

**Impington  
Model Aeroplane Club**  
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## Eddie's Kestrel lives again



This was the sorry scene last summer. John Copsey picked up the pieces and writes....

You may recall during a Friday session at IVC last summer the venerable Mr Sharp obliterated his beautiful Kestrel (Stalker K77) whilst trying to perform an 'Overhead Eight' behind his back (not recommended).

Eddie in his embarrassment wanted to destroy the evidence but I (rather zealously) jumped in and retrieved as much of it as I could. Comments were made that I may have appeared to be almost gleefully grave robbing in my enthusiasm, but I just thought it was too good to scrap.



Well, this is the latest photo of the model post repair. I did the repair and some of the repaint, then Eddie did the detail work and the shiny clear (fuelproof) coat. Should be ready for Friday evenings this summer. Not too much weight added which is good!!

## Sommer Monoplane

Bryan Gostlow writes.....



Roger Sommer, born 1877, was a French aviator. He broke the Wright's record for flight duration in 1909. After this, Roger began to concentrate on aircraft construction. There were three basic series of monoplanes with the first built by Roger in 1910. Although it was very similar to Bleriot's Type XI, it was regarded as exceptionally strong.

He was the first to come up with elastic mountings or shock absorbers for which he secured a UK patent.

In a long life he constructed 182 aircraft, making him a pioneer in the field. Roger was a friend of Roland Garros.



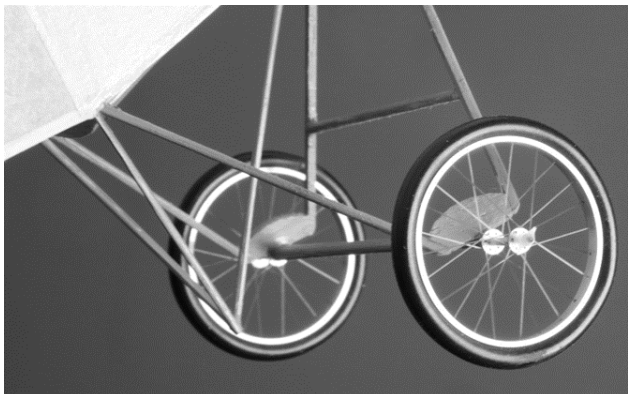
Many of you will know of Raymond Fella who was a club member both at IVCMAC and Cambridge MC for many years.



Here he's been captured when just a lad, but he went on to build and fly many lovely models. After retiring from the University materials dept. he could be found volunteering with the Duxford restoration group – think Blenheim for example.

What you may not know is that from Raymond's workshop came stationary steam engines and, finest of all, a prize winning skeleton clock.

At some point he must have read Dave Bank's AM article about constructing scale wheels strung with nylon line for spokes.



These have had a place in my shed for a couple of years while I wondered how to make best use of them. That is, until I thought of Clive Anderson.

We all know what a prolific modeller he is and not afraid to tackle a scale subject. So, one Saturday in early December I surprised him with the gift of this exceptional pair of wheels.

He took the peanut Sommer Monoplane and scaled the plan to suit them. [Search Outerzone.co.uk for Sommer Monoplane]



Skip to the first Saturday FF indoor meeting of 2022 and it was my turn to be surprised when Clive presented me with his model of the Sommer monoplane.



With excellent detailing such as fuselage bracing and laminated wingtips, Clive has really come up with a model to match Raymond's aspiration for the wheels.

## Caption Competition



Spotted at a recent Thursday evening, Bruce uses his Verniers to inspect his rubber thickness. I think this was a fantastically thin 0.020" motor!!

## Famous Air Intakes



A slightly trickier subject this month from a well known British manufacturer. Originally based at Stag Lane in London, they relocated to Hatfield in 1934. NB – not a Chipmunk!!

## BMFA World Record attempt

This will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and will be an attempt to have as many models of any sort airborne at 12 noon as possible. The club has registered to take part and members will be contacted by the BMFA with full details in April.

## Control Line World Champs

Club member Gary Church has been selected (by achievement of having scored sufficient points in the league) to represent Great Britain at F2b as part of the UK team travelling to Poland for the World Championships this summer. It should have been 2021 but Covid got in the way!!

Gary has been flying control line since he was 11 and is also an RC Fixed wing B and Helicopter A certificate holder, so is a highly accomplished all rounder.

Well done Gary!!

## Dauids new build



David Stophers winter build is a Valueplanes CloudWalker, a 'traditional' design now kitted in China. He knew it would be nose light (designed for IC originally), so added 2cm to nose length during build. That wasn't brave enough – it should have been about 4 or 5cm and needed about 100g in the nose even with an upgrade from 3S to 4S.

Should be an ideal Impington flyer this summer.

## Clives SE5a



It really should be on display at Shuttleworth, but seen flying in the Sports Hall last year is Clives peanut size SE5a. From what I recall it proved a tricky little thing to get flying but Clive got there in the end!!

## Bring out your photos

If you have some snaps of your pride and joy let me have them with a few words for the newsletter. Crashes especially welcome LOL

## Air Intake

This was a Dragon Rapide seen at Duxford

From the 1954 Aeromodeller.....

An interesting snippet from this advert is "1,000 yards range". Blimey you won't get that from the 2.4GHz stuff we have these days..... On the plus side, the modern stuff works out of the box!!

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