

**Impington
Model Aeroplane Club**
Founded in 1946 by Ray Malmström

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Thanks from BMFA Area boss

The club received the following message from Paul Hoey, chairman of the BMFA East Anglia region.

Last month's newsletter carried a report on the recent BMFA Centenary event at IWM Duxford where we had a great days indoor flying, made all the better by the engagement with numerous visitors who were fascinated by our antics.

Some members will know that as well as being a club member I also chair the BMFA's Centenary Planning Group. One of the things we wanted to do this year was to take model flying to where people gathered rather than invite in them in hope to fields in the country which few will find. Across the UK BMFA Areas have taken model flying to airshows and other public events with great success. The Centenary event at Duxford was just one of several events we have held this year and was by far the most successful. In no small part this was due to the enthusiasm of Impington club members and I am delighted that the club has recruited some new members as a result.

Wearing my BMFA hat, thank you so much to all who gave their time and shared their expertise. Here's hoping we will be able to fly again in the Airspace Hangar in 2023.

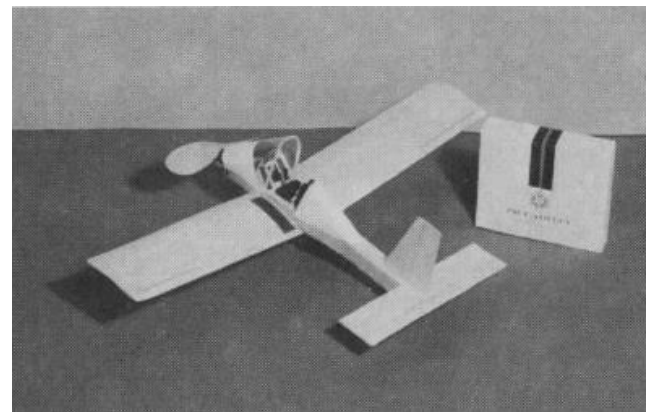
A soggy sight.....



No damage to Malcolms Twin Otter after a float collapsed when landing at Northstowe

Aeroplane monthly Jan 1975

The letter from Ray Malmstrom below was published in Aeroplane Monthly back in 1975. It was sent to me from Ontario, Canada by reader Adrian Culf. More on this next month!!



Minimum model ✓

Sir,
As a regular subscriber to *Aeroplane Monthly*, I was fascinated and impressed by an article on David Livesey's D.L.5 minimum aircraft published in your July 1973 issue. The excellent photos, g/a and cutaway constructional drawing prompted me to build a flying scale model. It has a span of 12½in (12in = 1ft scale) and flies successfully on a loop of ⅛in flat rubber strip. The prop in the photos is the balsa flying propeller and is obviously *not* to scale!

The model conforms to a class of model aircraft which is growing in popularity with aeromodellers, called "Peanut Scale" (the terminology originating in America, as you may have guessed!). Models on this class are rubber-powered with approximate wing spans of 12-13in and are—as model aircraft go—quite minute.

Harlton,
Cambs

RAY MALMSTRÖM

Annual Report and AGM

You will shortly be sent the draft Annual Report and invitation to a Zoom AGM. You can reply to accept the report or Zoom in to comment on Wednesday 7th Dec at 7pm.

A box of wonder



Seen at a recent Saturday FF event, Chris Strachan had crammed quite a few lovely models into a box that looked a bit too small for the intended purpose!!

Clives No-Cals



Clive likes his No-Cals. These ultra lightweight models fly really well. Zero, Hurricane, FW190 and a couple of ME109s – not a Spitfire in sight.

Bruce only had 3 so I berated him about his slack attitude to model making and he reminded me that he printed some of the tissue for Clives models!!

Moonshadow



Just to show how good modern smartphones are, here are Trevor, Alan and Kara in the shadow of a full moon when out night flying last summer.

In their Youth



Who is this chap with a friends control line model pictured in Israel in 1964. Answer at the end

Carbon Fibre supplies

The club has been contacted by a supplier who offers us a 10% discount and free postage. The website is www.laptopconnections.co.uk

The code to get the 10% discount is RCMODEL10

Detention anyone?

Spotted in the corridor outside the Sports Hall – very modern having to scan a QR code to register your attendance at detention!! Try it.

