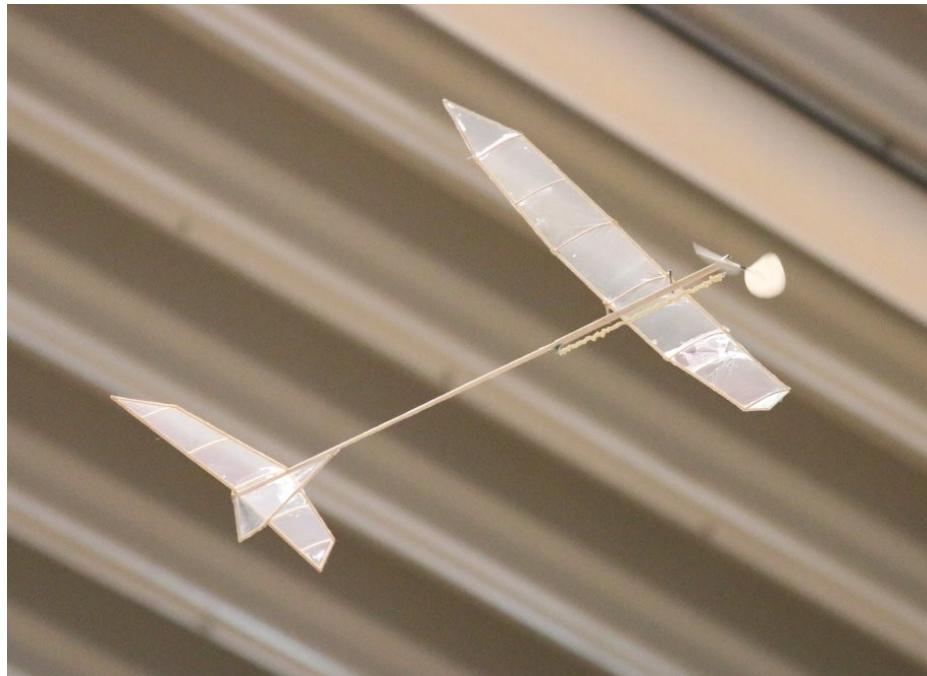
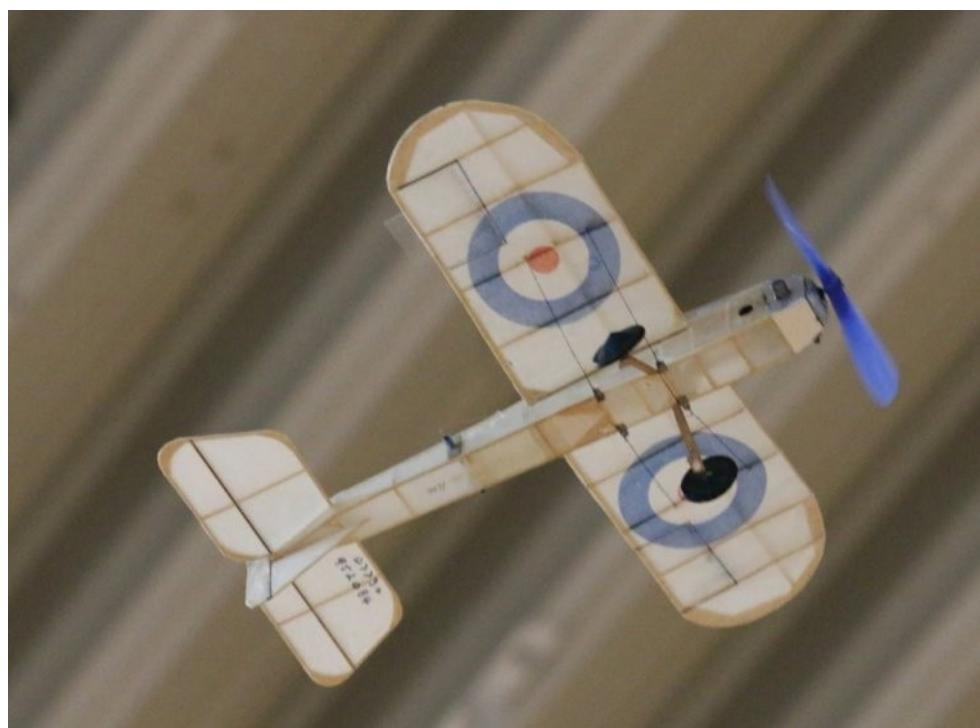


