

THE WYCOMBE FLYER

High Wycombe and District Model Aircraft Club www.hwdmac.co.uk

The next club meeting will be

Wednesday, 24th September, 2014

At The Riverside Club, St Mary Street

(the old Royal British Legion building)

From 8.00pm

And will be



the ever popular Auction Event

With special appearance of Andy Hopper as the Auctioneer.

Rules for the Auction

Items for sale must have a perceived value of £30 or more. HWDMAC will keep a sale fee of 10% of the sale price rounded to the nearest £1 with .5 rounded up, e.g model sold for £56, 10%=£5.60, club keeps £6, model sold for £55, club still keeps £6, model sold for £72, club keeps £7.

Please bring your sale items to the Riverside Club hall before 8pm so that they can be registered. It would be very helpful for the auctioneer if you could list a few details of the item and let the booking clerk know what reserve price you wish to be placed on the model and whether this reserve may be reviewed if the item does not immediately sell.

At 8pm we will have a very short presentation (about 5 minutes) from Mr David Sarney, the Chief Engineer of the maintenance facility at Booker airfield. (See item overleaf for further information.)

When we have a mid-session break we will present the Concours trophies to the 2014 winners who are at the meeting.

This may interest you...

am the Chief Engineer of the maintenance facility of the fix wing flying school at Booker airfield, the company name is Airways Aero Associations LTD but we trade as Booker Aviation.

We maintain all the aircraft we own/operate including 6 Cessna 152's, 5 PA 28 161's and 3 Cessna 172's 2 with Garmin glass cockpits. We are looking for an Aircraft Engineer Trainee who would be assisting with all aspects of airworthiness maintenance on the above aircraft as well as approximately 25 to 30 private aircraft. The work varies from small defects to full annual inspections. The training will be very basic to start with but as their skills expand then more complex tasks will come their way. The final goal for the trainee will be to pass all the required examinations to be come an European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) part 66 licensed aircraft engineer (see https://www.easa.europa.eu/aircraft-type-ratings-part-66-aircraft-maintenance-licence).

David Sarney

Chief Engineer

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(David will be making a short presentation about this job at the start of the next meeting on 24th September. Ed.)

Are you due a trophy?

A number of members who won trophies at the Concourse event earlier in the year have yet to receive them. If possible we would like to present these trophies during the next Club meeting when we take a mid-evening break from the auction. So if you are due an award please come along and collect it.

Attic Clear Out

Good home wanted for unused Spraying equipment – brand new – never used – given to me by an emigrant.

Free - First come - first served.

Collection only. See picture on right.

Contact Ian Scottow on 01494-445051

Storage Clear Out

I have one new XL size club sweatshirt for sale at £12.

Alan Bristow 01494 868978

Congratulations...

To Oliver Dudley-Heidkamp on passing his "A" Certificate on 7th September. Oliver is reckoned to be a natural flyer and expected to get his "B" in the not too distant future as well. And he's still only 13! Well done Oliver.

Also to Bruce Austin who passed his A certificate in Silent Flight Electric on 19 September. We think that this is the first member we have had take this test. You're in the record book Bruce.

Giant Scale

Laircraft. No problem in fitting remote control gear, just get in and fly it yourself. May be a bit tight in the Flackwell car park though. See http://www.airdromeaeroplanes.com/ for details and some fabulous photos and videos.

Results for the WLMAC leg of the tri-club competition

The first competition of the day was the egg-carrying race: take off, fly a single circuit and land with the base of an egg carton attached to the top of the plane, carrying a single egg - without dropping the egg. Winner was Mike Kitchen with a time of 29.3 seconds; 2nd Graham Stone with 32.4 seconds; and 3rd Dave Anderson on 33.0.

The second competition was triple thrash - take off and do 3 loops, 3 rolls and 3 spins in any order and land. Winner again was Mike Kitchen with a time of 30.5 seconds; 2nd Dave Anderson with 32.7 seconds; and 3rd Stuart Whitehouse with 38.0

Stuart Whitehouse

August Show Report

It all started many months ago when it was suggested that, as it was the centenary of the start of WWI, then maybe the Club should put on a flying display of aircraft from the period. Since we had not put on a show for a few years this was agreed by the Committee as a good idea.

