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## The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

August - 2009

### **Westland Leisure Complex Open Weekend**

This is on 30th August (we are not involved on the Saturday).

This is where the grant for training aircraft came from so we really should make an effort to support this event.

- What we have
  - Jan will bring a lap top and radio control flight simulator
  - The editor will bring a little Blade MCX helicopter, which can be used with a buddy leaded indoors.
  - The club's indoor models will be present and flying
  - The club's electric and I/C trainers will be on display (field size may prevent flying them).
- Facilities
  - We have some time allocated indoors in the badminton hall  
There is plenty of height, and 4 courts (but we may not have them all to our selves).
  - We have the gallery area which overlooks the badminton courts, this can be used for an indoor static display, and for recharging batteries (There is at least one mains socket here).  
This area can also serve as a refuge if the weather gets bad.
  - We have some time allocated on the cricket pitch
- We need
  - People to help man the static line and answer questions
  - Fliers (particularly a helicopter flier since James Moon can't attend).
  - "park-fly" sized models, E.G. ones that can be flown within the cricket pitch.
  - Models for the static flight line

### **Cancelled - Chard Fun Day on 12th September**

The organisers have emailed to inform us that this event has been cancelled.

### **Indoor flying**

Dave has arranged for us to have the Westlands sports and leisure sports hall on Monday night (17th August 7 - 8 pm).

The main reason is to test fly the clubs indoor models provided by Westland's prior to their potential use at the open day. However the time will be available all club members. Come along – see the indoor models the club bought with the grant, and there should be some other models (including the editors Blade McX) there as well.

### **Possible new flying site at Broadway**

Dave & Mark have found a potential new flying site a little to the north of Broadway

- Broadway is just north of Ilminster off the road to Taunton  
Travel time from Yeovil was noted as about the same as to Merriott.

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- The coordinates are :-  
Lat Long N50.939088 W2.968444  
Grid OS X (Eastings) 332050 OS Y (Northings) 115962  
Nearest Post Code TA19 9RE
- Web maps :-  
<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=332050&y=115962&z=0&sv=N50.939088+W2.968444&st=7&mapp=map.srf&searchp=ids.srf>  
<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=grid+ref+ST320159&oe=utf-8&client=firefox-a&ie=UTF8&hl=en&t=h&ll=50.937905,-2.960343&spn=0.023609,0.065703&z=15>
- The site is a large field estimated as 10 acres
- Access is down a track from the farmers yard, which we are warned is impassable in winter.
- There are no houses too close, but the entire village is about 500m to the south
- RAF Merryfield (AKA HMS Heron) is quite close. Jan has checked the air-traffic control issues, and reports :-  
The ATZ is 2.5nm radius and surface to 2000ft?, and the MATZ 3nm radius from surface to 3000ft?. Both of these circles encompass the flying site, however, both zones are class G airspace (uncontrolled) which means there is no problem flying within them; and no permission required.

The downside I found is that the nearest point on the runways to the co-ordinates given is only 1.75 (statute) miles. The intersection of runways 03 and 09 is about 2.15 miles which is just above the BMFA guidelines. If we are certain the Ilminster club operates East of runway 03 then we don't have a problem.

- We plan to arrange at least one club visit (for you to judge access), and a demonstration for the farmer (to let him hear what the noise is like) soon.
- This is a big field, and the only real prospect so far, but don't stop looking for something better.

## **Finding a new site**

We definitely need a new flying site (our landlord has been about as flexible as he is likely to be already). Thus :-

- Buying a site is beyond the club's means (Unless some one gets lucky on the lottery).
  - The editor has set up email notification from the big on-line estate agents just in case something good comes up.
- Please be on the lookout for any opportunities
- We have a poster advert on the Newsletter archive site.
  - There is a copy of the poster on the Mole Valley Farmers notice board.
  - An advert in the Western Gazette and/or Farmers Weekly are being considered.

## **Dortmund 2010**

The editor has one of the local travel agents investigating the possibility of a coach trip to the Dortmund 2010 model fair. I expect the trip to be 1 day outbound, 3 days at the show, and 1 day travelling home. My previous experience of this was from Preston via Hull, ferry to Rotterdam, (with a brief stop over at Arnhem); from Somerset the possibilities for stops will be different. The cost will depend on the numbers interested, and will include hotel, coach, ferry and tickets.

No firm commitment required at this stage, but I need an idea of numbers, so would any one interested please call me?

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## **Wanted**

Bob is looking for a WOT 4 or similar (something with a robust under carriage), suitable to for an ex Helicopter OS61 SX.

N.B. The earlier Email mistakenly stated he wanted to part exchange (this was the editors misunderstanding) Bob is willing to pay cash.

## **Sheep at Merriott**

The sheep have gone, so the gate doesn't need to be closed all the time we fly (unless they come back).

## **Websites & Contacts**

Clubs	
Bristol Model engineers	<a href="http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/">http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/</a>
BMFA (our entry)	<a href="http://www.bmfa.org/links/Model_Clubs_UK/index-14.html">http://www.bmfa.org/links/Model_Clubs_UK/index-14.html</a>
Ilminster R/C club	<a href="http://www.ilminster.net/">http://www.ilminster.net/</a>
Model Engineers	<a href="http://www.communigate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers">www.communigate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers</a>
New website	<a href="http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/westlandaeromodeller">http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/westlandaeromodeller</a>
Newsletter archive	<a href="http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm">http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm</a> .
Fields / slopes	
Corton Denham	<a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=363300&amp;Y=123400&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=120">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=363300&amp;Y=123400&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=120</a>
Merriott	<a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=345590&amp;Y=113575&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=120">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=345590&amp;Y=113575&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=120</a>
Westlands	<a href="http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=353300&amp;Y=115755&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=115">http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=353300&amp;Y=115755&amp;A=Y&amp;Z=115</a>
White Sheet	<a href="http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm">http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm</a>
Simulators	
Aerofly	<a href="http://www.aerofly.de/">http://www.aerofly.de/</a>
FMS	<a href="http://fms.pathbot.com/">http://fms.pathbot.com/</a>
Shows	
Eastnor Castle	<a href="http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx">http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx</a>
Much Marcle	<a href="http://www.largemodelassociation.com/eventcalendar.htm">http://www.largemodelassociation.com/eventcalendar.htm</a>
Woodspring	<a href="http://www.woodspringshow.co.uk/">Woodspring Wings Show 2009</a>
Ezone	<a href="http://www.ezonemag.com/">http://www.ezonemag.com/</a>

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## Flying Times

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

Day	Notes	Merriott field	Westland's aerodrome <sup>1</sup>
Monday	78dBa or less		18:00-20:30 <sup>2</sup>
Tuesday		12:00-20:00 <sup>2</sup>	Evenings <sup>2</sup>
Wednesday	Summer only		17:00-20:30 <sup>2</sup>
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	09:30 – 13:30 <sup>4</sup> <b>(New)</b>
Any	Silent flight <sup>3</sup>	All day <sup>2</sup>	All day <sup>1</sup>

Note :-

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

<sup>2</sup> Flying should cease at sunset on either site.

<sup>3</sup> NOT all electric models are silent, please be considerate.

<sup>4</sup> Helicopter's only.

## 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)?

Please ask me if you prefer paper a paper copy.

## Meetings

We plan on rescheduling the monthly meeting to a Monday, but currently they remain on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at 20:00 in the Sportsman bar, at the Westland Leisure Complex.

## 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.