

# WLMAC Newsletter February 2020

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With a lack of activity at our field, this cold, windy and quiet January, our Newsletter did not have a cover page. Tony (The engine) Bloomfield suggested we take a photo of the collection of un-used engines belonging to Tony, Chairman Mat and myself (Felix). We were surprised as to how many we had collectively. Tony, gave up unpacking when he reached the diesel engines, in the case on the right. Also, in the interests of equality there are a couple of electric motors.

Welcome to our February Newsletter, reporting back. As expected, a fairly quiet month with no club-night in January. Hopefully next month, we will be reporting on our projects and you never know, we may be blessed with surprisingly fine weather like February last year, with some good flying days.

## Parish Notices

**Up and coming Club night – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, projects evening at the golf club, Come early for an evening meal and bring in your winter projects for all to see. These can be anything – including works in progress, ARTF's, refurb's, repairs etc.

**Planned Works Notice** – Suez and BT will be working just inside the entrance gate on 10th February between 9:30 am and 3:00pm the work will only take about 1 hour but entry will probably not be possible whilst work is going on.

**New CAA rules** – Latest rules and loose copies of the exemptions have been displayed/ located in our hut, for all to see.



**Wycombe open weekend 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> January** – Good weather over the weekend, with virtually no wind and two fresh sunny days. A few Wycombe members came to join us for the first time. They have been invited to join us for the first 3 months of this year. The dates are listed in the events chart at the end of the Newsletter.



**Hobby shop Robotbirds merging with Align Trex** - Robotbirds have merged with AT Models also known as Align Trex. The merger brings together some of the main RC suppliers in the UK. Robotbirds have been selling RC models and accessories since 2004 they teamed up with BRC hobbies in 2011 as a specialist supplier for electric flight. Robotbirds and BRC Hobbies have been mainly fixed wing plane suppliers but by merging with AT models they can now offer a complete range of RC models including Planes and Helicopters both electric and I.C, Drones, Cars, Boats, Rockets and all other associated equipment and accessories.

**Projects - Mathew's Gangster 63** – Mat has been working on his Mick Reeves Gangster 63 for a few months now, in readiness for the new season of the UKCAA competitions, this model has foam veneered wings, unlike the newer Ripmax version which has built up wings. The model has been fibre-glassed, is now in primer and ready for spray painting – lots of masking to do.



The red, orange and white Gangster 63 picture, on the wall behind, shows what it should look like when it's finished.

**Felix's 3dlabprint Vaught F4U Corsair** – Progress has been slow since the last update, due to the Christmas period and having to carry out repairs to my other models. The wing is now complete and all the servos have been fitted. I am waiting for the ESC to arrive and complete the build. Finally, I need to print the decals which will be a challenge.



Completed 1.9m Corsair wing. Using 4 miniature Hitec servos for the flaps and 2 on the ailerons.



Folding wings are held on with 2 PLA pins each side.



Almost complete requiring Motor ESC and decals to complete.

## Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wycombe open day	Harefield	Open day for members of HWDMAC to fly at Harefield.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa bash
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal