

The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter December 2007

Report on the AGM

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 4th December. The official minutes will be available later, but the highlights were :-

- 17 members attended
- The treasurer presented the accounts, our balance has improved by about £180.
 - The cost of BMFA membership has increased (from £27 last year) to £28 (each)
 - The treasurer felt that with our increase in funds, membership fee should be decreased (from £28 last year) to £27 to £27 each
 - Full cost of membership including BMFA therefore remains at £55 each.
- The committee was re-elected en-mass.
- Next year Mark Pope hopes to organise some simple fun competitions / events.
- Thank you ...
 - To our most devoted Merriott mowers - Ted Saddler & Colin Lawes.
 - To the mower man at Westlands, who amongst other things made us a temporary patch the open day at short notice.

Report on Westland Leisure Complex Sections Open Day

We attended the Westlands leisure complex open day on Sunday 16th September. We were able to fly from a specially mown strip just inside the airfield. Access rules meant we weren't able to provide taster flights with buddy box systems; but the event went well.

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The Mythical Hype

The editors talked of but never seen Weston Hype has finally emerged - a brief outing at the open day was followed by 4 flights at Merriott (more await acceptable weather). Despite feeling slightly under-powered / over-weight at 500W & 3.7Kg; the model flies very nicely even in my very nervous hands.

Nervous – yes very, this is my biggest model yet, and the time it has taken me to build assemble leads me to treat it more carefully than probably needed.

The flight is also very quiet, this is partly in comparison with club members recollections of the John Stevens's IC powered version, which suffered from the wing acting as an echo chamber for the engine. The Hype also sounds much quieter than the 400W twinjet I usually fly, showing noise is more prop size than power related.

N.B. The Weston Hype 3D is a 61" span, ARTF 3D model usually powered by an 0.50" 2stroke & weighing 3kg.

P.S. I would like to thank Ted for the 3 landings good landings this model has had (so far my only attempt over-shot & ripped the U/C out).



Site changes (Merriott)

- We have put a chain across the bottom of the entrance. This isn't locked, but please unhook it (or you may damage your car), and of course put it back afterwards.
- Please put the grey box containing the logbook, in the waterproof bag.

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)?

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Websites & Contacts

Aerofly	http://www.aerofly.de/
Corton Denham	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=363300&y=123400&z=4&sv=363300,123400&st=OSGrid&lu=N&tl=~&ar=y&bi=~&mapp=newmap.srf&searchp=newsearch.srf
Daniel's website	http://www.whlaeromodellers.tk/
E-Petitions	http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Airfields/
Ezone	http://www.ezonemag.com/
FMS	http://fms.pathbot.com/
Ilminster R/C club	http://www.ilminster.net/
Merriott field	http://streetmap.co.uk/newmap.srf?x=345500&y=113500&z=3&sv=345500,113500&st=4&mapp=newmap.srf&searchp=newsearch.srf&ax=345500&ay=113500
Newsletters	http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm
Model Engineers	www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers
Planning	Minutes for Area west meeting on September 2005
White Sheet	http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm

Flying Times

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

Day	Notes	Merriott field	Westland's aerodrome ¹
Monday	78dBa or less		18:00-20:30 ²
Tuesday		12:00-20:00 ²	Evenings ²
Wednesday	Summer only		17:00-20:30 ²
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	Silent flight ³	All day ²	All day ¹

Note :-

- ¹ When closed to full sized aircraft.
- ² Flying should cease at sunset on either site.
- ³ NOT all electric models are silent, please be considerate.

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.