

WLMAC Newsletter January 2021

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First Ever Zoom AGM meeting with 30+ members attending (couldn't capture all), Very successful but we all missed our Christmas meal.

Welcome to our January newsletter, where we all continue to be affected by the Pandemic, finding ourselves going in and out of lockdown depending in which zone we live in, eventually finding ourselves all in the same Tier 3. Then, when we thought it wouldn't get worse, a new Tier 4 was created with most of us in and around London locked down and our access to flying sites further restricted. Now we are only allowed 2 people at the field at any one time and this is currently managed by an email/ Whatsapp rota – if you aren't part of this already and want to fly then you must contact Mat and he will add you to the "WLMAC Tier 4 Flyers".

Our first AGM using Zoom was a very good success with over 30 members attending. Our chairman and treasurer read out their reports and everyone had the opportunity to vote and re-elect the new committee. Stuart our treasurer mentioned that club funds were looking healthy, mainly due to the lack of expenditure due to no club activities and the extra income from the TV company. This year we elected a new committee member, Graham Motler who will assisting Felix with the Newsletter by the end of this year. All that was missing was our usual Christmas dinner.

Please see the very end of Newsletter for items for sale.

Parish Notices

Annual Fee

For those who have not yet paid, the club fee that was due by the end of December. Members who have not renewed by the end of January may be required to pay the joining fee to re-join. **BMFA insurance lapses at the end of the year, so from 1st January you are no longer insured and must not fly, unless you have paid the BMFA fee to us, to another club or to the BMFA directly.**

New CAA drone rules – For those of you that haven't seen the latest CAA email. There has been an amendment to the current ruling as follows.

New rules

On 31 December 2020 the UK moves to a new set of rules for unmanned aircraft. For many people the basic rules on their day-to-day flying won't change but there are some important amendments that users need to be aware of.

The key elements of always keeping your drone in sight, not flying above 120m (400ft) and staying clear of airfield restricted areas (unless you have specific permission to use them) remain unchanged.

The new rules focus on the risk of the flight, based on the weight and type of the drone, and where it is being flown, to decide what you can do and whether you need a CAA authorisation for your flying.

This is a change from what we have currently where many of the requirements for needing permission are based on whether you are being paid to fly your drone, or if it has a camera fitted to it.

The new laws set out three categories of flying, and you must always operate within one of these.

Open- 'basic flying' which does not require an authorisation from the CAA;

Specific- more complex operations, which require an operational authorisation;

Certified- complex operations, which require the use of a certified UAS, operator, and a licenced remote pilot.

You can find details of these and other updates at www.caa.co.uk/drones

As well as being changed in the UK, the same new rules are also being introduced to EU countries so there will now be very similar rules across most of Europe.

End of year message from our I.C. Man Tony B- Looking forward to a better year with a new field and plenty more time to do what we love. I hope some of you are going to try some I.C. engines this year, if you have not already done so. Over the last three months I have tried to put down on paper and in layman terms how to get the best from your engines but there is no better way than to actually do some demos, so for the new year let me know what you would like to physically be shown how to do certain jobs at the field or maybe on club nights? I like to keep things short and sweet so nothing that is too long winded would be fine, engine disassembling, tuning, cleaning and so on.

May I wish you all a happy new year and happy landings. Use all the normal ways of contacting me but please not after 11 in the evening, If you have any questions then please ask I will do my best and answer them!

Club glow fuel for sale- John Fowles has just stocked up our hut with fuel, which is available for the following prices.

20% - £22 10% - £17. We also have some 5% - £15.

Members are tending to use 10% the most and there is plenty in stock. We do not have a lot of 5% but it is still available and will need to be re-ordered when these have been sold. We also have a limited supply of straight Methanol (great for cleaning off uncured epoxy) which we can sell at 1 gallon for £8 or 1/2 gallon at £4 but this would need to be dispensed. We can also get other mixtures made by request but these can only be ordered when we make a bulk order, so if anybody requires a "special mix" they need to let us know - either John, Mat or any of the Committee Members but this would obviously have to end up with John for when he places the order.



