



# Impington Model Aeroplane Club

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## Bring out your news!!

If you have any photos of your new creations or even old creations, please let me have them with a few words for the newsletter!!

## Waterbeach Airfield revisited

Trevor and Alan had a recent day out at the airfield for a private FPV flying session.



Alan poses by the cars on the old runway.



A photo taken on long finals from Alans Lightning. The runway is now home to the worlds largest haystacks. The one in the foreground is about 10m high and nearly 80m long. A couple of videos can be found [here](#) and [here](#) if you want to see what the place looks like now before it gets built over!!

FPV flying has been a new experience for me since I took the plunge earlier this year but has brought a whole new dimension to my model flying. It's definitely something to recommend to anyone.

## Model carrying perfection?



Chairman John Wynn demonstrates excellent technique at the recent RC only flying afternoon in the Sports Hall. Let us know if you can carry more than John!

## Who's hand is this?



And can you name the models? Answer at the end of the newsletter.



## Model storage?

Do you hang your models up from the ceiling?  
What about this one?



Well, actually this is a full size B25J Mitchell hanging from the roof of the American Air museum at Duxford.....

## Spot the Hazards



Trevor poses with his FPV Shark after a good flying session along the river Great Ouse at Stretham.

Clearly the hazards include the HT cables above the raised bank, but after a thorough risk assessment, we launched into a strong breeze under the cables and then landed on the dry flood plains on the right of the picture.

To see a video, click [here](#)

## First solo

New member Dominic has been flying his Riot at Cottenham intermittently over the summer, but on a lovely afternoon in early October had a great session with his Skysurfer.

This model had one previous "careful" owner – Peter Jude – who sold it to Dom. It goes really well and after one flight, Dom was flying from launch to landing. Dad Steve got the hang of launching it and Dom had about 6 flights with no assistance at all. Well done Dom!!



Dominic pictured with his Skysurfer at Cottenham.

## Wanted..... (Alive only!)

For a new member who needs to move up to an intermediate level –

- Spektrum DX6 or similar
- Low wing model like Acrowot etc

Please contact the editor if you have something suitable that is lurking in your workshop and I will put you in touch with the prospective purchaser.



## Dates for your Diary

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Indoor mixed FF and RC in the Sports Hall £3

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Indoor RC only in the Sports Hall £3 **(reduced charge as it finishes at 4.15pm to allow set up for Open Day)**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Public Open Day for FF, RC and RTP plus exhibition and talk £6 flyers

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Indoor mixed FF and RC in the Sports Hall £3

**Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Gyminnie Cricket duration competition

**Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – 8pm AGM (flying before and after!!)

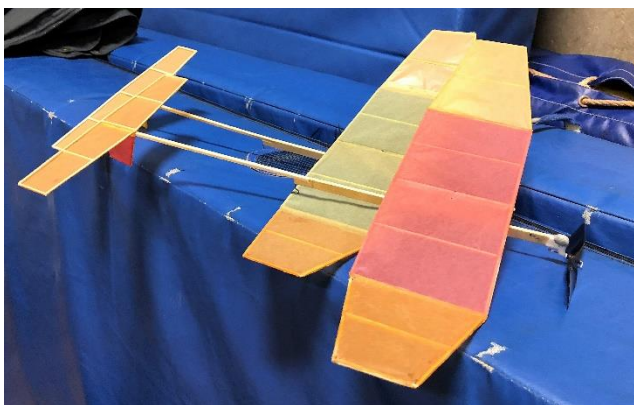
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Indoor mixed FF and RC in the Sports Hall £3. **Including a competition for the Akro rubber model**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** - Indoor RC only in the Sports Hall £5

## Cricket Competition anyone?

Hugh is organising a one model duration competition which will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the gym.**

This will be for the ever popular Gyminnie Cricket which is so easy to build that everyone should really have a go!!

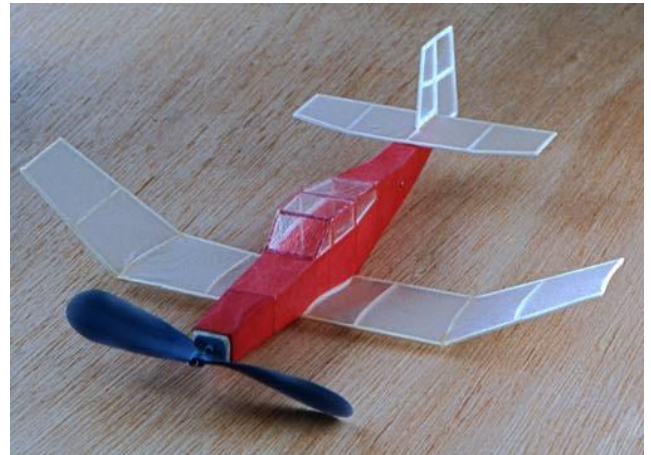


Kits should be available from SAMS at the Open Day on 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you have some spare balsa then someone should be able to lend you a plan or you can download the plan and instructions [here](#)

Lets make this a mass entry event!! See article later about the high level of practice and cheating already taking place!!

## Akro competition

Hugh is also organising a competition for the Dick Baxter Akro and this will be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the big Sports Hall.**



An example of the 16" span Akro.

So the message is get building!!

