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The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

March to June 2007

How quiet is silent flight?

On 2nd 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 come from our landlords 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.

Iminster fly-in

We have been invited to the Iminster R/C club's fun-fly day on Sunday 24th June at Merryfield airfield at Ilton.

Iminster Radio Control Club

BMFA Club Number 0122



There will be a few low key competitions (some with prizes), a barbeque during the day, and hot drinks available. Any profits will go to the Local Air Ambulance.

Although this is not a public event family members are welcome to attend, please let the club know ASAP if you would like to attend so arrangements can be made.

Flyers will need at least an "A" certificate ("B" for larger models), and a transmitter compound will be in operation.

For details see their website, or contact Andrew Parsons, Duncan Kennedy or Chris Harrison of Iminster Radio Control Club.

Important note :- because Merryfield is a MOD airfield, they need the names of all visitors in advance.

Site changes (Westlands)

- As from Wednesday 7th 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 un-hook or you may damage your car
- Please put the grey box containing the log book, in the waterproof bag.

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Price cuts for O/S engines

Hobby hanger advise that big cuts (£40 off E.G. 33% reduction for an "OS 46AX") in the prices of O/S engines are imminent. Talk to the shop, for details.

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 nd hand, inc. ASP engine	
Numerous other items	Reflex Simulator (2001 version); Helicopter Stand, Starter, Blade balancer etc.	Of 8 Grove Avenue. Yeovil.

Diary Dates

24th June

Ilminster fly-in at Merryfield

24th June

Pitney Aeroclub Scale 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
Model Engineers	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 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.