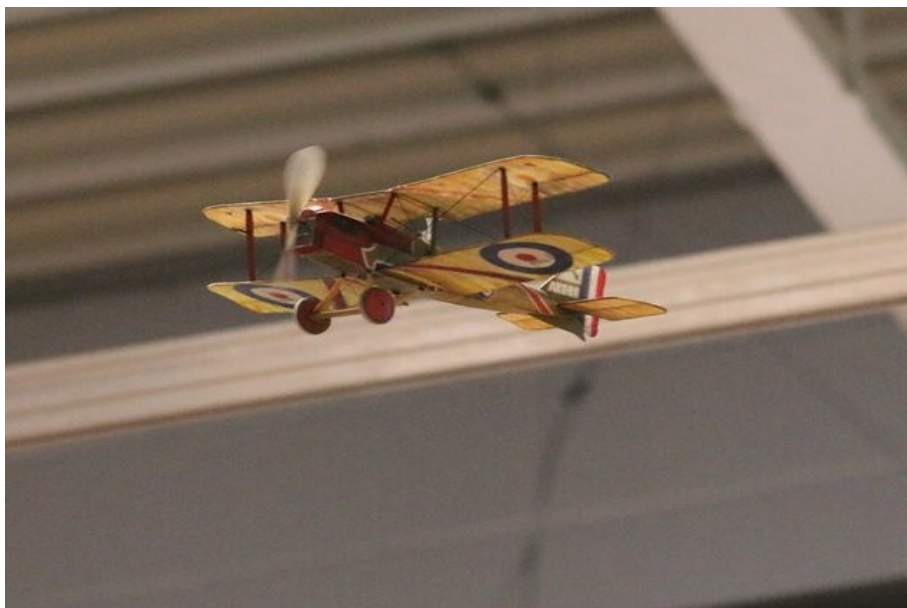
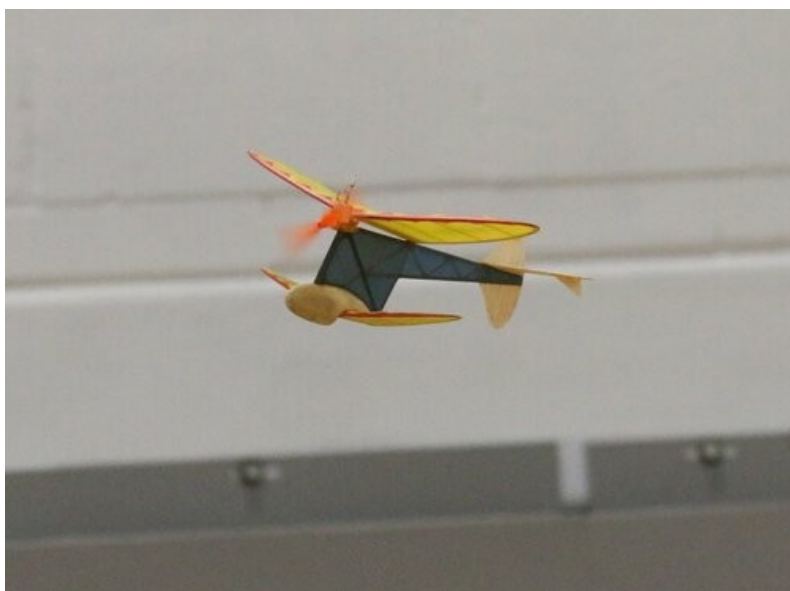


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Lee Bates' RAF SE5a
Photo – *Andy Blackburn*



Gerard Moore's Malmström Mimi
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Calendar

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

2026

Date	Session	Event
August 15 th	09:00 – 13:00	
September 12 th		
October 10 th		Keil Kraftlet CD - Lurk
November 14 th		Trinity Tanner Scale. CD – Lurk
December 12 th		Christmas Elf CD – Tony Calvert (?)

These dates are confirmed.

2027 – Provisional

These dates will not be confirmed until October at the earliest.

Date	Session	Event
January 9 th	09:00 – 13:00	
February 13 th		
March 13 th		
April 10 th		
May 15 th		
June 12 th		
July 17 th		
August 14 th		
September 11 th		
October 9 th		
November 13 th		
December 11 th		

The hall rental is to be increased which means the flying fee will have to increase from January. John will let us know what the new fees will be.

