

Touchdown



The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodelers newsletter

November - 2008

This years AGM

This was held on 25th November. High-lights where

- A volunteer for the committee □ Mark Kaleda hopes to add few new ideas and energy to the club in his role as chairman.
- Increase in fees □ thanks mostly due the theft of the mower, of grass cutting costs have gone up a lot, forcing the treasurer to recommend an increase of £10 to the full (senior) membership; this is now £37 for club membership plus £28 for BMFA membership. The motion to accept this passed easily □ a clear sign that we provide very good value for money.
- A suggestion that we attempt to increase permitted flying times at Merriott.
- The patch is now being mown for us at a very reasonable £20 per cut.
- Proposal that we put some effort into an improved/new web site (see new website contact).
- We now have permission to fly helicopters at Westlands on Sundays.
- With the opening of Lynash Nurseries to the public, we will be reassessing the Merriott no-fly area's, and possibly shifting/turning/reshaping the flying patch.

This years Accounts

The treasurer presented the accounts at the AGM, full versions are available from him, but a quick (unofficial) summary is :-

- Income for 2008 was £882, but expenditure reached £927. This includes an unexpected £80 in mowing costs following the theft of the mower.
- The estimate for next year's expenditure is £1285. Most of this increase is due to mowing costs, slightly offset by not having to pay for petrol, servicing or repairs.
- The estimated number of senior members is 35
- With the increased club subscription of £37, we should almost break even.

Site changes (Merriott)

- Mark (thanks) has replaced the chain across the bottom of the entrance with a rope. 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.
- Please remember to use the frequency pegboard (which should now hold to the pole).

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 (simulator)	http://www.aerofly.de/
Corton Denham	Streetmap.co.uk
New website	http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/westlandaeromodeller
Ezone	http://www.ezonemag.com/
FMS (simulator)	http://fms.pathbot.com/
Ilminster R/C club	http://www.ilminster.net/
Merriott field	Streetmap.co.uk
Newsletter archive	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
Much Marcle	http://www.largeassociation.com/eventcalendar.htm
Eastnor Castle	http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx
Bristol Model engineers	http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/
Our entry in BMFA	http://www.bmfa.org/links/Model_Clubs_UK/index-14.html

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	09:30 □ 13:30 ⁴
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.
- ⁴ Helicopter's only.

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.