



Manx Model Flyers

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After rain and more rain, we now have lovely dry weather –but a bitterly cold Northerly wind. Last week Nigel, Kyrril and I braved the wind which had eased a bit to get some flying on Jurby. I was test flying my Spacewalker with the Devolution petrol engine from my now non-existent Sukhoi. The engine survived well despite having to dig it out of the ground. I did a lovely flight of about 5 minutes before landing to check everything was OK before having another go. However, after a couple of hairy take-off's and rapid landings. I accidentally found the receiver battery was not responding under load of ailerons and elevator despite having been fully charged the night before. Upon testing, the battery was knackered!

Nigel and Kyrril had some good flying without my problems, although Kyrril had a couple of hairy landings resulting in some heavy damage. Nigel's Devolution powered low winger performed faultlessly.

Upon returning home I did a check on all my batteries and found two more that were failing under load despite being fully charged. Luckily they were not in models but would have been in the future. So, double check your batteries, make your battery indicators very obvious on the model, not hidden under a wing etc.

Today, Friday was a similar day weather-wise, so I decided not to brave the cold. However, others did and the wind eased nicely apparently and turned into an excellent day although the North wind meant flying on the cross-runway, straight at the prison! However, all present followed the guidelines and nobody ended up inside! Some did end up 'down-under' though including the Chairman. Yes' he did fly—but not for long! He had company though as Nigel's wot 4 also went in vertically for no apparent reason—join my club!

I spent the afternoon fettling my models [aeroplanes!] My new XL with its refurbished Super Tigre 90 [it also was from an archeological dig] Unable to get it to fire despite Steve's stripping and refurbishing, I looked again at the fuel supply and lo and behold , the filter in the fuel tank was blocked with what looked like a ball of fluff![I would have appreciated a bit of fluff in my youth!]

How did it get past a filter in my filler can? The engine was soon purring away nicely thanks to Steve.

The indoor flying at Peel has got off to a good start after 3 sessions and one more before Xmas. There are six more scheduled for after Xmas on a bi-weekly basis. Now you know what you want for Xmas!

This last week saw the club's AGM at the Creg, with a good turn-out and a very sociable evening. All the committee were voted back in 'en bloc' as there were no other nominations,, surprise, surprise! All enjoyed the now mandatory coffee and biscuits.

Following the end of official business several points were raised for clarification.

New members should automatically be given a copy of the Safety Rules and guidelines. [They are on the website] a copy is also attached to this Flypaper email.

The Examiner situation needs moving on as some members would like to upgrade their qualifications.

The Extension needs a work party to clear the grass tufts that have sprouted up recently.

The idea of a model aircraft display was raised to celebrate 100 years of the RAF, perhaps co-ordinated with the RAF club.

It was suggested that more info from committee meetings could be distributed via Flypaper, website or Facebook.

Members who wish to fly in January should make sure they have paid their club subs by the end of December in order to maintain their insurance cover. It remains at £60 for normal club membership.

The 'Swapmeet' for this coming week was mentioned and all members urged to sort out their workshops for any item vaguely or otherwise connected with model flying. Coffee and mince pies are the order for the day so come along and enjoy yourself and bring your junk or otherwise with you.

Also before Xmas we have the annual Xmas dinner and presentation on Friday 15th at the Creg. It is being held in the main restaurant this year instead of upstairs. All should have given their order in by now!

I think that's all for now so can I wish all members on behalf of the committee, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

Brian King

