



Here are most of the workers taking a break at the end of a busy morning following a Work Party. They 'enjoyed' a morning recently where the road received some attention which saw most of the holes filled in. Others cleared the previously cut branches and then the Chainsaw Gang followed on, cutting the stumps down to ground level. The Chain Saw Gang have returned on several occasions since chopping the last bits off.

When the land is mown next, the tractor should be clear to roam at will.



A large hole was discovered in the outfield, so whilst we've been flying, Roger D has made numerous trips and tipped several loads to fill it up. Again, we don't want the tractor to find it! The drone caught Roger in action, offloading some more dirt into the hole, he returned another day with another machine and levelled it all off

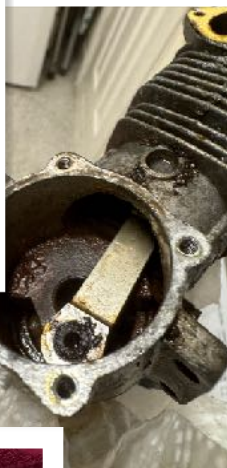
The Airsoft guys are sharing the site but to be fair, you'd hardly notice them. They drive past us now and then and you occasionally meet them on the access road. The rest of the time they might be there or not, nobody really knows. They have a camp on the sharp bend on the access road and have built some small checkpoints on the road. They have also erected some tents way off to the right, about 400m away, out of sight to us but not from the drone. They are friendly enough to talk to but as they enjoy creeping around in the bushes and we don't, our paths rarely cross.



BMFA Scale Competition on Sunday 31st August is Cancelled.

This Sunday was to be a BMFA Scale Heat at Harefield but this is now cancelled, there are high winds forecast. Luckily we were able to cancel the sausage and burger order from the Butchers.

So if you want to go flying on Sunday, feel free to do so. Or fly a kite.



The Chain Gang team found an old engine during one of their trips, an OS 70 four stroke I believe. Tony and Rowan like a challenge so have managed to strip it down and have started to rebuild it. New bearings and a piston ring have been ordered and then it will be test run. Look out for a Christmas raffle, Tony and Rowan are very kindly donating the money to charity.

The engine will never win a beauty award but it will hopefully run and power an aircraft back into the sky one day!



On Bank Holiday Monday Tony maidenised Neals Seagull Models Ultimate, powered by a pumped OS 1.20 four stroke engine. I think the smile says it all.



Some will have seen my Warbird Replica models that I fly. Richard Wills designs these and produces short runs of kits. He used to run Warbirds Replicas and keep all planes in stock but now he's moved to a system and asks for a commitment to buy beforehand as unsold kits clog up his house (and money) Have a look on the RCM&E forum under the heading The Big Question. He's about to produce a Mosquito kit in the next few months, twin electric but powered by a single battery. It features flaps, retracts and a split fuselage to aid transportation. It will likely have foam core wings too. Richard advocates covering in brown paper and PVA and I can vouch for the ease of this. He then paints his models in emulsion paint but you'd never know. Have a look at the thread, very interesting reading about the trials and tribulations of bringing a model design to production.

The kits are easy to build too.

He does ask for ideas for his next plane, as usual, he received lots of votes. Except they were all for different planes. He says the sad fact is, unless it's a Spitfire or Mustang, it won't sell in the numbers needed to be financially viable to produce.



Sunil has taken up with glow engines after learning to fly with electric models. He's recently bought an Opticarry from a gent on Facebook. It's a 3D printed carry box that is tailored around a fuel bottle and starter. It carries the essentials for starting a glow engine and Sunil is very pleased with it. Ask to have a look if you're interested in one.





Neal recently bought a second hand Black Horse Stuka from Martin Thompson, an online dealer. The model was a bare airframe but Neal has managed to kit it out and return it the sky. Fear not, the iconic spats are under repair and will be added soon.

Frank Dalby Smith passed away recently, a sad loss for the Liz and the Club. Illness meant that Frank had visited less and less in recent years but he was a prolific and very neat builder and excellent pilot. Our condolences to Liz and his family.



Mark P entered the BMFA Nationals in early July at the Hemel Club, the weather being awful that particular weekend. This covered three classes, F3N (3d Precision) F3C (Precision) and Scale. Mark managed to place well in F3N and has moved up from Sportsman to the Pro Class. Well done Mark, I think we can all agree, Marks flying is joy to behold.



Kevin has recently bought a tiny foamy from Hobbyking, a RareBear. After several attempts at flight and overcoming some initial problems, Kevin has managed to zoom it around the sky successfully. When I say zoom, I mean zoom at 142.7 mph!



229.8 kmh equals 142.7 mph!

Mat was maiden another new model the other day. Michael P's Flair Fokker D7. It's powered by an Enya 53 four stroke and flew beautifully. From what was said on the messages, it's been waiting a while for this maiden flight.

