

The next club meeting will be

Monday, 23rd November, 2015

At 8.00 pm

in the Royal British Legion, Common Road, Flackwell Heath

HP10 9NS

and will be the

Annual General Meeting

of the

**High Wycombe and District
Model Aircraft Club**

Agenda and further details inside.

As an incentive to encourage attendance there will be a free raffle for a 1 year club membership. Collect your ticket as you come in.

Or perhaps better still there will be a free buffet after the formal meeting.

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Most of the existing Committee have indicated willingness to stand again. However, we are a democratic club so although most of the existing Committee members have indicated that they are prepared to serve for another year there is no reason why the Membership (you) cannot nominate an alternative, or you can even volunteer and seek nomination on the night. Any paid up member may nominate another for any position on the Committee. The person nominated must be seconded by another paid up member and must agree to stand according to the Club Rules.

Remember that this is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is run and decide who is going to run it next year.

Coming up in December is:-



THE HAMPER COMPETITION.



See page 5 for more information.

Congratulations to Simon Knight who recently passed his Fixed Wing A test.

Thanks also to Gareth for performing the test; he reports that Simon passed with flying colours.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting 23 November, 2015

Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum)

Item 2 Chairman's Report - Steve Berry

Item 3 Adoption of new Club Constitution *(Note that this has already been circulated to members and comments invited. If you need to see it again the proposed draft is on our web site.)*

Item 4 Committee Member Reports

Secretary's Report - Andy Smith

Treasurer's Report & presentation of Accounts - John Compton

Internal Auditors' Statement

Setting level of membership subscriptions for 2016

Membership Secretary's Report - Mike Winston

Training Report - Jon Harper

Competitions Report - Daren Brand

BMFA Report - Mitch Mabbutt

Field Reports - Flackwell - Ron Spencer

Chinnor - Ray Brown

Newsletter - Malcolm Connell

Web Site - Ian Scottow

Club member of the year presentation - Steve Berry

Item 5 Election of New Chairman (A volunteer will temporarily take the chair)

Item 6 Election of New Committee

Item 7 Any Other Business proper to an AGM

This ends the formal AGM. We will now follow on with Refreshments, Raffle Draw, General Chat and Payment of Subs.

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Mass Build 2016

Now that flying is compressed into the fleeting glimpses of blue sky that the winter months bring it is time to snuggle up in your assigned model room and build something new while dreaming of the summer ahead.

This winter we are attempting a mass build of 8th scale (55-65ish inch) WWII fighters that we can enjoy building and flying en masse on our Warbird Wednesday evenings next summer, or whenever takes our fancy.

The mass build is little more than a few folk building similar models and comparing notes as they go. There is no pressure to build fast or to some awesome standard, although it helps if it is airworthy at the end!

It's a good opportunity for those with little or no experience building models to get started because they will be able to see exactly how experienced builders tackle the various challenges and for the experienced it can bring a sense of competition and/or camaraderie to a project. There is also the opportunity to learn the tricks of warbird flying and enjoy time at the field with similar models to yours. If you would rather work in secret so as to build the suspense before you unveil your creation then you are more than welcome to go that route.

The specific subject for the build is up to the builder but we strongly recommend something from the Warbird Replicas range or from Cambrian models. These kits are pretty simple to build with box fuselages enhanced with foam decks and balsa blocks, foam wings and simple slab tails. They are kind



of a half-way house between a full kit and an ARTF with emphasis on getting the model off the board and into the air rather than the nth degree of accuracy. The basic outlines are close to scale so you are left to make up your own mind as to whether you finish the model in traditional camouflage or you take artistic licence and go for a Reno racer style or even go the whole hog and add panel lines and rivets! The kits are very versatile being capable having fixed or retracting undercarriage, flaps can easily be added and better than all of that the models are primarily designed to fly sweetly. We chose these models as the kit prices are very favourable (if one of the Warbirds kits is chosen we can get 10% off the list prices and postage will be FOC as we can collect the models from the factory) and they only require a 50-80 size 4 stroke which is an engine size many of us will have available. The radio can also be standard and the retracts do not have to be anything special. All of this keeps costs down and simplifies construction. If you want something slightly more advanced then the Tony Nijhuis kits are an excellent option but are a bit more expensive and more work to build.

We currently have 6 confirmed contributors but would welcome as many as want to join. If you are interested please contact Brian - b.s.toolbox@btinternet.com or Jon - carosel43@hotmail.com and check out <http://www.warbirdreplicas.co.uk/> for a look at the models available.

