

# Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

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



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### Club President John Wynn

Lifelong club member and previously Chairman and President, our friend John Wynn sadly passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> December after a long illness.

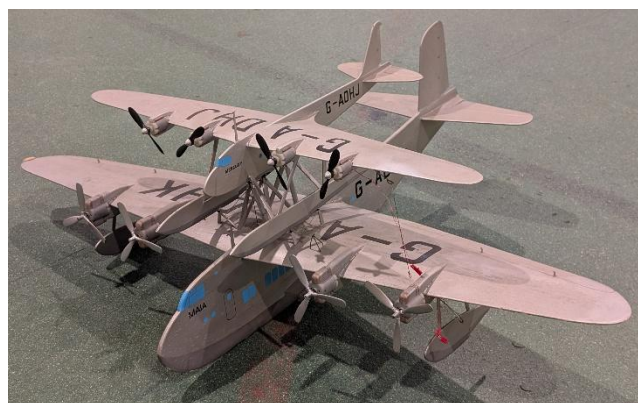
A full tribute has been sent to all members and is on the club website for posterity.

### Round the Pole

Our RTP friends brought their amazing models along to the sports hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> December.



Club member Roy Bowron had been busy with his fleet.



The amazing piggy back models of the Shorts S21-C Empire class flying boat with the Mercury mailplane on top.

RTP seems to offer the chance to build some marvellous scale models without some of the jeopardy of RC.....



The 4 engined Lancaster flew very well. Better than your editors Hobbyking RC version!!



As did the 4 engined C-130 Hercules



Everyones favourite the Lysander

A video of the event is [here](#).





Or maybe the Mosquito is the favourite?



One of 2 Islanders (the other was Roys below)



Roys is actually a Defender (the military version)

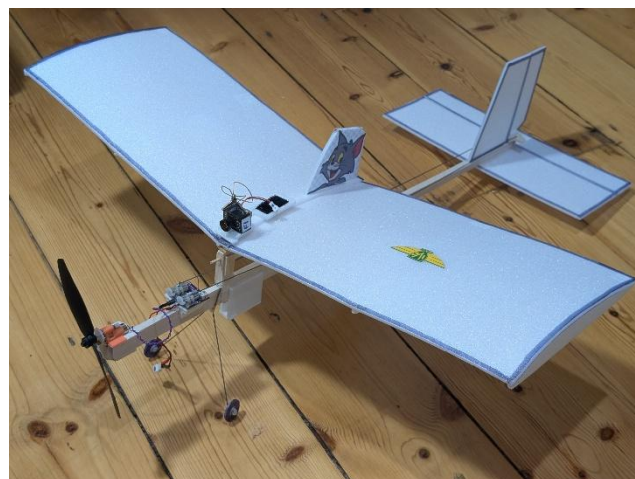
## Christmas dinner 2025

Is it too early to book something for the end of the year? We don't think so!! In 2024 we dined at the Holiday Inn and 20 people came. It was a good evening but quite expensive and the drinks especially so.....

For this years do, we are thinking of booking the Motor Boat Club by the river Cam in Waterbeach where Tony Neal is a member. The dinner would be a buffet affair done by outside caterers and would likely cost about £20 to £25 per head. In addition, there is a very cheap bar where drinks are sold at cost price. Let us know what you think.



## Cat-Astrophe



Alans latest indoor slow flyer – loosely based on the e-flight UMX Slow Stick but made from B&Q 3mm foam and a balsa stick plus the Microaces flight pack costing £56 – bargain!! It has now had an FPV conversion – see the small analogue camera and all in one video transmitter in front of the Tom Cat pilot. This is powered by a separate small 1S battery. Video of it flying [here](#).

Andrew Langford has one of the e-flight models which Alan blatantly copied!!



## Mignet Pou du Ciel

The literal translation is Louse of the Sky, but more affectionately known in the UK as the Flying Flea. It had an unfortunate early reputation for killing a lot of Frenchmen!!



Club member John Poley flew a lovely RC replica in the sports hall. Details overleaf.



John writes - my model is a reasonable representation of the spirit of the Flea as there are many variants of the design. It did result in many accidents but ultimately the design was evolved into a safe one, however by then its reputation was sealed.

My version is made from vector foam, 1, 2 & 3 mm in thickness and ended up with an AUW of 33gm. The motor is from Microaces.

Editors note – if you want a good quality airborne RC system, you can get one from Microaces for £56 that has motor, ESC, Receiver and 2 servos on an all in one board.

They are very reliable suppliers and will replace things if they are faulty.

## Limbo competition

This was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan in the sports hall and youth triumphed over age and experience. After applying a complex handicap system for the different models flown, juniors Kenzie and Jacob achieved 21 passes under the tape and were crowned joint winners.

The best that the motley crew of adults could achieve was 16.



Kenzie's dad Simon is pictured with Jacob who share the propeller.

There is a video of the chaos [here](#).

## Outdoor flying

In the hope of accelerating the arrival of summer we have booked the field for our Friday evenings already. Outdoor flying on the IVC field will start on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## That's a real chopper



But what is it? First flown in 1960 it had some sub optimal controls – e.g. the engine shut off lever was next to the heater control lever!!!

## WW2 RAF Ops Room at Duxford



Well worth a visit, this authentic ops room at IWM Duxford has an interesting commentary showing the Bader "Big Wing" in action on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1940 – the last day of the Battle of Britain.