

**“Just bring your skill, all else is provided!”**

Pity about the last meeting, but there were not enough members to make the “Chuck Glider” work, so the prizes were used in an impromptu raffle. Perhaps with a little more time to prepare, (some of you must be keen) members will attend and join in the usual hard fought fun! So, with no list of duration times, I have a free hand to put in some well stored old chestnuts! Here for want of anything else is an epitaph which reads:

‘Remember man that passeth by

As thou art now, so once was I

As I am now, so thou will be Prepare thyself to follow me”

Someone with discrimination and not respect, chalked underneath:

“To follow thee’s not my intent,

Unless I know which way thou went!”

Come to think of it, perhaps I was thinking about something like this, when I strayed into the path of Peter’s helicopter at the indoor meet last Saturday (or so)!

The little cub took quite a knock, which bent the prop drive shaft and made me take it all to bits, to fix it. I was very impressed with the quality of the components and being able to straighten the shaft without it snapping in two. I must admit to being surprised to find the whole thing held together by sellotape, which you cut through at the joins, and repair with more sellotape. (thinks – more repairs more sellotape, more weight, and it’s fast enough already!)

Chris Cutting had a similar experience when he met the marauding Michie and his Parkzone Extra suffered a broken tail! Contrary to popular belief Hobby-Stores do not stock spare bits for the Parkzone range, but can order them for you. However, if the bits are robust enough to withstand tweaking with pliers, why worry?

I haven’t been up to Hadstock for what seems to be an age, perhaps I am following Alan’s rule of “10” ie. If the weather report gives temperatures of less than 10 degree’s C and/or a wind speed of more than 10 mph. Then Alan doesn’t go flying. After all, our hobby is not an endurance test and perhaps in the past I have suffered for no good reason and put models at risk with frozen non responsive fingers!

! Cheers Dears, Mike