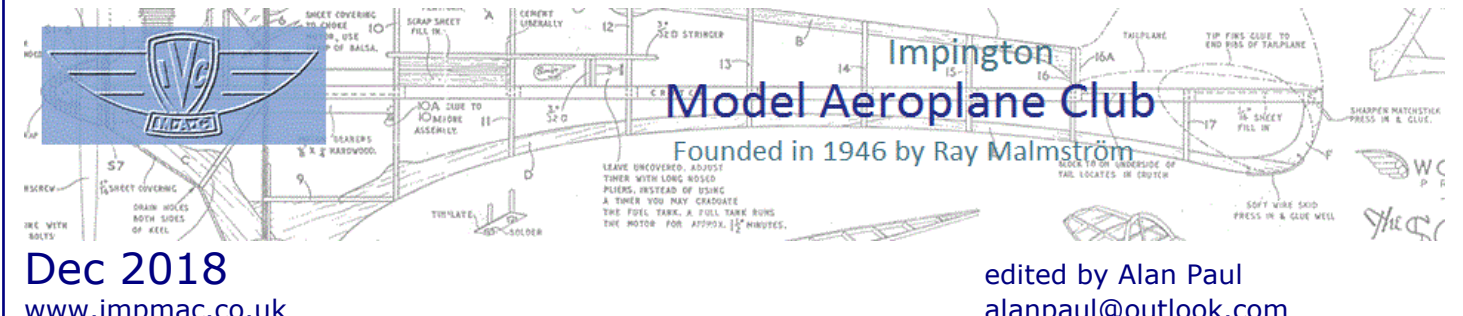


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Some of the competitors in the Gyminnie Cricket Competition on 15th November

New Membership Secretary



John Clarke our new Membership Secretary hovers his chopper in the gym.

John takes over this very demanding and time consuming role from Tony Harper who has done the job for 20 years. At the recent AGM, there was a resounding vote of thanks for the hard work that Tony has put in over the years.

The bad news for John, is that he has a target of 20 years to achieve!!!

Good luck John and a heartfelt "thank you" to Tony.

Annual General Meeting

This was held on Thursday 29th November and the minutes will come out in due course. One pressing thing is BMFA annual renewals. John explained that members can do this online which will help him considerably – the BMFA fees have gone up by £4 to £38 but it's still pretty good value for the £25M insurance!!

Club membership remains at £28 and you can pay John direct at Thursday or Saturday meetings. If you struggle to pay the BMFA online, John can still take the payment and pass it on. All the details are on the website including the renewal form.

Almost from the ashes!!



Richard Holland recently rescued this nice looking model from (would you believe it) a bonfire!!



But can anyone shed any light as to what it is?

Richard hopes to get it flying again over the winter – other projects permitting!!

Dates for your Diary

Check the [website](#) for the latest diary news!!

Sat 1st Dec 2pm to 5pm – Indoor RC only in Sports Hall. £5 entry

Thur 6th Dec – RC Limbo competition

Sat 8th Dec 2pm to 5pm – Indoor mixed FF and RC in Sports Hall. £3 entry

Thur 13th Dec – No-Cal rubber “fly in” for under 16” profile semi scale models

Thur 20th Dec 7pm – Christmas Party in Conference Room

Sat 29th Dec 2pm to 5pm – Indoor mixed FF and RC in Sports Hall. £3 entry

Sat 5th Jan 2019 – Indoor RC only in Sports Hall. £5 entry

Public Open Day on 4th Nov

Another very successful Open Day was held and there was some good flying and a static display of models. Various competitions were held and the results were as follows –

Car Race

- 1 Andre Bird
- 2 Chris Strachan
- 3 Dave Banks

Bostonian

1	Ray Selwood	207
2	Hugh Stevenson	195
3=	Bruce Lindsay	167
3=	Andrew Chilton	167
5	Peter Adams	157
6	David Leech	112
7	Gordon Hannah	72
8	Robert Simmonds	67

Peanut

1	John Valiant	156	YAK 7 UTI
2	Phil Haines	131	FW 190
3	Tony Neal	112	Lacey M 10
4	Tony Neal	113	Nesmith Cougar
5	Simon Rogers	36	Mitsubishi Zero
6	Hugh Stevenson		DNQ

Spot Landing competition

Winner Hugh Stevenson

Cottenham in November

Just to prove that you can fly outdoors all year long (if you chose the right day!!), we had a great session there in early November.



Pat, Mel and Peter pose for the camera above and Steve and Norman below





Norman manages to carry his huge 2m wingspan Optera flying wing. This is an amazing model that Norman can self launch due to the inbuilt stabilisation system.

For a video of some of the days activities click [here](#)

Gyminnie Cricket comp

This was held in the gym on 15th November and there was a good turnout of 10 flyers.

The full results were –

Bruce Lindsay	186 sec
Garry Flack	171 sec
Chris Strachan	160 sec
Alan Paul	158 sec
Hugh Stevenson	152 sec
Phil Bailey	148 sec
Mick Flack	111 sec
Roger Rooke	101 sec
David Leach	96 sec
Trevor Sexton	91 sec

There was a serious amount of practicing going on in the weeks before the competition.

Thanks to Hugh for organising the event



The winner was Bruce Lindsay who rose above all others to claim the prize. What prize Ed?

Keep behind the prop!!

We all know the old rule – stay behind a spinning prop, but I had cause to be thankful I always do this when launching Mels model at Cottenham the other day.



I was just about to hand launch it after Mel opened the throttle when one blade came loose, the whole model vibrated and the motor and remaining prop flew off the model and landed in front of the aircraft.



The damage caused by the vibration shook the nose of the model to pieces!!



One prop blade embedded itself up to the root in the ground!!

