



Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day was subject to much debate this year as the weather caused a weeks delay, the planned date was spoilt by rain. It was a close call though with the forecast changing regularly. Luckily, the following weekend enjoyed fantastic weather with a great turnout of models.

As normal there was a work party on the Saturday to give the hut its annual clean up, everything was taken outside and cleaned. The hut itself was spruced up in readiness.

On the day itself, Sunday 13th July, the sun shone all day and the wind was kind. Lots of members had a flight and Mat was busy giving taster flights to everyone who wanted a go.

The food, as ever, was marvellous, the bbq was alight early and served food for ages. There was, as normal, even more food inside the hut, a veritable spread. Thanks to everyone involved in providing such a feast. And those that helped clear it all up again.

The afternoon settled down and everyone was treated to some great flying. Flight of the Day went to Rowan and Tony for their spirited flying of their profile fighters.

John Merry was awarded 'Most Improved Pilot'





Mike's Mossie
Mike P bought along his Brian Taylor designed Mosquito. It looked wonderful and the undercarriage alone was a work of art. Mat was asked to give it a maiden flight but the aileron servo's were mucking around and it was taken away allow for some more fettling. The model sports contra rotating props and is electric powered.

The Liberator flew again.

Roy has been building a Liberator model for as long as I've known him, it was in last months Newsletter. Roy bought it to FunDay and Mat flew it again. Alas, it spiralled in and was a total write off. Luckily, I managed to snap a couple of shots of it in the air.



Nigel was a guest who flew alongside Mat representing the UK at the World Scale competitions. He flew his latest model, an Oscar. It's a reworked ARTF kit but with a whole lot of extra detail. It looked and flew fantastically.



Jon Brooks has passed his induction to fly drones at Pickeridge, here's a snap from his drone of him with Felix.



The Club has taken delivery of more fuel so get it before its gone again. Fear not, we'll order more once this lot is nearly gone.

A work party was organised to clear the outfield of tree stumps and fallen branches. Whilst they are easy to see now, when the grass grows again, they again get lost and can cause damage to the tractor and topping cutter.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to help. A start was made to move all the branches and a lot of stumps were cut. However, there are many more stumps to cut.

Next weeks work party on

Saturday 2nd August

will concentrate on the bumpy approach road. Please bring shovels, gloves and wheelbarrow (if you can) but lunch will be provided, soup and rolls being most likely.





Dan has been busy and altered the four starting tables at the field, the ones with a built in trip hazard. He's chopped them around and used the same wood to make them much easier to use.



The next Club BBQ is on
Wednesday 13th August at Harefield,
pop along for a burger and some summer flying.
Don't forget that there is no i.c. flying after 7pm.

The Club is hosting a BMFA Scale competition on
Sunday 31st August,
this is the event that was cancelled earlier in the year. Come along and watch or compete, it's free to enter for us as members of the host Club. Andy will again be firing up the BBQ so come along for that at least!
Normal flying will be suspended during the competition but there are some great models on display.

After many false starts, the webcam seems to have settled down. Mehdi did his best to explain the problems to me but I got a bit lost. The upshot is that the camera is showing an image, updated every two minutes, all day, everyday, which is what we wanted. Mehdi has made countless trips to the field to sort the camera out and has finally cracked it. So again, well done Mehdi!



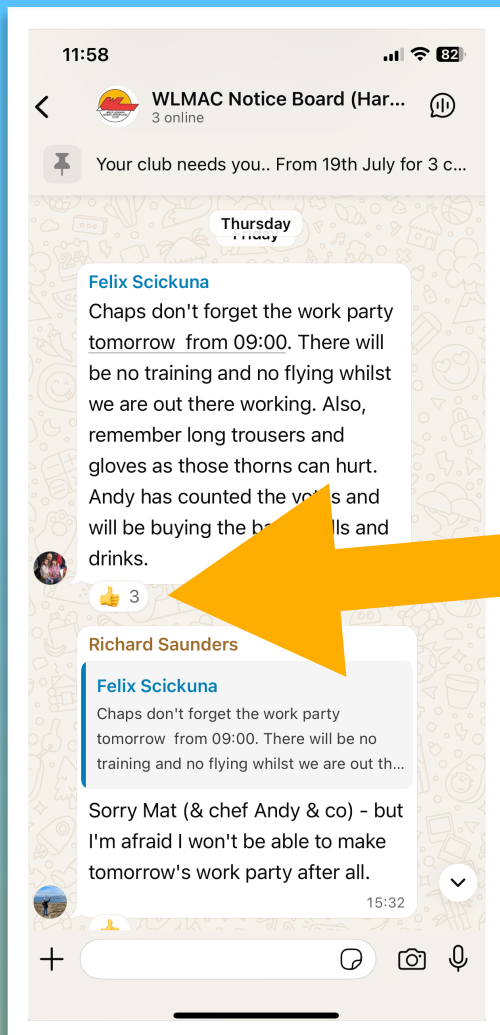


Dan C had bought a VQ Spitfire ages ago and recently decided to build it but had faced numerous problems. The supplied hardware nearly fitted but not quite. Dan then installed a Saito four stroke but this pulled the fire wall out from the fuselage during a test run. There was hardly any glue in the joint. He's now repaired and changed the power to an electric motor. However, it needs Church roof amount of lead to balance. All this before it's even flown once.



Tamas has been on holiday with his float equipped RV8 and has been entertaining us with some snaps and video of the plane taking off from a lake. The plane has numerous LED lights so he's able to fly in the dark too.

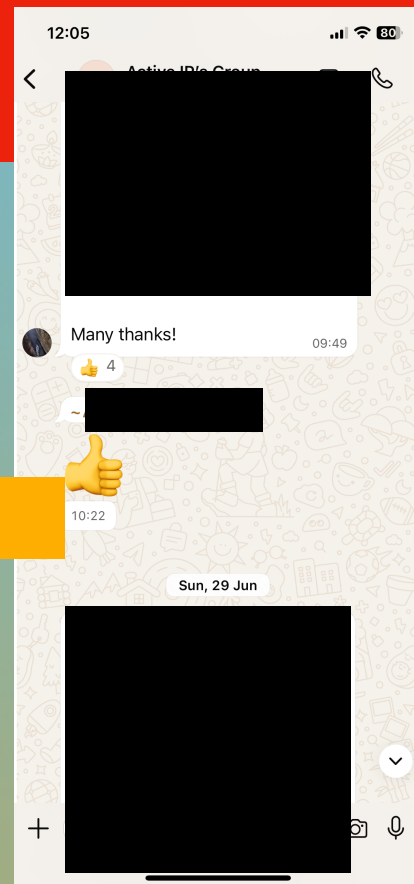




Most of us are using WhatsApp now, it is a great tool to use, especially for telling everyone the same thing, like a Gate code change for example.

But, if everyone sends an individual 'Thumbs Up' the original and perhaps important message is very quickly lost behind endless, big, yellow thumbs. However, if you hold your finger on the original message for half a second, you get a selection of responses, including a tiny thumbs up. Touch on this thumb and everyone can still see you've read it but without the original message being lost.

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