

Impington Model Aeroplane Club
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3 Fikes

The outer 2 are John Valiants and John Wynns at Peanut scale and the one in the middle is Garry Flacks at Pistachio scale which he hopes to campaign at the indoor nationals this year.

With an unusual large chord / low aspect ratio wing, they have a lot of lift for their wingspan.

Hugh Stevenson

Alan Hunter has written a short piece about Hugh Stevenson who sadly passed away on 9th March.



Hugh launches his Bostonian Speedster at IVC in August 2019.

Hugh had not been in the club for very long as he only moved to the area when he retired, finally settling in Brandon with his partner Jules.

Hugh was a true Aeromodeller of the "Old School" in that he built his Model Aircraft from balsa wood and they were exclusively of the Free Flight variety. Rubber powered models of all types were his favourites, though he also built IC power models using Sparkie Petrol engines he had made himself.



He was also interested in Model Engineering and was a member of the Brandon club. He built a fine live steam model of the Lion Locomotive (think Titfield Thunderbolt) and this is a picture of him sitting behind it in 2019 at Brandons families day.

Hugh was in the Engineering sector all his working life, initially training as a Pattern Maker for the Casting Industry but also worked in other industries like Spring Making.

He did not hail from this area and lived and worked to the West of London mainly, roughly on an arc from Luton down to Slough.

Hugh built model aircraft from an early age and flew with many others on Chobham Common, a popular model flying site for Londoners at that time.

Hugh will be sorely missed at Impington....a fine Aeromodeller and Model Engineer.

Caption Competition



Where's my plane gone? Alan flying his FPV Easy Star on a low flypast and snapped by Trevor – now was that a lucky photo or maybe a rare application of skill?

Outdoor flying starts soon

The last indoor session is Saturday 8th April and the first outdoor meeting on the Impington field is Friday 14th April.

This year we have booked the field from 6pm till it gets dark. Check the website Events Calendar for full info including what to do if there are boys playing on the field and some advice about magnetic trees and RC flying!!

Indoor FF comps 8th April

Michael is organising 2 competitions for the last indoor session of this winter.

They will both run in parallel and are for Peanut and Gyminnie Cricket with the best 3 flights out of 5 to count. Have a go!!

Indoor challenge!!



This is Jon Oakley's 1:12 profile scale model of Benny Howard's DGA3 "Pete". The kit is from US based company Retro. He got the kit on eBay for £9.50 including postage, and the 10g 2000kv brushless motor was £7.50.

It was an ambitiously fast model for first flights indoors, but once tamed should be a fun model.

Gerals Westland Widgeon



This is Gerald's Westland Widgeon. It's a Dumas kit and he's made several of them over the years.

When he got it out of the box it had a memo to self on it saying repair the tissue underneath before next flight, but on close inspection the repair had not yet been done, but it flew anyway!!

Foam ME109



Paul Shea has been busy with the foam recently and had several great new builds to fly at a recent Saturday FF session. This is his 16" span ME109.

They all follow the same build style with painted foam and a balsa stick running down the length of the fuselage for rigidity for the rubber motor.

They are based on the Outerzone plans for balsa and tissue models but re-imagined in foam. Great stuff!!

Little and Large



The big one is the 2m wingspan Radian. This is a fantastic flyer for many reasons – it can thermal with the best and do basic aerobatics with ease. Flying on just 3 channels it's simple, robust and effective. This one is also LED equipped as a "Night Radian". Watch out for it in the dusk on Friday evenings.

See Night flying video [here](#)

The little one is the UMX Radian which is the mini version – great for indoor as well as calm outdoor flying.

Both these models are highly recommended if you want a nice simple and easy to fly model.

Round the Pole

We had our RTP friends using the Gym on Saturday 18th March. Some had travelled long distances to be here. They hope to return in October and are happy to let you hook up a model of your own – so get building!!



Martin Lavenders HP42 "Hannibal" with scale 3D printed props.

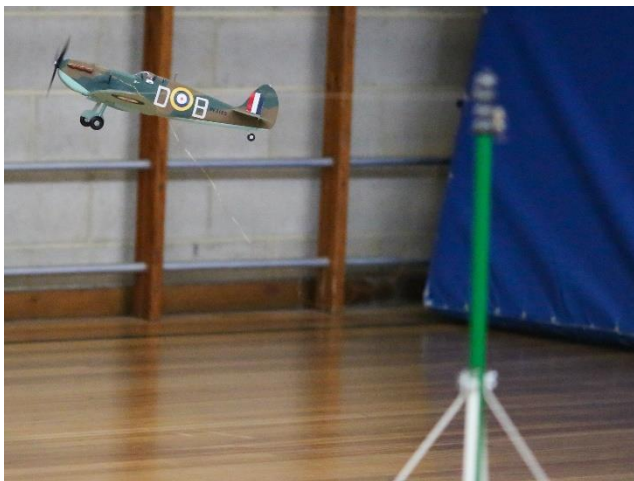
Here are some photos from the day – credit to Malcolm Bates for being the cameraman on the day. Can you name all the aircraft?





An amazing collection of scale RTP models but can you name them all?



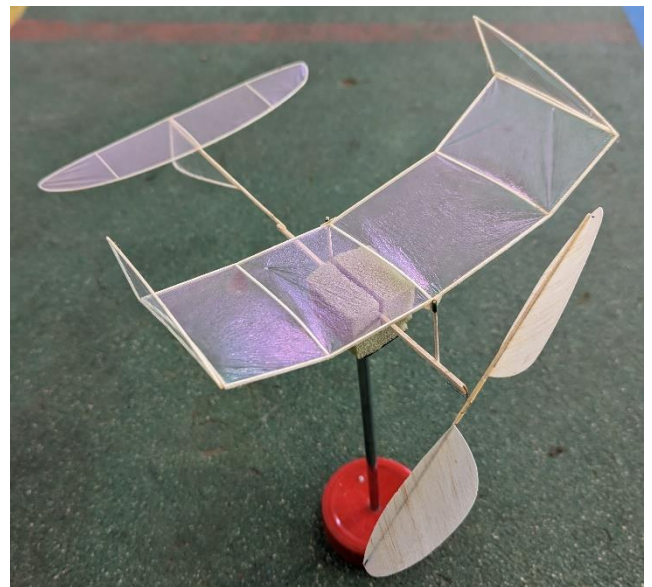


Outrage from the sports hall

You may have heard on the grapevine that the sports centre have put their prices up dramatically from 1st April. The main hall price was to increase by 70% and hire of the field by 200%.

We have been in discussion with them and hope to reach a decent settlement in the next few weeks. We will keep you posted, but don't worry as we will honour our subscription rates till the end of the year and then we foresee only a minor increase for 2024.

Mini Stick



This is another of new member Roy Sellwoods indoor flyers. They all seem to fly well.