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Rob Funnell's A6 Talgiafico Slugger  
Photo – Andy Blackburn



Dave King's BAT Torpedo  
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## Calendar

### 2025

| Date                       | Session       | Event   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| April 12 <sup>th</sup>     |               |   |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>       |               |   |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>      |               |   |
| July 12 <sup>th</sup>      |               |   |
| August 16 <sup>th</sup>    |               |   |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> |               |   |
| October 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 09:00 – 13:00 | Unrestricted Bostonian<br>CD – John Winfield          |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>  |               | Themed Scale. High Wing<br>Monoplane<br>CD - Lurk     |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>  |               | Christmas Keil Kraft Elf<br>CD – Volunteer requested. |

If a session date changes an e-mail message will be sent to everyone on the distribution list as soon as possible.

### 2026 - Provisional

| Date                       | Session       | Event   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| January 10 <sup>th</sup>   |               |   |
| February 14 <sup>th</sup>  |               |   |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup>     |               | Single Design. Bostonian Knight<br>CD – John Winfield |
| April 18 <sup>th</sup>     |               |   |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>       |               |   |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>      |               |   |
| July 12 <sup>th</sup>      |               |   |
| August 16 <sup>th</sup>    |               |   |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> |               |   |
| October 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 09:00 – 13:00 | Keil Kraftlet<br>CD - Lurk                            |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>  |               | Trinity Tanner Scale.<br>CD - Lurk                    |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>  |               | Christmas Elf<br>CD – Tony Calvert (?)                |

**These dates may change and will not be confirmed until October at the earliest. Details of the party games can be found further on.**

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## Parish Notices

### Flying at Trinity

When you arrive, please try and fill-in the corners and short edges of the hall first so as to leave the largest possible unobstructed area for flying.

The meetings are, mostly, sport-oriented; just turn up, pay and fly. However, there will sometimes be an informal, “just for fun” event which will be fitted-in around the sport flying so that it doesn’t disturb anyone who isn’t taking part.

FF & RC models are allocated half-hour slots, FF starting on the hour. FF models may be flown during the RC session, but you do so at your own risk.

**If you are flying a FF model during the RC half hour please make absolutely sure that you don't obstruct an RC flier's view of his or her model. Especially when the RC model is being launched.**

### Trinity Dimensions & Model Suitability

The hall's limiting dimensions are, roughly; 7m to bottom of the rafters and approximately 13m between the basketball nets and about 15m maximum.

For FF scale models a span of 17"-18" is a “safe” maximum, but models of up to 20" with a low wing loading have been flown successfully. As a rule of thumb, given the size of the hall, a model with a wing loading of about  $10\text{g/dm}^2$  or lower (without motor) is very likely to survive a session. Duration models usually have such a low wing loading that more or less anything of that sort can be flown, the limit being the rafters. RC models up to 24" span are regularly flown successfully.

### Contributors

My thanks to Andy Blackburn, Chris Brainwood, John Whatmore and Ian Melville.

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## Online Resource Hub.

For back issues and plans point your browser at

[www.trinityindoor.uk](http://www.trinityindoor.uk)

If you've got any material you wanted added to the site, contact John Whatmore who set it up and maintains it for us.

## Free Stuff.

If you've got stuff you want to hand on for free please send Lurk an e-mail a week to a few days before the meeting and the details will be added to the usual reminder message that goes out shortly before the meeting.

## Newsletter Schedule

### Planned Issue Dates

January  
March  
May  
July  
September  
November

The newsletter will usually be sent out towards the end of the week following the Trinity meeting.

