

Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club



Newsletter February 2021

Hello members, soon to be members and HHMFC admirers!

We hope everyone has started the new year well. I was personally looking forward to seeing Trump being dragged from the White House kicking and screaming. But it was an anticlimax as he walked out peacefully. After several years of Brexit talks, we have finally cut strings. The arguments can stop and we can look to the future. We are all eagerly anticipating the end of lockdown so we can all get our models back up in the air. The positive news is that a lot of our members have been working extremely hard fixing, tinkering and building models.



The year started off with a bang as usual. Most of us were watching the fireworks in central London, from the comfort of our own homes. But this was no ordinary display, this year was the first year that we had a display from synchronised drones. It featured several different formations including tributes to the NHS and Captain Tom Moore who has raised millions for charity. It definitely left me feeling patriotic.



STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

We hope everyone is keeping safe during lockdown. By now most people knows someone who has either been seriously effected or passed away due to Covid-19. We would like to offer our condolences and if anyone is struggling then please contact either one of our committee members, or other members that you are comfortable talking too. We are all here for each other and happy to help in any way we can.

For all the drone haters out there, they aren't going anywhere!

There is actually some interesting news. A pop-up urban airport that will showcase so-called “flying cars” and drones will be opened in Coventry later this year. The airport, called Air One, is scheduled to open in November and will be located close to the Ricoh Arena in the north of the city, Sky News reported.

There are several articles you can find with a quick Google search, but here are some images below.



Above are two pictures of the pop up drone airport being constructed in Coventry.

To the right is an interesting digital picture, that 20 years ago may be thought as a figure of someone's imagination. Even a scene in a sci-fi movie.

But this is now something that is becoming more and more of a reality. We could even see this within a few decades. Some very exciting times.



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**

Buddy boxing has already been very successful in helping a number of new members, both junior and senior, with developing flying skills and confidence. If you know anyone, family or friends, who might be interested, why not bring them along and let them have a go!?



Just a quick shout out to Gary Akers who handles our social media and Marcus Goldsmith for the build pictures which were featured in our January news letter and on our social media. The BMFA has again acknowledged our club and reposted our content. Great work guys!



Article 16 - How it effects us.

After much thought I won't personally dissect article 16. I don't want to leave people confused or be bombarded with questions because people assume I know what I am talking about.... I don't lol

For those of you that haven't already read up on the changes, we would highly recommend you do. This is to ensure we all comply with the rules and regulations and keep flying as safely as possible.

The BMFA have published a 4 page spread on the subject in the most recent issue of it's magazine. All BMFA members should receive this. If you haven't or want additional information here are some links where you can read up on the subject:

- <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/A-Guide-to-Article-16-V12.1-12-Jan-2021.pdf>
- <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/article-16>

If you do have questions on the subject then feel free to drop a message in our what's app group or contact a committee member and we will do our best to get an answer for you.

COMPETITION TIME!

We have a fantastic prize! For the first place winner of our LED competition the committee have decided that the winner will get A FULLY BUILT VORTEX WING! This is no amateur built wing, it will be built to the highest standards by our very own chairman Ed, and yes! it is the one being built in the build video's. If that's not exciting I don't know what is...

The competition night flights will be rescheduled for a later date. This just means you have more time to work on your night flyers and other LED projects.



Here are the rules:

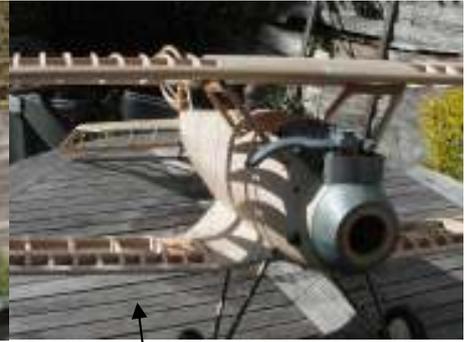
- 1) You must be able to take it to the patch
- 2) All entries must be submitted to James Lewis via Whats app or email at editor@hmfco.uk, Please send pictures of your entries. Deadline date to be confirmed.

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, Presents, Personal projects, who's doing what?



Gino Franchi is still working on his Pfalz DIII, he says "The project has stalled a bit, the next job is to cover it in silk. Also my Hannover CL 111a which is electric, that way I was able to conceal the engine in the small nose. The Albatross was finished in the summer last year but what with covid, it has not had its maiden flight yet".

Gabriella is Gino's daughter, he has assured me she was very reluctant to pose with his plane. But behind that big grin, we can all see a future pilot in the making! Albeit a reluctant one...



