

Impington Model Aeroplane Club
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Fun Fly Day 17th June

This was held in glorious summer weather for the second year running and there was fairly continuous RC, free sheet flight and CL activity including the Malmstrom Trophy for any of Rays designs.

I'm sure that everyone will agree with the decision to make this an annual event. We will need whoever ordered the good weather to do the same next year!

See report on the competition and a selection of photos of the day later in this newsletter courtesy of Alan Hoensch, but here is a flavour of the day.



Steve put on his usual excellent BBQ. At the time of writing, no one had gone down with food poisoning!



A mixed bag of spectators taking it easy out of the sun which was scorching at times



Peter rescues his cub from the lions cage and showed excellent limbo skills to get under the fence

Malmstrom Trophy 17th June

This was held during the open day and Michael Marshall reports -

What a Smasher! Weather for the club's summer flying day at Impington was fantastic. Just a light breeze and continuous sunshine, probably 28 to 30 degrees. The free flight activities were centred on a one model competition competing for the Malmstrom bow tie award currently held by Gordon Hannah.

The contest followed a familiar format. One minute max, five flights, best three to score and the model was any Ray Malmstrom rubber design. The usual favourite was the Viking, but there were other models in the air this year. Weather conditions could be described as perfect with plenty of that wonderful substance lift, too much perhaps for some as Bruce Lindsay and Gordon Hannah had models that flew out of sight. The number of competitors was the best for a long time and results were as follows.

Gordon Hannah	180 seconds	Viking
Chris Strachan	152 seconds	Viking
Michael Marshall	144 seconds	Viking
Bruce Lindsay	141 seconds	Invicta
Mick Flack	113 seconds	Viking
Andrew Moorhouse	92 seconds	Cosmos
John Wynn	77 seconds	Arrowair
Terry King	70 seconds	Magnum, (flown by Tony Harper)
Phil Haines	no score	Viking.



Now where's that model gone? Good lift and serious boxes in evidence on the day

Congratulations to Gordon Hannah for winning two years in a row.

Many thanks to the organisers of what turned out to be a wonderful day and to Steve Mynott chef de cuisine who capably provided food and drink.

Tiddler Competition 2nd June

This was the first of a series of competitions held during June. Michael Marshall reports –

“The Tiddler competition took place on 2 June with threatening clouds signalling the possibility of rain. Perhaps that is why there were only four competitors? It was a single model competition for Mick Flack’s 13 inch indoor model of which several were built and flown indoors during the winter. The maximum was set at one minute with five flights, best three to count. The model adapted well to the great outdoors although no one achieved the one minute maximum.

1 st	Bruce Lindsay	130 seconds
2 nd	Chris Strachan	116 seconds
3 rd	Michael Marshall	88 seconds
4 th	Phil Bailey	58 seconds



Michael and Phil dash for cover having seen the black clouds gathering. In the distance Chris and Bruce get one last flight in

Those threatening clouds did bring torrential rain but only at the closing stage”

Ray Malmstrom CL Cup

This was the annual Control Line Precision Aerobatics competition organised by John Copsey and held at Girton on 4th June. It was open to all comers but there was a strong IVCMAC presence as usual.



An impressive line up of F2B Control Line stunt models. All i/c powered this year



CL Stunt scoring is very complex. Mike Nelson as the official scorer had his laptop to compute everything – quite a job!!



In blustery conditions before lunch, John gets his model airborne.

John reports - Well it was a good try! By moving the date from May to June we had hoped to get a nicer day. Well it's true that it was a bit warmer than last year, but a nasty turbulent breeze, and an unfortunately placed

Sun, kept everyone on their toes. 'Everyone' consisted of 8 brave fliers of the F2B variety and 1 equally brave Class II bod.

So, after the draw, things got underway and it was clear that the spiralling turbulence being experienced was going to keep scores in check, but with worse conditions forecast for the afternoon, it was important to press on. Brian Turner carved out an early 30 point lead. This was cut back in round 2 but Brian came back strongly in round 3 after the weather improved.

