



## Manx Model Flyers

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Happy New Year to all members, and good flying [hopefully!]

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There has not been much flying over the Xmas period due to the continual rain and wind although members have squeezed the odd session in. Kyril, Mike Ward and I did manage a couple of hours on the Friday preceding Xmas, there was so little wind that Kyril flew his indoor model a couple of times. The rain did appear after a couple of hours but we had enough time flying to keep our hand in!

But last Friday was the best day for a long time and those not working had a grand day in the sunshine. I was up at the airfield early, but Ivan was not far behind. I got my XL running well after having to abort on the previous session. The problem was too long a clunk tube, it was cutting out after 2-3 minutes.

The Silencer on my Spacewalker had been a problem previously but I made sure the locking screws held in this time and I had a fine flight. Ivan had his two electric models, the Beaver and the Carbon Cub, both of which performed faultlessly. Peter turned up just before lunch-time with his Twinstar and was flying well but had to perform an 'emergency' landing when the elevator fixing pulled out. This a problem sometimes with foam models and I have had to put a backing plate on and two 'through' bolts to make sure they don't pull out on two or three occasions. As I had to leave at lunch-time I didn't see Kyril's 'landing' or Miles putting an aeroplane in the air! [Did he or did he not?]

Although we have not had much flying on Jurby, the indoor flying has 'taken off' to the extent that 'dog fights' are a regular feature! 16 turned up to the last session. So if you want to see the action turn up this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb to the 'Tommy Clucas Hall, Peel Football Club, 7-9 pm. There are 4 more bi-weekly sessions to go.

For those who paid their membership by the end of December, the official membership cards have been received and will be sent by post this week. Those who paid in January will not be receiving theirs for another couple of weeks. However, rest assured you are covered for insurance purposes during the process.

Happy and safe flying!

Brian

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