

# Touchdown



## The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

July 2007

### **Westland Leisure Complex Sections Open Day – can you help (static or flying)?**

The Westlands leisure complex is running an open day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 4pm for the sections, including us. Despite the short notice we feel this is something we should try to support this event as its good publicity & may attract new members.

- The committee are trying to arrange access to the airfield from the sports club site, and we plan to mow a temporary patch close by (but as far away from nearby housing as practical). This should allow continuous flying and displays for aircraft & helicopters, electric & IC powered.
- A static display with the model engineering section is also a possibility.
- If it rains we will still do the static display, and there will be a limited time available in the sports hall for electric aircraft & helicopters flying.
- Clearly we are still refining the arrangements, so contact Dave Garrett or myself if anything is unclear, or you can help.

### **How quiet is silent flight?**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April we had another complaint about what was thought to be I.C. Operated Helicopters. It turns out that the models being flown were high performance electric helicopters (which can make as much noise as I.C.)

We have had to ask the owners of these models not to fly them on quiet flight times.

At next months meeting we will need to consider adding a note to the club rules to prevent noisy electric models being flown during the 'silent flight' times. Please give this some thought, but this complaint came from our landlord's wife and we have to be reasonable about what 'silent flight' means.

Basically we will define silent flight, as including only the quieter electric models.

### **Site changes (Westlands)**

- As from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Helicopter is moving bases from Henstridge to Yeovil. The Ambulance will be on call 7 days a week, all daylight hours. After leaving it may come back low and/or in a hurry, so after you see it take off, keep a particular eye out for it coming back. For details see Mark, or contact Nick Loxton

### **Site changes (Merriott)**

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

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## **For Sale / Swap / Wanted**

Electric plane – Extra 330L	Extra 330L 36" wingspan, 95% complete, never run, with box Hi-tec HS55 mini –servos 20Amp Brushless ESC AXI 2212/26 920RPM/V 12A Brushless outrunner	£75 Contact Robin Saunders
Electric helo	Hummingbird V3 complete with instruction book & DVD Transmitter, charger, 2 batteries, many spares inc. 2 imperfect canopies, chassis, undercarriage Training undercarriage	£95
Foam "ZAGI"	JP 480 SI EPP Foam Delta wing, inc. servos & 480 brushed motor used	£30
Slowstick	With Xtra ESC, Hitec HS55 min-servos, two spare motors & gears Tail needs repair, depron for this included (may have been fixed by now)	£30
AXI Brushless motor & ESC	AXI Goldline 20204/54, Phoenix 10 Brushless ESC – Ideal for shock flyer	£20
Brushed ESC	Ripmax Xtra 25 switchable ESC, Suitable for foam "ZAGI"	£?
5ch RX	Hitec HFS-05MS 5ch receiver	£8
8ch RX	Schulze Alpha 8.35W, 8ch, inc. crystal	£28
Webra RX	Webra Pico S5 RX inc. crystal	£18
Flight power LiPo	EXO 20, 1800Mah, 3S1P EXO 20, 800Mah 2S1P	£23 £9 each (2 available)
LiPo charger	Prolux LiPo 4, 2-4 cell µprocessor controlled charger, in box	£25
Electric helo – repairable	Cost £250 new, flown twice, crashed once, rebuild required – one small part to be purchased to repair. No TX or battery	~£40 Contact Clive Date (See the Editor for how)
Swap hirobo shuttle	Wants a new flair yak 54 Plus new four stroke(OS52)	Call Clive Date

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## **For Sale / Swap / Wanted (continued)**

2 Helicopters	Nexus 30 and a Concept 30 both are complete	
3 Radios	Futaba T9CP (Complete /Little used.) JR652 Sanwa RD6000.	£350 (won't split)
3 Engines	Super Tigre 2000 (tatty) SC 61 New. SC 40 New.	Tel Shane On 01935 413646.
2 Aeroplanes.	Travel Air, New. Nova Highwing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand, inc. ASP engine	
Numerous other items	Reflex Simulator (2001 version); Helicopter Stand, Starter, Blade balancer etc.	Of 8 Grove Avenue. Yeovil.

## **Diary Dates**

16<sup>th</sup> September  
10:00 to 4pm

Westland Leisure Complex Sections Open Day

## **Websites & Contacts**

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](http://www.streetmap.co.uk)  
Model Engineers [www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers](http://www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers)  
E-Petitions <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Airfields/>  
Ilminster R/C club <http://www.ilminster.net/>

## **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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## **Flying Times**

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

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

Note :-

<sup>1</sup> When closed to full sized aircraft.

<sup>2</sup> 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.