

# Touchdown



## The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

May 2005

### **Wanted – a few good men (and models)**

The club is doing static and flying displays on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June for the Crewkerne Rotary Club Fun-Day at Hinton Park Farm Hinton-Saint-George, near Roundham. The Map reference is ST412108; see [online map at Streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk). The best approach starts from Crewkerne, travelling west (toward Chard) along the A30; go through Roundham village and past the Travellers Rest pub. About ½ mile later turn right up Liddon Hill, the entrance is on the left, over a cattle grid with the flying field ahead of you as the drive turns left.

This is a display for the public, so you need a B certificate to fly, but every-one can help man the stand, bring a model for the static display, act as spotters for the fliers etc.

Please aim to arrive 13:00 to 13:00; and bring an item or model to display on the static line. N.B. Mike Oxford is co-ordinating this event.

### **Levee**

A one off levee of £15 per member was agreed at the EGM, will any members who haven't paid yet; please do so ASAP – We need the money!

### **Site changes**

#### **Pits position**

We will be moving the pits uphill away from the patch. This is required by BMFA safety guidelines, it should reduce any risk of an overshoot landing in the pits area.

#### **Pits shape**

We will be making the pits wider and shallower, this should allow everyone to set-up on the uphill edge of the pits, facing the patch, and with no need to thread through others while carrying / wheeling their model to and fro.

#### **Parking**

As advised last time :- At request of the farmer, please park close (but still up-hill) of the new gate when possible.

#### **Path**

As advised last time :- To improve safety, we have moved the path (between parking to the flying patch) uphill E.G. towards the main road. This will mean those loading / unloading will no longer be overflowed by people on landing approach.

### **Merriot Hovering patch**

As a consequence of the BMFA required pits changes (see above), the separate helicopter hovering patch is now too close to the pits for safety. Would those who used to hover there, like to consider how we should replace it?

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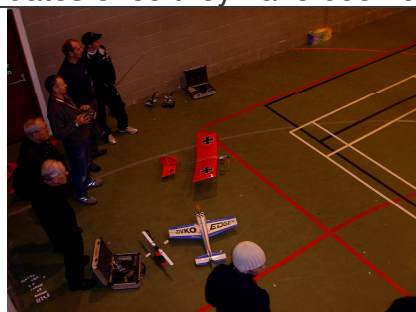
## Newsletter distribution

This newsletter is meant to be for all members, but currently I just post a copy on the web and email every-one; this means people not on the net don't get to see it. From now on I will be printing a few copies, to bring to club meetings and the flying patch, there will also be a copy or two with Richard at the shop.

Does any one have a better way of doing this (apart for letter post which we can't afford)?

## Indoors

The second of our experimental indoor flying sessions took place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. There were about 10 of us with a mixture of fixed wing and helicopters. The evening was a success so we hope to arrange more sessions soon. The best times for the hall are already booked, so timing is dependent on people pulling out. Richard will publicise the dates once they have been decided.



The "pits" area.



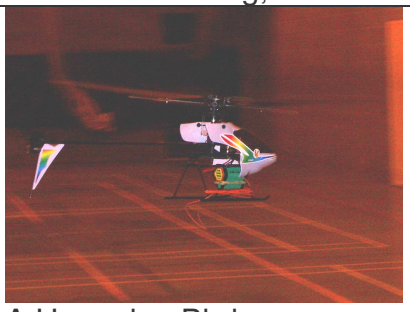
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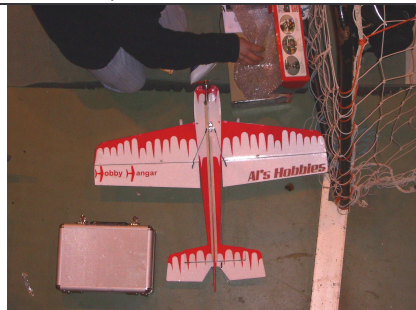
...but not quite big enough for John Stevens's Ikarus Bleriot to turn



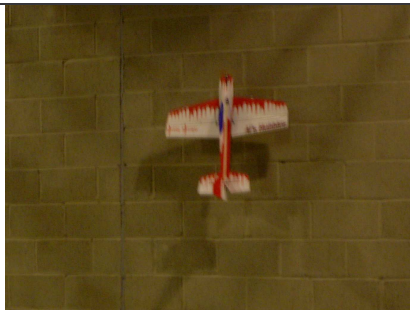
An IFO, which suited the hall



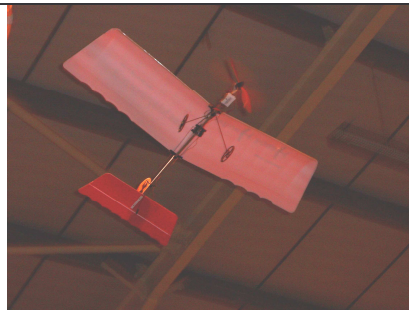
A Humming Bird



Adrenaline Shock flyer,....



which Ollie lands on walls.



A GWS Slow stick overhead.



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## Missed it (for this year)

The Wessex Scale league had a flying day at Pitney on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. This was well worth at least an afternoon, with some very good scale models to see. Pitney is between Somerton and Langport, so quite close, and the flying field is something to aspire to! Remember this one for next year.



A Sopwith Pup – you Editor forgot to get any other details.



A Flair Mosquito, much admired by Ted Sadler, who thinks these kits may well be available cheap on Ebay.



The marvellous detail here shows the advantages of 1:1 scale



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## Hazelbury Mill, Model engineers Exhibition

This was the show's first year, so it was mostly model railways, and large scale trains (including a live steam demo of models big enough to ride astride). Well organised, with the big semi-permanent marquee which kept the rain off everyone, and parking very close.



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## **Diary Dates**

25<sup>th</sup> June

Crewkerne Rotary club Fun-day – see article.

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/>

## **For Sale**

Joker

Acrobatic model (Wolfgang Matt design), 70" wingspan, MVVS91 engine, tuned pipe & manifold, 5 Futaba servos, battery pack. Old design but can fly the F3a schedule, just add receiver £100  
See Dave Coates 01935 405193

Mustang P51D

Scale model from a Brian Taylor plan, in British colours. 68" wingspan, mechanical retracts including tail wheel, sprung oleos, scale wheels, all spinner, Futaba retract servo, glass fibre cowling £80  
See Dave Coates 01935 405193

Harvard

Flair semiscale model of 66" wingspan, Irvine 61 stroke engine with incowl silencer, some Futaba servos, good second model. £70  
See Dave Coates 01935 405193

Thunderbolt P47D

Top Flite semi-scale model, 50" wingspan, MVVS 2stroke engine with incowl silencer, retracts, 6futaba servos, 2 battery packs. Old model but flies well. Just add receiver to fly for £100  
See Dave Coates 01935 405193

Starter Motor

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

## **For Free**

Wattage Egret

The editor is giving up on this lovely looking, but fragile electric micro-light.  
See Jack Mitchell

## **Websites**

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, better photos & 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 (my address can be found here :- <http://www.home9999.plus.com/contact.html>). But any material will be gratefully accepted, at a club nights, or on the field. I can also be contacted on 01935 445311 or 01935 823409.