So, even with electric models (or perhaps especially with electric) always keep behind the spinning prop.

Saturday in the Sports Hall

We have had some good sessions in the Sports Hall and here are some photos from a recent event on 10th November.

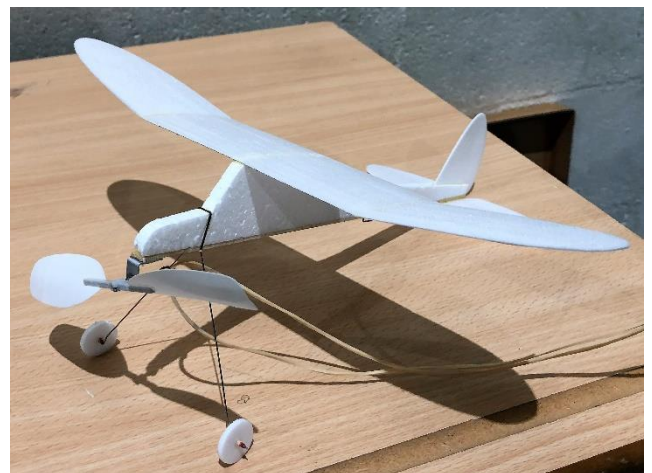
For a video click [here](#)



Chris Hinson with his Butterfly



David Leach with his excellent FW190 profile scale model. The tissue is printed on an inkjet printer which is quite a delicate operation.



Tony Harpers SADMAL from Midair models flew extremely well. I want one!!



Hubs Avro Baby looked marvellous but was quite a difficult model to trim



Terry Browns pusher canard flew well in small circles. He said it could be flown in a lighthouse



Clive Andersons lovely Comper Swift

In casual conversation Clive mentioned that he had made 4 models in the last few weeks and when pressed on how many he'd made this year confessed that he'd lost count but it must be over 30!! Well done Clive.

Who's winding?



Who is winding this nice Akro? Answer at the end of the newsletter.

Weight limits for indoor RC

After a recent incident, we have changed the weight limits for indoor RC model flying and plan to have more "RC only" events in the big Sports Hall.

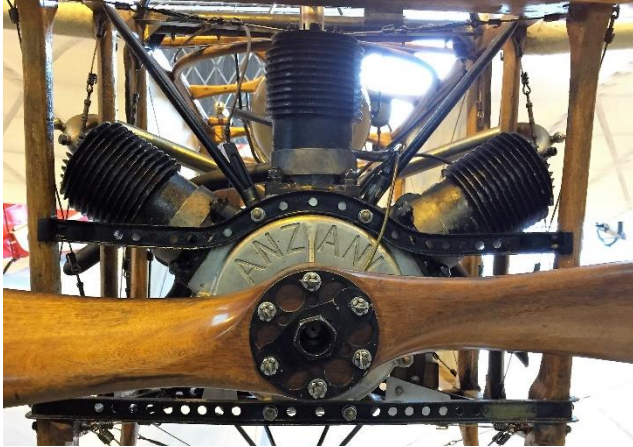
Basically we have reduced the weight limit for RC models at the mixed FF and RC events in the Sports Hall from 130g to 80g as this is mainly a FF event with smaller RC models flying at one end. 80g is actually still quite a large model in fact!!

The limit for the 30 minute slots in the gym remains at 130g which again is pretty big, but the FF models are grounded during that time.

The limit for the monthly RC only sessions in the Sports Hall has been raised to 200g with a proviso that larger models can be flown subject to consensus on the day and everyone keeping a sharp eye out!!

The full rules are on the website or [here](#)

What's this then?



Answer at the end of the newsletter.....

Impressive boxes



This box is almost as good as the contents. Bruce hangs his rather fragile Pennyplane in here.

Sales and Wants

Gordon Hannah has been given a couple of items to be given away to any club members who would be interested –

A fiberglass shell for a pylon racer or stunt model. Approx length 1m.

A fibreglass shell for a speed boat. Approx length 70cm.

Please contact Gordon if you are interested on 01223 890654 or gandchannah5@sky.com

Bryans Radjet



Normally seen at Impington holding a handle with a noisy smelly thing going round in circles, Bryan Kenzie is pictured here after a successful FPV flight with the very fast Radjet.

This was the culmination of several abortive test attempts..... The first flown line of sight was too fast and rapidly became a speck on the horizon.

The second flight was done FPV but the launch was sub optimal – too slow, not enough power etc and the plane made contact with the ground pretty quickly and blew up the ESC to boot!!

The third flight was done FPV but a decent launch with full power ensured success!! An advert for perseverance surely.

Fame in Aeromodeller

I spotted these 2 photos with captions in the December Aeromodeller extolling the virtues of 2 of our esteemed clubmates!!



Tony Welch with his 115% scaled up flying surfaces KK Champ, covered in plastic film but still powered by an ED Bee. He says that with increased wing area and being light it is fully aerobatic (in the right weather conditions!)

Answer to What's this then?

It's a Bleriot Anzani 25 horsepower fan engine dating from 1909.

And the winder of the Akro was Roger Rooke



Two very neat little models by Chris Strachan; a Reggiane from a Bluebottle kit, and a Raiden ('Jack') by Dave Diels

Erratum and update

Remember this picture from the last newsletter?



I incorrectly said the models were Impalas, but of course they are in fact the famous Malmstrom Impairs.

The chap in the middle is Dennis Sharman and Phil Haines has identified the young chap on the left as Adrian, but we don't have a surname unless anyone knows better!!

From the Archives.....



An RCS digifour RC system from about 1974. I actually had one of these and a more unreliable system would be very hard to find. The Skylader Clubman shown below would have been a much better choice..... We are rather more fortunate these days!!