With the best 2 out of 3 rounds to count, this meant that in the final analysis, Brian Turner came out on top with a combined score of 1647.0, having scored over 860 points in round 3 and keeping the Ray Malmstrom Cup in the hands of an IVCMAC member again (Brian won it last year as well).

1 st	Brian Turner (IVC)	1,647.0
2 nd	Robin Soanes	1,592.2
3 rd	John Ash (Essex)	1,588.5



John presents the Ray Malmstrom Cup to Brian Turner

RC Spot Landing Competition

This was held on Friday 16th June - another blustery but sunny evening which drew a field of 8 competitors flying a wide range of models.

Most of us found that hitting the spot was easier said than done! The rules were simple - fly overhead the large "spot", close the throttle and execute a turn and deadstick landing as near to the spot as possible.

The spectators kept an eye out for any cheating and the winner on the night was Alan Hunter flying one of his lovely own build

models - unlike the rest of the competitors (I can almost hear him now "Bl***y Foamies!!)

The final scores on the doors..... distances from spot in yards

1 st	Alan Hunter	New Ruler	1
2 nd	Chris Strachan	Mini Radian	3
3 rd	Steve Mynott	Twinstar	4
4 th	Alan Paul	Waltz	5
5 th	Tony Neal	Blade	6
6 th	Dave Stopher	Waltz	8
7 th	Peter Jude	Spyhawk	10
8 th	Stuart Jessup	Twinstar	12



Alans winning model - a much reduced homebrewed profile version of Henry Strucks 1940 New Ruler, the original being 6ft span and free flight with a sparkie up front

A fun evening and one to be repeated as any flyer with any model can have a go.

Test flown recently



Alan Hunter checks out his lovely new Scarab. Richard and Gil feign indifference as Alan makes excuses for the CG being in the wrong position



Tony Welchs new KK Marquis lands after its first flight. Built in the winter it's had to wait a while but Tonys smile showed it was worth it



Just after Tonys maiden flight with the Marquis, 2 ducks landed by the CL area and waddled under the trees. A few moments later the heavens opened – good weather forecasters or what?

Soaring with the Eagles?



Richard Staines excellent Dreamweaver finds company with a Buzzard. Both were climbing high when Bryan Gostlow took this photo with a long lens.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 7th July – Bostonian competition. This was postponed from June due to high winds

Sat 8th July - Girton fete. We put on a static display and some CL demo flying at the fete as thanks for letting us use the field. We need CL models and pilots plus members of other disciplines to display their models, chat to the public and encourage new members. See John Copsey for details

Fri 14th July – Under 25" competition

Sat and Sun 22nd and 23rd July – Old Warden Scale weekend

Sunday July 30th - BMFA CL Centralised Stunt at Girton

From Margaret Staples

Margaret wishes to pass on her thanks to all those who contributed to the memory of Mick Staples with donations or by buying up his copious supply of kits and modelling equipment acquired over so many years -

"On behalf of the family, I would like to thank members for their generosity. I recently sent a £1,000 cheque to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Mick. We hope to see many of the models flying. Please don't keep them in boxes - just fly and enjoy! Margaret".



Mick Staples with a Gymminie Cricket

Model retrieving techniques

There are many techniques for getting your model out of trees. Most involve a pole of some sort, but at Cottenham in May, one enterprising and sprightly 63 year old club member decided that tree climbing was by far the easiest method.

