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August 20th Club Night

Pednor Field from 6 'til Dusk

Silent Night

Any electric model.

Leisure flying and Food, a perfect evening!!.

Editors Ramblings



How quickly things can change. The weather of late has been fantastic with bags of sunshine and very flyable winds. All that has been missing is the rest of the club. We always see the same hard core and always have a great time flying and chatting. So don't let it pass you by, come on down.

I am pleased to report that I have taken part in the Greenacres fly-in weekend. It was a totally new experience for me. Flying in front of, and alongside, strangers. It was an excellent weekend with 6 models in the air at the same time and a mix of model types occupying the same airspace. Richard Ginger had encouraged my participation and he is quite right, your flying confidence grows from the experience.

I have also had the chance to assist Richard Ginger at the Wings n Wheels air show as his assistant/spotter. It was quite strange being on the other side of the fence and quite an eye opener being that close to the organisation. We both had a good time despite the inclement weather.

On the model front I have had some good flights with the Sea Fury and the DLE20 is proving to be an ideal engine. It is so good that I have swapped the GT25 out of the Extra 260 for a second DLE20. That has transformed the model. Now I am spoilt for choice when it comes to which model to take to the field.

You will have seen the recent catalogue of Peter Conways' modelling career. Sadly, Peter is having to concede that his flying time is up and he sincerely hopes that some of you might keep some of his kit flying.

Finally, we are privileged to have Bob George as a Newground regular and his flying and innovation sets a good example for all of us. His most recent thought for the day is particularly apposite.

"The problem with sitting around doing nothing is that you don't know when you have finished."

Don't let that apply to you!!

As always, you can contact me, Colin Hooper

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Secretary's Notepad



Arriving slightly too late for inclusion in our last Newsletter (June 2014), what follows below is a report of the first tri-club event of 2014 held at High Wycombe's Flackwell Field site on Sunday 8 June 2014.

It is worth noting that our own Mike Kitchen achieved a well-deserved first place in the cutting the streamer competition and a third place in the touch & go competition, flying in difficult conditions at an unfamiliar field – well done Mike!

Congratulations also to Phil Camp, a less experienced pilot, who nonetheless gave it a go and has the distinction of being the only CMFC pilot to participate in both of the HWDMAC and CMFC events in 2014. Hopefully Phil, you can make it all three?

Tri-Club Competition

The first Tri-Club Competition day was held at HWDMAC on Sunday 8th June.

It was a nice sunny day but the strength and direction of the wind did present a major challenge, especially for the "Touch & Go" competition.

Just as a reminder, we had a central area where, if you touched down, you would get a bonus of -20 seconds, a border area where you could get a bonus of -10 seconds and if you completed a "Touch & Go" anywhere else on the strip you didn't get a bonus at all. If you failed to complete a "Touch & Go", anywhere on the strip then a penalty of 20 seconds was added to your time. Each person had 5 attempts.

The scoring was follows –

	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Time	Time incl' Bonus's / Penalties	Position
Darren Brand	-10	-10	-10	-20	-10	02:43	01:43	2nd
Mike Kichen	-20	0	-10	-10	-10	02:42	01:52	3rd
Geoff Lyons								Aborted
Matt Dawson	-10	0	0	-10	-10	02:34	02:04	5th
Stuart Whitehouse	-20	-10	-10	-20	-10	02:17	01:07	1st
Luke Chadbone	-20	-20	0	0	-10	02:48	01:58	4th
Phil Camp	-10	20	0	20	-20	03:56	04:06	6th

As can be seen from the table of entrants, attendance was low, but those who did take part had a really good time.



The second competition of the day was the “Cut The Streamer”, a timed event, with the aim of cutting a streamer attached to the tail of one aircraft whilst the competition entrant engaged in a chase to cut the ribbon with their propeller.

After the “Touch & Go”, we had five entrants pursue the ribbon for a period of 5 minutes.



The results were as follows –

Darren Brand – No Time Set	
Mike Kichen – 00:03	First Place
Geoff Lyons – 02:27	Second Place
Matt Dawson – No Time Set (but very entertaining)	Third Place
Phil Camp – No Time Set	

Given the somewhat variable weather conditions over the summer so far, happily the first of our two silent flight evenings at Pednor on Wednesday 18 June was a great success. The weather was favourable, clear skies and a moderate wind and the turnout was correspondingly good with about ten or more club members (six or so actively flying) and a few guests/passing visitors dropping by. We all enjoyed a beautiful summer’s evening, with some excellent flying taking place.

