

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

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## A tale of two Bleriot

Gordon Hannah reports - I have always liked building models from the very early stages of aviation. This is for two reasons – there is a lot of 'build' and rigging etc and I am not very good at painting and these aircraft are usually plain!



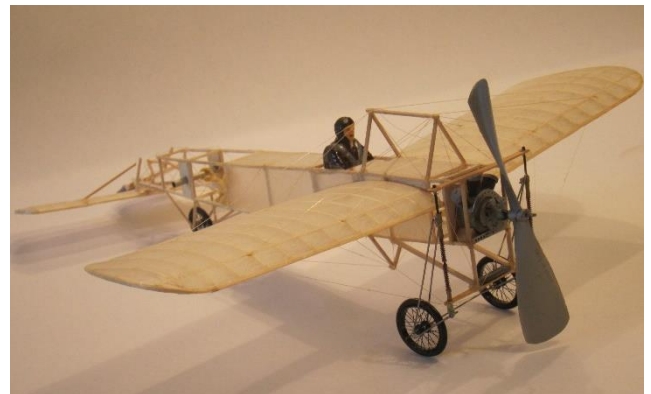
So the Bleriot cross channel aircraft fits the spec. Various nice kits are on the market, but the most accurate model seems to be the Peanut scale plan by Emmanuel Fillon. So some time ago I set to and made the model above complete with the scale spoked wheels and 3 cylinder Anzani engine. Unsurprisingly it came out a bit heavy for a peanut scale but nevertheless did fly – sort of. Just a few seconds gave me some satisfaction.

On a visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon I came across a Bleriot XXV - a 'racer' developed from a 2 seater design with a distinctive 'fish tail' tailplane shown below.



This filled my criteria in that the paint scheme is a vivid yellow all over. I took some photos and Mike Smith (of scale matters fame) kindly sent me lots more pictures.

With no 3 view available I had to do a bit of guesswork. The wings and most of the fuselage seemed to be of the normal Bleriot set up – no real surprise here. This machine has a 7 cylinder rotary engine as opposed to the earlier Anzani, which caused quite a difference in the form of the front end of the fuselage. The undercarriage was significantly different too. So using Fillon's plan as a basis I was able to make up the layout for this model and it seems of have worked out quite nicely – but wouldn't pass any close inspection if ever (albeit unlikely) entered in a competition – those days are well past.



This picture is the result of someone treading on the original Bleriot when it landed near them. Please watch your step in the hall if a model hits you or lands close by!!

## New indoor flying in 2023

The new arrangements for indoor flying start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January with a mixed session and then we start a 3 week cycle as shown.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – RC 1pm to 3pm. FF 3pm to 5pm  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – FF 1pm to 5pm  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – RC 1pm to 5pm

A full listing is on the last page. Chatters and spectators are free, but flyers should pay the season ticket. Please check the website for full details.

## Easy Glider for sale

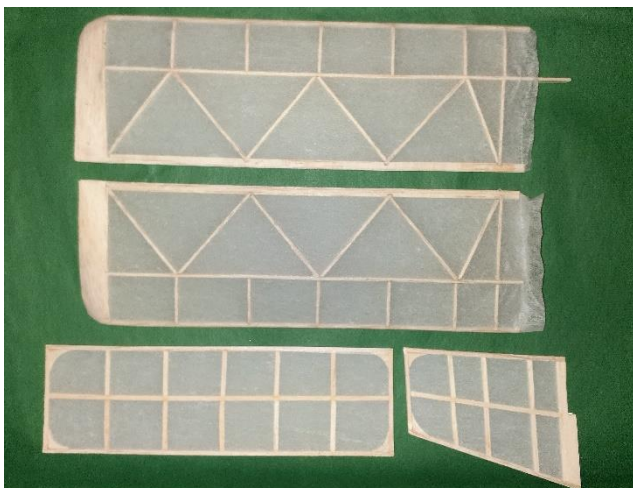


This is a brand new boxed Multiplex Easy Glider 1.8m span belonging to a member who is doing less flying these days. It retails above £200 but he's open to offers via the editor. It comes with a good Spektrum Receiver and all it needs is a Transmitter. Please contact the editor if interested.