Marcus Goldsmith has been building another Phoenix from scratch. This is after last summer when I decided to play chicken with him, on my 3rd solo flight. He was doing a fly by and I was coming into land... and the rest is history. Luckily Doug was on hand to film it all, I believe it's still on YouTube. We've both since taken intense communication classes to ensure this doesn't happen again. Nice build



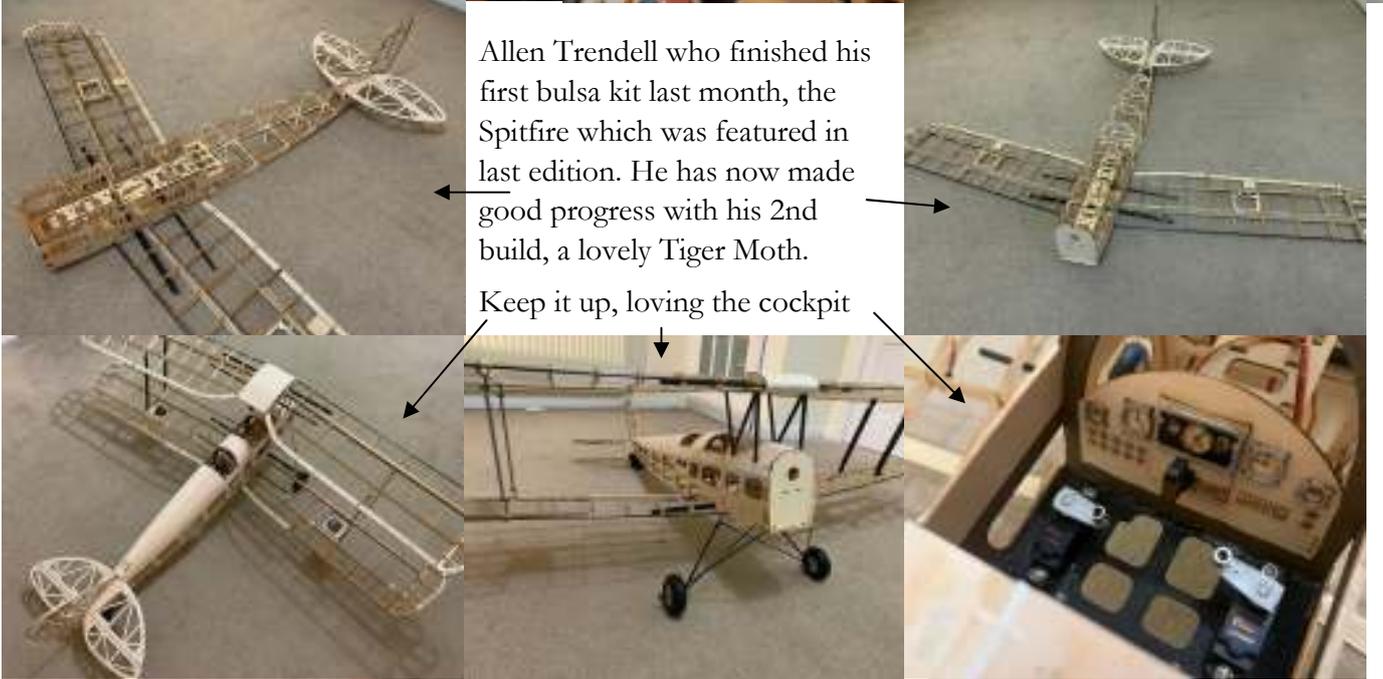


Lawrence North is continuing work on his scratch built Cub wing. It's coming along nicely.



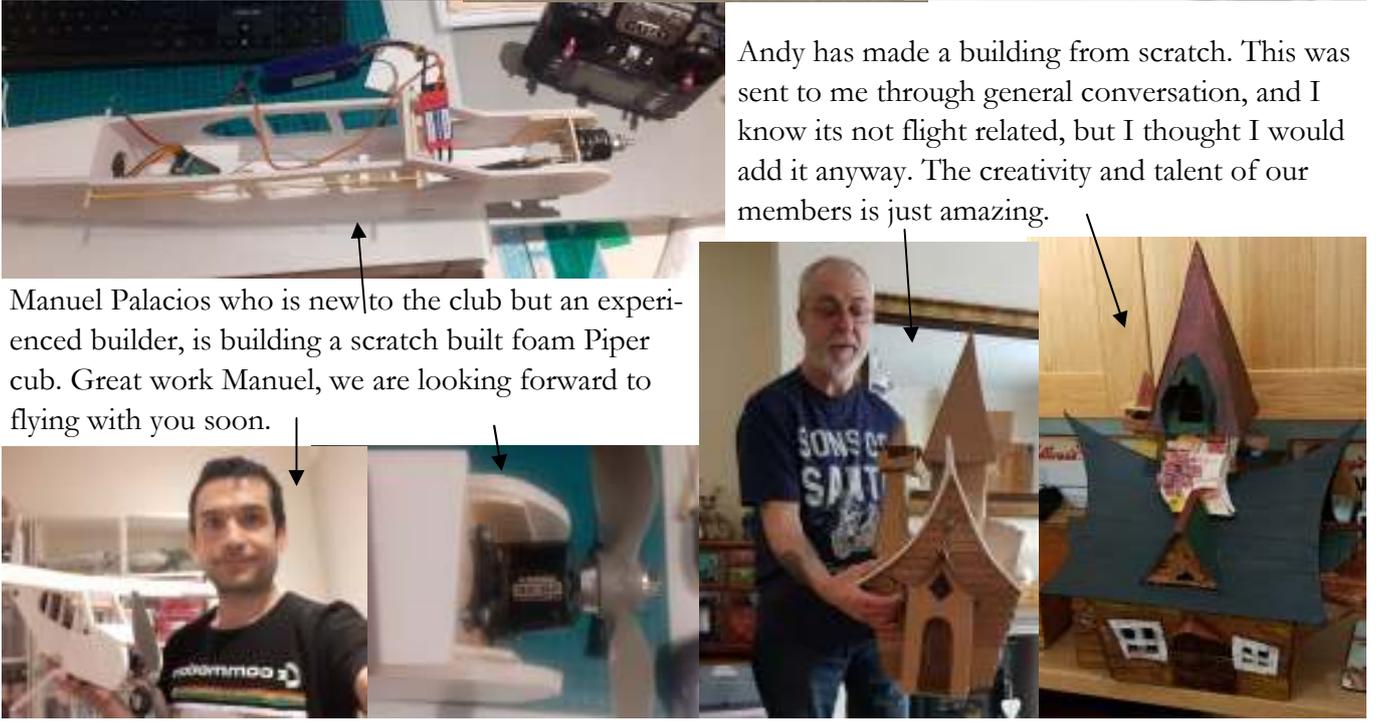
Allen Trendell who finished his first balsa kit last month, the Spitfire which was featured in last edition. He has now made good progress with his 2nd build, a lovely Tiger Moth.