## Indoor flyers

I had my camera out on a recent Thursday evening and snapped a few models...



Stewart with his Tom Thumb which is a kit from Flitehook. Covered with condenser paper it flew really well. This is the shop that doesn't ask for money up front but relies on you to send a cheque after you receive the goods!!





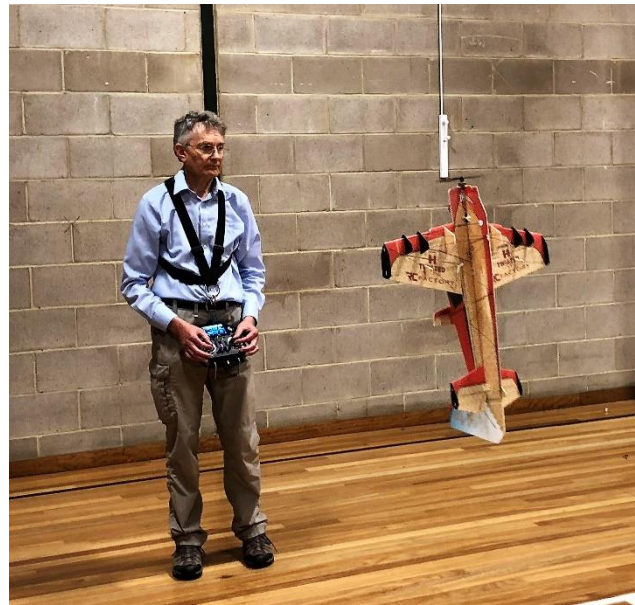
Paul with his Nano Glider which pinged up to the ceiling with a catapult launch. After some trimming it was going pretty well. This model is very popular in Japan and is quite a sophisticated model with a carbon fibre fuselage.



Alan with his unnamed indoor duration model designed by Brian Faulkner. This was used for a one model duration competition at the club in the 1979s, although this version is a bit more recent – only 3 years old!! A consistently good performer in Alans expert hands.



Hugh's 8" version of the Akro flew very well. This is not the 16" model for the competition!!



John hovers his impressive Crack Laser Pro. This is no ordinary chunk of foam but is a very nice lightweight and stiff airframe that flies very well.



The moment of launch – Hugh releases his 16" Akro for another good flight. He will be the one to beat!!

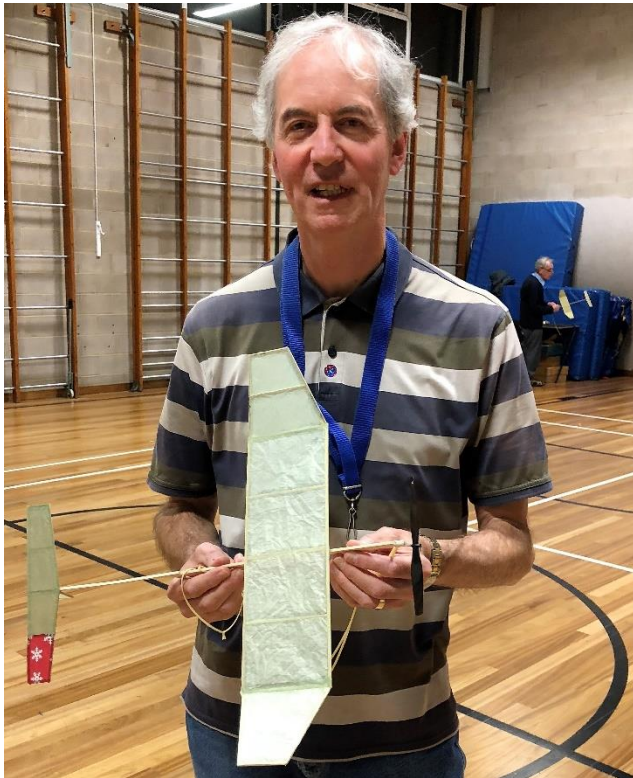


For comparison, Hugh launches the 8" Akro



## It's just not Cricket!!

Cheating and early practice were spotted.....



Alan with his scaled up 120% Cricket – no one will notice on the night surely?



Tony establishes the best number of turns for the maximum duration



Bruce reckons this is his best model for the competition!!



Bruce had a boxful of Crickets to choose from

## What's this then?



Can you name the missile and the aircraft?  
Answer at the end of the newsletter...



## Buckminster FF Gala

This was the first such event at the new national flying site and a number of IVCMAC members attended and competed.

Chris Strachan was 1<sup>st</sup> and Gordon Hannah 2<sup>nd</sup> in the "All in Cabin" precision event. This was for the nearest to 40 seconds over 3 flights.

Gordon Hannah was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Chris Strachan 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SAM 35 "Under 25" competition"

Gordon Hannah also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the flying only scale competition and Chris Strachan placed

## Answer to What's this then?

It's a Blue Steel missile – the short lived Hydrogen bomb stand off missile. The aircraft that carried the missile and just visible in the background is a Victor.

And the famous hand is Chris Strachans with his Skokie on the left and his Felix on the right.



*Gordon Hannah receiving his 3rd place award from the scale competition organiser Doug Hunt.*



Paul Craske found this nice photo – the easy answers are that it's Ray Malmstrom on the right and the models are Impalas. The trophy is the Ren cup.

But what's the date, location and who are the other 2 in the picture?