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The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter

June - 2009

Impending loss of Merriott site

Following complaints about noise and over-flying of the nursery, we were given notice to quit the field. After some negotiation by Dave Garrett & Mark Kaleda, and following relocation of the flying patch, we now have provisional permission to continue flying until December. Be extra careful, one forgetful moment could get us thrown off at a day's notice; please :-

- No more than 4 aircraft in the air at once.
- Respect the No-fly zones – if you aren't confident of landing without overlying the no-fly zone, please wait for the wind to change.
- Remember to flying time rules.

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
 - Dave Garrett & Mark Pope are looking at something on 29-30th June
- We will have a poster advert for local events
 - The poster will be on the Newsletter archive site, once it's finished.
 - An advert in the Western Gassette is being considered.
 - Posting on a notice board at Mole Valley Farmers has been suggested.

Events

This club has committed to the following events :-

- Westland Leisure Complex Open Weekend 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.

We hope to organise some buddy box flying, demonstrations and a few static models. We have space both indoors in the sports hall, and outdoors on the Cricket Pitch. The sports hall has a couple of mains sockets to allow recharging, and plenty of height, but we may not have all 4 badminton courts; so high-speed indoor fliers may be curtailed. The editor has a little Blade MCX helicopter, which can be used with a buddy lead indoors. We need others to help (particularly a helicopter flier since James Moon can't attend).

Outdoors we need some "park-fly" sized models, plus static display.

- Chard Fun Day on 12th September at the Cresta Leisure Centre, Chard. Jan has offered the use of a tent, PA system & pegboard. We need some people to help erect and dismantle the tent. Also we need Models for the static and flying shows.

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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?

Mowing at Merriott

Len (the mower man) has been in hospital, but he is back and mowing again now.

I would like to thank Jeff Strong and other members; for organising, bringing mowers and actually cutting the patch on Friday (12th June) .

Gate and sheep at Merriott

There is now a considerably larger flock of sheep in the field. So please close the gate while flying; and return the metal fencing to its position (resting on the inside of the gate) when you are last out.

Personally, having seen sheep vault 6ft high dry stone walls, I doubt if the fencing will stop a motivated lamb; please don't scare them into trying. Sheep will move away when you simply approach them; so clearing the patch is easy and stress free for them and us.

Delayed newsletter

I would like to apologise for the lack of a newsletter since March; I have only just got the PC fixed.

Training Co-ordinator

Ted Saddler has been dragooned into the role of training Co-ordinator; he will look after the training equipment (E.G. as club owned buddy leads) and arrange for their use.

Websites & Contacts

Clubs	
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
Simulators	

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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	Woodspring Wings Show 2009
Ezone	http://www.ezonemag.com/

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 (New)
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.

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

The Club nights are 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.