1958 and locked up until the mid seventies. It is now a museum, open to the public on special occasions and there is much praise for the person who introduces visitors to this rare, historical site. Our visit is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.**

The coming winter's **INDOOR FLYING** season will be taking place at **The VYNERS SCHOOL.** It's in Warren Road, Ickenham. Post code for satnav freaks is **UB10 8AB.** Watch Newsletter for more details.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUNNIES GONE? Remember all the holes they dug in our field? The garlic spray? The chilli powder? The fill-in work parties? Well there are very few rabbits to be seen at Harefield nowadays and those that remain seem to have no time for hole digging. Our agricultural correspondent reports that Myxamatoxis is killing them off again, and that the disease has now reached the Watford area..



LEFT: David Whiteley puts a bit of gumption into hand launching the delta that set what must be an Olympic record by earning WLMAC the first noise complaint about an electric model. Measured on the club's sound meter, the pusher prop-powered screamer registered 84.5 decibels while airborne and an excruciating 94.5 decibels at a distance of seven metres on the ground. (Legal limit is 82 decibels.) David was just helping out at a specially-authorized flight at a club night at the field. The man on the sticks reckons he's had enough publicity about his sound machine, so we'll leave his name out of it this time..

The results of the inter-club competition flown at the Slough Club on July 15th are as follows:-

Triple Thrash:

- 1. James Beck 20 seconds**
- 2. Stuart Whitehouse 23 seconds**
- 3. Mark Smith 35 seconds**
- 4. Simon Hilson 50 seconds**
- 5. Glenn King 56 seconds**
- 6. Mat Dawson 1min 8 seconds**

Dead stick:

- 1. Mark Smith 1.34 metres**
- 2. Mat Dawson 1.88 metres**
- 3. Stuart Whitehouse 7.8 metres**
- 4. James Beck 9 metres**
- 5. Glenn King 11 metres**
- 6. Simon Hilson 13.1 metres**

**The final round will be at WLMAC on Sunday 19th August.
The BBQ will be lit, but contestants are advised to "bring their own food to burn." There will be a new event.....egg bombing!**