



**Impington Model Aeroplane Club**  
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### 3 wise monkeys?



Membership Sec John Clarke, Mode 1 flyer Jon Oakley and Treasurer Paul Burling enjoy a laugh at an indoor flying session. I suppose the title should really be 2 wise monkeys as Jon flies Mode 1 (throttle and aileron on the right) for historically unknown reasons!

### Lost for 55 years.....

New member Tim Coles reports on his long lost CL profile stunter.



He reports - I thought it was long gone but to my amazement, an old school friend had kept it squirreled away somewhere. He has re-built it and fitted a brand-new PAW 19BR engine. The re-build should be good, the friend is none other than the retiring chief engineer of the Light Aircraft Association! It has now been flown successfully – Ed.

### Pucara anyone?



On a recent visit to Duxford I spotted this Pucara ready for some form of restoration. The last time I saw that plane was in 1982 at Pebble Island airstrip in the Falklands after the famous SAS raid when I was looking for some spoils of war souvenirs.



Looking at my long hair in the photo reminded me of the Sgt Majors warning to "get your air cut!!" The big issue was that the only barber on the squadron was a young lad that did haircuts in the evening and charged 2 cans of beer per cut.

Unfortunately he drank these as he did the haircutting and if you were the last customer of the night you sometimes lost more hair in random places than you bargained for!



## Southern comfort



Gordon Hannah pictured at Longstanton with his "Southerner" just before test flights after a winter construction.

A nicely built model it flew well but needed a bit more control throw to get it responding nicely. A great model for those lazy hazy summer evenings. See the test flying video [here](#).

Hopefully Gordon will have it flying at IVC on a Friday evening this summer.

## A Thunderbird from the past



Prompted by the story of Chris Caruanas Veco Super Chief in the last newsletter, Richard Staines sent in this photo of him from about 1960 with his Veco Thunderbird control line stunter.

Come on Richard, let's see you flying something similar on Friday evenings!!

## Birthday Bash and BBQ

This is a free event on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** for all members and is an all day fly in similar to Friday evenings with a BBQ at lunchtime.

We will be attempting the light hearted "Round the world in 8 hours" BMFA challenge as well as a few fun competitions – all the details are on the website upcoming events.

## Seen on the field on Fridays



Clive winds his model from an Aeromodeller free plan. Note the sensibly high stand for the model – unlike Bruce below.....



How does he remain so flexible? It's a mystery as Bruce stoops low to wind his Fledgling.





Fred Drew with his home built model from the Flite Test plans. He was flying it very well with his FPV gear.



Gerald's "nameless" model was flying on a recent Friday evening



David Stophers Fokker DR1 Dreidekker – it has just had its maiden flight!! David has a few models in the wings waiting to fly!!

## Control Line antics



There is quite an interest in Control Line at the club and it's worth a look on a Friday evening. Often called the purest form of control for a model aircraft – direct control with 2 wires.



Bryan Kenzie is pictured with his Top Flite Tutor 2 control line 54" span aerobatic model. Capable of the full F2B schedule, the engine is a Super Tigre ST49 Sport. Line length 65 feet.

It's actually a rebuilt ARTF 120% scale version of the original TF Tutor 45" kit model from the 1970s which was designed for .35 cu in engines.

It flew nicely – see video [here](#).



## Ray Malmstrom CL Cup



On the hottest day of the year so far a hardy group of CL flyers took part in the annual Ray Malmstrom Cup competition for F2b control line aerobatics at Girton. John Copsey was CD and reports.

In the blazing heat and with a fickle wind at times, we ran both an F2b and a Clubman class competition (which is for first timers who can chose which manoeuvres to complete).

The winner of the F2b competition and the Malmstrom Cup was club member Brian Turner who also got the IVCMAC Control Line Cup for the highest scoring club member. The winner of the Clubman class was Con Spinks.

### F2B results (best 2 flights of 3)

1. Brian Turner	1904
2. Roy Cherry	1892
3. Mark Legg	1799
4. Peter Dean	1770
5. Dick Stepney	1767
6. Steve Foster	1718
7. Bryan Kenzie	1170

### Clubman results (2 flights both counted)

1. Con Spinks	646
2. Andy Holbrook	417
3. Malcolm Harle	411
4. Charley New	293

Clubman Class still uses the Class II schedule but the contestant is allowed to choose which bits of the schedule they feel comfortable flying. This obviously works well as we had 4 contestants from as far away as Kent and it is the first time we have been able to run this type of competition for many years. Hopefully this means control line is on the up and up!!

Thanks to F2b judge Glen Alison who stood in at short notice, Scorer Mike Nelson, photographers Bryan Kenzie and Con Spinks plus of course John Copsey for organising the event and judging the Clubman event.



Brian Turner collects the RM Cup and the club control line cup from John Copsey



From left to right Mark Legg, Brian Turner and Roy Cherry with their prizes.



John awards the prizes to an enthusiastic crowd.



## Boomerang won't come back

This is one to look out for!! Pictured below is Trevor Sexton with his Boomerang turbine jet model which he has now sold to new club member Tim Coles.



The model needs outfitting with radio and a jet turbine so it's quite handy that the new owner Tim is secretary of the gas turbine builders association!!

Tim is going to get the model set up with a Wren turbine that he owns and some help on the new Radiomaster radio from Malcolm Bates. He hopes to do some taxi trials at Impington one Friday evening before test flights at a more suitable flying field.

## Bumper crop this year.....

Well, it's very tall anyway and this Flite Test Corsair ended up well below the top of the crop.



Owner Steve spent 2 hours searching and called in help from quad flyer Trevor who found it after 3 minutes and then directed Alan to walk along the tram lines to rescue it.



It should buff up nicely!! A video of the rescue mission is [here](#).

## Twin Twins.....



Malcolms Twin Otter and Alans Twin Nova (Partenavia scale) after a successful dunking on the lake at Northstowe.

## Pauls profile foam Bearcat



Paul Sheas lovely FF profile scale model.