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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 10g/dm² 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

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Online Resource Hub.

For back issues and plans point your browser at

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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Other Indoor Meetings

Peterborough MFC

<https://peterboroughmfc.org/events>

Date	Session
2027	10 o'clock 'til 2 o'clock
Awaiting dates	

OFMAC

Abbey Sports Centre, Berinsfield, OX10 7NR

FF Rubber, CO₂ & Electric

Contact: Ian Melville ofmac@redkite.aero or 0754 515 8177

Date	Session
2027	9 o'clock 'til 3 o'clock
Awaiting dates.	

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June

A good turnout despite the fine weather and competing attraction of OMFC's scale event at Port Meadow, but I did notice there was an awful lot more gossiping than flying going on and at times there were no models in the air at all.

I'm very happy to report that John Scates is with us again after his long, illness enforced, absence. Welcome back John.

I only noticed only two or three new models being tested and flown this month, John Whatmore continued trimming his Preston Sonex Highwing with very good results, John Scates had a brand new Bostonian Thunderbolt from John Whatmore's plan and Lurk finally summoned up enough courage to make a start on his VMC Fokker D VIII. John Winfield had a new Dumas Curtiss P6 & a Ross Canarsie Canary with him, but I don't know if either of them were flown.

You may already have heard that Dumas have closed down as of the 5th of June. I hadn't, John Winfield told me. A loss, but they had been trading for 80 years so not a bad run. We also lost the Bradley brothers' (of no-cal fame) web site in the last few weeks as they too have decided to call it a day. As I write this I don't know of any on-line archive of either sets of plans.

June's Models

John Scates

As he's a sort of honorary new bug this month we'll start with John's Thunderbolt. He wasn't at all happy with how trimming was going, but I expect he'll sort it out.



Bostonian Thunderbolt

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John Winfield

As noted earlier John had a Dumas P6 and the slightly less complicated Canarsie Canary with him. The Canary is by Don Ross and features in his, "Rubber Powered Model Airplanes, Book N^o. 1".



Dumas Curtiss P6 Hawk



Ross Canarsie Canary

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Roger Butler

Roger was mainly flying his FROG Redwing.



Awaiting refuelling...

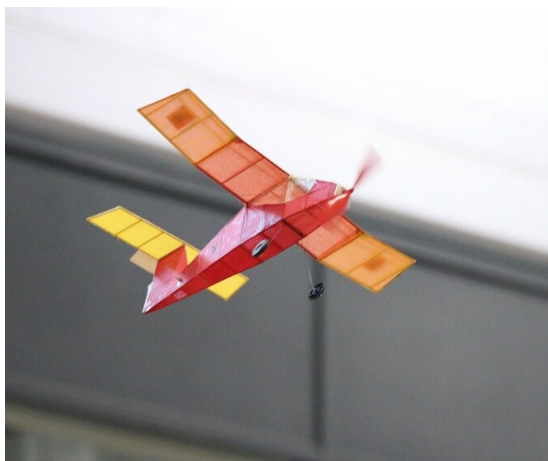


... in flight

Photo: Andy Blackburn

Tony Calvert

Tony was flying a couple of his old stagers, a Boston Pup and Bostonian Bunny. Tony didn't want me to photograph the Pup because he thought it too tatty, but it still flies extremely well so I think it deserves a moment in the spotlight.



Bostonian Bunny
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Boston Pup

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Nick Peppiatt

A new build of an old design. Nick's new Tefft Contester, built to test a redrawn version of his 1985 plan. As seen the model weighs 2.4g without motor. The updated plan, with article, will be published in AeroModeller in the near future. His 1986 model is in excellent repair and still flying well. See Issue N^o 5, 2024 of the parish magazine and the newsreel for that issue.



Seven and one half grammes!



Airborne
Photos: Andy Blackburn

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Lee Bates

A couple of new models from Lee and a puzzle. We'll start with the models; a very pretty little Morane N and an equally well turned out Halberstadt D II. The puzzle; can anyone identify the manufacturer of these nose blocks? The upper hook rotates the prop clockwise the lower anticlockwise.



Morane N



Halberstadt D II



Anyone got any clues about these?

