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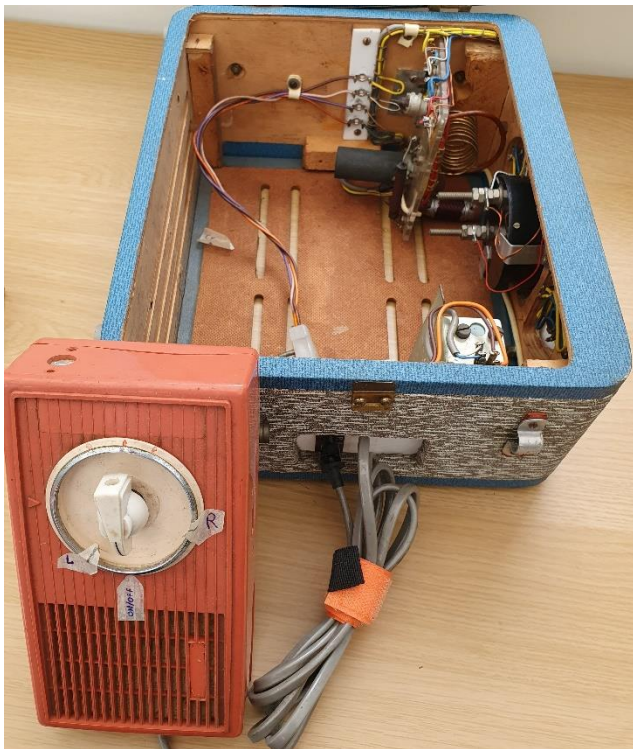
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A fine selection from Gordon Hannah seen at a Saturday session recently. Clockwise from the left – Cherokee, Crow biplane, Bleriot, Jaguar, Avions Mauboussin and at the front a Ladybird. These are all “scale models” – some being scaled down versions of outdoor “Wakefield” class FF planes. Gordon certainly choses some challenging projects, but always manages to get them flying nicely!!

Gordons 1950's Transmitter

The receiver side of Gordon Parkers radio appeared in the last newsletter – now the Tx



The actuator attached to the transmitter with simple left and right controls. The space in the box is for the batteries!!



The whole assembly could be packed away neatly in the box when flying was finished

Bruces shoebox shuffle!!



How does he pack them all in?

Bruces pole in action again



How many men does it take to rescue a model weighing about an ounce? Tony wields the pole whilst Alan, Michael, Clive and Bruce offer unhelpful advice.....

Vipers - head on collision!!



A sorry sight after a head on collision at about 150mph. John Clarkes on the left and Alan Pauls on the right. The amazing thing is that after a generous application of UHU Por glue, both models were ready to fly again after 48 hours!!

Sadly no video is available and requests to stage the crash again for the camera were met with disdain.

Looking at the damage it looks like Johns nose hit Alans right wing root. Anyway both models span in from 150ft after the impact.



This was a picture of the happy band of club members before the crash!! They are all the same size but the wide angle shot rather distorts the image.....

Control Line CAA registration

In a rare concession to common sense, the rule that CL models over 1kg have to be registered has been changed. The new rule means that pilots of CL models weighing less than 7.5kg no longer have to register and pay the CAA the £9 annual charge – Hooray!!

Quad conversions

These amazing creations are by Paul Burling and the plans for Thunderbird 2 are on the website



Powered by a cheap quadcopter, these little models really look the part and fly really well.

Overleaf are more of Pauls creations so I'm sure this is a challenge that other creative club members will want to have a go at.

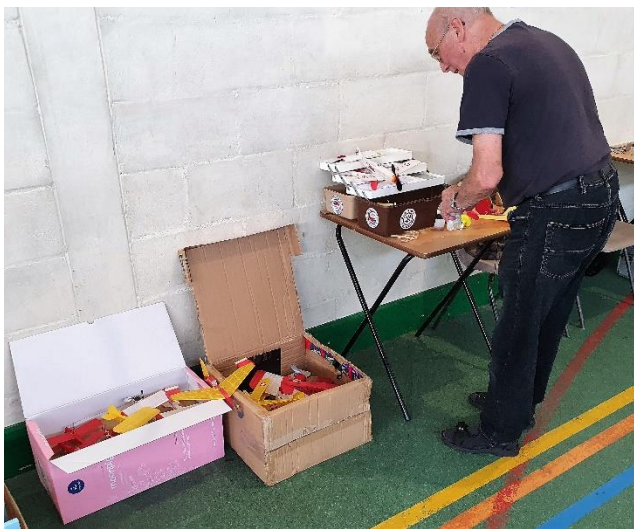


Pauls Fairey Roytordyne



And his TR3 Black Manta

A model a week?



Clive Anderson brings a fine selection to a recent Saturday session. Over lockdown Clive was making a model every week – usually fine scale models at Peanut or Pistachio size.

We know this is no idle boast as he has been showing up with different models at every recent free flight session.

Keep it up Clive!!

Famous air intakes

This may be a regular feature so we start with an easy one.



Can you identify this?

John Copeys Still Etto

Stiletto's were a series of models built & flown by Les MacDonald who won the World Champs for the USA in 1976, 1980 and 1982. Les & Stiletto are still stunt royalty today.



This one is cobbled together from a highly refurbished wing and tail from a very old one built by Eddie Sharp and a new fuselage that he has built for it.



Les with his winning Stiletto and world cup

Les also flew a Stiletto at the 1978 CL World Champss at RAF Woodvale near Liverpool but only came second.

Johns intention is to fly it in 'Classic Stunt' (F2b schedule but for designs published before the end of 1979) comps next year.

Spitfire flypast – is it real?



Was this taken at a Duxford airshow – well, no actually. It was taken by club member Malcolm Bates and is in fact a 15 inch span model that used to belong to Chris Strachan flying over our field!!

Annual Report

In lieu of an AGM this year, the committee has produced an annual report which will shortly be sent to all members. Members had been consulted previously and asked for any comments or AOB items. These are covered in the report.

Cessna Bird Dog



Paul Hoeys nice Cessna Bird Dog pictured at a recent Saturday Free Flight session. It flew well too! The largest tandem seat plane that Cessna ever made it first flew in 1949 and served in Korea and Vietnam. The US lost 469 Bird Dogs during the Vietnam war so not a good job for the pilots.

Gaundal Lesseur



Chris Strachan with his Gaundal Lesseur. This is a lovely model but quite rare as I couldn't find any information on the internet about the real one!!

Quarter scale Tiger Moth



Gerals impressive Tiger Moth was based on one in the Brussels Aviation museum that was stolen in Europe by 2 escaping RAF pilots during WW2. Seen at the June birthday bash.

Sale of modelling items

Thanks to everyone who bought up all the modelling items donated to the club by Adrian Barney at the meeting last Thursday.

A total of £130 was raised and this was donated to the St Elizabeth hospice in Ipswich who looked after Adrians wife.

From the Archives.....

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