

Our next meeting will be the AGM! At Ugley Village Hall at 8pm Monday 1st December 2014. As always there will be much to discuss, and there might be need of your vote! So come along. There will be a "free" raffle! Come and have your say, bring your ideas, see you there!

At our last meeting Bill and Paul showed us two interesting models.

Paul started with his P40 (crashed!) too many models in the air! Paul was flying the wrong one! Anyway, a nice bit of kit (Top Flight as a matter of fact) and well worth saving. Paul has decided to use tissue and dope so as to save weight (glue weighs more than wood and dope is just as strong. My old "Don" had more glue than wood, and stopped flying if you closed the throttle – frantic days!).

Anyway, the wing of the P40 was somewhat shattered, but mostly intact, apart from the slight damage caused when Paul dropped it! So a covering of tissue and dope will hide the odd blemish, and provide Paul with a nice light wing. The fuz will need minor surgery, but looked like a strong structure (it survived a roll into the ground).

Well, we all wish Paul good luck with the repair, and are looking forward to seeing it fly again!

Bill's Ultimate was a different kettle of fish, (or ship) it didn't look as if it had a blemish. Bill has only had 4 flights so far, and the model has remained unused for two years before that. The model was derived from the Pitts Special, and took part in the Tournament of Champions USA, and the type was flown by Chip Hyde and Hanno Prettna, so it has a good pedigree, and a decent petrol engine to tug it around! We are once again looking forward to seeing it in action, perhaps with the P40?

Well, the weather has suddenly become seasonal, which has curtailed us taking advantage of the Indian Summer, which provided a very welcome extension to our flying. Unfortunately I managed to overdo it with the little electric Discovery. The wind was blustery and my landing rather casual, which resulted in an axle (held by only a 2mm screw) dropping a wheel and the undercart leg digging into the ground, the fuz carried on, leaving the undercart behind and a rather large hole in the fuz, This has since been fixed by dollops of Gorilla glue (which is much lighter than Epoxy). With any luck the model will still fly slowly!

Cheers Dears, Mike