

Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club



Newsletter December 2020

Hello!

Holiday season is among us! It's been a long tough slog this year for everyone, so we all need to make sure we take some time to show how much we appreciate each other and spend some time with those special people in our lives.... As long as its not good flying weather of course!

STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES

With another lockdown coming to an end I know we are all keen to fly, as of the Thursday 3rd of December both Puttenham and Shenley patches will be re-opened and flying will commence while respecting government guidelines. This mean's no gatherings of more than 6 people and please maintain the 2 meter distance rule. Happy safe flying everyone!



Great news, I just got off the phone with my good friend Kris Kringle who assures me his elves are working around the clock assembling servo's, lipo's and models so we get them on time again.

Another year taking advantage of the lack of labour laws in the North pole, he doesn't even have to blame Covid...

Annual General Meeting

Monday 7th of December 7:50pm Log-on for 8pm Start

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Mervyn sent out two emails from editor@hmfmc.co.uk, the first was on Sunday the 22nd of November with all the details you need for the upcoming AGM. This includes the agenda, minutes of last years AGM and our annual accounts summery.

The 2nd email was sent from the same address on 25th of November with instructions of how to install and use Zoom for those who haven't used zoom before. We feel it is important for every member to be apart of the AGM and have their say, so we are doing everything we can to make that happen under the current circumstances.

If you have not received this email or need help, then please contact a committee member, James Lewis or email us at editor@hmfmc.co.uk and we will be happy to help.



Congratulations Roger Warrington!!

The Club has been in existence for some 40 odd years now, and we are still lucky to have one of those early members in our fold. It is with great pleasure that the Committee has granted a Lifetime membership to Roger Warrington. Recognising his long membership and his commitment as an official over past years.

I am sure that all the current members would wish him well, and look forward to meeting him for a chat in the coming months and years, when hopefully the situation and the weather allows.



Buddying information

There are members at both Puttenham and Shenley that can assist with buddy box training/flying.

Buddy boxing isn't just for beginners. Maybe you're trying manoeuvres you haven't tried before. Maybe you have a new plane and you're not confident to fly it alone yet. Well don't leave it in the shed! Please feel comfortable enough to ask for a buddy. The following members will be happy to arrange a convenient time and site:

Ed the Chairman

Allan Huke

Lawrence North



Allan and Lawrence have kindly stepped up to take some pressure off of Ed with the buddy boxing.

They are all very approachable. However the only thing to be aware of is that Lawrence has been known for the occasional bite or nibble after working up an appetite with a long day's flying...So bring snacks!

Buddy boxing has already been very successful in helping a number of new members, both junior and senior, with developing flying skills and confidence.



COMPETITION TIME!

I have spoken to several members who ensure me they are going to win, one even dubbed himself the LED king! I can't say who but his name rhymes with shed and he may be the chairman. I hope all your LED projects are coming along nicely, HHMFC are looking to light up the sky in 2021!

There will be a nice prize for the winner, so make the effort and take the plunge into night flying.

Here are the rules:

- 1) You must be able to take it to the patch
- 2) All entries must be submitted to James Lewis via Whats app or email at editor@hmf.co.uk, Please send pictures of your entries by Sunday January 10th, 2021.

We will then hold an evening session at both patches for competitors to show off their work with pictures and videos to be posted and a vote held for the winner.





New Models, Personal projects, who's doing what?

To start us off we have Douglas Santos who has been hard at work getting a Kyosho Calmato Sports 40 ready.



Jason Burke is working on a Dancing Wings Tiger Moth shown on the left and also has a Dancing Wings Piper J3 Cub waiting to be built.

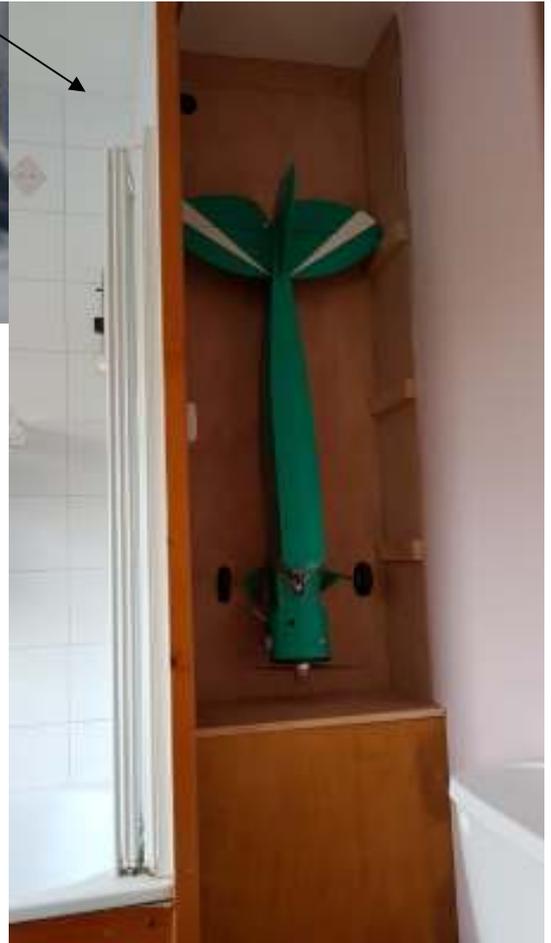
Marcus Goldsmith is working on this Phase 6 glider, although we won't be seeing it at our sites, Marcus has said he is eager to talk to anyone who has a passion for gliders or is interested in getting involved.



