

**Impington
Model Aeroplane Club**
Founded in 1946 by Ray Malmström

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Coonley Specials



The two models are of the Coonley Special which was designed and built by Hal Coonley in Miami in 1949. It was intended to be a competitor in the Goodyear Trophy races, however it was "washed out" (as the Americans charmingly put it!) on a cross country flight and never got to compete.

The models are by Chris Strachan (the darker coloured one) and Clive Anderson. Chris's model is some 5 years old and Clive's is recently completed. It is not an easy model to trim and both of them say they need some nice soft grass over which to beat them into submission.

Trevor tries the dark arts....



Models from John Walden

These were being sold at the Open Day and a couple were picked up here as well as at Old Warden. They raised over £2,000.



Peter picked up this nice Wee Gee Bee racer – actually one of Rays designs. As expected it proved to be a tricky little so and so to get flying properly!



Paul brought this one along to a Thursday evening and it flew pretty nicely after some fiddling with motors etc.

Can anyone name the plane? I looked up the registration on google NC1470 but it didn't come up with anything that matched the look of this model.

Butterfly competition

Hugh organised this competition which was held on 21st November. There had been some quite serious practicing going on in the weeks beforehand (you know who you are!!).

Bruce had some amazing flights and came out at the top of the pile. He was closely followed by Mick Flack who was almost out of the competition before he got going as his model was damaged when it dived into the floor and broke the fuselage. He recovered to finish in second place.

Hugh would like to thank the timekeepers who did a great job and were kept busy as the format was 5 flights with the best 3 to count and of course there were numerous trimming flights.

I would like to thank one of my cats for eating my model on the afternoon of the competition – I did some hasty repairs, but the damage was done (well, that's my excuse anyway!!)

The full results were –

1 st	Bruce Lindsay	337 sec
2 nd	Mick Flack	256 sec
3 rd	Tony Neal	226 sec
4 th	Chris Hinson	107 sec
5 th	Alans Pauls cat	79 sec

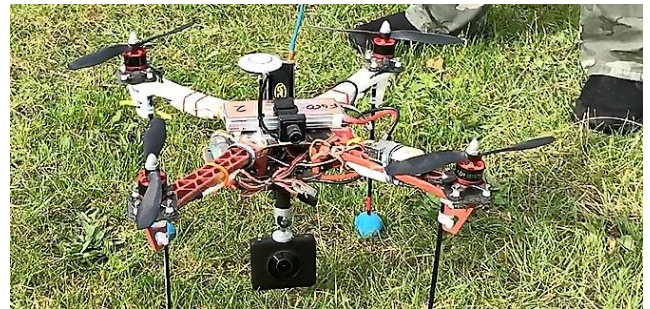


Bruce Lindsay with his winning Butterfly

Beastly Quads!!



A man examines a very large Quad



This beast carries a 360 degree camera that allows viewers to pan and tilt their view so they can see what they want. Very clever electronics!! To see a view of Girton with this unit (drag the picture to see the view you want) click [here](#)

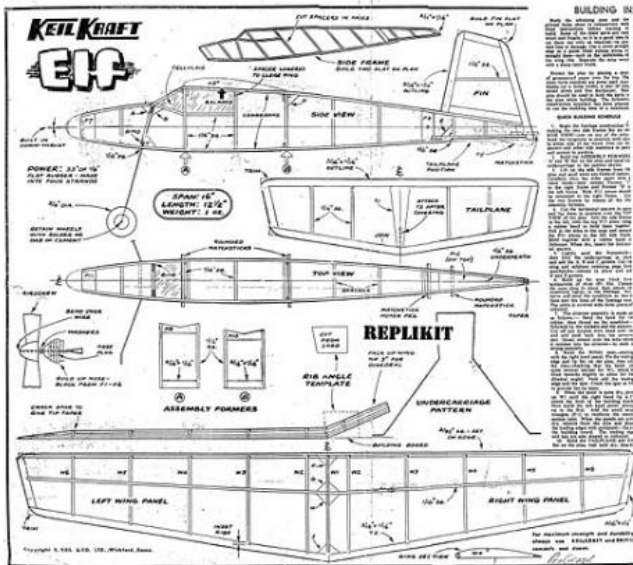
Carrying capacity



John demonstrates good technique when taking his kit home after a successful Saturday afternoon in the big hall.

Elf competition

This was held on Saturday 7th December in the big hall. 9 competitors took part and the best 3 flights out of 5 counted.



The results were –

1st	Bruce Lindsay	172 sec
2nd	John Wynn	137 sec
3rd	Chris Strachan	130 sec
4th	Gordon Hannah	123 sec
5th	Hugh Stevenson	111 sec
6th	Mick Flack	105 sec
7th	Michael Marshall	86 sec
8th	Clive Holgate	75 sec
9th	Gary Flack	69 sec



Once again Bruce was triumphant – how does he do it?

