

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

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



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Miracle worker?

Steve Mynott is our well known collector of any and all surplus RC models. Just recently he has restored to flying condition a 30 year old model and a 40 year old model. Both had been lurking unloved in their previous owners garages.....



Laurent Lebouchers 40 year old "Tomcat" did some taxi trials at IVC and then flew at Ramsey MFC and briefly at IVC.



Trevor Sextons 30 year old "Dalotel" also flew in Steves capable hands at Ramsey. A video of the first flights is [here](#).

Where does he find the space to store all these models LOL?

Farnborough Airshow 2026

This was really dominated by drones – rotary and fixed wing. Also by the first public demo of an electric "EVTOL" aircraft from Vertical Aerospace.

Below are 3 examples



A video of some of the interesting things seen at Farnborough is [here](#).



US Department of War and Cooperation also seen at Farnborough!!!

Next summers flying

Well, we got through this summer with minimal disruption, but what about summer 2027? The current plan is –

1. See what the size of the new pitch is over the winter once work starts.
2. Walk the ground with a small group to see what ideas we can come up with.
3. Speak with Girton in case we can get exclusive use of the field there on Friday evenings as an alternative.
4. Ask members if they have any good ideas. Start thinking now!!

We would rather stay at IVC as we have been since 1946, but are not averse to moving if we have to. We must avoid impaling footballers!!

Off the Building Board



This is David Stophers new creation called Shove H'Penny. Looks an interesting model.

As previously reported, it's an original design by Vic Smeed in 1950 called the Shove H'Penny, modified recently and sold as a 'short kit' by MVM who made some necessary changes to the original plan, including laser cut parts for the short kit, but several mods were needed to accommodate electric power, including making access available to all the electrics for maintenance, etc.

Elastic bands for the wing and tail were eliminated, cooling ventilation added from nose through to motor. Elevator operation on the high tail via a 90deg crank was a bit fiddly. After spending a few days in a tree it was rescued and flew again but proved a tricky model to fly – especially at Impington!

A pair of beauties?



The models, not the 2 modellers!! Rob Littlechild is pictured with his VMC kit Fokker Dr1 Dreidecker, and Alan with Gordon Hannahs scratch built Tiger Moth. Both converted to RC. Alans Tiger did not fly well as it basically continued in FF mode left hand circuits – more right thrust needed. Robs Fokker flew straight off the board. Video of the Fokker [here](#).



Gordons amazing Tiger Moth – rather brutally converted to RC by Alan with sheet balsa rudder and elevator rather than the original built up structure (sorry Gordon!!). Sadly the Tiggy is no more – it met its end in a rather grisly fashion at IVC. Sad video [here](#).

Control Line creations



Tony Welch with his Mercury "New Junior Monitor" built from a Mercury kit. The fuselage is a hollow block. The motor is a SAM 250 Phoenix 2.5cc engine made in Ukraine. The model flew very nicely in August at IVC.



John Copsey poses by his new Randy Smith "Staris" being built from a plan using surplus wood from his shed. John got the wing ribs laser cut at Inwoods, but had some difficulties getting just what he wanted – ask him!!

This is a real full on F2b model.

Rescue of the month



Well this was back in August. Nigel pictured centre with his rescued "Glastar". The model disappeared behind the trees and was initially thought to be just over the trees.

Assisted by Jon and Daniel Sole, the trio eventually found it up a tree at the very far end of the field about 500 yards from the launch point. They found a stick and poked it down with virtually no damage.

Great effort chaps and a rare successful rescue from a flyaway.

Round the Pole



Roy Bowrons latest creations – all control line models modified for RTP that he brought to the first indoor session on 12th September. From the left a Midge speed model, a Skystreak at full scale and on the right a CL Trainer from Walt Musciano at 1/2 scale.

The RTP sessions are becoming a bit of a thing at the club now with 3 per year at the start, middle and end of the indoor season.

Some more photos are overleaf and a short video [here](#).



He likes a FW190 – these are David Robinsons pair. The profile model on the left was built over 20 years ago and the one on the right is new and being test flown before painting.



This tiny little model is a pure speed demon with a huge wing loading – in flight you can hardly see it!

Full circle?

In an amazing full circle 80 years after Ray Malmstrom started, Tony Welchs daughter Holly has just started at IVC as an arts teacher!! She is setting up a club to make and fly model planes.....

Chairman John and I have asked Tony to buy some simple BMFA kits for Holly and the club will fund up to £50. I have also approached the BMFA for some similar funding.

As a side issue, we have tasked Holly with finding out what's going on with the 3G pitch.

Christmas Party – 10th Dec

This will once again be held at the Cambridge Motor Boat club – details have been sent out.

British Spaceways – take 2



Originally designed by Ray Malmstrom with a single bladed prop with a counterbalance, Bruce has re-imagined it with a 2 bladed prop.



And away she goes – This flight was about 30 seconds so Bruce has worked his magic on yet another model.