Watch out model flyers.....



Snapped at the WR attempt



Phil Haines readies his model for the world record attempt earlier this year with good support from his family. It really was a great day and seems such a long time ago!!

Hopefully we shall have another go next year to see if we can break our own record!!

CL champ



Pictured on the front cover of CLAPA is club member Gary Church. Not only a CL maestro selected for the UK team, he is also an accomplished RC flyer both fixed wing and helis.

FF competition Sat 17th Dec

To end the years indoor flying sessions, Michael Marshall is organising a competition during the last Saturday FF event on 17th December.

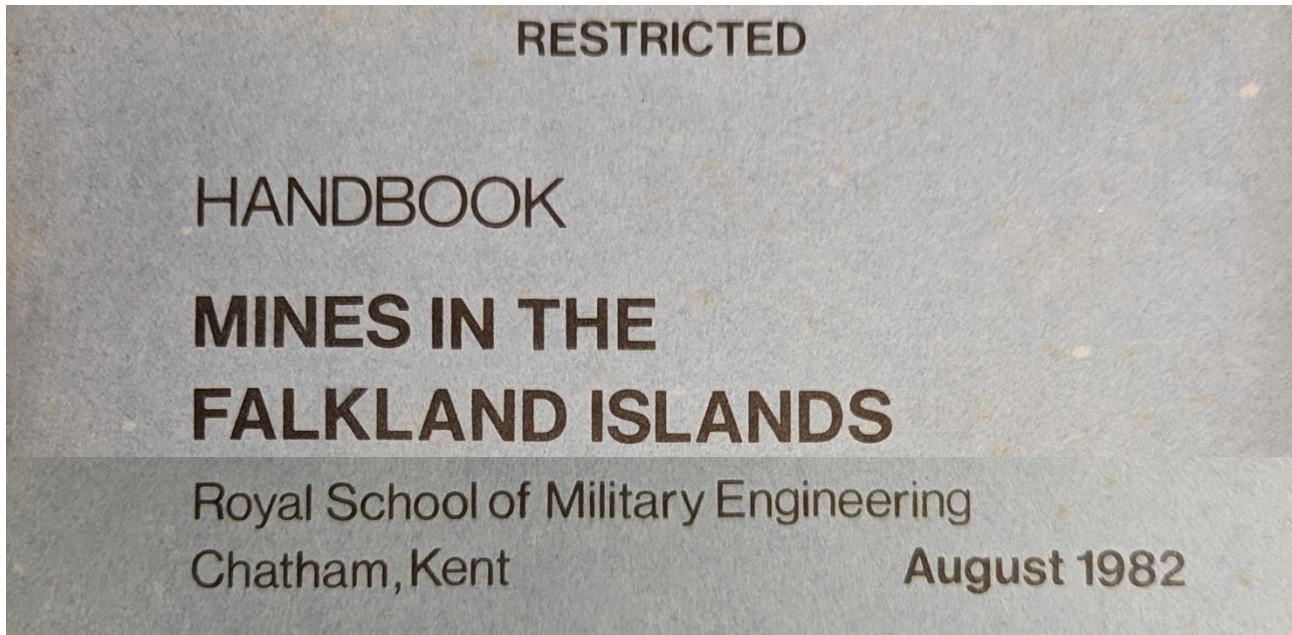
This will be an informal competition for any model with a wingspan not extending more than 13 inches. Ideally Mick Flack Tiddler or an Elf, but failing that any Peanut.

Five flights with the best three to score.

Answer to Who's this then?

It's John Clarke in Israel when his father was there on a 9 month posting. They drove all the way there in a Morris minibus – with vehicle reliability in 1964 that's a minor miracle itself!!

Mine Disposal – Falklands style 40 years ago!!



Seeing this manual at the Waterbeach museum last summer, reminded the editor of a previous life flying Army helicopters in the Falklands in 1982. We were tasked with mine clearance and the procedure was to hover a foot or so above the beaches to blow the sand away and expose the landmines.

Asking the Royal Engineer bomb disposal chappie if this was likely to cause the mines to explode was met by the cheery response "I haven't got a ***** clue but we'll soon find out!"

