

Next meeting: Ugley Village Hall, Monday 3rd Mar 2014 at 8pm Laurie will regale us with his building and flying skills, and how to get the best out of low budget electrics. There is also some news about our flying site (good and bad!)

Well, I met a club member in town recently, and we expressed our mutual disappointment with the weather, I said it was too windy, and wet, and he said that it was also very cold. This gave me THREE reasons for not venturing on to the patch! We can only hope that things WILL get better, roll on Spring!

At our last meeting we were given a reminder of what our hobby is all about, when Paul showed us his latest model, a Yellow Aircraft P 40, complete with rotating retracts, and a 50cc petrol CPRC engine, which drives a 22 x 8 prop, can't wait to see it in action! It weighs 22lb (glassed epoxy, and is a mighty 86" wing-span!) I hope it flies as well as his Hurricane (very similar in out line). I must see this one!

Bill then surprised us all by producing out of his magic bag a handful of ready made toy gliders which we were cajoled into putting together, and taking part in an impromptu competition! There were Spits, Yaks, Zero's, 109's, etc, all of which went together quite successfully, apart from a few casualties, (due to big fingers and small bits). The competition was won in great style by Chris Stuart, who managed long straight glides to the confusion of the rest of us, who didn't take as much care in putting our models together. Class always shows don't it?

Paul also told us that he was going to venture into 2.4 Radio, in spite of the bargains to be had with 35 stuff. I can offer SOME caution, cos' when I did the same; I flew a 35 model straight after a 2.4, and FORGOT that you had to PUT THE AERIAL UP! The result was an upside down landing (for safety reasons) and the loss of a very nice model! At least the manoeuvres caused much merriment, especially for Alan, who was quite disappointed when I eventually landed.

Cheers Dears, Mike