The Club field not being available we had to find a suitable venue. Eventually we were offered the use of Carrington Junior School's playing field in Flackwell Heath. A bit of measurement and a few trial flights suggested that the field would be ideal so we were on a roll. A Show Sub-Committee was formed and those of us who were new to these events began to realise why they did not



happen very often; the list of tasks was several pages long. However, Alan Bristow, the de-facto Show Chairman was well practiced and soon had things organised.

Of course, it's not just general things like tents and toilets that are needed but qualified pilots and suitable aircraft. Encouragement to pass the "B" test and to build that biplane you always wanted helped, as did an approach to the other local clubs. The local allotment society and Scout Group were invited to provide refreshments and Flyte Entertainments would provide alternative attractions for young children.

Slowly it all came together with just one rather large problem - grass. Earlier in the year the field had been well mown but during the Summer when the field was not used the grass had grown about 2 feet high - not too good for flying from. The school's contractor agreed to cut the grass but could not remove the resulting hay. However, another contractor agreed to bale it for a reasonable sum so we just had to move the bales out of the way. Thankfully John Quelch's Land Rover was up to the task and the bales were dragged to the side of the field. A run over with our mower produced a flyable strip so now it was just up to the weather.

The forecast for the 17th August was for an overcast morning brightening in the afternoon. The day did indeed dawn somewhat grey but we had committed to the event so we duly turned up. Then the overcast got worse and it started to rain. Boy did it rain and at 11.00am everyone was hiding in tents and cars and wondering if the right decision had been made. Fortunately the weather had read the forecast and it did indeed brighten although the wind was a bit stronger and more gusting than ideal.

So the show went on and very good it was too. A couple of hundred visitors came and comments were generally positive. The toffee bomber was very popular and the pyrotechnics for the village attack sequence also went down well. There was even a fly-past by the Red Arrows; OK it was 12 miles away at Ascot but still visible thanks to their smoke. Eventually the "That's all folks" banner was towed across the sky and we took everything down and cleared the site. A few lessons were learned should we decide to do it again but due to a lot of hard work and commitment from many people it all went well with little incident.

Many people need to be thanked and the list would fill my remaining space so I will just mention particularly Miss Amanda Fell, the Head Mistress of Carrington Junior School, for allowing the use their field for the display and the children at the school for painting the buildings of our cardboard village, Alan Bristow for organising almost



everything and John Quelch who liaised with everybody and seemed to be doing all the work. We must also mention the pilots who put on such a good show, the commentators who made it interesting and all those who worked in the background before, on the day and afterwards.

More pictures next issue.

Malcolm Connell



Instructor and Examiner Directory

		Instruction			Contact
		I/C Plane	Electric Plane	Helicopter	
Alan	Bristow	A			
Dick	Edmunds	A & B			
Roger	Gillett	A & B			
Jonathan	Harper *	A & B			Details removed
Gareth	Hatcher	A & B		A & B + E	for web site
Kevin	Hitchen	A			
Andy	Hopper	A & B + E			
Glenn	King	A & B			
Neil	Rice	A & B		A & B	
Graham	Stone	A & B			
Ian	Thompson	A & B + E			
Andy	Trevena	A & B			
Stuart	Whitehouse	A & B + E	A & B		
Mitch	Mabbutt	Instructs in FPV flying			

⁺ E = also examiner. *Club Training Co-ordinator

Committee Members for 2014

Office	Name	Telephone
Chairman	Alan Bristow	
Deputy Chairman	Stephen Berry	
Treasurer	John Compton	
Secretary	Andy Smith	Details removed
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston	for web site
Competition Rep	Vacant (Steve Berry acting)	
Safety and Training	Jonathan Harper	
Flackwell Rep	Andy Trevena	
Chinnor Rep	Nick Thomas	
BFMA Representative	Ian Thompson	
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell	
Co-opted Member	John Quelch	

Meetings and Events in 2014

Date	Event
24 September	Auction (Items valued at £30 or more)
22 October	by Sean Bannister – Subject to be advised
26 November	AGM and Subs payment
6 December	Hamper competition at Flackwell