

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

Based near Cambridge we fly Free Flight, Radio Control and Control Line aircraft



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Tradfly World Record

On Saturday 16th November we set a new record for the most Tradflys in the air at one time in the sports hall. A total of 19 which beat the previous record set at Duxford by a long chalk.

Pictured above are the motley crew who set the new record.

A video of the larking taken by Greg is [here](#).

Note the rapid climb and embedding in the ceiling of Nigels Tradfly. In the chaos he didn't see it shoot up there and spent some time looking for it afterwards before Bruce and his pole were called to action!!

Another one got caught in the net of doom. It was good to see so many enjoying the thrills and perils of indoor free flight.

Floatplane frolics



Malcolm, Neil and Alan risked a trip to the lake at Northstowe at the end of October with an Albatross, an Icon A5 and a Twin Nova which is a scale Partenavia.

All survived the encounter with water and a video is [here](#).

Nigels Phantom Flash



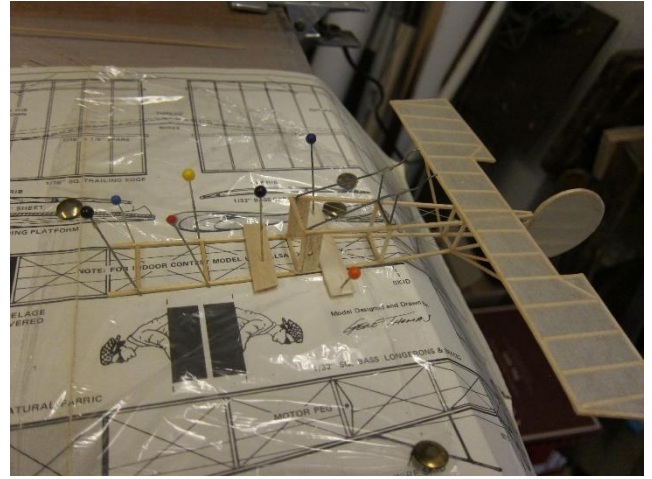
This interesting rubber powered model from the 1930s was flying rather nicely in the sports hall. It had a moveable wing to allow the CG to be changed and Nigel had it going very well.

Cessna mishap

After reporting on Gordon Hannahs Cessna last month, it suffered a mishap at an indoor session at Peterborough



It slid down the wall and crunched into the ground where the energy in the rubber motor crushed the fragile fuselage



This required significant repair effort.....

However, all is now well again and the Cessna now sports a suitably authentic pilot!!



Pilot in place ready for another go.

Club AGM – Saturday 7th Dec

Just a reminder that the AGM will be on 2.30 pm on 7th Dec in the sports hall. This saves us paying for a separate room. It will consume the last 30 mins of the RC session and then as little or as much of the FF session as you want!!

Everyone will shortly get the annual report and if you have any significant AOB, it would be good to see this in advance.

Tims Boomerang Jet

You may recall an earlier article about this – Tim had a Wren Turbine and was looking for a model to fly it in. Trevor stepped up and sold him an old but unflown Boomerang jet that had been languishing in his house for over 6 years.



This is quite a big model spanning 6ft and weighing nearly 20lbs and it had its maiden flights at Stumps Cross on the 1st November.

2 very successful flights were carried out and it flew like a big pussycat, although if you haven't flown a turbine before the sheer power and noise was incredible and somewhat intimidating!! It purred along on 1/3rd throttle and a video of the maiden flight is [here](#).

No name, no shame.....



Not a sight you want to see too often – especially when this is a very fast 6S powered Red Arrows Hawk with flaps and retracts.

Can it be repaired? It used to fly beautifully!

Peterborough Paper Planes

The Peterborough model club are holding an intriguing competition next year on Sunday 2nd March 2025. It is for FF rubber powered aircraft made mainly from paper!!

There will be large cash prizes for the 2 competitions for duration and scale.

Full details are on the PMFC website [here](#)

Christmas Dinner

Last call for anyone who wants to come to the dinner on 5th Dec. Contact Alan ASAP.

What could fit in this space?



Well, if you haven't guessed, the picture below is a bit more of a clue.....



Just the right space for a Rolls Royce Merlin of some vintage!!

Chris Strachan launches a free flight jet. Happy memories.

