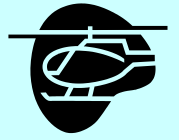




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The Newsletter of the Medway Model Flying Club.

November 2011

Chairman's Bits N Bobs

Hello everyone.

Our Bonfire night will soon be here ,Sat 12th Nov. Hope to see you and you families there . Don't forget that we will be flying all day and night flying until the bonfire party breaks up. No fast IC models for night flying please but slow or sedate IC models are OK. Electric model are ok but again no fast rocket ships as it can get dangerous in a blink of an eye!

It will soon be AGM time so come along and have your say and vote , or just have a drink and a chat . This year we re-started collecting for the Kent Air Ambulance and collections have gone quite well . What we have been short of is Raffle prizes . Do you have any kits, engines, tools, books or pictures that you are not likely to build or use items that you no longer need that we could raffle ? Home made cakes jam etc will all help the charity . Please only donate for the raffle if items are in excellent or unused condition. If so please contact me or any committee member and let them know. We would be very grateful for any prizes donated. Any Items that are obviously used or need TLC can be sold at our boot sales next spring!

Now the serious stuff ! What are you building over the winter months ? If you don't have any plans or ideas to build then how about some maintenance on your fleet ! Model airplanes need maintenance so now is the time to think about it. Any models or radio gear that you don't intend using until spring... remove the batteries . Also store in a dry, warm area if possible as damp conditions will seriously damage you models as well as the radio gear. A quick check over can reveal all sorts of nasty's ; such as loose hinges, broken spars, bent and loose U/C's, lifting covering etc. If found now it can give you something to do when it gets really wet or cold and you'll be ready for spring. Cycle your batteries and store them indoors in the warm and dry, this helps prevent black wire corrosion that kills many models every year.

Also check the capacity of your batteries (if your charger can do that) as NiMh cells seem to be more prone to dying suddenly than the old in-cads we used some years ago. Store lipo's according to the manufacturers instructions. Engines ,especially glow engines thoroughly oil them using a good quality after run oil (Weston's Vapour Oil is very good) oil and store them with the carb closed and exhaust plugged to stop the damp air getting inside . If the bearings are feeling rough then now is a good time to get them re-placed ,not difficult and certainly less expensive than a new engine.

That's all from me for now so a passing thought ..."The secret of flight is to aim for the ground and miss" - Phil

Ramblings from a flight line.



The Walnut Tree club has asked us to change back to **Wednesdays** for our club meetings. This will be welcomed by many I feel sure, and should now remain back at Wednesdays. The first meeting will be November 2011 meeting which is also our AGM November 30th (**don't forget that!**)

If wish to nominate yourself (or others) for a committee place, then this is the time to do it!

Also James wishes to thank everyone who gave up time and effort to attend the Rochester Airport fun fly -in over the summer months. I attended a few at it was great to see such friendship and like minded modellers just having a good time.

More to come in 2012 we are told so well done to all and here's to next years fly-ins!



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The inverted side



London Model Engineering Exhibition - 20 -22 Jan 2012
"On Track" military modelling show- Leas Cliffe Hall-Folkestone- 25th Feb 2012

Nats 2011—written by Mike Smith (cheers mate!)

Hope springs eternal, so it is said, so of to Barkston with the caravan to attend the Nats on the August Bank Holiday.

I flew in two free flight classes, Co2/ Electric, and Superscale (ic power). The "Barkston Blow" was as strong as ever so we trooped of to the flight line at 6.00 dreading our names being called. I was first up in electric with the DH10c, it's always a bummer being first as you seem to make every mistake in the book, and I did. Good take off but under elevated for the first downwind leg and the DH10 took a very heavy landing under power. "Oh Gosh" I thought. Collect the pieces and try with the Handley Page 0/7. With the tried and trusted designs of the comp' model now it is very rare to total a model and as a result the model was not as bad as we thought and I managed to get it back together again. Second flight was good and stable. The nerves are shot to hell by now. Second flight was much better and proved to be the winning flight.

I was again guilty of under elevating the HP 0/7 in the windy conditions, fearing horrible stalls, and exactly the same result happened with the first flight and it crashed onto the tarmac where things are not as forgiving as the grass and made a right mess of it. I burnt the midnight oil and put it back together again but we did not fly on Sunday as the blow was impossible.

This was very frustrating as the past 3 years have been non flyable to all but the suicidal.

To put the icing on the cake the Scale Technical Committee also awarded me the Handley Page Trophy for top scoring twin at the Nats and I went home happy!

There is more info on <http://www.freeflightscale.com>

Indoor flying at Fort Pitt Grammar School Chatham

On Jan 15th , Feb 19th and March 11th & 25th . 10am to 4pm
(Support is required for indoor flying - so use it or loose it)

Adults £5-00 , Juniors £2-00 under 5s free . Spectators £2.
All profits go to the Kent Air Ambulance .
For further details contact Colin on 01634-317187 or Phil on
01795-476535

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Bonfire Night Fly In 12th November

Pallets/wood required
for bonfire.

If you have any spare paint
contact Vid
(for painting the boxes)



"I'll just have a quick
smoke and then
I'll be off!"

Three things every aircraft commander loves to hear



Checklist complete



Nice Landing



I'll buy the first round