

**“The weather is getting better, so do come!”**

Our last meeting was the prelude to Summer beginning! With an invitation to show us what you have been building (or getting someone to build) to impress us up at the field!

Paul Pichel started off with his huge Boeing Stearman. A Flair 1/4 scale job! Which he declared was built by Don Wilson, covered by Tom and glass coated. So a bit of a joint effort! So far, two flights (one crash!). Fly's very well, but don't take chances! Likes big manoeuvres, such as loops, and stall turns. Needs, and has heavy duty servos! the power is provided by a Laser V twin 300, turning a 20 x 8 prop, and on-board glo to keep things going! Look forward to seeing this one!

Ron then showed us his EDF Hawker Hunter, which has a power demand of 65 amps! Ron said he bought it, built it, and crashed it! It's a fragile Foamy, which weighs 4.5 lbs and likes to tip-stall! However, with suitable lightweight re-reinforcement, it should fare better in the future

Laurie then showed us a Sky- Surfer, which is the property of a neighbour of mine which was bought on impulse, (unwisely) and came without instructions (suspicious), and thus caused Matthew Jots of problems. He connected up, wrongly, the electrics, which confused, and destroyed the speed controller, and receiver! The supplier has a lot to answer for, but was not very helpful. So, Laurie to the rescue! By some pains-taking work Laurie has managed to substitute various bits of electrical gear to make it flyable! However, the best (only) way to be safe is to fly “Rudder only” with care on the throttle! Matthew has learned one of the basic lessons of Aeromodelling, don't believe all suppliers, and ask around first! Unfortunately Matthew is now a bit poorer, and has less to spend for a while!

Bill showed us his “Fun-fly model which he used to illustrate exponential movement (as much as 60%), which caused groans from Gary! Bill was asked if the sudden arrival of ALL the movement, at full stick deflection, caused him any worry (he said YES). What was very interesting was the use of Flapperon mix to give very tight loops, when used in conjunction with the elevator, cheating really!

Bill emphasised the need to “Know your model” as each of the more unusual movements needed lots of practice. It was good of Bill to let us in on his secrets!

Anyway, It's that time again, lots of good weather, lots of practice, lots of satisfaction (lets hope so anyway!) AND its time to inspect our models for faults. I didn't, which could have written off my old Astro Hog. The servo plate was loose inside and it caused all sorts of unwanted and unusual movements from both elevator and rudder. So be warned! That less than perfect landing (H....mm) a little while ago, might have caused more hidden damage than you think!

Cheers Dears, Mike