

### **It's starting to get gloomy in the evenings!**

Our last meeting on 2nd Sept was not that well attended, with most of us turning up at about 5pm, but there was some spirited flying from Jason, with his Angel following the Y.S as it thundered about the sky. At least it was keeping the I C tradition going, which is more than I can say (my four strokes are misbehaving badly- "too old says A1an" darkly). Which is a cheek really, cos he still has even older 2 strokes! Anyway, Mark flew his enormous petrol Suchoi with aplomb (goes straight up it does!). I flew my electric super 60 type thing, which was rather marred by the nose wheel, which turned to 90 degrees, and tripped up every landing. Still, never mind it was fun or funny if you are Alan! However, Alan DID come to my aid when I tried to get my engines to run, in fact several people came to take pity on me namely Steve ("lean it out! ") Mark, and Bill as well as Alan, all to no avail. Now I can tell you, the 2 stroke (S Tigre 51) had a loose carb, which was not apparent at the time, and no amount of "leaning out" helped! Sorry Steve!

SAs is usual with Scale days (on 21.9.13) the wind at Hadstock was blustery. However, Laurie flew his Aviatik B2 (1915) which with him at the helm coped amazingly with the wind. The Zeppelin R6 (1917) did likewise, but found the conditions rather "Bouncy" However, all credit to Laurie, he also flew the Caproni (of similar vintage) Trip1ane, which proved to be quite aerobatic in the adverse conditions. What a brave chap, well done you!

Steve Taylor had a very nice biplane which coped very well with the wind, on only a 52 4s An interesting model apparently the fore runner of the Pitts, it was a Liberty Sports. Kevin kept Steve company with his Boeing Stearman, which was a very steady flier, and the Laser 150 penetrated the wind with ease.

Fortunately, Paul Pichel has a very commodious motor car, and brought along his Hurricane, Mustang, Harvard and a newcomer, a rather splendid B 25 (Mitchel bomber). which was as Paul put it "Bought in. " He flew all of them in his usual impeccable style. The Hurricane as always stealing the show with wonderful banked passes. A great display. Thank you.

Bob Coote brought his Fies1er Storch for an airing, which coped well with the wind, although the Take – off was "Sideways" and the poor thing was "Bounced" about the sky, as the high lift aerofoil and slots tried to lift when Bob wanted some forward motion! Another brave chap!

A1an brought along his scale SHARK which with its streamlined shape and power flew as if there was no wind at all! However, the take-off was rather reluctant until A1an tried the concrete. The slightly long grass and sixpenny sized wheels were a bad combination! However, we were treated to some high speed passes, and a very nice landing!

Bill fired up the Bar-B-Q, just in time for the rain which started at 12.30, and forced those brave enough to stand by the fire to use umbrella's. However, it did not dampen the spirits of all of the fliers, some of who stayed on till 2.30, and flew again when the rain stopped.

Well, all in all a great day, and once again thanks to Bill for organising the event, and the Bar-B-Q, which he tackled on his own. Thank you Bill!

Cheers Dears, Mike