The second of our tri-club events took place at Newground on Sunday 20 July 2014 and despite concerns earlier in the week, the weather on the day was surprisingly good. Unfortunately, due to a number of conflicting engagements i.e. the LMA at RAF Cosford and the Scale Weekend at Old Warden, CMFC numbers were considerably reduced and attendance for the two competitions was modest, with just nine competitors and less than a handful of spectators. Hopefully, such clashes will be avoided should the event be run in 2015. Competition Director reports for the two competitions follow as below.

Bombing Competition 2014

Once again Mrs. Anderson's best tablecloth did not suffer under the combined onslaught of the best (!) pilots of three model flying clubs.

On Sunday 20th July the competition was held at Newground with a few pilots from West London, High Wycombe and Chesham Model Flying Clubs taking part. Two rounds were flown in good conditions in spite of the dire weather forecasts for the weekend.

The results are as follows

- 1st Frank Dalby Smith getting to within 9 feet of the precious tablecloth.
- 2nd Stuart Whitehouse 11 feet
- 3rd Mathew Dawson 12 feet

The only two Chesham pilots, Phil Camp (5th) and Dave Anderson (6th) put up a spirited attack but were well beaten by the guests.

Other pilots taking part were Graham Stone (4th), Daren Brand (7th), and John Smith (8th).

After this competition Andrew Rimmer ran a 60 sec glide and spot landing competition with the same people. Then the BBQ was lit for much needed refreshment while I collected the treasured tablecloth and returned it home in time for tea.

Everyone agreed that it was a pleasant afternoons flying in good company at a superb site.

Dave Anderson.

Tri-Club Competition at CMFC's Newground field – Sunday 20 July 2014.

Competition - Timed Flight & Spot Landing.

The second completion of the day was the 'timed flight and spot landing' fun fly event.

To recap, the objective of this competition is simple. Entrants are given 30 seconds to take off and climb to a comfortable height, at which point the engine must be reduced to idle, throttle fully back in the case of electric aircraft. The pilot has to then land his aircraft as close as possible to a marked target in the centre of the patch. The time allocated for the glide/landing is 60 seconds. The pilot will be notified at 15-second intervals of remaining time, i.e. 45 seconds left, 30 seconds left, 15 seconds left and time up!

Points are allocated as soon as the aircraft comes to rest. One point is given for every second either under or over the 60-second period. In addition, one point is given for every foot that the aircraft comes to rest from the target, measured from the point of the spinner. For example, if an aircraft were to come to rest after exactly 60 seconds and precisely on the target then 0 points would be scored (the best possible score). Another example could be that the aircraft comes to rest after 48 seconds (scores 12 points) at 16 feet from the target (scores 16 points) This would give a total of 28 points for that round.

Given time constraints and the prospect of poor weather later in the day, it was decided to run one round only, rather than the usual two or three.

Sadly, a number of CMFC's regular competitors were absent due to prior engagements at, for example, LMA at Cosford and the Scale Weekend at Old Warden. Fortunately, members of our two guest clubs arrived in significant numbers, for which we are grateful.

Despite a dire weather forecast earlier in the week (flood warnings, lightning and thunderstorms) the gamble to run the event on the allotted day paid off, the weather at the outset being dry and overcast, with a low to moderate wind.

Most pilots managed to get their models down to ground on or around the 60-second time limit, but some struggled to bring their aircraft to a standstill promptly once on terra firma. This failing, more common in models with i/c engines than in electric powered aircraft, led to final stopping distances greater than 100 feet from the target for three unfortunate competitors.

Nonetheless, all participants seemed to thoroughly enjoy the competition and the overall standard of flying was very high.

Following a good natured and spirited completion, the results were as follows:

Joint 7th place – Phil Camp, Jeff Lyons & Graham Stone.

6th place – John Smith.

5th place – Mathew Dawson.

4th place – Darren Brand.
3rd place – Frank Dalby-Smith.
2nd place – Dave Anderson.
1st place – Stuart Whitehouse.

I brought along a number of small prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors. Stuart chose a some Deluxe Materials Medium CA and a bottle of Zap Z42 Blue Thread Locker, Dave Anderson a SLEC prop balancer and Frank Dalby-Smith took home a Hitec HS-311 economy standard servo (and fittings).



Post competition results and prize giving, further flying took place in ideal conditions until around 4.30pm, when the horizons darkened. I noticed that this year the gas BBQ proved very popular with our guests.

I would like to say thank you to all those who attended and hope that we repeat this successful event in 2015.

In a note for your diaries, all members of WLMAC and HWDMAC are invited to CMFC's informal Scale Day at Newground on **Saturday 9 August 2014**, further details to be circulated.