BMFA Competency Cert



Remember that if you fly models that weigh more than 250g outdoors (except CL), you need a competency certificate from the BMFA (or an A test or the CAA certificate).

You also need to pay the £9 registration fee as part of the annual BMFA renewal if appropriate.

By far the easiest is the new BMFA certificate – details of how to do this and pay the registration fee are all on the home page of our website. Luckily my certificate shown above doesn't show that I didn't get all the questions right!!

Rather weirdly model rockets are exempt – now they couldn't do any damage could they!!

Dates for your Diary

Thur 2nd Jan – first indoor meeting of 2020

Sat 11th Jan – RC only in the Sports Hall £5

Sun 12th Jan – Indoor FF flying at Peterborough MFCs tribute event. See the events page on our website for details

Sat 18th Jan – FF and mixed flying in the Sports Hall £4 (new amount for 2020)

Remember to check the dates on our website www.impmac.co.uk

Indoor flyers



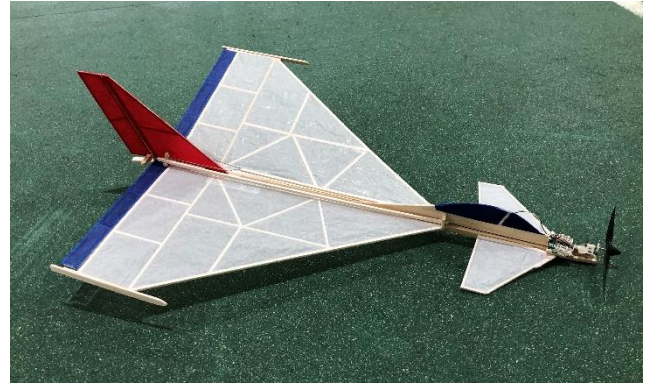
John with his nice Microaces SE5a



A close up of Johns SE5a. This is quite a building project and looked very fiddly. It is however reasonably tough to stand up to the rigours of indoor RC flying.



John also had a hangar full of lightweight indoor foamies



My Typhoon flies reliably at long last after much trimming and CG adjustments. Kara took an air to air video from her quad which can be viewed [here](#)

Christmas Party – 19th Dec

Fun and games were had by all at the Christmas Party where the annual prizes were awarded. Full report with photos in the next Newsletter, but the prize recipients were –

Control Line Cup – David Marquis. This is awarded to the IVC member who has the highest individual flight score at the annual "Open" Ray Malmstrom Cup F2B competition at Girton. John Copsey has some discretion about who receives this trophy!!

Indoor FF Cup – Bruce Lindsay. This is awarded to the overall highest scoring person in all the indoor FF competitions.

Malmstrom Bow Tie – Bruce Lindsay. This is awarded to the winner of the Malmstrom designed models FF competition held at the summer Open Day.

Ren Cup – Hugh Stevenson. This is awarded to the winner of the outdoor P30 or under 25" competition held at Newmarket every summer. The cup was given to us by Maurice Reynolds who owned Renbros model shop on East Road in Cambridge.

Cooke Cup – Hugh Stevenson. This is awarded to the overall highest scoring person in all the Impington outdoor FF competitions over the summer. The cup was given to the club by the Rev Cooke.

No need for Bruces pole then?

Bruce spotted this in a newspaper – hope they didn't charge the going rate for a Royal Navy Merlin helicopter!!

CHIMNEY SWOOP

Navy chopper rescues model plane stuck on top of old stack

BY MAX CHANNON & JOHN BETT

TENSION may have been stacking up on the ground but a Royal Navy chopper pulled off a model rescue.

Roger Bath crashed his radio-controlled plane on top of the remote chimney while out with his club and was stumped.

So a member of RC Cornwall Flyers called Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose in Helston – which happened to have a search and rescue exercise on and took up the challenge.

Roger, 68, from Camborne, said: "We were having a competition of spot-landing. I had the perfect spot-landing, you could say. How the heck it got in the chimney I don't know."

The Merlin chopper lowered Lieutenant Donell Fairweather down to grab the plane at the Victorian engine house chimney near Nancegollan,



TALL ORDER Victorian chimney West Cornwall. Lieutenant Commander Steve Thomas said Wednesday's extra test was simply too good to miss.

He said: "The task was far from simple. Everyone gets more out of doing something like this than they do just training at the airfield."

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PLANE CRAZY Model in stack



LANDING Donell with RC model



CHOP JOB Roger thanks Steve

