

Impington Model Aeroplane Club
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Christmas Party

We all enjoyed ourselves at the Christmas Party on 15th Dec. Many thanks to those who gave up their time to organise this. There are a couple of general pictures of the gathering on the last page.

It's the end of a very good modelling year, albeit a somewhat sad one with the passing of 4 members, Terry King, Brian Golding, Peter Fairbairn and more recently Derek Camps.



On the night Chris presented a cheque for £900 to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity after the collection and sale of modelling items from Terry King. Chris is pictured here giving the cheque to Terry's son David.



Pictured are John, David, Tony, the rep from Arthur Rank and Chris. The 3 club members helped to sort, collect and sell the vast amount of kit that Terry had accumulated during a lifetime of modelling.

Cottenham RC Flying Site

Some of us recently went flying at Cottenham on a crisp, sunny and windless day – wonderful stuff. Let me know if you want to join us and I will tell you when we are next going.



It's a nice large field and we were able to fly with the sun on our backs to warm us up and avoid the glare.



Andy Halmshaws Easy Star which had a successful maiden flight followed by 5 more during the day and more since then. Lovely flyer, and the pilots not too bad either. We think this is an ideal first RC Trainer and Andy gets 20 minutes flying from one battery.



Tony Neals fast flying Diamond 1100 which flew well after a recent "nose job" repair!! Not for beginners this one as you need to keep the speed up at all times to avoid it flicking in.....



Steve Mynotts passengers would not enjoy the ride. This Twinstar does amazing low level aerobatics and has also had the odd repair – luckily he got it free and has given it a good home. It runs well on old fashioned brushed motors and 2S Lipos rather than the old Nicads the kit was designed for.



My Acro Wot – lovely slow flyer, but shove the throttle forward and it goes like the proverbial off a shovel.... This is an ideal first low winger for anyone. Chris Foss certainly came up with some excellent designs that have stood the test of time.



Norman joined us in charge of a precious cargo – his 2 grand children. You'll need a big wing on that Norman to get it airborne. They were asleep the whole time so he could have brought a model (he had been flying here the day before as he lives round the corner – lucky fellow!).

Pre Xmas Indoor Flying



Paul Craske with his own design German Spotter plane called 'Stoffel'. Peanut scale made from balsa and tissue with the wing made from a styrofoam plate then airbrushed paint markings. Its much more fun designing your own model planes and when they fly it's a bonus! Perhaps we should all try it?



Mark with his latest model which flew very well. He was pleased with it and I'm sure he's planning a few new models for 2017.



A "Dynamic Duo" of Heavy Sticks – that's the models not the modellers Chris and Mick. Notice that these are the 2 different variants – Chris has Polyhedral and Mick's has dihedral. Not sure what works best!!



Michael Marshall writes - This model is a design by Bill Hannan and was a loose sheet in my plans draw, perhaps distributed by Chris some years ago. The model is called a FAR-MAN. Although it has the Farman title I could not find a Farman aeroplane of exactly the same description, probably WW1. My son built one several years ago, and he remembers how well his flew. I can make the plan available if any one else wants to have a go, in some ways it is better suited to the hurly burly of the small gym. I was pleased with my model, it is very light. Bruce suggested that I should have put some curvature in the wing ribs? May be someone else would like to have a go at this? Perhaps a one model comp - Ed



Michael observes a perfect landing.....

Dates for your diary

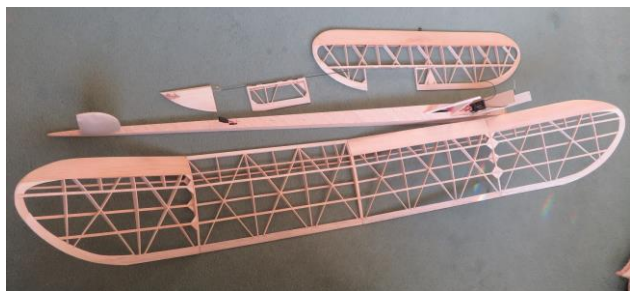
Here are some key dates for the next couple of months and advanced notification of the Fun Fly day in June. Note the extra Saturdays in Jan and Feb. We start again on 5th Jan.

Sat 7th & 21st Jan - 2pm Indoor Flying in Sports Hall

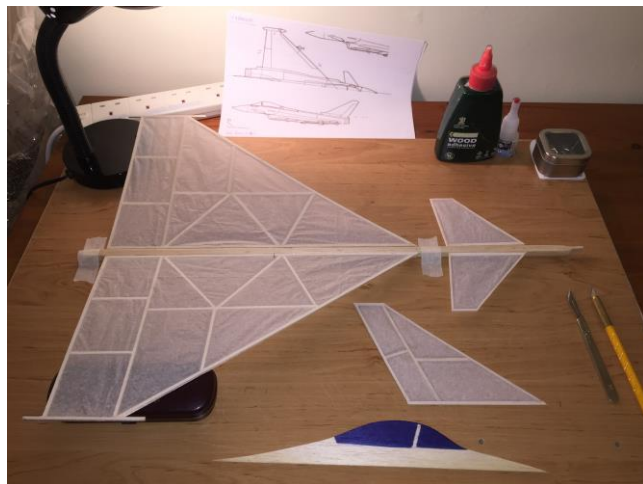
Sat 4th & 18th Feb - 2pm Indoor Flying in Sports Hall

Sat 17th June - Fun Fly day on Sports Field

On the Building Board



This is Richard Staines "Dreamweaver" which he is building after seeing a friend's model flying in the early 1960s. It should impress next spring with amazing 10 second power climbs and then long duration "radio assisted" glides. The very strong geodetic construction designed in the 1950s looks like a work of art.....



Not quite in the same league, this is my own design stick and tissue Eurofighter Typhoon for rubber power. Now, let me guess where the CG should be..... I wonder if it will fly? We will find out on January 5th when we reconvene for 2017.

This could become a regular feature if you send me details of your amazing creations.

Caption Competition

No prizes, but courtesy of Paul Craske, can you put a caption to this timeless photo? The best offerings will be published next month. If anyone else has some gems like this, let me have them.



Club & BMFA Membership

Please remember to renew with Tony to make sure you are insured!! If you haven't done so already, see him on Jan 5th before you fly again.

Merry Christmas to everyone in the Club and Happy New Year for 2017

Here are a couple of photos from the Christmas Party held on 15th Dec 2016



On the night we had a quiz, the presentation of the cheque to Arthur Rank, Prize giving (details to come in the next Newsletter), good food and drink plus Steve and Tonys everlasting raffle which seemed to have prizes for everyone. Well done!!