The following are currently confirmed as participants:-

Daren and Jon - Warbirds Hawker Hurricane. 63" for 70-80 4 strokes and AUW 8-8.5lbs

John C - Warbirds [S](#)upermarine Spitfire MkIX. New lightweight built-up wing 55" For 50-65 4 strokes AUW 5.5-6lbs

Brian, Guy and Graham - Warbirds Yak 9. Pre-Production kit, very basic with no plans. 55" 50-65 4 stroke AUW 5.5-6lbs

Jon Harper

From the Chairman's Cockpit

I am going to keep it very short this month as we have the AGM approaching. I have a few things just to mention, as follows –

Firstly, I have to apologise for not getting the hedge cutting done this term. When we made the arrangements, shortly after the crop had been harvested, agreed a date and a cost, the contractor cancelled on the very same morning they were due to attend. It wasn't long before the field was ploughed and re-seeded and since then we have not been allowed to do it. In recent conversation with the farmer, he will allow us to do it when the ground is either dry or frozen at some point over the winter. I think frozen is the more likely if you listen to certain weather predictions!



On a more positive note, we have managed to roll the field with a 1.5 tonne roller. Those that have inspected it have noted a significant improvement, but I think a further attempt will have to be made, possibly in the spring and using a 2.5-3 tonne roller, preferably with a wider coverage area.

Recently, I was pleased to welcome Bruce Austin to my home. For some time now, the newly proposed Club Constitution has been available for comment on our website and referred to in a couple of recent newsletters. Bruce was the only member to provide feedback which has now been adopted. The whole idea of putting it “out there” was to avoid having to read it during the AGM and account for any feedback prior to a routine vote of acceptance. I hope, that those who are interested in such affairs have taken the time to read it and didn't have any concerns and therefore we can proceed on this basis. Thank you Bruce, for your attention and feedback on this matter.

So, the AGM is only days away – please attend if you can, there will be food and there will be a free raffle for free club membership (excl' BMFA fee) upon entry. There will be an attendance register this year (to provide evidence of a quorum of 20%), which upon signing, you will be given a raffle ticket.

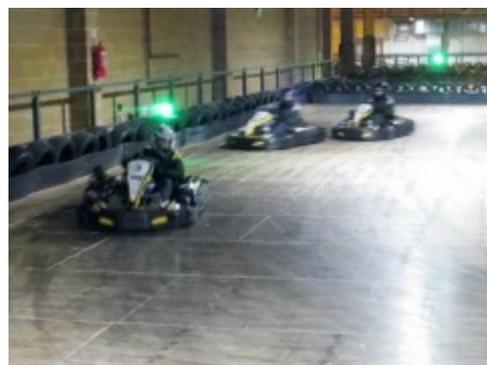
Steve Berry

Club Karting Night - Maidenhead Absolute Karting

With 14 drivers (9 club members and 5 guests), 14 high performance karts and the newly extended two-level race track, the action was always going to be fast and furious!

The race format was a 5 min practise/qualifying session followed by a gruelling 45 min final race - known as an Iron Man. The new track was opened at the beginning of October and hasn't fully "rubbered" in yet so some parts of the track are slipperier than others and venturing off line almost always ended with a reuniting of kart and tyre wall. Despite the tricky aspects of the conditions there are some very nice corner combinations which, when you thread the kart neatly through the apexes, leave you hurtling down the short straights at a very respectable rate.

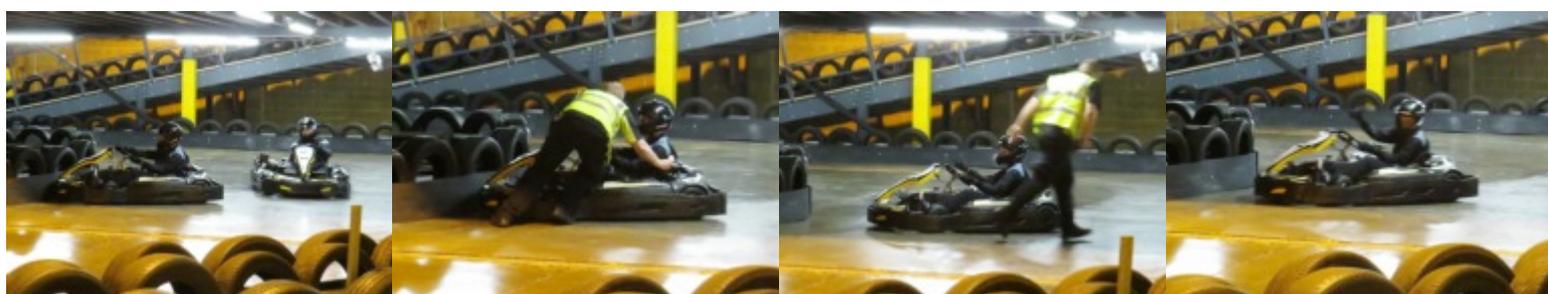
Qualifying was a battle of two approaches, some took the gently "I'll try to get round without crashing" tactic whilst most took the more aggressive (and entertaining) approach of "Wow! these karts can be easily drifted - oops, they can also be easily spun!". After the frantic 5 mins practice / qualifying pole position went to Jonathan with Richard* taking 2nd and Paul Stead in third.