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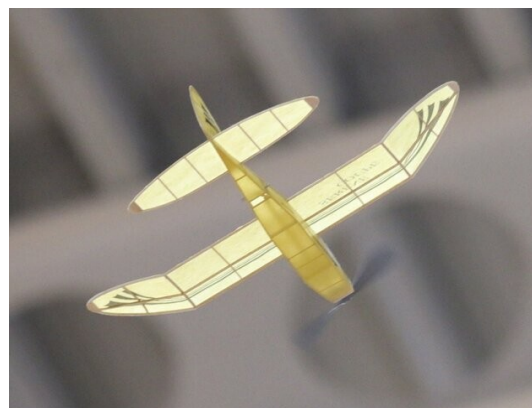
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John Whatmore

Amongst other things John was mucking about with his build of Andy Blackburn's cartoon scale foam Hurricane. Work continues on this. He was also flying his Preston Serene Coupé which, like its foamie ancestor, is a pleasure to watch flying.



Blackburn Cartoon Scale Hurricane



Preston Serene Coupé
Photo: Andy Blackburn

Richard Preston

Richard continued the evolution of his Serene design with a radio control variant. He also presented his new Courier and asked that I draw your attention to the small window at the rear of the Courier's fuselage. It's the toilet window. Andy & Richard, Andy especially, found this hilarious. Oh well...



Frogwell Aviation Courier

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Andy Blackburn

Andy was continuing to tinker with his Mooney Sparrowhawk, OD Euler D VI and Hannan Bede BD 4.



Hannan Bede BD 4
Photo: Andy Blackburn



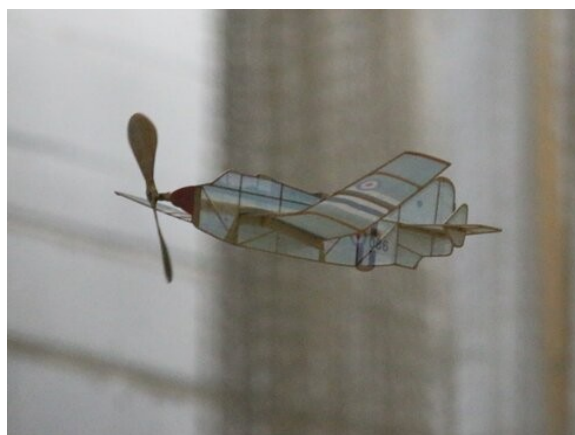
Mooney Sparrowhawk
Photo: Andy Blackburn

Steve Haines

An unusual departure from scale modelling from Steve this month, a P-18 and a, more usual for Steve, NoCal de Loof Fairey Gannet.



P-18



Fairey Gannet
Photo: Andy Blackburn

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July

Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. You'd have thought it was a football match or some other equally *uncivilised* proceeding, barely three of us correctly attired and everyone else in short trousers. Gentlemen, have you no sense of decorum? I despair. Other than that it was good to see so many in attendance

Leaving matters sartorial to one side; it was a very busy meeting and the traders were out in force. Barry was flogging possibly the last Butterfly props on the planet at cost, Chris was knocking out sheets of OMFC stock Esaki tissue and Peter Brown was also selling props and similar. I'm very definitely in favour of this sort of thing. Keep up the good work.

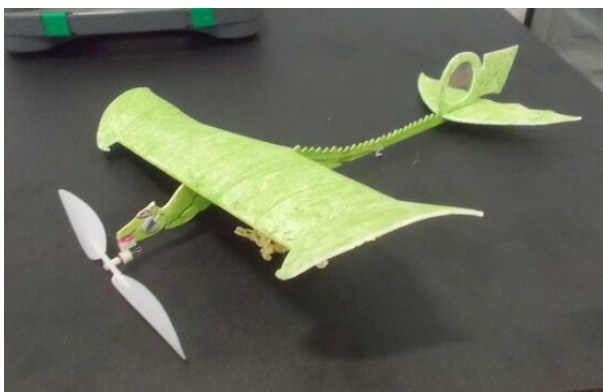
Mike Stuart continues his campaign to encourage youngsters, and possibly another grandad, to get involved in the hobby. It was nice to see such uncomplicated enthusiasm from the kids even if they never pick up another model aeroplane.

On the flying front there seemed to be a more than usual number of uncooperative models and associated incidents but to more than make up for that we did have a wonderful "Blue Max" launch of 10 of Lee's WW I types organised by Lee & Chris.

July's Models

Richard Preston

Something to make us smile. A flying dragon, thankfully not fire-breathing as things are quite hot enough. This is a 13" span foam & balsa design from Rob Halleron and it does fly.



