



## Manx Model Flyers

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Well, now that the TT is over and we can get back over the mountain, our flying can now continue. Last Wednesday 5 of us were up on Penny-pot [I can never remember the spelling so have simplified it!] It was a memorable night--Marty von Ritchofen was shot down after having 6 kills last year. Nigel was the skilled aviator who managed the deed. He even managed to keep flying nonchalantly immediately after, while Marty's model dived vertically to the ground. However with consummate skill Marty managed to pull out of the dive to land inverted, despite having a severed rear fuselage!

So, although down, definitely not out! So Wednesday evening flying is back on--see you there!

Managed two sessions on the main Jurby airfield last week, but Saturdays session was very testing with over 20 knots of wind although Ramsey Town was flat calm! Both Marty and I managed a few flights although landing was a bit precarious to say the least! Alan had engine troubles and only managed one flight while Ernie and Alan Watson decided discretion was better than valour with their lighter models.

Gordy Moore had a couple of words with us on Saturday and raised a couple of points regarding locking the gate. Firstly can we put the main security lock though the bar lock on the gate and put our lock and chain secured separately round the fence WHEN WE LEAVETHE FIELD. He also said that somebody had commented that we had left the gate unsecured on one or two occasions. I very much doubt this! When the last person leaves the field try and get another member to verify that it has been secured properly and we can then robustly deny the possibility. [I think it is the lorry drivers who often leave the adjacent gate open for a couple of hours].

Following on from the picture of my eagle in the last newsletter, I thought it might be a good idea to feature other members and their aircraft so have included this time a picture of Peter Maillard taken last week.

Caption for photo-- Anyone for golf? Or did Peter have a premonition about this immediately next flight which was pretty traumatic!

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