The third and final event of the series takes place at WLMAC's Harefield site on **Sunday 7 September 2014** (14 September as a reserve date if bad weather) – egg race and triple thrash.

Andrew Rimmer. CMFC Club Secretary.

Forthcoming Events

Our forthcoming Scale Day is taking place at Newground on **Saturday 9 August 2014**, starting at 10am. This informal event has been kindly organised by Toby Newton and an invitation has been extended to the members of West London MAC and High Wycombe & District MAC. This should be a very enjoyable day and a great opportunity to see the very wide range of excellent scale models that exist within all three Clubs. Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you do not own a scale model (that includes me).

Please note that the AHA will be back at Newground on **Sunday 17 August 2014** (GB F3C team trials) and as a consequence there will be no club flying on that day, although as usual spectators are always very welcome.

Our second Silent Flight Night is taking place at Pednor on **Wednesday 20 August 2014 from 6pm until sunset (around 9pm) and beyond**. Our first Silent Flight Night in June was well attended and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. There will be a small amount of food available at our second Silent Flight Night, kindly organised by Stephen Edwards, John Kichenside and Gary King. This event is for electric powered models or gliders only, no internal combustion engines please.

For the new members who have not been before, please do come down to Pednor to see what it is all about. If you don't have an electric model then just come along for a chat and to enjoy a beautiful summers evening at our much valued but underused site at Pednor

Steve Edwards is organising the silent night evening and has penned the following.

Silent Flight Evening, Pednor

20th August 2014 at 6pm

Some club members may not be fully aware that we have the privilege of having a second magnificent field in Pednor near Chesham.

It would be fair to say that the site is significantly under utilised with perhaps no more than 8 members using it on a regular basis but it is difficult to think of a more beautiful place which is ideal for electric flying. It is also worth noting that 4 mornings a week IC is permitted.

I hope that the silent flight evening will serve to demonstrate to as many members as possible that Pednor is an asset to the club and well worth considering particularly if you are into electric or vintage type models.

We have decided that the evening will be purely fun fly with no competitions

However there will be hot dogs, cakes and drinks.

Lets hope for brilliant weather.

Steve Edwards

On **Monday 25 August 2014** our annual August Late Summer Bank Holiday BBQ/Fun Day takes place at Newground, from 10.30am So if you want a nice relaxing picnic with the family or to try out the BBQ come along to Newground and chill out. There will be the usual club flying as well as a club trainer on hand if any family members would like to 'give it a go'! Fingers crossed for favourable weather conditions.

The third and final of our 2014 tri-club competitions is to be held at West London's Harefield site on **Sunday 7 September 2014**, commencing at 12 noon (practice from around 11.30 am onwards). Either the gate will be open or there will be a combination lock on the gate from mid/late morning, to be advised immediately prior to the event. As usual there will be a BBQ - bring your own food.

The afternoon will consist of two separate rounds, one relatively easy and one more challenging - (1) egg race and (2) triple thrash. Competitors may enter one or both of the competitions, as they wish.

This is an informal, fun event, which is aimed at flyers of all levels of ability from "solo" upwards. I am told that it is always a lively and enjoyable occasion and everyone is encouraged to attend. Provisional rules for the competitions are as below.

Egg Race.

This is a simple race around one circuit of the field – from takeoff to landing the fastest time wins. But, with an egg carton attached to the top of the plane with one egg sitting in it, the egg must still be in place at the end of the circuit.

Triple Thrash.

From the minute your wheels leave the ground, you will be timed to complete 3 rolls, 3 spins and 3 loops. They can be done in any particular order but if you decide to do rolls first, you must complete all 3 rolls before proceeding to the next challenge. The winner will be the competitor who touches down on the strip in the fastest time.

The West London MAC Harefield site is reached down Drayton Ford/Springwell Lane. This is just a couple of minutes from M25 J17 .The entrance to Springwell Lane off Uxbridge road is on a slight bend, and can be recognised as it goes downhill for just 10 yards or so. It is labelled “Drayton Ford (leading to Springwell Lane)”. Springwell Lane goes over a small narrow bridge, and then some quarter of a mile later bends right by a block of flats and runs parallel to the canal for 100 yards. It then turns sharp left over the canal over a steep, white humpback bridge. The entrance to the WLMAC field is

immediately on the left after crossing the bridge. It is not the track marked on the OS/Google map further south along Springwell lane - this is the old access road.

You can come down Springwell Lane from the other, Harefield, end but it is very narrow - it is much easier to approach from the M25 end.

