

**Next meeting: Ugley Village Hall, Monday 3rd Feb 2014 at 8pm. A general ((Get-together" and future planning, but, Bill might have a surprise for us! See you there!**

Our last meeting started very well as regards models to admire, beginning with a very nice Texan (or Harvard), which Paul showed us, in ARF form. All it needed for flight was radio, engine, and of course TIME, and would you believe it, Paul offered it (complete with spare wing) to any member who fancied it! Obviously time must be more valuable than models these days, because no one took him up on his kind offer! Mind you, it would have needed a pretty good engine to tug it around, however, what a wonderful offer from our new chairman! Good on yer Paul!

The second model was Chris Stuart's De-Haviland Rapide (a DH89, I believe). A magnificent model, which Chris scratch built (no kit or plan). Now, someone told me that to scratch build a model you first make an Airfix plastic model, and shine a light on it so that you get a shadow on the lounge wall, the scale can be adjusted by moving the light about! You then scratch the outline of the model on the wall, and Photograph it, and low and behold, you have a plan! (don't try this at home!)

Ho Ho. There you go! However, I digress, just a light hearted moment! Apology's To Chris, didn't mean to detract from his wonderful effort. An absolute peach of a model! Which has two 750 Watt electric motors, with two batteries and controllers. Which give it plenty of "GO", We were unfortunately spared the sight of the model In the air at the last Club Scale day. However, the Rapide is very unhappy in the sort of wind our club scale days seem to attract! Chris very wisely kept the model in his car, and so we all have something to look forward to! Roll on the calm Summer days! Chris also showed us his latest venture, an Autogyro kit for the princely sum of £50! It looks quite simple, almost something I could put together but, I have enough to do and lots of things needing my attention.

Paul suggested that on our evening meetings (in the summer), if the first Monday was blessed with bad weather, we should automatically switch to the third Monday, an idea which has been aired before, and this time was met with general approval. Bill suggested that we should have a Bar B Q day with a general "Fly in" For casual flying. This met with general approval, and we look forward to the first!

Cheers Dears, Mike