



West London Awarded Third Place in Club of the Year Awards.

Chairman Mat, Felix, Adrian and Roy attended the BMFA awards ceremony in Leicester to accept the award for Club of the Year. There has been a lot of discussion as to why our awesome Club only ranked third but we'll take it! Here are some Penguins accepting the award on our behalf.



The winners were Impington College Model Club, look them up on the web. They do offer free flight as well as Control Line, plus their fees are really cheap. But I bet they don't have a Club Hut with hot and cold water and a cooker! Nor can they fly 365 days a year on an AstroTurf runway....

Tony B will be raffling the engine that he bought back to life after it was found in the weeds after years. Tony and Rowan have worked their magic and managed to get the OS 70 four stroke running after fitting some new parts and adding a lot of love and attention.

Tony will draw the winning ticket on the night and he's donating all proceeds to the British Heart Foundation!

Don't forget the AGM and Christmas Dinner bash on Thursday 11th December. If you want to book a place at the Christmas Dinner, contact Roy asap as the cut off date is very soon, 3rd December.

It's at the normal place at the Golf Club.

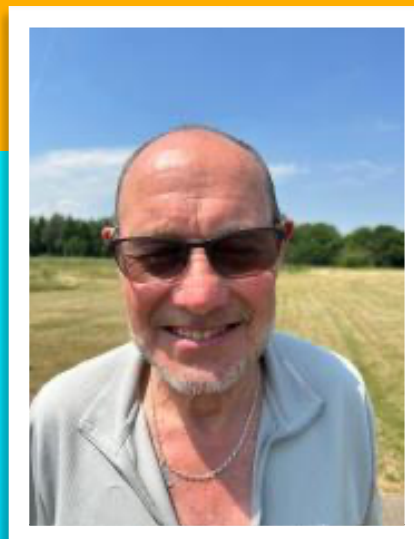
Stuart will be collecting subs from people but most use Bank Transfers these days. Cheques and cash are also acceptable.

We are NOT using the Sum Up machine, it takes 1.7% from each transaction, which is a sizeable amount for everyone's subscriptions.

Dress code is not as formal as those above.

Over the last month Felix and Tony B have been actively selling Frank Dalby Smiths modelling collection. They've put in a lot of work and are to be applauded for their efforts. The family are donating the profits to the RNLI and this is just over £3,500! Thank you to all that bought something, no matter how small and we can all raise a glass to Frank at the AGM.

Jeff Creak has served on the Committee but has decided to step down at the AGM. Jeff has worked wonders, especially at Pickeridge and Harefield, so thanks to his tireless efforts.



Ex WLMAC member Charlie Orrells gave a talk about his career path from WLMAC Junior member, to Bin Lorry driver to Pilot at the November Club meeting. Charlie decided to become a Pilot after his work experience at Denham flying field. At first he planned on becoming a helicopter pilot but eventually planes took over. Charlie explained the training he undertook which took him to Phoenix, USA for the good weather. He started with RyanAir and is now with BA awaiting a move to the long haul fleet.

Even I had forgotten some of the details and he gave an interesting and entertaining talk. I had tried to persuade him to wear his uniform, to no avail.

The poor weather means that we've lost some days flying, hence a slightly shorter Newsletter this month.



The AGM and Christmas Dinner take place on Thursday 11th December at the normal venue, the Golf Club. If you'd like to come to the dinner, let Roy know as quick as you can as the cut off date is fast approaching!

The meal is optional but if you are a member, the Club subsidises your meal, so members only pay £22 per person, non-members will be £28 and children £15.50 . Any associated costs will be added to your membership fees and will be payable at the AGM.

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The AGM will follow afterwards and then the best bit, we all get to pay our subscriptions! The BMFA subs have increased by £2 to £51.

The Club sub's can be paid from 1st December. The preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to the WLMAC account, as this incurs lowest bank charges. If not paying online, payment can also be made by cash or cheque on the night at the AGM or by a cheque posted to

Stuart Whitehouse, Orchard End, Bentley Road, Slough, SL1 5BB.

Bank Transfer details Account Name West London Model Aeroplane Club

Sort Code 40 38 20

Account number 41139258

Subs for 2026 are as follows:

WLMAC full adult member: £140

WLMAC social member: £20

WLMAC Junior member: £35

BMFA membership: £51 (junior £20)

CAA registration: £11.00 (not payable by Juniors) The full fee is £11.79 but to keep the counting easier, the Club is paying the pennies.

Christmas dinner at AGM: £22 (£28 for guests) children £15.50

Long Distance membership fee £50.