Idris?

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Chris Brainwood

Chris has been busy working up a new design and some rules for an OMFC indoor event for reduced size Vic Smeed designs. This is his 13" span, "Tiny Tomboy".



At dispersal ...



... and aloft.

Photo: Andy Blackburn

Dave King

Good to see Dave back after a few, unavoidably, missed sessions. He brought along his McHard Spitfire. It flies beautifully, in a straight line. Fingers crossed that he can sort the circuit out as it flies slowly enough to be a good indoor model; it's more lightly built than many other similarly sized plans. Dave's top tip if you build this design is that the VMC MfM canopy is an excellent fit. He also pointed out that the fit of the parts, even when hand cut, is excellent.



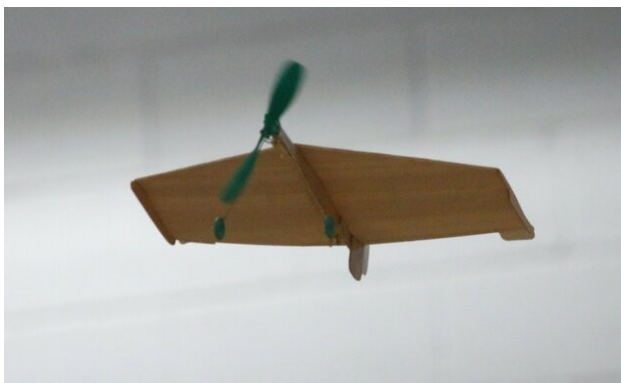
McHard Spitfire MK I

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John Holman

John has been returning to his aeromodelling roots lately and has gone right back to his first successful flying model, the Keil Kraft Sedan, which he built when he was 6. This example is from an original, part assembled, kit he bought recently with a few of his own bits to make up for lost and damaged parts. He has so far only managed to recreate that first short flight, but he'll soon have buzzing round under the rafters. John was also flying his OD Spooky Action which looks like it could never fly, but does!



Spooky Action
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Sedan

Rob Smith

Another Ross Canarsie Canary to go with John Winfield's example but Rob's version has foam wings. Rob shrugged and suppressed a laugh when I asked him much it weighed, but it can't be very heavy.



Ross Canarsie Canary

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Nick Peppiatt

A pre WWII Guillows Dimer design from Nick this month. The Swallow Model C Coupé. As seen 7½g without motor and good for 50+ seconds from a hand launch. The single sided covering of the flying surfaces is in accordance with the original instructions.



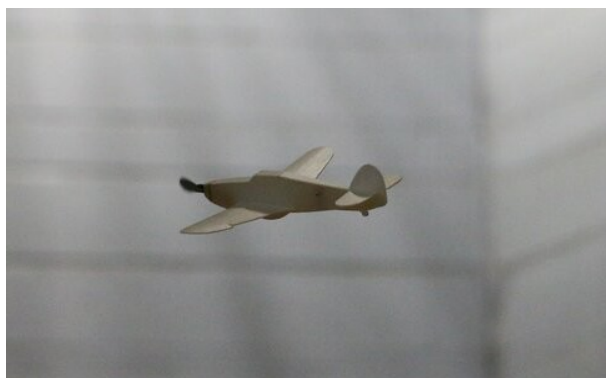
Look at that lovely hand carved prop.



Using the prop to advantage.
Photo: Andy Blackburn

John Whatmore

John finished trimming his cartoon scale Blackburn Hurricane this month and had it flying very nicely. Now he's happy with the flight characteristics he's going to decorate it. Possibly as a Sea Hurricane, 7-N, 835 Sqdn FAA, which flew from HMS Nairana in summer 1944. This aircraft was white overall with a dark grey anti glare panel on the nose.



