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The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

September 2006

AGM

Our annual general meeting is on 28th November, please attend, vote and speak up on any issues. Please bring a cheque book to your renew membership with us and the BMFA. If you have any major points to raise please contact us in advance so we add it into the agenda.

Gliding sites

It turns out I wasn't the only one with no idea of where the local gliding sites are :-

- White sheet downs – Two slopes, NW & NE.
Look at the white sheet hill club web site (below)
Go to Mere on the A303, head north up the B3092, stop at the Red Lion Public house and walk. grid reference ST801347
Contacts are chairman Lynda Blythe and club secretary Ian Duff
- Corton Denham – Three slopes SW, W & NW
 - SW slope – Very good for wind speeds of 10 to 20 mph, nice landing area, and even a sheltered area for cacheing spare gliders !
Grid reference ST633234
 - W slope – Limited lift, no flat landing area, and access is via a long rough lane
 - NW slope – Closed September to January; Good when the wind is 10...20 mph, but trees on the back of the slope make landing difficult.

If you are interested in flying give Chris Holiday a ring on 424027; he also has some "nearly unbreakable" gliders you might borrow.

Slow sticks

Today (29th Oct) seems to have been an impromptue slow stick day. The Slow stick is a 3 or 4channel electric indoor or parkflyer, which is made by GWS, and costs about £30.

P.S. Despite a dreary start, the day was quite calm (which slowsticks like) and turned sunny.



Ed Voc's NiCd fueled slowstick



Charles Walsby's LiPo fueled slowstick

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Model Engineering

Spike Humphries of the Westland and Yeovil District Model Engineers invited us to their winter talk programme. The editor went to the first entitled "Experiences as an Airline Pilot", which was very interesting. The rest of their programme is listed in the Diary Dates section.

Diary Dates

2 nd November 2006 8pm @WHL Sports & Social Wessex room	Model Engineers talk "My Railway Drawings"
28 th November 8pm @WHL Sports & Social	Annual General meeting
1 st February 2007 8pm @WHL Sports & Social Wessex room	Model Engineers talk "The Locomotives of the Beer Height railway and their Construction"
1 st March 2007 8pm @WHL Sports & Social Wessex room	Model Engineers talk "A Motoring Adventure"

Site changes (Merriott)

- We are considering a chain across the bottom of the entrance.
- Please put the grey box containing the log book, in the water proof bag.

For Sale

£85 ono	Twinstar, (Flown twice) Futaba Skysport 6A TX Pro-peak Delta charger Regulated Power Supply 12 volt 7ah battery and Charger	Contact Chris Baxindale Home 01460241137 Mobile 07712843046
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Websites

Daniel's website	http://www.whlaeromodellers.tk/
Newsletters	http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm
Ezone	http://www.ezonemag.com/
FMS	http://fms.pathbot.com/
Aerofly	http://www.aerofly.de/
Planning	Minutes for Area west meeting on September 2005
White Sheet	http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm
Corton Denham	Streetmap.co.uk
Model Engineers	www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers

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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)?

Flying Times

The permitted flying times are subject to common sense and courtesy :-

Day	Merriott	Westland's ¹	Notes
Monday		18:00-20:30 ²	78dBa or less
Tuesday	12:00-20:00 ²	Evenings ²	
Wednesday		17:00-20:30 ²	Summer only
Thursday		Evenings ²	
Friday	12:00-20:00 ²	Evenings ²	
Sat & Bank Holidays		12:00-sunset	
Sunday	09:30-13:30	All day ¹	
Any	All day ²	All day ¹	Silent flight

Note :-

¹ When closed to full sized aircraft.

² Flying should cease at sunset on either site.

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.