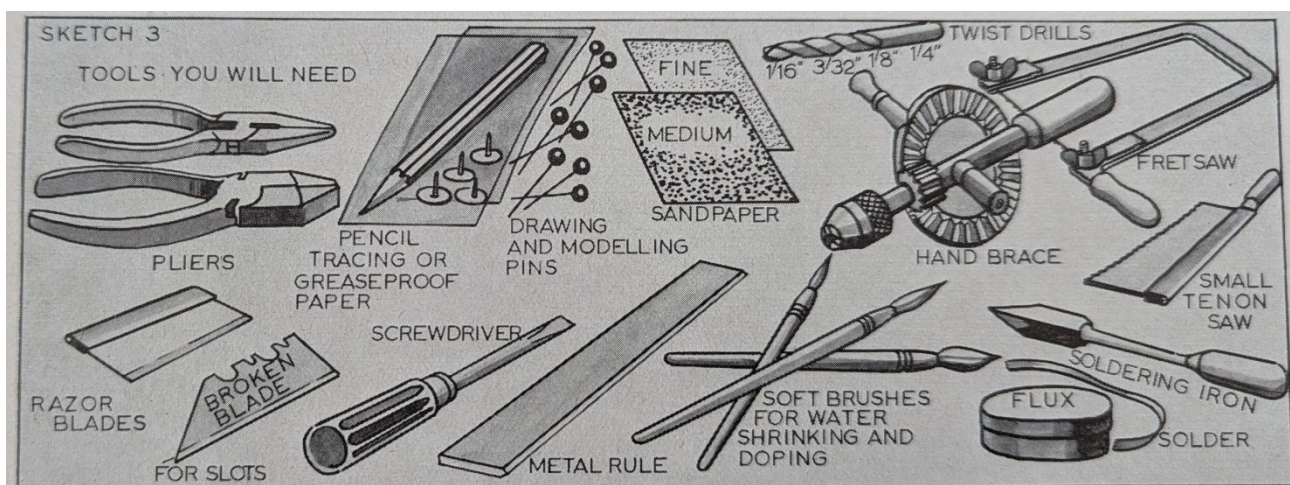
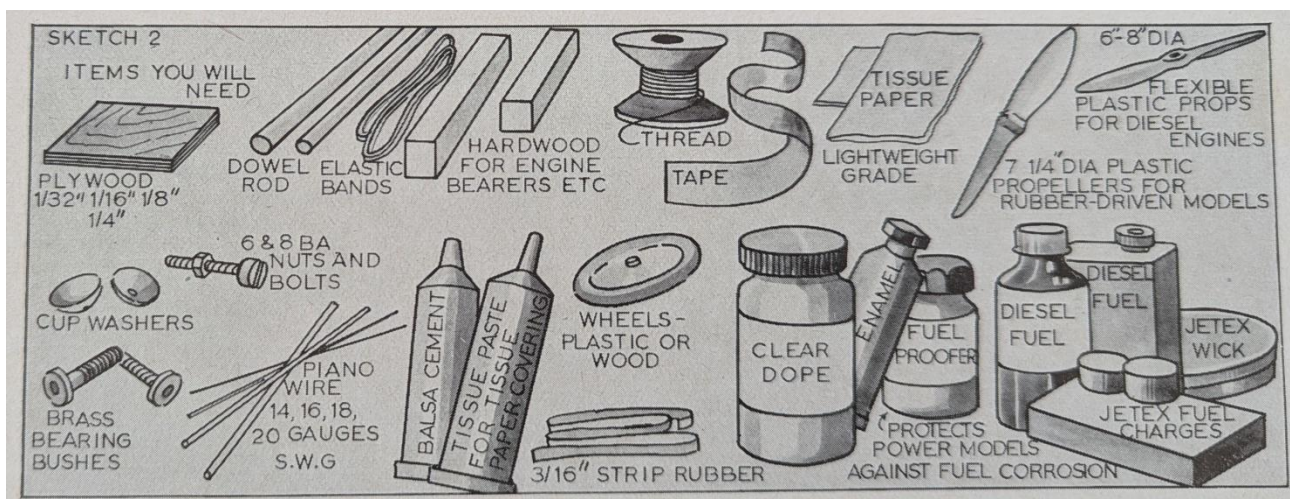


Rays original design with 1 bladed prop.

Calendar for next few weeks

SEP 26 Sat	Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Sep 26 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
OCT 3 Sat	Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm) @ IVC Main Sports Hall Oct 3 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
OCT 10 Sat	Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Oct 10 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
OCT 17 Sat	Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Oct 17 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
OCT 24 Sat	Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm) @ IVC Main Sports Hall Oct 24 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Committee meeting @ IVC canteen area Oct 24 @ 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
OCT 31 Sat	Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Oct 31 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
NOV 7 Sat	Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Nov 7 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
NOV 14 Sat	Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm) @ IVC Main Sports Hall Nov 14 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Annual General Meeting @ IVC Sports Hall Nov 14 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm
NOV 21 Sat	Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Nov 21 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
NOV 28 Sat	Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Nov 28 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
DEC 5 Sat	Indoor mixed flying – RC (1pm to 3pm) and FF (3pm to 5pm) @ IVC Main Sports Hall Dec 5 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
DEC 10 Thu	Christmas Party @ Cambridge Motor Boat Club Dec 10 @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
DEC 12 Sat	Indoor Free Flight flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Dec 12 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
DEC 19 Sat	Indoor Radio Control flying @ IVC Main Sports Hall Dec 19 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

From the Eagle Book of Model Aircraft – Club founder Rays building guide showing the tools and equipment needed.



The sketches really show off Rays drawing skills.