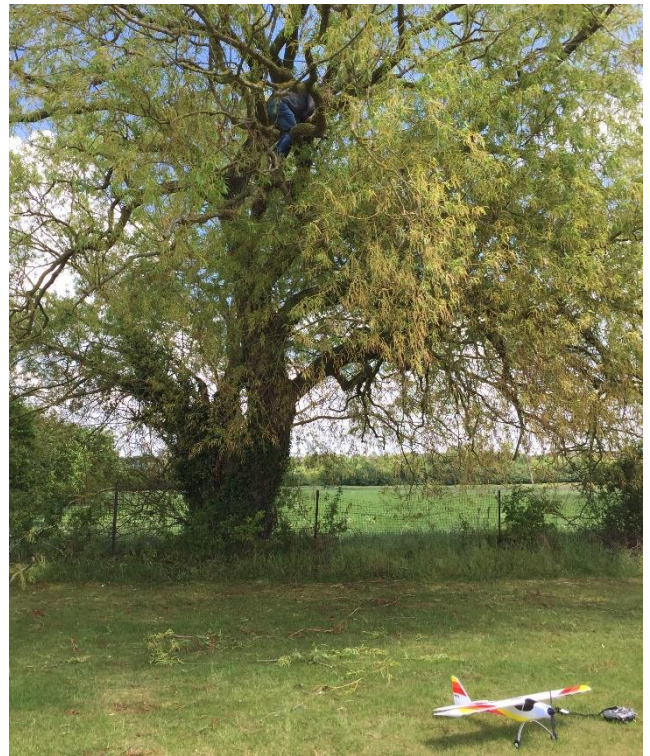
The following photos show the recovery of an undamaged Wot4, however, this method is not recommended for the faint-hearted!!



Stage 1 – modeller climbs 20 feet up in tree and is “almost there”. Surely a quick shake will release it? Well not quite!



Stage 2 – Modeller reaches model, untangles it and drops to waiting photographer.



Stage 3 – Model safely on terra firma. Intrepid modeller begins the long climb down.

RC Flying at Impington

Impingtons “mixed use” doesn’t lend itself to the traditional RC set up of only flying in front of the pilots, so a few regulars have revised the guidelines for safe flying especially the segregation of flyers from pits and spectators.

1. First RC flyer on site to liaise with free flighters to decide relative locations.
2. Pits area to be set up 15 paces behind windsock
3. All pilots to stand together by the windsock when flying
4. Pilots to call out “launching”, “landing” etc.
5. Non flying pilots and spectators to stand near the pits area, watch out for people walking about and warn the pilots as required.



To be avoided at all costs.....

Who's winding?



Another illustrious modeller and long time club member who also like catapulting gliders outside in the summer

What's this then?



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

Caption Competition

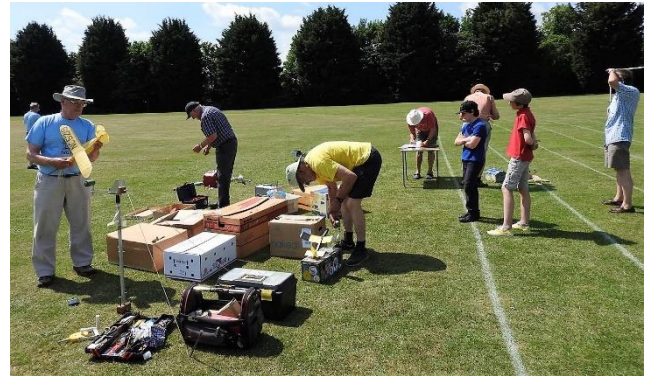


NASA's Super Guppy – but can you come up with a better caption?



This was last month's competition and the winner was anonymous with "South West Trains employ a novel method to stick to their timetables".

More photos of the Open Day







Answer to What's this then?

It's the worlds first TV remote control made by Zenith in 1950

The winder was Bruce Lindsay and the intrepid tree climber was Andy Halmshaw

From the Archives.....

Tony Neal saw this in a 2008 edition of AMI reporting on the 2007 Control Line Scale Nationals. Can you spot the lady in the top RH corner?



The text that went with the photo is below

The historical bit

This month's offering once again comes from the photo albums of Wal Cordwell and shows some, if not all, of the C/L Scale competitors at the 1979 Nationals held at RAF Barkston Heath. The winner was Mick Staples with his Bristol Bulldog which was still competing two or three years ago. From left to right, the competitors are Wal Cordwell, unknown, Dave Kenny, Dennis Ashfield or Ashford, Mick Staples and the late Stan Perry. Unfortunately Wal cannot remember who took the photograph.