

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

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



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Indoor FF Scale Nationals

These were held back in April and it has taken a while to remember that several club members took part. John Valiant, Paul Hoey, Clive Anderson and Gary Flack all made the journey to Walsall for the competition.



Clive Fike was 5th in Pistachio size



Pauls Myers M-1 Special was 3rd in intermediate scale



And his Tiger Moth did well in kit scale.
Electric powered.



Gary had his FW190 D-9 in Peanut and his tiny Wyvern in Pistachio.



And John had his new Yokosuka D4Y1 "Judy"



Another picture of the Judy

Congratulations to all who made the effort and took part.

Roy's RTP Lancaster



Nearing completion is Roy Bowrons RTP Lanc. He writes - This is my current build 26" span VMC Lancaster with 4 RTP Hut Wren motors and a semi-retractable undercarriage built in and operated by momentary reversal of polarity of the line supply. A diode bridge circuit in the model keeps the motors turning correctly during the momentary reversal that operates the u/c solenoids.

It currently weighs in at 7oz. The u/c will introduce an element of jeopardy as mostly it works but sometimes it might not! Plan is to take off using a dolly, lower u/c in flight and land (or pancake)! The VMC kit is brilliant and can also be built as free flight rubber power, r/c or just for display. It is a build to be savoured.

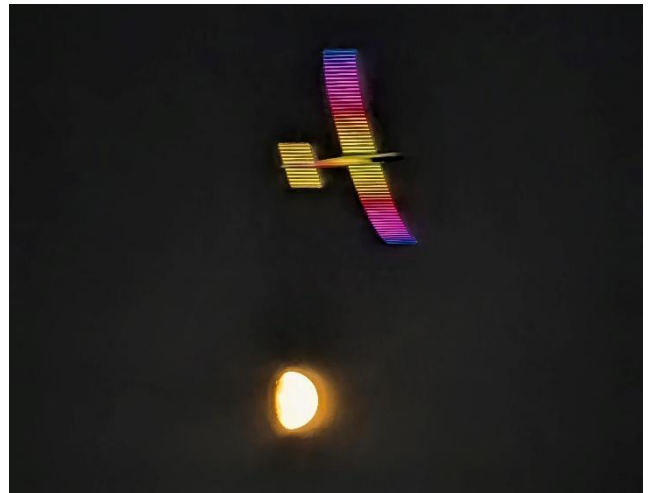


The finished model awaiting test flights – Roy says the scale detail of the VMC kit is really good.

Night flying



Flite test Franken Storch flies through the moon. Picture from a mobile phone!! Not AI.



Neil flies past the moon when it got a bit darker.



And he risks his Night Radian flying through one of Malcolms large fireworks. They scared his grandchildren so he gave them to us.

Floatplane Frolics

Taking advantage of the good weather, Malcolm and Alan ventured to Northstowe lakes for some more floatplane flying – no rescue rope of doom needed this time!



Alan with the Twin Nova in the foreground.



Malcolms Agtrator which flew well.

All the people who stopped to look were very friendly and interested, unlike the last time when we had one very surly visitor! Video of the larking [here](#)

Christmas Party

This will be held on Thursday 10th December at the Cambridge Motor Boat Club. The cost is £15 per head and full details are on the [website calendar](#).

Aero Ecology trial continues

We have been asked by the University if we can take the trial we did back in April a bit further. Basically they hired a professional drone but it was too expensive. We tried an Easystar and then the Lightning – see over.

We found the Easystar wasn't really powerful enough and then we tried a Lightning glider which had the power but was too fast as drag increases at the square of speed. We tried a small net and a big net....



The Lightning towed the small net OK



The big net was a bit of a challenge with full power needed on every turn. We are now trialling slower more powerful models – Gregs Fun Cub and Alans Tundra. Hopefully we will have some good results soon.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Saturday 14th November at 2.30pm in the Sports Hall. RC flying will stop a bit early and hopefully FF will start on time if the AGM is concluded quickly!!

The annual report and an agenda will be circulated before the AGM and the documents published on the website. Please print or have any info you need on your phone / tablet as hard copy will not be distributed at the meeting. If you have any items for AOB, please let us have them in advance, but it's fine to raise points on the day as well. One suggestion we have had already is to have a couple of indoor FF Saturday events during the summer. For info each 4 hour session costs £104.

Recruiting poster from 1915 – 10p per day.....!!

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