

Touchdown



The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

December - 2009

More indoor flying

The editor has organised more indoor flying events, the dates are

- Monday 14th December 2009
- Monday 11th January 2010
- Monday 25th January 2010

We have moved venue to Crewkerne Sports centre, and obtained a more reasonable time of 8pm to 9pm.

- There is parking
- There are a couple of mains sockets in the hall.
- The Hall is 4 badminton court sized, and higher than most
- There will be club vapor's, the editor's blade McX, and many others.
- Cost varies with attendance, but never exceeds £4 (£2.50 last time).

See also Blackmore R/C FC indoor flying below.

AGM

The AGM was held on Monday 30th of November. Highlights where :-

Bearley

- The field is almost ready for use, but really needs more grass cutting and rolling, and this needs better weather.
- Provisional flying times are shown below
Please exercise extra caution and consideration until we formalize flying zones, flying times.
- We will apply for planning permission once we have flown a few times

Merriott

- The rental lapses on 31st December – so no use after then.
- We have since talked to Ashley about continued use of the Merriott site, but this seems very unlikely.

Budget (ours not the government one)

We have allowed for :-

- Mowing both fields (just in case)
- Planning permission costs
- Upgrading access at Bearley
- Repairing the club hut on westlands airfield

Membership fees

- The total membership fee for 2010 will be £80 including BMFA insurance at £29
- Keys for the Bearley site are available from the treasurer at £2 each.

Merriott rental

We have paid the rent on our Merriott field up to the end of this year so we can continue flying there until 31st December.

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Blackmore R/C FC indoor flying

We have been invited to join Blackmoor for their indoor flying, which is on “rainy” Sundays from 10am. They use a church hall at Broadway - perhaps a quarter of the size we have, but still enough for helicopters and Vapor sized aeroplanes. A very friendly bunch and the hall is hired for several hours, so more relaxed than our indoor flying. Great fun – thanks. N.B. Please check to see if a Sunday is defined as “rainy” before making plans.

Possible change of Meeting date

It has been suggested that the monthly meeting be rescheduled to a Monday, perhaps combined with an indoor flying meeting. Would members with opinions on this contact the editor please?

Until this “consultation” is complete, the meeting will remain on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at 20:00 in the Sportsman bar, at the Westland Leisure Complex.

Finding a new site

We seem to have sorted this (see above), but please keep an eye out just in case.

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?

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.

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.

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Websites & Contacts

Clubs	
Blackmore R/C FC	http://sites.google.com/site/blackdownrcfc/
Bristol Model engineers	http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/
BMFA (our entry)	http://www.bmfa.org/links/Model_Clubs_UK/index-14.html
Ilminster R/C club	http://www.ilminster.net/
Model Engineers	www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers
New website	http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/westlandaeromodeller
Newsletter archive	http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm
Fields / slopes	
Corton Denham	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=363300&Y=123400&A=Y&Z=120
Merriott	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=345590&Y=113575&A=Y&Z=120
Westlands	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=353300&Y=115755&A=Y&Z=115
White Sheet	http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm
Bearley (near Tintinhull)	http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=113704047685900907589.0004742ce6b09714a030b&ll=50.982965,-2.720425&spn=0.0062,0.019205&h=z=16
Crewkerne Sports Hall	http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/communityliving/leisurecentres/directory/details.cfm?ID=6
Simulators	
Aerofly	http://www.aerofly.de/
FMS	http://fms.pathbot.com/
Shows	
Eastnor Castle	http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx
Much Marcle	http://www.largemodelassociation.com/eventcalendar.htm
Woodspring	http://www.woodspringwings.co.uk/shows.htm http://www.woodspringwings.co.uk/shows.html
Ezone	http://www.ezonemag.com/

Flying Times

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

Day	Notes	Merriott field ⁵	Westland's aerodrome ¹	Bearley
Monday	78dBa or less		18:00-20:30 ²	09:30-20:00 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	09:30-13:30
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.

⁵ Until December 31st 2009