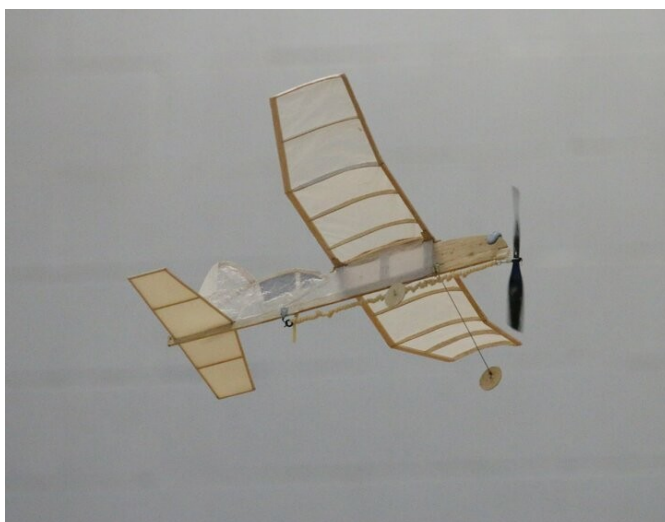
Blackburn Foamie Hurricane
Photos: Andy Blackburn

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David Herman

Another anonymous design from Dave, although he's fairly sure it's an OMFC design from about 30 years ago. If you can identify it, please let me know what it is. Whatever it's called it flies delightfully slowly.



Anonymous
Photo: Andy Blackburn

Gerard Moore

G's Space Ace is always worth watching, seems to float round the rafters for aeons!



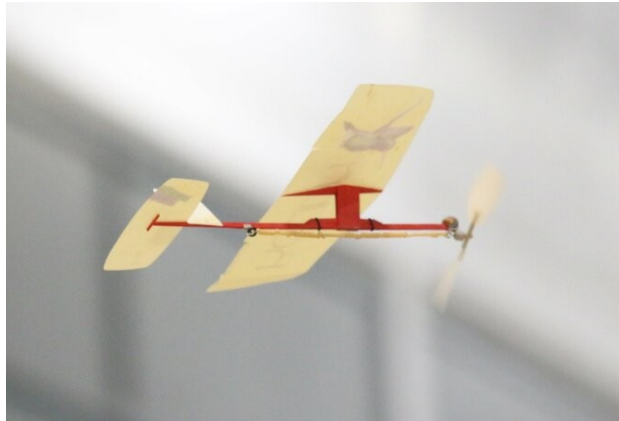
Malmström Space Ace
Photos: Andy Blackburn

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John Foster

John was flying an Ikara Kolibri he'd picked up cheaply. Fun little thing.



Ikara Kolibri
Photo: Andy Blackburn

Peter Smart

Peter's OD FW-190 was kept busy strafing everything in sight!



Smart FW 190
Photos: Andy Blackburn

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Lee Bates

I could very nearly fill the whole edition with pictures of Lee's models, but not today. Not only does he turn up with more models than any one person can fly in a session he brings them all (and takes them all back) by public transport. That's the 04:30 night bus from Bromley to Charing Cross, tube to Paddington, from there to Didcot then a 40 minute bus ride to Newbury followed by $\frac{1}{4}$ of mile on Shank's pony to Trinity. All told five (5!) hours.



Bristol Scout C
Photos: Chris Brainwood



Albatros V



Albatros V
Photo: Andy Blackburn

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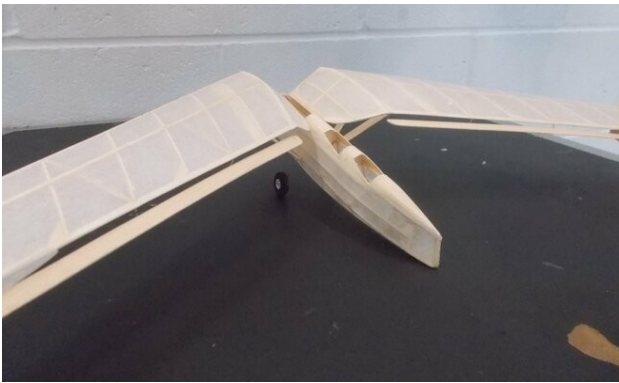
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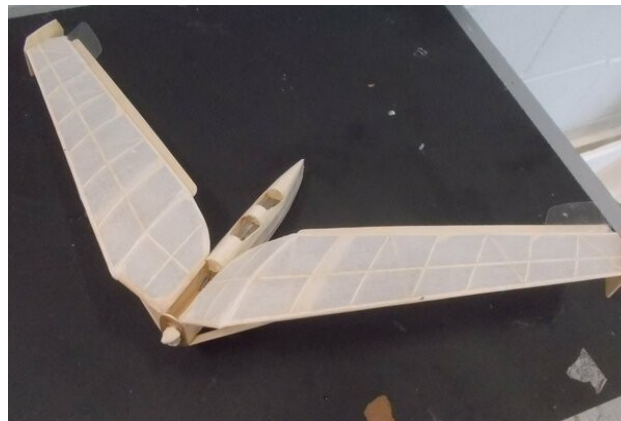
There seem to be very few indoor projects underway at the moment, is it the heat or have you all been watching those strange, “Foot the Ball” games on the television instead of doing something sensible, like building model aeroplanes? Having said that I do know that Dave King is looking into building a Pistachio BAT Torpedo. Any chance of some build pictures Dave?