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## Frogwell Flyer Challenge

### The Challenge

A prize to the first person to get a Frogwell Flyer to, or over, the 60.0s mark, indoors from a hand launch, by the end of the December Trinity meeting. That is, one o'clock in the afternoon of the 13th of December 2025.

### Rules & Recording

The flight must be independently timed and the model built in accordance with the dimensions on the plan and tissue covered, but modifications to reduce weight are permitted. The choice of propeller and motor is left to the challenger.

Parishioners who already have Flyers may use their existing model or build a new one.

Flight reports to be sent to the Challenge Sponsor (Lurk) at the usual electronic post address. The winner will be announced as soon as possible after a winning result is received.

Flight reports must include the location, date and time of the flight, its duration as well as the names of the modeller & timekeeper. Flight duration is to be rounded down to the nearest 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a second.

Any flight time of 53.1s or greater may be submitted, see below.

### Prizes

There will be a couple of bottles of beer for the winner as well as £20 worth of Trinity session tokens courtesy of the Vicar.

Anyone other than the winner getting a time of 59.5 seconds or more will win some confectionery.

In the event that no-one breaks achieves the 59.5 mark or 60.0s mark a single prize will be awarded for the maximum longest flight in excess of 53s. If two or more modellers record the same time the prize will be awarded for the first flight to make that time.

Prizes will be awarded at the January 2026 Trinity meeting.

**The challenge is also open to OMFC & OFMAC flyers**

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## Other Indoor Meetings

Peterborough MFC

<https://peterboroughmfc.org/events>

| Date                          | Session   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>2025</b>                   |   |
| Sunday Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>   |   |
| Saturday Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10 o'clock 'til 2 o'clock                       |
| <b>2026</b>                   |   |
| Saturday Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> | The March '26 meetings may run until 4 o'clock. |
| Sunday March 1 <sup>st</sup>  |   |
| Sunday March 29 <sup>th</sup> |   |

OFMAC

Abbey Sports Centre, Berinsfield, OX10 7NR

FF Rubber, CO<sub>2</sub> & Electric

Contact: Ian Melville [ofmac@redkite.aero](mailto:ofmac@redkite.aero) or 0754 515 8177

| Date                          | Session                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>2025</b>                   |                          |
| Sunday Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>    |                          |
| Sunday Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>    |                          |
| Sunday Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 9 o'clock 'til 3 o'clock |
| <b>2026</b>                   |                          |
| Sunday Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>    |                          |
| Sunday Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>    |                          |
| Sunday April 12 <sup>th</sup> |                          |
| Sunday May 10 <sup>th</sup>   |                          |

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## Free Stuff

John Winfield's got a trolley; Toy aeroplanes, transport of, for the use of, to get rid of. First come first served, collect from Trinity



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## June

Summer's here and the weather conducive to flying out of doors so another quiet month. Most of us seemed to be concentrating on sport cabin models. There was a little scale activity, but not as much as usual. Having made an unofficial 61s with his Frogwell Flyer Paul Masterman was kept busy trying to make it official. He got close a couple of times, but not quite close enough.

## June's Models

Andy Blackburn

Andy was one of the few flying scale models. Most of his time was spent on the, relatively new, Bede but he also had handful of proven fliers to keep amused.



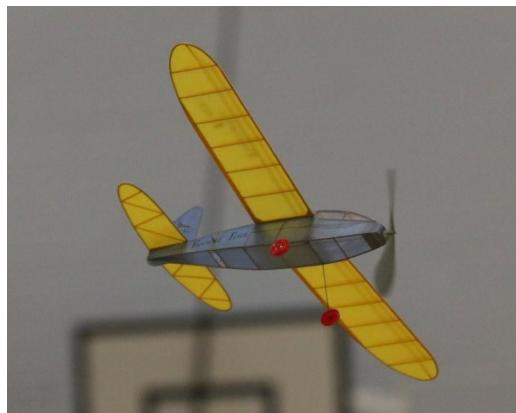
Sparrowhawk, Bede BD-4 & Euler D VI  
Photos: Staff

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## John Whatmore

John had a relaxed time of it with his Frogwell Flyer & Keil Kraft Elf. His OD Bostonian Rearwin got an airing too, it flies very well indeed. See the June newsreel.



