



**Impington
Model Aeroplane Club**
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Resurrection shuffle

Bryan Kenzie reports on his first competition for a while, F2B at Old Warden on the 14th July 2019..... Having got my control line 'Tutor 2' flying well last year with a better motor, a Super Tigre 49 Sport, I decided to have a go.

Conditions were relatively calm on the day and my practice flight went well. However, the first round flight was a bit of a disappointment as the tank came loose causing the motor to stop early on in the schedule, gaining only 43 points. Having secured the tank properly, the second round went very well gaining 740 points, so not too shabby!

When I came to fly the third round however, the wind had got up a bit (well that's my excuse anyway).



All was going well until the square eights, when a misjudged inverted section resulted in a sudden 'arrival' (no landing points awarded!). As I gazed out to the far end of the lines nothing could be seen sticking up, it had converted to a flat-pack! As is always advisable, I gathered up all the pieces and took them home to contemplate whether it could be repaired.

Well, 12 months later it is fully repaired and I had several good test flights at Girton, ably assisted by John Copsey, on Sunday 19th July 2020. I'm now looking forward to the next F2B competition.....



Bryans Tutor fully repaired and test flown.

Target Practice anyone?

Many of you will know club member ex Major Hoensch, but how he got into modelling is rather interesting.



A young Alan Hoensch – 2nd from right in 1990

Alan reports – When based at Catterick in 1990, I was the range officer at Warcop in Cumbria and this was my first introduction to model flying. I used to do this every month for 3 years.

Great fun shooting them down but not easy as most of the time the round would go straight through. I am standing next to the tall lad with is hands in his pocket. Never took up model flying until I joined the club.



The proof of the pudding – the remnants of several models shot down. Now that looks like fun – Ed.

What goes around etc.....

Tony Welch bought a used control line Mercury Monitor at an Old Warden swap meet about 7 years ago. He thought it was a nice model and then saw a picture of it and its original builder in a 30 year old copy of Aeromodeller!!

It turns out that it was originally built by Roger Gedge and powered by an AM25 diesel.



Tony and Roger met up at Old Warden recently and posed for a picture with the Monitor and the 30 year old article from Aeromodeller.

When Tony bought it, an AM35 was fitted and the previous owner, Dave Hough had upgraded it. However it's still in pristine condition with the original covering.

Hangar Rash?

I asked Trevor why his Easy Star was looking so bashed up as I hadn't seen any evidence of crashes.....

Turns out he fell down the stairs and it cushioned his fall.



A sorry looking Easy Star after cushioning Trevors fall.



But it's a great model and with serious application of UHU Por and masking tape, it was soon up and running again!

Calling all Junior members

Using some of our council grant, we have bought 15 Tradfly kits which retail at £8 each. These are for indoor (or calm outdoor) flying and are easy to build, trim and fly.

These are available free to juniors (under 18) and the only proviso is that you must build it and fly it at the club to prove it!!

Please contact Alan Paul if you want one.



The Tradfly kit with instructions

Little and Large



I had the small e-flight F27 which has about a 12" span and flies nicely on miniscule 2S 280mAh batteries.

It went so well, I got its big brother which goes like a rocket on 3S 2200mAh batteries. Both hand launch really easily without any trouble.

The pole has been in use!!



Gordon rescues his Cub after a long downwind flight



Gordons Cub up the tree prior to rescue. Lovely model and no damage at all.

What is it about these "Tree Magnets"?

Summer free flight



Chris brought out a lovely selection of models on one of the windless evenings along with his venerable toolbox!



Gordon's Puss Moth

Caption Competition



Free Clamps anyone?



I recently bought some cheap jeans in ASDA and they were held on the display rail by these clips which have a very strong grip and are very suitable for clamping items together whilst the glue dries. Just cut off the hook and you are good to go.....!!!

Steves Scooter!



Steve tweaks the needle on his Thunder Tiger Scooter at Girton. This was given to Steve by John Copsy who had acquired it. Powered by a 0.7cc motor, the power was marginal till Steve borrowed some 5% Nitro fuel from John who was flying CL at the other end of the field. It then did a 20 minute thermal flight with the motor on tickover. Nice model.

In their Youth.....!!

A new feature for you to guess who it is – bonus for the model as well. Answer at end.



He's a very naughty boy!!



No names no pack drill, but this sign from the old Oakington Airfield was spotted in the back of a well known members car.

Maybe the model in the boot is a clue. (hint – it's a CL Skystreak 40).

Answer

The person dabbling in the black arts of control line was Richard Staines and the model is a Mercury Crusader.

Bruces wet Fledgling

Friday 14th August was the last of the very hot spell and was a dismal grey evening with "moisture in the air".... Say no more!

Bruce was test flying his new Veron Fledgling and it flew very well indeed.



Bruce and his damp Fledgling

The main problem Bruce had was that on every flight the tissue was soaking up the moisture from the air and by the time he'd had several good flights the all up weight had increased considerably and the tissue was very saggy as can be seen in the photo.

Last outdoor meet 4th Sept

Our last outdoor meeting of the year coincides with the Peterborough "Flying Aces" postal competition for FF models.

Full details are [on our website here](#), so why not have a go. Most of our FF modellers will have models to fit many categories for this competition.

First Indoor meet 10th Sept

This is still scheduled for the 10th Sept, but the Sports Centre can't yet confirm if they can accept us. John Copsey is in daily contact and an e-mail will be sent as soon as we know anything. They have various ongoing problems with a flood and boiler issues!!

Peter Hoskison

A tribute to a past President by our chairman John Wynn.



Above – Peter flying.

Below – Peter and Ray



It's very sad that we've lost Peter at the end of June after a long illness. Peter was our president for a long time and a great advocate of our hobby. For 40 years Peter was employed by the Cambridge Daily News and was responsible for writing articles that kept the general public aware of our hobby.

I well remember reading his article about the thousands of people who attended the Nationals held at Waterbeach in the early fifties and the Cambridge club's team race rally's held at Coleridge and Pye's recreation ground in Chesterton.

I was lucky enough to be there as IVC members were always invited to help and attend. Peter was a great member of the Cambridge Club, which was then one of the best and forward looking clubs in the country. Many of our later members were originally Cambridge club members and they always invited the IVC club to their meetings and to go on coach trips to various meetings.

I think I first met Peter and his wife on their trip to the Radlett rally in the early fifties together with lots of their members and wives. Peter was always helping our club by writing articles on aeromodelling and about Ray's achievements.

When the Cambridge Club became more involved with Radio Flying, he and many of their members joined us, as we were more traditional aeromodellers and they bolstered our club to the one it is now.

He was a really great and friendly man, who was always encouraging others in our hobby. His passing will be missed by us all, and the people of Cambridgeshire will no longer be aware of our hobby as it has been for years. Rest in peace Peter and thanks for your friendship.

John Wynn
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