Peter Smart – Gotha 184B

He’s bonkers, he really is. Would you attempt a Cartigny Gotha 184B with instructions in a language you couldn’t read? No. Me neither. Just as well Peter is though or we’d never see some fascinating subjects modelled and flown. He brought the nearly complete airframe along to the July meeting for some glide testing. Fairly promising I thought.



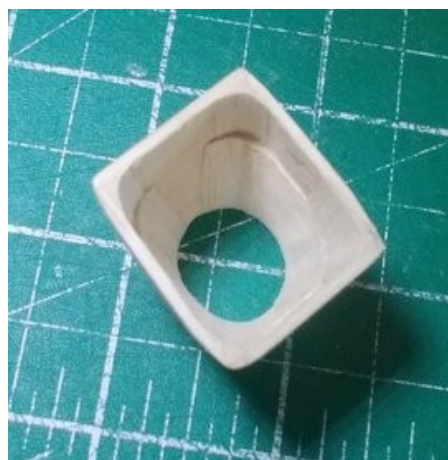
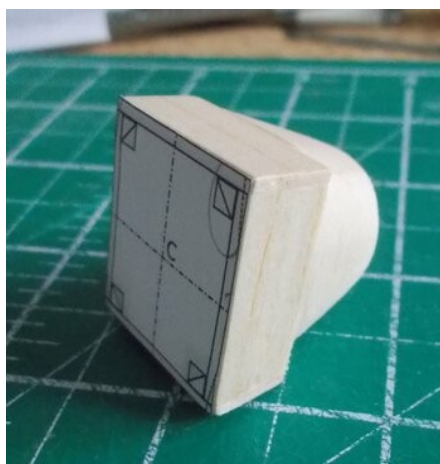
Cartigny Gotha 184B



Cartigny Gotha 184B

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Not much to report so far. The alpha version of the plan has been drawn up, subject to ~~brickbats and raspberries~~ detailed and considered review by Chris, Andy, Gerard, Mike and the first few steps undertaken. I'm not expecting great things from this, but as long as it flies a wee bit I'll be happy. There's a build thread on HPA III if you're interested.



Fuselage forward of wing

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Just Because



The chaos of the “Blue Max” mass launch. See the July newsreel for more
Video Stills: Chris Brainwood



Roger B's or John F's Ikara Antoinette
Photo: Andy Blackburn



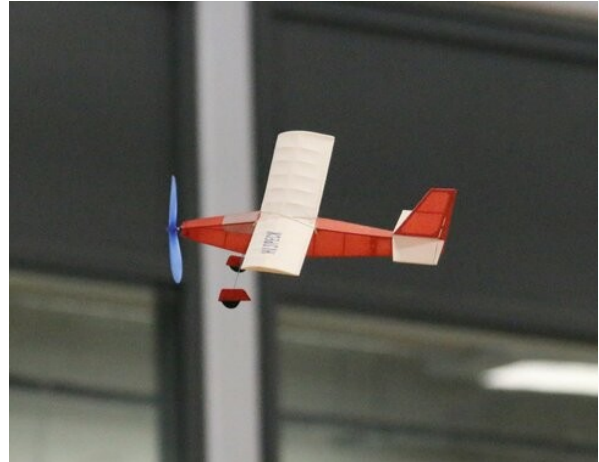
Lee & his Moran N
Photo: Andy Blackburn

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Nick launching his Tefft Contester
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Richard Preston's Hi-Speck
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Andy's OD Euler D VI
Photo: Andy Blackburn



Nick with his Guillows Dimer
Photo: Chris Brainwood

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Chris B's Grand Tissue Sale
Photo: Chris Brainwood



Chris' Sopwith Pup with crash damage
Photo: Chris Brainwood

Newsreels & Other Links

Thanks to Chris Brainwood for creating the compilations.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GnRDNJpy3U>

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