Preston Frogwell Flyer  
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Whatmore Rearwin  
Photo: Andy Blackburn

## Tony Calvert

Tony was flying a number of models, but his Boston Bunny was on particularly fine form.



Boston Bunny...  
Photo: Staff



... in flight  
Photo: Andy Blackburn

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## Peter Brown

Peter was busy trimming his entry for the October '26, yes October *next* year, Keil Kraftlet. A 16" span Achilles. As might be expected it flies well, see the July newsreel.



Achilles...  
Photo: Staff



...unleashed  
Photo: Andy Blackburn

## Steve Haines

Not to be outdone by Peter, Steve was also trimming his entry for the Kraftlet, a very prettily turned out Gypsy. There's also a clip of this flying in the July newsreel. Given their routine advance preparation for the party games I sometimes wonder if Steve and Peter were in the Scouts.



Keil Kraftlet Gypsy  
Photos: Staff

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Richard Preston

It's not a proper Trinity unless Richard turns up with a new OD model. He didn't let us down this month. The Frogwell Flivver made an appearance as did his scaled up Flyer which has been converted from electric / RC back to FF rubber. The Agro MK IV also debuted. There'll be a bit more from Richard later on about the evolution of the Agro series in a future edition of the parish mag.



Preston Frogwell Flivver  
Photos: Staff

Colin Sharman

Colin was continuing to trim his Frogwell Flyer.



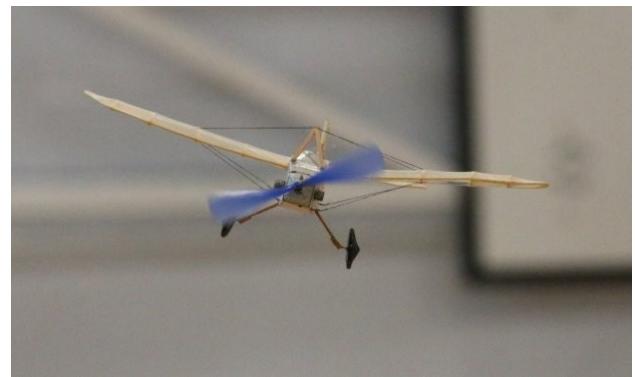
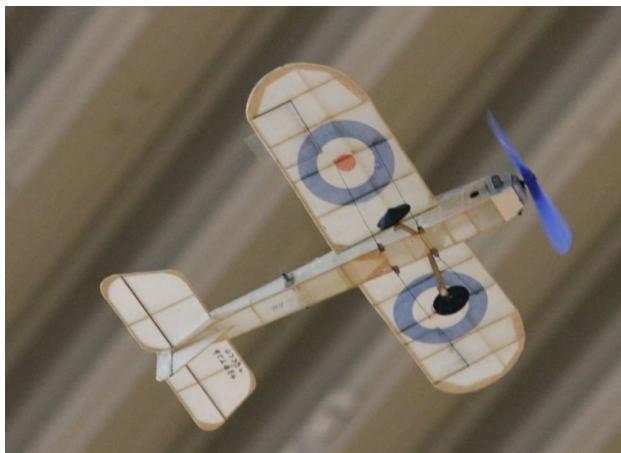
Preston Frogwell Flyer  
Photo: Staff

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## Dave King

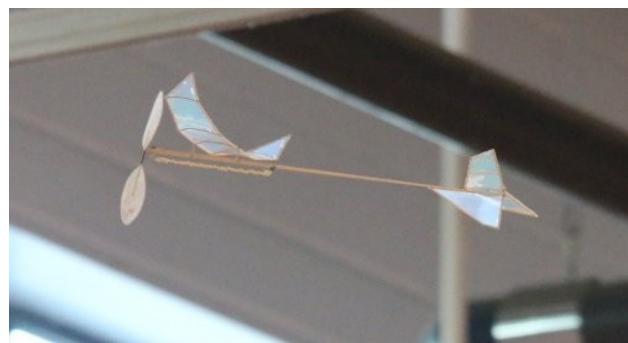
Another of the few scale models. Dave's BAT Torpedo was given another successful airing. This model works very well indoors and out and doesn't take a lot of retrimming when swapping between environments.



