



WLMAC August Newsletter

The sun continues to shine and the grass has just got browner. The good news is that the stored skips have gone from our view. They've not left the field though, they are strategically scattered here and there throughout the site. But, if you stand in the pilots box or anywhere near the pits, you cannot see any of them. Richard Orr, the farmer who has filming on his land from time to time, complained about them. After all, who wants to film a re enactment of Agincourt only to spot a line of skips in the far distance?

The last of the skips were redistributed on Wednesday, some may have left, we weren't counting.

The snap above is Graham Stones marvellous Beaufighter coming into land on Family Fun Day.



This bunch are by the heli area.



Some more out on the Western edge of the site. None of them are visible from our area.

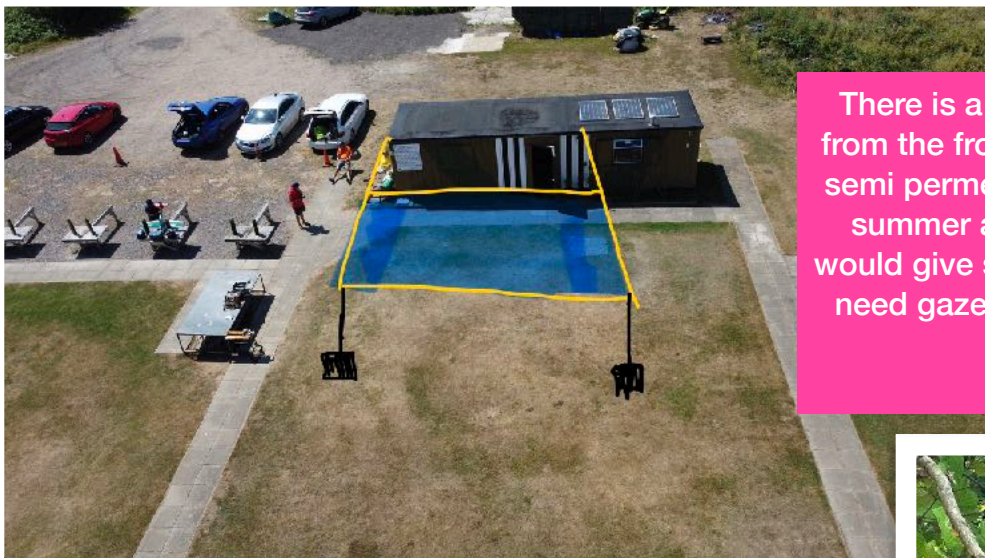
Wednesday 12th August

is a Club BBQ at the Pickeridge field, all are welcome to come and visit and fly. The site is all electric though but does have mains electricity for you to charge any batteries. I'm sure that there will be people there all afternoon so pop along for a free burger!



I'm assembling a Seagulls Models Chipmunk at the moment and I'll power it with a Laser four stroke engine. The engine is inverted and this required some surgery to lower the fuel tank height. The relationship between the fuel tank and carb is very important for a Laser.

This meant cutting out the designed fuel tank support and creating a new one lower down. My solution was to wrap the fuel tank in cling film, hold it place and use expanding foam to hold it all in. The clingfilm meant I could slide the tank out and neaten up some of the hardened foam.



There is a proposal to erect a sunshade from the front of the Club hut. It would be semi permeant, erected at the start of the summer and stored over the winter. It would give sun protection and we wouldn't need gazebos for Family Fun Day either.

Mehdi was teaching Mary the other day when sadly they had a mid air with Pete A's plane. Pete's plane lost one half of its undercarriage but landed safely.

Mary's plane was not so lucky, losing the elevator in the collision. Luckily Mehdi and Mary were able to find the plane to assess the damage and retrieve the bits.





Someone has lost a plane out in the rough, it looks white, red and blue, it was spotted in a recent drone flight. If it's yours please pop out and retrieve the bits! It's here.

We appreciate that others dump all sorts of stuff but let's try to do our bit.



Clive M has been training hard to re-acquire old skills. He had an A cert from his old Club but decided that he was a bit too rusty when he joined WLMAC. Clive persevered and attended training regularly resulting on being given permission to fly solo, well done Clive!

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August.

There is another large Airsoft gathering over this weekend and Harefield site is closed to all.

Pickeridge remains open as normal.

Thanks for your cooperation in this.

The Webcam at Harefield continues to stop and start, annoyingly because for seven weeks it ran faultlessly. Fear not, Mehdi is constantly checking and is determined to get it stable and reliable. The latest problem has been traced to the voltage regulator that I bought from Amazon. Who would have guessed that a £4 regulator from Amazon failed?





The large lorry arrived at 0700 and he was gone by 0730. Incidentally, this was the same sized lorry that tried and failed to deliver our first container. But, this one did not have the rear, low tow bar which is the bit that grounded out.



At long last we've managed to buy and instal a second container at the field for storage. This has allowed us to remove all the long term storage items from the Club Hut and create space for members. We bought one of the containers from near the Heli patch, these belong to the field owners but his plans changed and he no longer wanted the 20' container. After we received a full refund from Cleveland Containers, we bought the container and paid for a man with a big lorry to move it for us. This went smoothly and was moved and installed inside 30 minutes. The BBQ and bits, fuel stocks, extra white chairs have all been moved into the blue container.



We'll re-model the Club Hut to make use of the extra space, moving the seating area to one end so during the cold weather, we're away from the door. If you have an old dining room table and chairs that need a new home, let us know. A big rectangular or oval table and some chairs would be perfect.

Should you need to access the blue container, the key is hanging up in the Club Hut, to the right as you go in.