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Newsletter

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Project Night Well Supported

Thursday 13th February 2014 was Club Night at the Battle of Britain Club where members showed off their latest Winter builds.

The evening attracted a bumper turnout of around 40 members, many of whom bought along their latest creation that had been crafted over the dark Winter months.



Roy Lanning with his Liberator



Peter Curnick's new toy, a marvellous looking jet. The model is a CARF Models Flash Classic in Blue Angel Colours.



Graham Stone's Mosquito. This model was found half built in a skip by Skip Surfer Bill Mercer. He rescued it together with a week old sandwich and Bill gave it to Graham to finish. Not the sandwich, Bill kept that for himself!



Dave Chinnery's contra rotating prop on his latest project. The motor is available from Hobby King as a package.

A very pretty Clean Sweep built from a free plan in RCM&E by Roger Woods.



Roger Darvell's P 38 Lightning, powered by two petrol engines.

Thanks to those who bought some of Stuart Wilkinson's models, the proceeds are given back to his wife. There will be more models for sale at a later date.



Three very unusual Depron models, made by Richard Saunders. Richard is normally a free flight man but these are RC, John Smith has been lined up as a Test Pilot in the near future.

Watford Wayfarers Evening Talk.

Watford Club have kindly invited any of our members to a talk by

Dave Wilshire

on Thursday 27th March

at Holywell Primary School, Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6LL which starts at 8 p.m. These are obviously not licenced premises so there is no bar but tea/coffee will be available. If anyone wants to bring a beer with them, that's not a problem.

Moor Models, Croxley Green.

Sadly, this little shop has closed due to a variety of reasons. There was hope for a while of a new owner but this fell through at the last moment so by the time you read this it will be no more.

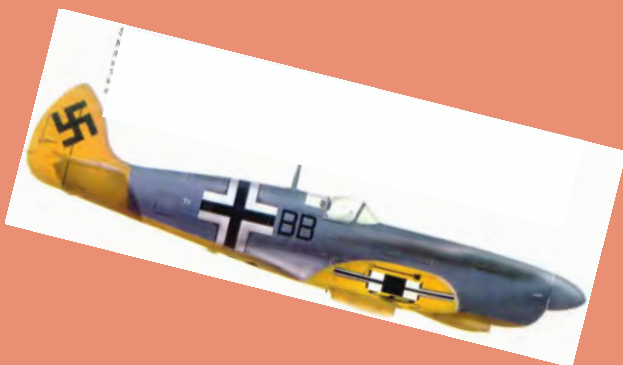
If you need fuel, John Fowles continues to offer an excellent service with great prices.

5% is £13 a gallon

10% is £15 a gallon.

Scale Day

This years competition is scheduled for Sunday 6th July and will run along the same lines as previous years. However, we're trying something a bit different this year. The Small Warplanes section is the most popular class, so, in an attempt to help we're going to split the class into two. Friends or Foe is the split, if it flew for the Allies its a Friend, if it flew for the Axis its a foe. I have no doubt there are Spitfires in German colours and 109's in RAF colours, in these cases, the Contest Director will decide which class it goes in. Time to get the airbrush out I think!



Solar Panel

The panel has had a re vamp thanks to Mike Pugh who sorted out the frame that allows it to stand up. Please make full use of it and put the panel out as soon as you get there, we need to make full use of the free electricity.

The Club House sports a new Suggestion Box. The Committee promises to consider any Suggestions found inside, we do check regularly too!

Forthcoming Dates

Club night at the Battle of Britain Club on 13th March, talk by Club President Lloyd Ressler on his long history of model making and flying.

Indoor Flying at Vyners School on Friday 7th March between 7-9pm.

Change to Club Rules.

Very shortly Chairman Mat will be publishing the updated Club rules. Some rules have been withdrawn as they are covered in our new Constitution. One new rule covers what members need to do should they crash their model outside our field boundaries, this to include flyaways too. Following a crash or flyaway outside our boundaries, the member will have to inform the Committee.

We've had a couple of crashes recently and it appears the failsafe had NOT been set, please make sure you set yours!

John Fowles bought one of Stuart Wilkinsons models, an FMS Spitfire, sadly the first flight didn't go well and it spun into the long grass. It's off to the repair workshop so will fly again!



Here's a snap of new Club member Peter Williamson, he's been flying for around a year after always wanting to fly RC.

Say hello to both new members when you see them at the field,



Another new member is Mark Pressling who is pictured here, he's an active member of the Hayes and District model flying club at Cranford Park having flown for about 4 years.



On the RCM & E website there is a forum where members discuss all sorts of things. One thread is a look at some of the rubbish that is sold on EBay. This collection is sold as 'untested' but the starting bid has been set at £50!

Have a look, there are some real corkers listed under 'E Bay sellers, where do they get them from?'