

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

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



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Ray Malmstrom Cup

This was held on Sunday 31st May at Girton in rather blustery conditions. This is the annual control line F2b Aerobatic competition open to all comers – and they came from far and wide on the day.



Competitors models lined up in front of John Copseys Contest HQ. Results below

F2b

- 1st Mark Legg
- 2nd Steve Smith
- 3rd Gary Church

Clubman

- 1st Andy Holbrook
- 2nd Con Spinks

Contest Director John Copsey writes – What a great day!

Pilots briefing got under way with the now not uncommon mentions of absent friends after the recent loss of stalwarts Steve Foster and Dave Hough.

We were able to get an unusually prompt start at 10.40am, which was just as well with a largish entry. Only 2 flyers managed to get into the 900's during the first round with Steve Smith leading Mark Legg by 28.7 points, whilst they got used to the gusty turbulent wind.

Round 2 followed on immediately and things started to hot up a bit. Unfortunately, John

Ash was unable to continue due to his model doing a striptease (lost some covering), but most of the others were improving their scores. Again, top scorer was Steve Smith on 1008.4 with 4 others close behind in the high 900's. Then a break for lunch. We restarted post birthday cake for Roy and Glen, at 2.30pm and the conditions allowed for further improvements in scores. It is always more exiting when the scores are really high, but also closely matched.

Mark just pipped top spot with a combined score of 2005 dead (best 2 rounds to score), Steve Smith came second with 2000.8 and Gary Church denied Roy the last podium place with a 3.9 point advantage (1999.4 against 1995.5). Gary also claimed the IVC Control Line Cup with the highest individual score by an IVC club member (1004.1).



1st Place and the Ray Malmstrom Cup awarded to Mark Legg



2nd place Steve Smith



3rd place and the IVCMAC Control Line cup goes to Gary Church as the highest placing IVCMAC member.

In Clubman both contestants showed a lot of improvement on previous years. Both chose to take on the complete Class II schedule and completed all 3 rounds. Although different style fliers, the scoring was quite close. As judge, I was impressed at the skill and bravery shown in less than perfect conditions for relatively inexperienced fliers.

In the end Andy Holbrooke showed the way with a best 2 rounds score of 800.4 against Con's combined score of 658.9. Both scores are high for Class II and Andy and Con are to be congratulated. It won't be long before they are moving up to F2b.



1st place in the clubman competition Andy Holbrooke

A very sincere thank you to judge Roger Ladds, George Adam and Mike Allen (the sheet runner) for a slick show and also to Gary Church for helping with Clubman.

Marlin meets its maker?



A sorry sight seen at IVC one Friday evening at the start of the season. Get the UHU Por glue out.....

Gregs Gee Bee Racer



Only Greg has the reactions to fly this little beauty in the Sports Hall. It flew very fast and very close to the walls, but was quite a spectacle. It's an interesting shape and I'm sure the real one was a challenge as well.

Indoor flying this winter

Indoor flying resumes on Saturday 19th September with an all afternoon Free Flight session from 1pm to 5pm. Remember to check the website for details to avoid coming on the wrong day.

We did a survey about this and it was decided to continue with the 3 weekly cycle of events.

The detailed results of the survey are overleaf.

Results of the indoor flying survey

Keep the 3 week cycle	17
Move to a 2 week cycle	5
Happy with either option	56

IVC sports field works

As you know, work started on 13th July to do archaeological digs before they start the real work of installing the new 3G artificial pitch, 4m high fencing and lights!!



This is an extract from the plan and below is a better idea of the location of the pitch



It appears that the archaeological dig which has now been filled in was just phase 1 and we should be able to carry on as usual till the end of this summer.

Work on the real pitch is due to start in early September so we will begin to see what we are faced with. This will give us plenty of time over the winter to make a plan for summer 2027. Members will be asked for their views!!

Gregs RC Parachutist



He's quite a big lad – Action Man size



He was rather unceremoniously strapped underneath Gregg's Cub. Greg dropped him and then Alan controlled him in a free fall for a few seconds before opening his chute and steering him to a safe(ish) landing using a 2nd RC set. Video [here](#).

Birthday Bash all day fly in

This is being held this Sunday 26th July from 10am onwards. Everyone is welcome to come and fly. There will be a free BBQ courtesy of Steve Mynott at lunchtime. The club will provide food and drink – burgers, sausages and soft drinks. If you have any special requirements, bring your own to put on the BBQ.

Check the details on the website calendar which includes details of competitions and fun fly events. If bringing your car onto the field, avoid driving over marked pitches. RC flying will be from the far side by the long jump pit.

The format for the day is [here](#).

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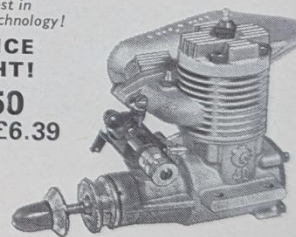
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