BAT Torpedo:  
Photos: Andy Blackburn

## Rob Funnell

Rob was quietly getting on with flying his lighter than air creations for hours at a time.



Talgiafico A6 Slugger  
Photo: Andy Blackburn

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## Lurk

I was re-establishing the rubber powered configuration's trim on my "Wireless Countess", the world's smallest flying Radio Queen. Probably. At some point I'll be swapping it back to super-cap with a 720 motor in place of the 615s that have proved a bit gutless for this model.



Wireless Countess  
Photos: Andy Blackburn

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## July

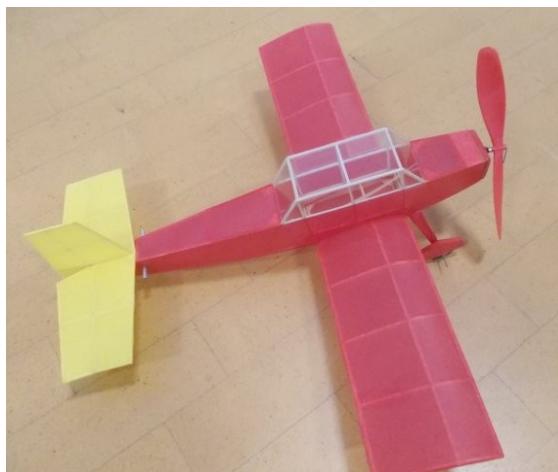
Despite the heat, 32°C, quite a few parishioners (Noel Coward refers) were at the OFMC Scale Fly In on Port Meadow so there was lots of lovely clear airspace for the 15 or so of us who turned up. A bit more scale activity this month and Peter Brown was also hawking his new “Acme” rubber strippers to all and sundry. They’re really rather good you know, and perfect for field use.

Quite a few bods remarked on the very odd loss of trim for many models that were flying perfectly well at the June meeting. Seems like the models (or maybe the motors) were feeling the heat too.

## July's Models

### Laurie Kirby

Laurie was one of several people who have already built Bostonian Knights for the March '26 party game. I don't know how far he got with it, but the test glides I saw were very promising. His FROG Heron was one of those models that had lost trim and was a right pain.



Bostonian Knight  
Photos: Staff

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## Steve Haines

Another Bostonian Knight from Steve finished in his “special project” scheme. He was also flying his 16” span Keil Kraft Gypsy which, providing he doesn’t break it in the meantime, looks like it will be a serious contender in next year’s Keil Kraftlet party game.



Bostonian Knight  
Photos: Staff

## Gerard Moore

G's full of surprises. When you've, just about, got used to his skill in creating tiny wee CO<sub>2</sub> powered gems he turns up with an elephant. Mind you it *is* a very lightweight elephant. His own design F1M, “Dumbo”. Trinity is bit too small and narrow for something like this, but despite the constraints G was still able to get a 4' 30" flight.



“Dumbo”  
Photo: Staff

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## Paul Masterman

I was surprised to see Paul flying a scale model this month, I think it may be a first for him at Trinity so I'll let him tell you about it.

*This is a Martin MO-1 and was originally built (this edition is the second) from a George Bredehoft drawing in a Volare Neo-Dime Scale kit. My inspiration for building this version came from a SAM 27 Club (Petaluma, CA) idea to have folks build the design for outdoor flying at our Lakeville site, since it had a vast area wing, giving it a light loading. Several members built the design (although I'm not sure if it was this size, maybe slightly larger) but it was a success. Haven't got mine anywhere fixed yet, but expect I'll get there eventually!*



Martin MO-1

A quick on-line search turns up the interesting fact that, although it was built by Martin, the MO-1 was designed by Fokker. If you'd like one of your own there are a small handful of plans available on OZ including one at Peanut scale and a Peter Rake 21" span electric version. There's even a control-line one if you fancy a go at Carrier Deck.

