



**Impington Model Aeroplane Club**  
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## Indoor flying - update

We had our first meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – relocated in the Gropius Hall which many members will know of old!!



We then had the “Rule of 6” applied, but Sports activities were exempt if carried out safely under the terms of a Risk Assessment. This was all done and we were back on for indoor flying once again, only for new rules to come in and initially appear to restrict us to 6 people indoors!!

So where are we now? Well, we have received clarification that under our Covid Secure Risk Assessment **we can continue to meet up with more than 6 people** provided we don’t huddle together in sub groups of more than 6. This means that more than 6 can gather in the Gropius or the Sports Hall for our flying sessions following the rules on our website [here](#).

So we have decided to carry on and see what happens. We have decided to split the Thursday evenings as follows to make it easier to reduce the numbers in the hall –

- Free Flight – 6.30 to 7.30
- Radio Control – 7.30 to 8.30

Now, this won’t be totally rigidly enforced and if at 7.30 there are only a couple of small drone flyers, then FF will be able to muddle along with them. We will all just need to show a bit of give and take.

Last Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept we had about 9 people in total and there was masses of room for social distancing, so it should all work OK and there is definitely room for up to 15 or so. Look on the bright side!!

For a video of my Tradfly in the Gropius to give you an idea of the space click [here](#).

As for Saturday afternoons in the “half hall”, we are going ahead with the FF only event this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Sports Hall.

After that, the Sports Centre have moved all our Saturday afternoons into the Gropius, so that will be the location for the RC only session on the following Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Again, we are intending to keep these going even with reduced attendance and will advise future dates shortly.

This will all be reviewed as we muddle along and dates will be accurately shown on the website and any urgent announcements will be mass e-mailed by the Club Secretary.

Happy days!! Keeeeep Flying.....!!

## Tree Rescues.....



Alan rescues Karas quad from the only tree in the village after what can best be described as a “plummet of doom”.

## Better late than never!!

Hugh Stevenson receives the Ren Cup and the Cooke Cup from Michael Marshall at the Scunthorpe FF meeting in July. This was for the 2019 season as Hugh was unable to be at the prize giving in December.



**The Ren Cup** 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. **The Cooke Cup** 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.

## Rebuilt ancient Wot 4



This is Steve Mynotts all balsa Wot 4 that flew nicely at Girton in the summer.

The story behind this is that it was originally Peter Cunnisons, but after a crash into a tree, again at Girton about 14 years ago, he gave the remains to Steve. Steve then drew round the rubble and rebuilt it from scratch. Powered by an OS AX55 it has plenty of oomph as you would expect from any of Steves models!!

## An all too brief summer



Alan competes in the Flying Aces postal competition at the last outdoor meeting with a Tradfly.



Some RC flyers enjoy a Friday evening at IVC



Exhaust fumes permeate the night air



A nice line up of Control line models in the naughty corner



The Quad flyers tucked themselves away in a quiet corner and indulged in frivolous pursuits



Various Quads got caught in the balloon bursting competition

## CLAPA Championships

The annual CLAPA Championships (Control Line Aerobatics) were held on the weekend of 15/16 August at Buckminster National Centre (normally end of June).

3 IVC members entered out of a total entry of 14.

Brian Turner was the highest scoring IVC member with (best of 2) scores of 960 in Circle 1 and 883 in Circle 2 (5<sup>th</sup> place overall).

John Copsey got 841 in Circle 1 and 713.20 in Circle 2 (9<sup>th</sup> place overall). 841.3 is a personal best by some margin.



John Copsey during his inverted laps

David Marquiis could not fly because of injury (great shame).

Weather was dry with broken cloud and a persistent and turbulent wind of about 10/15 mph. Normally held over 3 days (with a much larger entry), all competitions were rushed through on the Saturday, so F2b pilots flew 4 times, Classic pilots 2 times (should have been 3) and Vintage pilots 3 flights.

Some entrants flew all 3 events, so they had to prepare for and fly 9 competition rounds in one day.

This is an unusual 'Classic' model called 'Genesis' and designed by Bob Hunt. It first appeared in 1980 where it won the World Championships at Woodvale UK. This one belongs to Mervyn Jones (BMFA CLTC rep) which he flew in the 'Classic' event.



Mervyns "Genesis"

F2B CLAPA CHAMPS. 2020

COMPETITOR	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		TOTAL
	FIC1	FIC2	F2C1	F2C2	
M. JONES	786.30	903.40	985.40	903.90	1889.3
J. ASH	—	—	—	—	—
G. LEATHERHEAD	829.40	883.60	963.00	845.00	1808.0
R. STEPNEY	761.00	841.50	907.60	849.70	1759.3
G. ALISON	885.60	856.20	976.10	918.50	1894.6
P. DEANE	661.60	673.20	776.20	734.50	1510.7
N. ZDOTOV	141.00	—	648.40	417.20	1065.6
M. WILLIAMS	1016.00	850.80	990.50	938.90	1954.9
D. MARQUIS	—	—	—	—	—
J. COPSEY	504.90	713.20	841.30	643.60	1554.5
B. ROBINSON	1057.30	870.00	1013.00	868.00	1927.3
K. MORGAN	722.50	809.30	980.70	856.30	1837.0
S. WHITE	—	—	—	—	—
B. TURNER	944.80	876.70	960.10	883.60	1843.7

The complicated scoreboard.....

### Pole Rescues.....



Philip "on the pole" at the last Impington outdoor meeting. Martyn provides "advice".

### Pictures and Stories

If you are not coming to the indoor sessions, but are building anything, do let me have some pictures for the newsletter. I might get a bit short of material otherwise!!

### The Mask of Zorro?



Let's hope that this isn't the future of indoor flying.

The PPE is probably pretty effective, but it cuts the conversation down a bit!

### In their Youth



Who is this young chap skipping though a field in 1973? Answer at the end.

## Night Flyers



Neils Night Radian



Alans venerable Flybeam (looks better than it flies!!)

## Caption Competition



Trevor poses as a lighthouse whilst Peter appears unimpressed.....

## The new normal?



Bruce without a tail – his own design.



Social distancing..... Tony and Richard are friends really!!



Chris with a very nice scale Aerosport Quail. As usual it seemed to fly very well.



Richard flapped about with his Ornithopter

## A lady with stickers!!



Kara applied a huge selection of stickers to make a really unique Bixler. You just have to watch CG changes with a load of stickers on the tail.....

## Answer to "In their youth"

It's young Bryan Kenzie doing a Theresa May and skipping through a wheatfield.....

## From the Archives.....

Alan Hoensch had this photo of Oakington from the war years. Interesting to note that the runway at the time cut across the old Longstanton to Oakington Road and some of the aircraft are parked just outside where Alan and John Streets houses are now!!

I never knew that the old runway extended across the Longstanton to Oakington road, but if you look on today's Google satellite view you can still make out the different shades on the ground where the old runway went.

Some of the aircraft look like Dakotas, but maybe someone knows better?

