

**Impington Model Aeroplane Club**  
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## Something new?

Bryan has decided to hang up his quill, or at least suspend his keyboard bashing after 3 years and 18 fantastic newsletters – topical, full of content and a joy to read. At the recent AGM, all the members gave Bryan a hearty “Thank You”.

I have been asked to step in with something shorter but regular – at least every 2 months or whenever there is something to say. If you have any news, please let me have it on Thursday evenings or via my e-mail. As a new member, I will need your help and “almost anything” will be published!! Alan

## Indoor Free Flight Comps

Well done to Bruce for organising the 2 most recent indoor competitions. His reports are below -

### Precision Flying 30 second duration

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October we held our annual precision contest which normally has a good attendance. This year was no exception and ten of us took part with a diverse range of models. There were scale models, stick and tissue like the BMFA Frog and Gyminnie Cricket plus Tony Hebb's designed Heavy Stick.

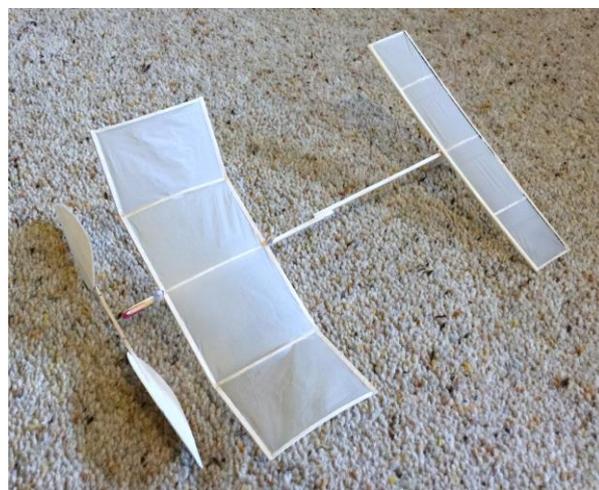
It was a very busy time with many models in the air at the same time and a collection of people attempting to trim them out. During his first flight, Gordon Hannah had an unfortunate incident when a wheel literally fell off his “wagon” causing his plane to crash after 16.7 seconds. As it couldn't be repaired on the night, that was the end for him!

I hope that everybody enjoyed this event and thank you to all for taking part be it flying, timing or just watching. The results were –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Strachan
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Gotthelf Wiedermann
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Hugh Stevenson
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Alan Paul
  - 5<sup>th</sup> David Leech
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Richard Staines
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Bruce Lindsay
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Mick Flack
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Gary Flack
- Retired hurt Gordon Hannah

### Heavy Stick duration

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November we had our 4<sup>th</sup> contest of the year. The inspiration came from the BMFA News in June with a design by Tony Hebb for a stick model that anyone could build with a target weight of 1.5 to 2.0 grams. A minimum weight of 1.5 grams was set and the plan allowed several different configurations to be built.



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bruce Lindsay  | 250 sec |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Hugh Stevenson | 228 sec |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mick Flack     | 181 sec |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | David Leech    | 161 sec |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Alan Paul      | 131 sec |

There were a good number of different planes built to the plan. Hugh Stevenson proved to be very good with a first flight of 78 seconds. Mick Flack and Alan Paul were still trimming and with each flight achieved better times as the night went on. David Leech could not improve his times and believed it was down to being too heavy.

(That's my excuse too as I took the models name too literally - Ed).

## Public Meeting spot landing comp

This was a very light hearted event held on 30<sup>th</sup> October in the big hall and there must have been over 20 planes in the air at once. To qualify you had to be airborne for over 20 seconds, and then the 2 models closest on landing to 2 strategically placed bottles of wine won those bottles for the pilots!!

This is the sort of event which can be won more by luck than judgement which was evident as I won one of the bottles.....

## Indoor RC comp planned

This will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, so get practicing. It will be a very simple spot landing competition where every model will have an equal chance of winning.

Best of up to 3 attempts – fly overhead the spot on the floor, close the throttle and do a circuit and land. The distance from spinner to the spot will be measured and the closest person wins (no prizes).

## Marshalls Visit

30 of us went round Marshalls Hangars on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. I was very pleased to talk to such an enthusiastic bunch about the company history and show everyone around. There has been quite a change over the years as the 2 pictures below show.



RAF C130J servicing today



Can you name the aircraft in the background of this 1943 photo?

If there is more demand to look round, we can arrange another visit next summer.

## Outdoor flying sites

We now have another site at Cottenham courtesy of Norman who twisted a few arms earlier this year, and Richards site at Longstanton. The 4 sites are –

1. **Impington** – Electric RC and I/C Control line on Friday evenings in the summer
2. **Girton** – Electric and I/C. Need to watch for football training on some weekday mornings and matches on Sundays plus dog walkers
3. **Cottenham** – Great new flying site. Park at Recreation Ground car park signposted off Lambs Lane, then walk 200 yards to far field through gap in hedge. Nice smooth surface, but electric RC only. No dog walkers, but avoid Sundays where there are football matches and some evenings (mainly Wed and Thur) after 5pm where there can be training, although there is plenty of room to coexist
4. **Longstanton** – Smaller site for electric RC only. Just off Hattons Lane – see Richard Staines

## That's all folks!

Next edition will be in Feb or as soon as there is stuff to put in it, so let me have it.....

The wartime photo at Marshalls shows a Mosquito in the foreground (obviously), but not so obviously an Albemarle in the background. Both types were very frequent visitors.