



NEWSLETTER

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Indoor Flying Fun

The 2012/13 indoor flying season at it's new location of Vyner's School has been well attended with a large variety of indoor planes and helicopters being flown.

The school's gym is larger than the previous one and is well suited to aerobatic and 3D flying as well as slower flying scale and sport models.

Larger indoor foamies such as Twisted Hobbies Crack Yak have been flown successfully at the new location as John Root demonstrates in the picture on the right.

Don't miss this seasons final session on March 1st.



John Root prop hanging a Crack Yak



That indoor heli looks huge - but is Roger flying it?



Tony with his quadcopter



Chairman Mat doing a spot of prop hanging

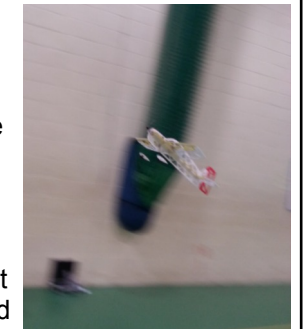


Stuart demonstrating the easy way to prop hang



Replacing yet another shredded prop..

Here is Frank Dalby-Smith's UMX Extra 300 3D template as mentioned in the February Newsletter. The electronics and motor usually outlast the fragile airframe. Shown here are the ply template, the finished model with replacement airframe and the model performing a high alpha pass at the 1st February indoor flying session.



One of the newer planes at the field

is David Orrell's Skyraider. David's is the Hobbyking version. He bought a new prop hub and blades from Century UK who sell the same plane for £100 more. David reports that the supplied retracts are weak and he intends to replace them with E-Flite retracts. Overall the quality of the kit is good apart from the retracts and the plane flies well.



Skyraider chasing F16 snapped by Charlie



Skyraider on Finals

Diary Dates...

The last indoor flying session of the season....

Friday 1st March

The Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday 14th March

Talk By Richard Poad, Chairman, Maidenhead Heritage Centre....

"Grandma Flew Spitfires"

Richard tells a forgotten story of courage, skill and sacrifice during WW2 by the amateur pilots of Air Transport Auxiliary. Men and women were allowed to fly dozens of different types of war plane between factories and front line squadrons.

Snow Flying in January

January brought several inches of snow to the field. Several members braved the arctic conditions to enjoy some snow flying. Undercarriage models were fitted with skis and a number of hand launch foamies were also flown.

The road up to the field was impassable for several days except by 4 x 4's so cars were left at the bottom of the hill. Members walked up the road through the snow to the field carrying their kit and models with them. No-one can accuse WLMAC members of being fair weather fliers!



Felix wearing the latest in Delta Wing Accessories



Taking the Acromaster for a walk...



I know my hat is in here somewhere...



Charlie with his Ski equipped WOT-4



Acromaster with waterfloats for skis on finals



Ready for takeoff



After the thaw in early February taken by Mike Pugh

Aerobatics (and other fun stuff) practice sessions.

Following requests from members, WLMAC will be running some informal practice sessions this year for people wanting to try out some new manoeuvres. There will be two sessions a month: one focussing on basic aerobatics from the manoeuvres in the BMFA 'B' certificate - loops, rolls, spins and stall turns; the other on more advanced, and combination aeros, based on the 'C' certificate. If there is something else you want to try or if you have seen someone performing a manoeuvre at the field and would like to learn how it's done, this will be an ideal opportunity to try something new. You do not need a fully 3D capable plane to take part. Most sports planes such as the WOT-4 can do all of the B schedule and can even prop hang with the right set up.

These will take place:

1pm on 3rd Saturday of each month - from 16th March 'B'. Basic aerobatics.
1pm on 1st Saturday of each month - from 6th April 'C'. Advanced aerobatics

The sessions will run throughout the summer if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to attend, please let Mat or Stuart know. Members interested in taking part will be kept informed should the weather force a cancellation or reschedule.

Do you have a building project, modelling tips or pictures that you would like to share with other members?

If you would like to contribute something to future newsletters, send your articles, ideas, suggestions or pictures to Simon Hilson