Tony B shows off his new mower – A new old mower for Tony who plans to put some lines on our pit lawns next year, oh and yes, he now has had his legs shorted to make it easier to

use the mower.



Table damaged late November during lockdown- Our bench was left upside down during the lockdown and we then had some visitors who decided to put it the right way up, but didn't manage this without dropping it onto a restraint bench. On the basis, that if they wanted to cause damage, it would have been a lot worse. A few nails and it was back to normal.



Pete Ledgers's Dual ace gets away with it lightly- The importance of using Loctite, Pete had just taken off and noticed something had come off his plane and soon realised it was his left

undercarriage wheel, luckily Dennis was at the field who at the end of the flight managed to guide Pete down to a safe landing with little damage.



At the field – Tony P and Pete L flying their E-flite cubs in tandem.



Winter Projects

Mat's spray shop- Whilst Dave O has been away, Mat has been preparing 2 of his planes for spraying, both have been primed and blemishes filled on and are now ready for the finishing coats. Mat has also been spraying a few bits for Tony B.



2 models prepared and ready for undercoat



Wings and fuselages both in primer

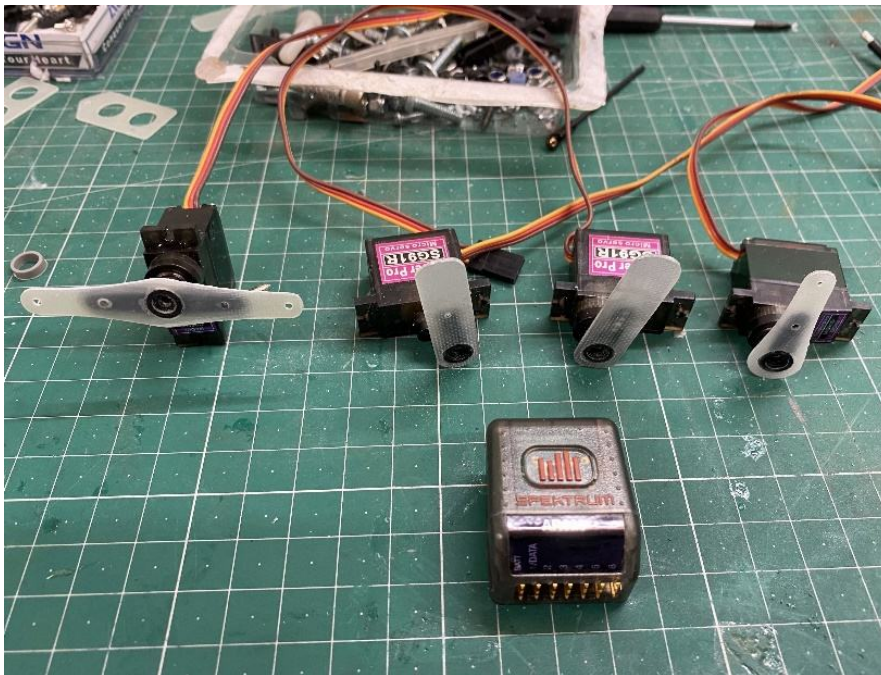


Ready for topcoat



Tony B's Wing has been sprayed ready for covering the rest, fuel tank cover and damaged cowling repaired also for Tony B

Graham Motler RC Factory Sbach- Our new committee member Graham started, completed and flew his first project for a while. Mathew test flew it for him and was very impressed with its handling.



Graham holding his new S-bach.



Mat putting the Sbach through a bit of prop hanging.

All Events cancelled at present but list below kept open in the hope that things will change soon.

Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Thursday March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	
Thursday April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa bash
Thursday May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills night
Sunday June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day

Sunday July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day
Wednesday August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz night
Thursday December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

Finally: Happy New Year to all WLMAC members