Total for an adult member with BMFA and CAA = £140 + £51 + £11.00 = £202.00

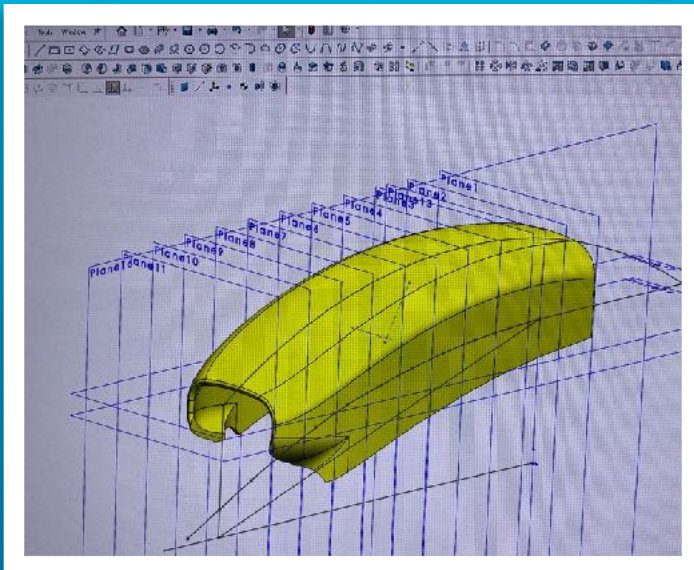
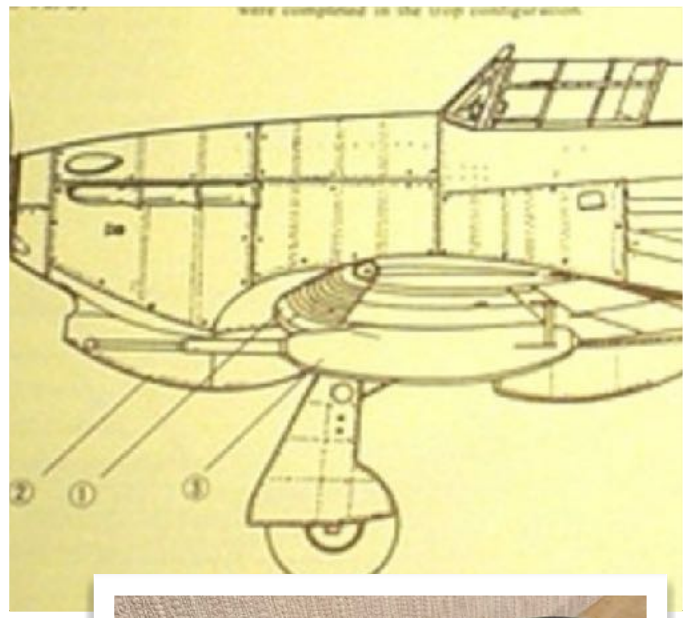
If you are coming to the dinner, this is extra to the £202.

If you are not sure how much to pay, message Stuart directly on What's app.

Dan C has bought a HobbyKing Vampire and it looks very smart with the yellow nose. It awaits some good weather for it's maiden flight.



Adrian S recently purchased an unfinished DB Sport and Scale Hurricane from Chairman Mat and decided to make it into a Mk2d "tank buster" or "flying tin opener" version used in the desert campaign. The conversion involves adding the Vokes air filter under the nose and a pair of 40mm Vickers "S" guns under the wings. Unfortunately quite limited information is readily available, but from a few photos and drawings available online he has been able to model up the Vokes filter in Solid Works and 3d print a prototype. Next step will be to create a mould then make a fibreglass version for bonding to the cowl. Adrian has also been printing servo battery trays.

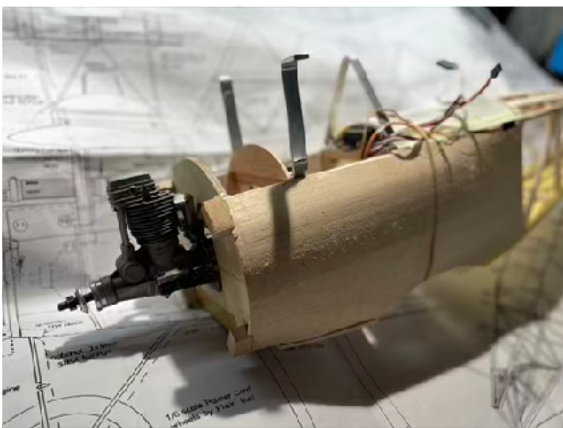


As a footnote, if anyone has any sources of information/drawings for the Vickers "S" guns in their gondolas Adrian would be very interested, as he's not been able to find much online yet.



Mat had built the Hurricane and flown it but it had gone on the back burner for too long. Adrian has it now and it should look great in a Desert scheme.

I've been building the Flair Legionaire that I bought from Franks collection. When it's raining outside makes a perfect day for building. The model is sporting an OS .40 four stroke engine that I bought from Ebay.



The last day of November was a lovely sunny day and as a result there was a fair turnout. Sunnil test ran his Saito petrol four stroke in his new Hanger 9 Mustang.

A few words to explain the AGM format and Christmas meal format.
The AGM is held each year, starting close to 8pm and all members are invited to attend. The format has changed slightly over the years, we used to have long lines of members queuing up to pay their subscription in cash but Bank Transfers have changed all that. Of course, cash and cheques are all accepted. You do not have to pay on the night either, it was convenient when it was cash.
The Chairman's will give a review of the year, we elect a Committee and its a chance for all to say their piece.
If you have a suggestion that you think could improve the Club, maybe something that another Club does better than we, please speak up and suggest it.
We're the first to accept that we can always improve and the Committee don't have a monopoly on good ideas.
So, if you have any suggestions, please speak up, we'll certainly consider anything.

The Christmas meal is held before the AGM, at the same venue.

Uxbridge Public Golf Course, UB10 8AQ.

This is subsidised for members and is a traditional Christmas Dinner. It is optional, there is no need to attend, you are free to turn up at 8pm for the AGM part of the evening.

If you do wish to attend the dinner, contact Roy Lanning to book a place, but be quick! He needs to confirm numbers with the Golf Club in early December.

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Snapshots from last year Christmas meal.