The entrance gate on the immediate left after crossing the bridge most easily opens outwards. Please ensure that it is pulled closed after you have passed through. Once through the gate just follow the track all the way to the top. Follow the hairpin right up the hill, and bear left at the top where the old road joins on the right. It is obvious which bit is used – everything else is quite overgrown. At the top just park anywhere sensible. If flying, you can reverse up to the edge of the pits in front of you – there is a line of logs and piping marking the car park/pits boundary.

This is a good opportunity to meet with like-minded flyers from the West London and High Wycombe clubs and from my own personal experience, they are a friendly bunch of guys.

I would be grateful if members could let me know in advance if they are planning to attend, either as a competitor or as a spectator, so that I have some idea of numbers in advance of return date. I do however appreciate that some of you may decide on the Sunday morning, having regard to the weather and personal circumstances etc.

I will circulate further directions to Harefield/maps/photographs/gate access details etc. nearer to the event, but in the meantime, for any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me as below.

Well that's about all for now. Cheers and good flying.

Andrew Rimmer, CMFC Club Secretary

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Summary of Club Events in the next quarter

August 9 th	Scale Fly In @ Newground
August 17 th	AHA @ Newground, NO FLYING
August 20 th	2 nd Silent Night @ Pednor, 6pm.
August 25 th	BBQ @ Newground
September 7 th	Tri-Club @ West London
September 17 th	Committee @ WHC
October 15 th	Club Night @ WHC

Chairman's Soapbox

SCALE FLY IN AT NEWGROUND – SAT. 09 AUGUST.

Organised by club member and top pilot Toby Newton, - this is a much more informal event than the 'members only' Allan Crook Memorial Scale Competition that was suspended a couple of years ago due to poor attendance. Members from West London MAC and High Wycombe & District MAC (see Andy Rimmer's recent 'flyer') will be attending so it should be an entertaining day. Hoping for fine weather, - the BBQ can be 'lit up' for those who want to indulge, - but it's cook your own food and remember to 'burn off' and 'wire brush' the BBQ when all the cooking is done.

NEWGROUND - AHA HELI COMP. - SUN 17 AUGUST

Once again the committee has responded to a request to make available Newground Field for the AHA. They will be in charge on the day. There will be no guarantee of any club flying on the day, only perhaps when the sessions have concluded, the time of which is not known. Club flying is prohibited until this time. Anyone visiting to spectate should observe all the usual club rules, and any rules imposed on the day by the AHA in the interests of safety and the concentration of those taking part.

WED. 20 AUGUST - CLUB NIGHT - PEDNOR (6.00 TILL LATE)

Just a reminder for members to be there, - and make it a worthwhile gathering. Get your gliders and/or electric models ready now. Even if you have not got a suitable aircraft, or you are a new member and have not been to the site, - DO NOT let this be an excuse for not showing up. This is another opportunity to meet new friends, savour the atmosphere and have a good time.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 AUGUST - BBQ / FUN FLY

This coming August Bank Holiday Monday sees our Newground Field host an all day treat for club members, family and friends, - Please do try to come along. As usual it's bring your own food if you want to use the BBQ or simply enjoy a picnic.

CLUB MEMBER BOB RANDALL – 1925 - 2014

As you will know if you read my e-mail at the time, Bob Randall a member for many years has passed away. He had suffered from Parkinson's for many years and several months ago he went into a care home. Bob was in the Glider Regiment in WW2, and he passed away on **June 06** - the 70th Anniversary of D Day.

I attended Bob's funeral service on Monday 23rd June representing CMFC, and was a little surprised that there were no other members present for there were many that

knew him well. It was a memorable occasion with the standards of the RAF and the Royal British Legion carried ahead of the coffin. I met and spoke to around 5 of Bob's wartime comrades, several of whom had been at the recent Normandy 70th Anniversary of D-Day. A smartly turned out Bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille inside the chapel, a wonderful moment as we all focused on our memories of Bob. He was approaching his 89th birthday, so he was still only 18 as a glider pilot flying into Normandy on a re-supply mission.

Hazlemere Golf Club was the venue afterwards and as it was on my way back to work in High Wycombe I decided to call by. Before leaving Amersham Crematorium, an elderly guy who had attended asked if he could follow me to the venue. I duly obliged and waited around 5 minutes while he got himself 'sorted' in his vehicle. Then it was off at 50mph on the road to Hazlemere, with him in hot pursuit. On arrival in the car park I opened up his car door, and he spent some 5 minutes or more changing his shoes. I escorted him slowly to the clubhouse and asked politely how old he was. He pondered for a moment and said **94**. I thought wow! - wonder if I'll still be driving in 27 years time?