Lawrence North is busier than ever in his aeroplane factory, he has so much going on he is resorting to re-modelling the bathroom so he can fit more models in it!



Lawrence has said "The de Havilland D.H Leopard Moth is very slowly progressing. The wings and their attachments are painstaking as the wings will fold back for transport as on the full size. Once they are sorted and the motor, battery and ESC fitted the covering can begin. It will be a blue fuselage with silver wings. The model is made from a set of plans from Traplet. There is an identical model in the de Havilland Aircraft museum and I think it may be the original model made by designer when he was creating the plans. It will be some time before it's finished so if you want to see it fly, keep re-joining the club!"

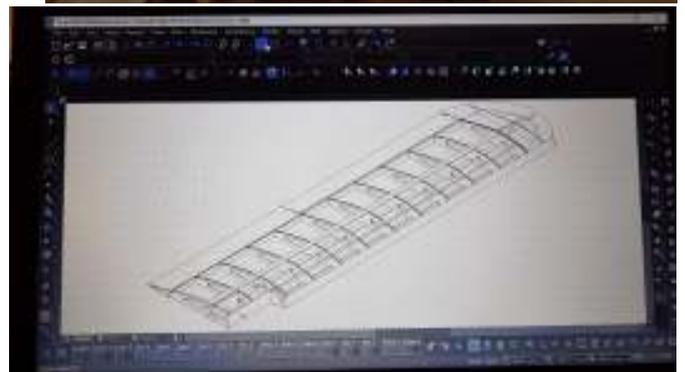


The Thunder Tiger J3 Cub is under reconstruction after a very bad roll in after takeoff. The fuselage is complete and re-covered awaiting it's Cub stripe and some wings.

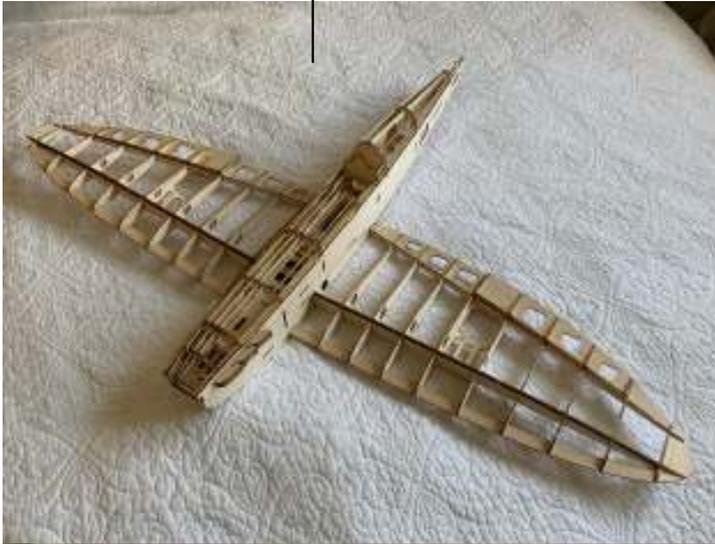
I'm not sure where the warp came from, I suspect it was there when i bought the model off eBay. Its 6an ARTF no longer in production. It always was a handful on takeoff trying to roll to the left. Could also explain a former crash when it tip stalled to the left while I was making a right turn onto finals at near stall speed. I used too much aileron and not enough rudder but this wouldn't have helped.



The drawing I have done myself using TurboCad 3D. Quite a steep learning curve but a very satisfying outcome. It will be as near to the original as I can make it except for being a two piece wing for easier transport. Time will tell how accurate it is.



Allan Trendell is working on this Spitfire, I believe it's his first balsa build.



Chris Leggate says "Well it was going to be a Mini Lec Roo but with Christmas coming now I'm not so sure..."



Ed has been busy putting this beauty together, he boasts that it can reach 200mph!

Due to prior incidents I suggest all windsocks be removed before he gets this off the ground...

Howard (H) King has a recently acquired a flycat to assemble and has repaired the Sig Bi/Plane wheel spat, cowl & rudder. Finally the foamie Rockstar is all done too.



It has been a very good year for our club despite the interruptions from Covid, we have seen our club double in size and have some incredible plans for 2021, so a lot to look forward too.

We hope you have all enjoyed the newsletter!

Please keep sending us your pictures or videos and we will look to publish as much as we can.

Until the next edition, Happy Holidays!



QR Code

Some of you may have spotted these displayed at both sites. Simply point the camera on the code from most mobile phones, or with the appropriate app. This will enable quick access to our website. We hope this may encourage interest from passers by who might want to consider getting involved in the hobby and becoming a new club member.

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