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## Ray Goodenough

Good to see Ray back and flying after his ill-health enforced absence. He brought along a model that was last in regular use over 10 years ago, his MicroX Pilatus Porter. This was his Kit Scale entry at the Indoor FF Nats in 2013 when it placed 6<sup>th</sup>. It flies really nicely, see the July newsreel, but it does need a bigger hall than Trinity in its current trim.



Pilatus Porter  
Photos: Staff

## Peter Smart

A couple of new models from Peter, both built while he was in sick bay with cracked ribs. The first is a VMC Fokker D VIII and the second a proof of concept model (sort of) commissioned by John Stennard. It's an electric RC "not quite" Pioneer with magnet actuated control surfaces. Peter's not that pleased with the appearance, it's not as neat and tidy as he would like, but the flight characteristics are close to perfect for indoor use.



VMC Fokker D VIII  
Photo: Staff

One half of a twin pin  
Photo: Staff

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## Lionel Haines

I'm very pleased to report that Lionel's now back to being a "flying" regular. His Skiptown Cadet was busy this month and he had also brought along a Bostonian Knight that he'd built a while ago and is the model that launched next year's single design comp.



Bostonian Knight  
Photos: Staff

## Richard Preston

Richard's been ringing the changes on an earlier design and we now have the stick and tissue, "Sonic Boomer" which is an enlarged version of his foamie Boomer. It was trimmed and flying in very short order.



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## Peter Brown

As well as his 16" Achilles Peter brought along his Andreasson. Nice to see one done in a scheme other than the usual blue with red & yellow sunray wings.



Achilles  
Photo: Staff



Andreasson  
Photo: Staff

## John Winfield

John was another with a Bostonian Knight as well as his Veron Comper Swift and (he thinks) a Taylorcraft.



John's Fleet  
Photo: Staff

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## Work In Progress

### Lurk – VMC Fokker D VIII

There's obviously something in the air. We seem to have a small flock of D VIIIs in various states of forwardness, Roger Butler's KK one being trimmed, Peter Smart's VMC version also being trimmed and Andy Blackburn is in the early stages of a DPC kit build.

I've been working on mine off and on since the end of January and the end is just about in sight. Maybe. Some of the delay is because I've been distracted by the super-cap variant of the Wireless Countess and some because I've been, ummm *tinkering* with modifications to the kit. I've gone with scale dihedral, I may come to regret this decision. Never mind, easy enough to build another wing and it won't be the first time I've had to do that.

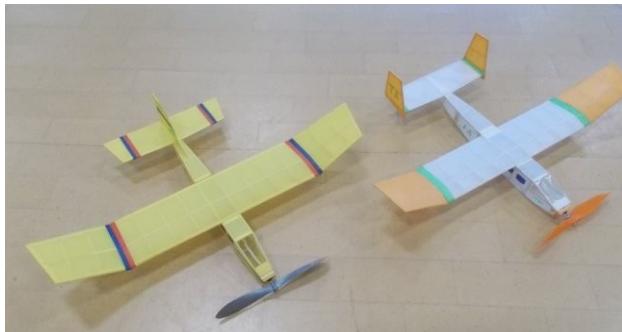


VMC Fokker D VII with tweaks  
Photos: The Lurker Industries Aviation Cº. L<sup>td.</sup>

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## Just Because



Clockwise from top left  
Richard's Agros M IV & MK II  
A flight of Knights.

Trees or basket ball nets *something's* going to snag a model. Paul's MO-1  
Rob's & Ray's MicroX Pilatus Porters.

Photos: Staff

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## Newsreels & Other Links

Thanks to John Whatmore & Chris Brainwood for creating the compilations.

June            <http://www.bluebottlesquadron.com/html/Trinity/Trinity%20June%202025.mp4>

July            <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDRH4UdMIHM>