

“Here’s hoping for the same again!!”

After an uncertain start, our last meeting was blessed with a dead calm evening, which made many of us think that perhaps we should have taken another model with us, which required little or no wind, but then, life is NOT a bowl of cherries, and the best models are very often left behind! We all need a bigger car!

Dave brought along his foamie Wot 4, all 46” wing span, and of course electric. I didn’t see it fly, and suggested something a little bigger, like say 60”span, and with a .60 engine up front! However, Dave was great at getting the old “Don” up on the flight line spoilt me he did! (it’s the knees you know).

Anyway, now that I have changed the prop from a 11.5 x 10.5 (I broke it) to a 12 x 8, the engine comes up on song, and throws the old “Don about with abandon. However, the calm situation didn’t help with the landings! Which were far too fast, and needed “Prop down in grass” (down elevator) to slow things down!

Paul Pichel had some great flights with his Stearman, which loved the calm and took advantage of no wind to land the longest way on the strip. Paul managed very well in spite of the lack of pilot (“Can’t get 1/4 scale pilots yer know!)

I’m not sure if Laurie bothers with pilots in HIS models which are usually cabin style planes. He treated us to a couple of WW 1 aircraft the A vitik B2 (1915), and the Staaken Giant 1917 both of which performed impeccably in the perfect conditions.

Brian had to leave early (to go on holiday), but he saw most of the good flights, as they happened. Let’s hope for the same weather on the 4th!

Unfortunately, the very weather we wanted for the Club Scale Day was not on the menu, and this popular event had to be cancelled because of the promised blustery winds. Scale models never take kindly to say a 25 mph gust, after all at a quarter scale, that would be equivalent to 100 mph for a full size aircraft (I think), a good point to argue over anyway! Bill is hoping to try again later on in the year in the fond hope that the weather will become more settled! Here’s hoping with him, it’s time we had some fun, and gave the scale models an airing (wonder if my 30 year old ENY A 90 will go?). It might need the starter, as the compression is a bit doubtful these days.

Not much else to say, the weather seems to have put a hold on things for a long time so, when we do have the scale day (including scale Wot 4 ‘s Dave!) let’s have a good turnout to make Bill’s efforts worthwhile!

Cheers Dears, Mike