R.I.P. Bob - a true gentleman!

SMOKING AT OUR FLYING FIELDS

If you are one of the very few who 'light up' when at the flying field – please take note of the following:-

The Container and Shelter at Newground and the club hut at Pednor are strictly NO SMOKING areas. At this time of year, especially at Newground, the grassed set-aside

land is also an obvious fire risk, so do not smoke in close proximity to these land parcels and make sure the 'butt' is completely extinguished. In the mid 90's at Newground there was a grass fire which burnt from the railway right across to the first copse. It was believed caused by a discarded cigarette end thrown from a passing train. A fire crew from Tring attended and dealt with the fire thus preventing it from spreading. I rewarded them with a case of beer, which I delivered to the Tring Fire Station on their practice night. There was only one downside – the crew had to use an angle grinder on the gate to gain access.

CMFC LTD. - AGM

Although someway off, - it's not until December, - from now until then is the time to put your thinking caps on, and if there are any topics / ideas that you want discussed, to be added to the Agenda, please forward the information to our club Secretary, Andy Rimmer, as soon as possible. Remember, - this is your club, our club, - without question one of the best clubs around, - it relies on the enthusiasm and efforts of all the membership to keep it so. The lifeblood of the club is and always will be – Money! As a

fee paying member you are entitled to have your say, - non appearance at either or both club flying fields does not in any way limit that entitlement.

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Instructors Corner

INSTRUCTORS' CORNER

Firstly, my congratulations to Robert (Bob) George who passed his "A" test on 22 July. Robert flew his electric Twinstar- fitted with a highly original undercarriage and an outrageous motor sound system- with great accuracy in the blustery conditions. Bob is one of our newer Senior/retired members and is now one of the regular Newground fliers.

The number of people actually flying is, however, dwindling and it is the same (mostly old!) faces who turn up and there are precious few who can claim to fly even once a week. I cannot understand why, out of a membership of around 80 paid up AND INSURED members we do not see more activity. This may well be typical of the Club scene nationally but I cannot see the point of being a flying member and not flying. We all have other commitments etc etc but this is a hobby which needs regular "hands on" input.

On a personal note, I was privileged to fly at the recent Wings & Wheels event and I am indebted to Colin Hooper who attended on both days as my "pit man/helper/caller". I could not have wished for better service – a pity the weather was so dreadful.... The Bristol Bullet is going well and handles most conditions including crosswinds. My next project will probably be the Jerry Bates 87" span Hawker Tempest Mk2 for a Laser 300v twin; Belair do a very good laser cut parts kit and supply most of the accessories – I have used this company several times and have been delighted with their service and quality.

Back to the BMFA Achievement Schemes! If you wish to have a go at the "A" test or see what the "B" test involves, please let me know, you can check out/download the details at the BMFA website but there is absolutely no substitute for airtime at the field with a suitable model. Preparation is crucial.

If you have not flown for some time (maybe you are one of the 80 or so referred to above!) it is a sound idea to get an experienced pilot to stand by you for your "return" flight even though you are cleared "solo" or even an "A" holder; it is also wise to use a previously tried and tested model, not, for instance, a big new shiny warbird.

Finally, we have a wonderful webcam facility so there is no excuse for not knowing what is going on in real time at NG – the regular fliers will often check first! However, it would be VERY useful to get an idea of the WIND strength as most of the available online "local" forecasts can be dreadfully wrong! In the absence of a full blown weather station (which would need "on patch" transmitter location to be valid) could we please

have a large windsock on permanent duty on the corner of the patch? What's not to like!?

See you at the field.

RG

Club Training

Remember that training currently takes place at Newground with either Dave Anderson, Richard Ginger or Toby Newton. You will need to contact the designated trainer by the Thursday to confirm your interest. If the weather is looking poor for the Saturday, a call will save you travelling to find training has been cancelled.

Month	Date	Trainer
August	2	Toby Newton
	9	No training
	16	Richard Ginger
	23	Dave Anderson
	30	Toby Newton
September	6	No training
	13	Richard Ginger
	20	Dave Anderson
	27	Toby Newton
October	4	No training
	11	Richard Ginger
	18	Dave Anderson
	25	Toby Newton

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Scale Day 2014
Saturday 9th August 2014



All scale models welcome
Foamies-Helicopters-Warbirds-Jets-
Old timers
Come and enjoy a day of scale aircraft
with BBQ
(Bring your own food)
Flying to commence from 10am