## Rays forgotten model – DL5

You may recall that last months newsletter referenced an article from 1975 unearthed by reader Adrian Culf in Ontario, Canada. Ray Malmstrom had made a model of David Livesey's DL5 minimum aircraft.

Well Adrian and his friend John Cooper, a fellow Malmstrom enthusiast, have prepared plans and built a Peanut scale model of Ray's DL5. John tackled the fuselage and Adrian worked on the flying surfaces. Weight is currently at 10g



The model has now flown and Adrian reports back from Canada – Just finished an incredible flying session with the DL5. It's a fantastic flyer! We had Flair Phil Ray Malmstrom as the pilot. Power is a 9" loop of 3/32" FAI Tan II on a 4.75" Peck prop. True to Ray, we needed a fair bit of downthrust.

There was a lot of concern surrounding the large cockpit windscreen and how it might affect flight stability. If anything, it seems to enhance flying ability but I can't explain how!!

John took some video that has been posted on YouTube – link below

(1) [Free Flight Peanut Scale Livesey D.L.5 - YouTube](#)



Adrian on left and John after the first flight of the DL5



Adrian and John's plans have been given to us and are on the club website [members plans page](#). Sounds like a great idea to resurrect this forgotten and never before published model for a club competition.

## Oops..... Landing.....



No names, no pack drill.....

## In their Youth



Who is this bearded chap with a competition model back in the day? Answer at the end.

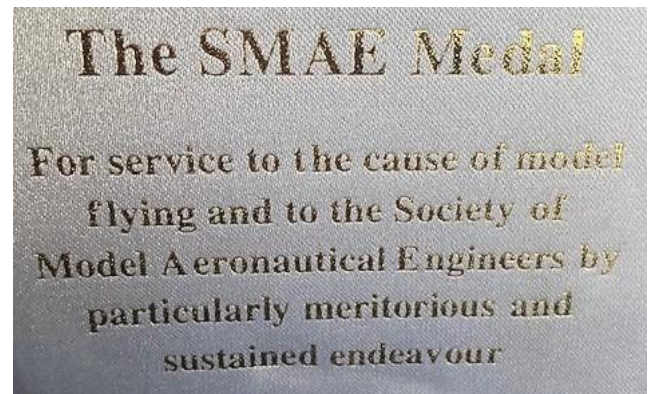
Clue – he still has a beard but it's not that colour!!

## Chris Strachans SMAE Medal

As you know, Chris was awarded this very high honour by the SMAE which is the official name of what's now called the BMFA.



Chris was awarded the medal at the annual dinner in November and is seen here wearing it proudly. Well done Chris.



## Remember the summer?

A few pics to make us look forward to next summer.....



Gordon launches



Alan splashes



Northstowe lake "Slowpoke" flyby trailing weed

Pictures – Malcolm Bates



Mark concentrates

## FF Competition results

Michael Marshall organised a competition on the last Saturday FF session for models under 13" wingspan.

There were 10 entries and the winner was Bruce "the pole" Lindsay.

Full report and photo in the next Newsletter

## Answer to in their youth

It's Richard Staines who says – it's me in 1982 taken by Dave Hipperson at the open power fly-off at the FF Nationals. In the background are several well known modellers inc John O'Donnell and in the top left corner, Gerhard Woeberking.

The taller chap stood behind JOD is Mick Coombes who, working for an adhesive company, introduced me and many others to Cyano, including successfully Cyanoing my tailplane to A.N.Others picnic table. The unmentionably named model was designed by Tom Smith, an aeronautical engineer of note.

Next few months calendar – check the website for updates!

JAN

7

Sat

**Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm)  
Hall**

Jan 7 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Sat

**Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Jan 14 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Sat

**Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Jan 21 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

JAN

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Sat

**Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm)  
Hall**

Jan 28 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

FEB

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Sat

**Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Feb 4 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Sat

**Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Feb 11 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Sat

**Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm)  
Hall**

Feb 18 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Sat

**Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Feb 25 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MAR

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Sat

**Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall**

Mar 4 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm