

WLMAC Newsletter September 2020

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A selection of Classic Aerobat's at the field recently. Tony B's Meteor 60 with Mat's Gangster 63 and Crescent Tornado.

Parish Notices

Up and coming club nights etc. – All cancelled until further notice.

Filming at Stockers farm update- As you all have been previously advised, the committee has been in discussion with the TV production company who are preparing for the filming at Stockers farm, a mutual agreement has been reached for 3 months commencing 7th September 2020. It is expected that filming will then stop during the winter period and will re-commence in the spring and continue for the foreseeable future after. Also, it is very unlikely that any filming will take place at weekends.

On the day of any noise sensitive filming, the company will always have a representative at our field who will monitor the situation and if required, we will be asked to stop flying anything identified as being too noisy. We understand that the likelihood will be that noisy IC planes may be asked to stop and the electric flying will be generally unaffected. In any event the film company representative will have the final say and all members are requested to politely co-operate at all time. Stopping our flying will be kept to a minimum. So, if there isn't a rep at the field then there are no restrictions and normal rules apply.

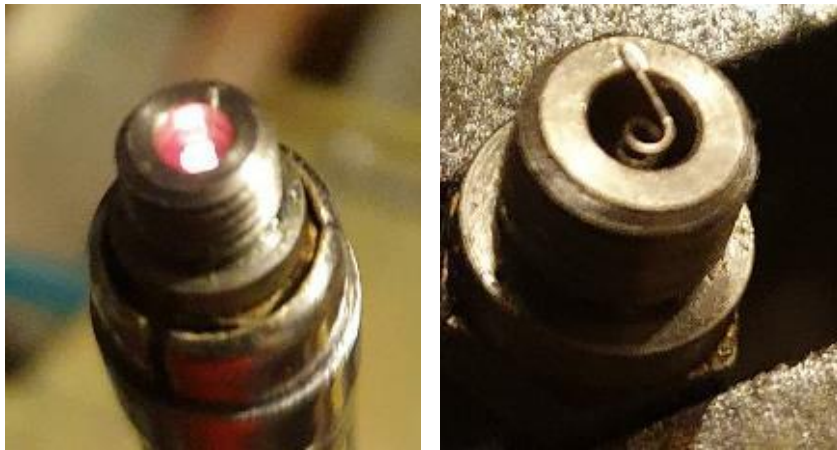
On previous occasions, the film company provided members at the field with food, unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, there will be no food on set and therefore no food for our members.

Pickeridge Farm update – Our pre-planning application has now been submitted to the South Bucks Planning Dept. The next stage will be for them to advise us, as to what we need to include in our actual planning application. We have also been liaising with Suez regarding a lease for this new site, this is nearly done and as soon as it is signed the intention is to let us start flying there – further details to follow, once we know the parameters for this.

Engine Tuning Tips from Tony Bloomfield – I am going to try and give you my thoughts and ways of making your IC experiences a little easier over the next three months, this month I will touch on glow plugs. So many people take the plug for granted you pay good money for your engine so why not spend £7 on a new plug! Many people who have trouble with their engines usually check their plug by making it glow and if it glows it's ok? Well it may not be, just because it glows a bit is not enough. It needs to be a nice coil of wire and the shiny part is the most important.



Appears to glow nicely but the element has a dull coating effecting performance



Distorted coil and again dull coating over coil.



New shiny plug

Projects

Mathew's Tornado – Another “Lockdown” plane now complete and ready for tweaking, in readiness for flying. It's hard to believe the first picture shows the same Tornado. Having stripped the original down to basics, Mat had to virtually re-build the whole thing. With most of the veneer fuel stained and delaminated and parts of the foam perished, Mat replaced some of the foam and re-veneered the whole wing and tail-plane. Alongside some very skilful covering, the result is amazing and was largely carried out using materials and accessories from his scrap box with just a new canopy, new Rx, a spinner, some stickers and 1 roll of covering needed to complete the airframe. All the other, equipment, engine etc had all also been scavenged from his stores.



Remember this, Tornado stripped down to basics.



Pete ledger takes delivery of his Dual Ace- You may say not another Dual Ace, the 5th club member to buy one. This one is going to be a bit different and Pete has decided to make this all electric which should be interesting. We look forward next month to see more pics.



Mathew's Gangster 63 silencer modification - Having had its test flight the Gangster was a bit noisy and would certainly not have been approved by the film crew. The standard Enya muffler needed to be replaced and Tony B kindly gave Mat one of his spare OS mufflers. Trouble is that it isn't a direct fit. This was an opportunity for Mat to use his engineering skills and make an adapter. The pictures speak for themselves. Neat work Mat! Test flying has now taken place and the new muffler is a great improvement. Mat intends to use the Gangster for the UKCAA competitions when they start up again.



Events are all cancelled, details left on in case the restrictions are lifted

Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 9 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night
Thursday 10 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal