

# Touchdown



## The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

February 2005 (V2)

### **Extraordinary General meeting (rescheduled)**

The meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> march discussed our finances, what with no contribution from Westland's Sports & Social club towards the gate, the gate itself, scalplings and mower; we are getting very short of money. A special levy will be required, and we agreed to call an Extraordinary General meeting on ~~26<sup>th</sup> April~~ to discuss and approve (or disapprove) this. Later (4<sup>th</sup> April) we found this date was impossible for several critical committee members, so it has been **rescheduled to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.

### **Home at last**

The editor's missing battery pack has returned home (19<sup>th</sup> February). After rest and recharging it expected to return to fully capacity and active flight duties.

### **Mower**

At the monthly meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February we decided to pursue the offer of a second-hand ride upon mower. This will be stored at the farm.

### **Lessons (re)learnt**

#### **Pegboard**

A curious range check problem bothered Baz for a while today (6<sup>th</sup> March) until we realised some one else was doing a ground run on the same frequency. Just as well neither were flying – please use the pegboard.

#### **Pre-flight check**

Despite checking twice at the pits and once before take off; one of our fliers only discovered that his elevator servo was reversed at the post-mortem. Moral - even if you have a computer transmitter check that the control surfaces move the right direction, rather than simply move.

#### **Servo mounting**

After remounting an aileron servo, the Editors Twinjet suddenly has almost twice the roll rate. The only explanation is that I have been flying with a gradually loosening servo for quite some time (potentially quite a problem for delta with only 2 servos in total).

# Touchdown



## **Diary Dates**

3<sup>rd</sup> May

Extraordinary General meeting 20:00 in the Watercombe suite, Westland Leisure Complex.

22<sup>nd</sup> May

Model engineers exhibition at Hazelbury Mill. The club has been asked to provide some static Models. For details talk to Mike Oxford.

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July

Wincanton Falcons, Annual fly-in at Templecombe. Contact Richard Hunt 01935 471732 or <http://www.wincantonfalcons.ndo.co.uk/>

# Touchdown



## **For Sale**

Starter Motor      Ripmax "Turbex 2" suitable for upto 0.60 sized IC engines.  
See Baz Guppy.

## **Scalpings**

It was bright and dry Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> February) morning with a cold North wind. The 'digger men' with assorted spades, rakes and wheelbarrows started arriving shortly after 09.00hrs followed at about 09.30hrs by the cavalry - in the form of the farmer with his tractor fitted with its own tractor size shovel. The 9 tons of scalping arrived shortly after. After the tractor did some initial spreading, the club members (I counted at least 18) piled in and completed the job. It was all done well within an hour and followed up by a 'thumping' machine to compact the scalping.

Meanwhile over on the flight pad grass cutting was tacking place with a (small for the size of the pad) domestic lawnmower.

A busy morning was had by all.



# Touchdown



## **Playing to a packed house**

The monthly meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March had the usual high attendance (7), please come (before we get too lonely).



## **Website**

Daniel's website <http://www.whlaeromodellers.tk/>

Newsletters <http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm>.

## **Meetings**

The Club nights are on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at 20:00 in the Watercombe suite, Westland Leisure Complex.

We meet in the sportsman bar for a drink before (particularly when it's cold).

## **Articles, cartoons, notices & other contributions**

If any of you have anything interesting, amusing or informative that you would like to share in the newsletter please send it to me, by e-mail is best. But any material will be gratefully accepted, at a club nights, or on the field. I can be contacted at <http://www.home9999.plus.com/contact.htm>.