The main race started with a typically messy first lap as some drivers reacted faster than others to the green light. At the end of the first lap the order was Jonathan, Richard*, Emil, Luke, Paul, me, Dom*, Geoff, Simon*, Daren, Steve*, Mike, Guy, Chris*. Given the nature of the track with it's complex corner combinations overtaking takes some forethought with all overtaking manoeuvres being hard won but, with the slippery track conditions, capitalising on the car in front making a mistake proved just as lucrative in climbing the leader board. The popular places for overtaking were at the hairpins that followed short straights, the trick being to carry as much speed as possible onto the short straights and out-brake the other car into the hairpin - tricky but leaves a sweet feeling of smugness when it comes off.

After 45 mins of calamities, crunches and the occasional touches of class we were guided to pits to park up and await the results. It finished up with Jonathan leading the whole race and taking the win with Paul Stead battling his way up to 2nd after dropping to 5th on his first lap. Other noteworthy efforts: fastest lap went to Chris Kirby, "Steadiest Eddie" was Luke (lowest difference between a drivers average lap time and his fastest lap time) and "Hardest Battler" with the most number of overtakes for position by an HWDMAC member went to Guy. Racing was close, all drivers were no more than 35s ahead or behind another driver and typically closer than 10s. Look not with pity on the lower placed drivers because we were amongst the fastest group of racers with 7 of the 14 drivers posting lap times that qualified in the top 12 lap times of the week including Chris's* fastest lap that was not only the fastest of the night but also the fastest lap of the week by a staggering 0.340 seconds.

Thanks and congratulations to Jonathan for organising and winning the event and in particular for arranging the 20% discount.



(Results and more pictures on next page)

We plan to book another karting event soon, maybe roundabout Christmas as there is already a lot of interest (for advance notification email me: b.s.toolbox@btinternet.com or Jonathan: carosel43@hotmail.com) so dust off your driving gloves and joins us.

Overall Result:-

1. Jonathan
2. Paul Stead
3. Richard *
4. Simon *
5. Luke
6. Steve *
7. Chris *
8. Brian
9. Geoff
10. Guy
11. Emil
12. Daren
13. Mike
14. Dom *

* Not a member of HWDMAC.



And the winner is ...



Runner up

Brian Seymour

Hamper Competition

Dear Members,

Yuletide greetings to all and sundry, and once again the hamper competition is fast approaching.

It is scheduled for Sunday 6th Dec, weather permitting of course, and we intend to have a slightly different two part format this year, just to mix it up a bit you know ☺

The timed laps are still present, but it will just be 2x2 laps, and contestants will be scored on a points system for their closest times.

At the end of their timed laps the pilots will land as close to a marker on the strip as they can. The further down the strip you are the less points you score and vice versa. Please note, we are talking about a landing here and not a 'face plant' on to the marker, lol.

Clearly if your times are the closest, and you land in the marker then you will be the lucky winner of the best hamper, although we have six prizes up for grabs.

In light of the fact that it is likely to be a mite chilly at the strip this time of year, and to encourage an increased attendance, we thought it might be nice to provide you two kinds of hot soup and rolls to warm the old pinkies before you dive into the fray. As an added bonus Jon 'top gun' Harper has offered to bring along the old sputnik bbq for anyone who fancies cremating a burger or two ☺.

Kick off will be about 11.30 to allow plenty of time for the competition as well as a roll and mug of soup.

It may also interest you to know that Brian 'jammy' Seymour has been knobbed for this year, and by that I mean he can't land for toffee so we're all in with a fighting chance, lol.

D.Brand (competition rep allegedly)

A Clay Pigeon Shoot

Following the success of the Club Karting evening in Maidenhead, the entertainment committee (self designated!!) would like to arrange a Clay Pigeon Shoot. The cost would be £54 and I can say, the tuition and guidance for anyone for whom this would be a "first time" is excellent.

I have done it at this location as part of a stag weekend and even I managed to hit 27 out of 40 clays. If anyone is interested, we could arrange for December / January. Please contact Steve at steve9pr@yahoo.co.uk

The Silver Clay Shooting package is ideal for a group of friends wanting a great day out.

The package includes the following :

- Full safety briefing
- Unlimited tea and coffee
- 40 Clay practice and competition
- All ammunition required to complete the session
- Ear and eye protection
- Hire of all shotguns
- Instructors



Depending on the group size, your session will last approximately 1– 1.5 hours from start to finish.

- See more at: <http://claypigeonshootinguk.co.uk/silver-corporate1007192521.html>

Steve Berry

Or Try a Gnat Shoot



But really you want to shoot down a model aircraft - no?. And today, of course, even that service is available. A company called Gnatshoot UK Ltd have developed an armoured model aircraft with explosive pods on the underside that you can shoot at. If you hit the pods they go off with a pyrotechnic display and you may even be lucky enough to bring down the aircraft. For more information see <http://www.gnatshoot.co.uk> or for great video see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLLAKnVej9o>

Committee Members for 2015

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Meetings and Events in 2015

Date	Event
23 November	AGM and Subs payment

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