Keep it up, loving the cockpit



Andy has made a building from scratch. This was sent to me through general conversation, and I know its not flight related, but I thought I would add it anyway. The creativity and talent of our members is just amazing.

Manuel Palacios who is new to the club but an experienced builder, is building a scratch built foam Piper cub. Great work Manuel, we are looking forward to flying with you soon.



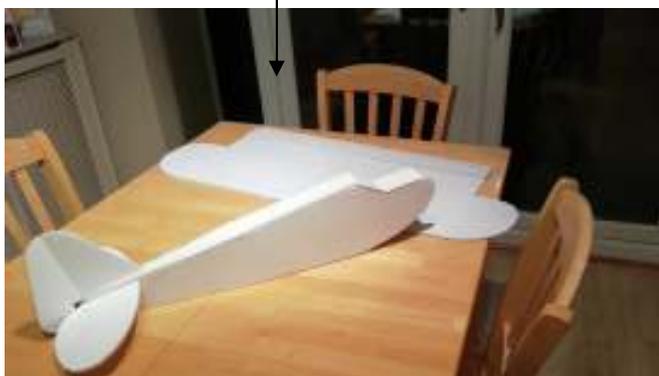


Kirk Redford is making an extended boom for this little heli.



John Pierson showcasing his Tundra... you won't get bogged down with those wheels.

Brian Ford humorously titles this picture... Progress! It's definitely a start, we are looking to see the finished model.

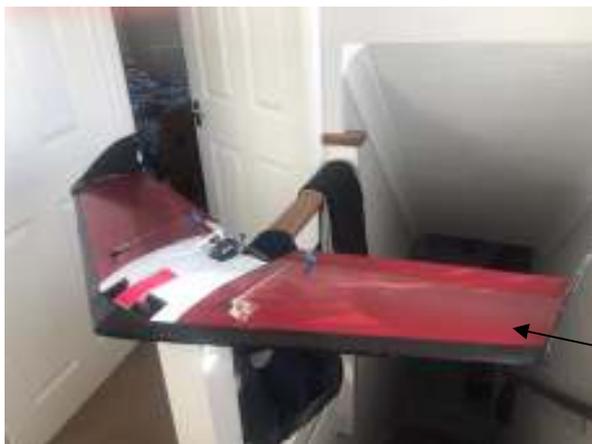


Kai has put his match stick helicopter on the back burner. He is now working hard building the Vortex wing with his dad Daniel Seabrooke. Although it does look like Kai's doing all the work...

Keep it up guys, we are looking forward to seeing it finished.



Kirk Redford is a luck man with this Christmas resent. We are looking forward to seeing that at the flying fields.



To the left, one of Howard King's Vortex wings!
Above after digging around in his loft, he is airing out this beautiful RAF Jet. Let's get it up in the air!



Chris Leggate is working hard on building this Tiger moth. He has only just finished this Mini Lec Roo... keep it up Chris.



Brian Ford is building this mustang, and also has the Cessna and Phoenix lined up for his next builds. He says "Thanks Santa!"



A big thank you to Doug Beckett, who's continued his hard work at our sites. He has now installed a new wind sock at Puttenham. This will help people see the wind conditions via the web cams.

Although we all know, wind is in the mind!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

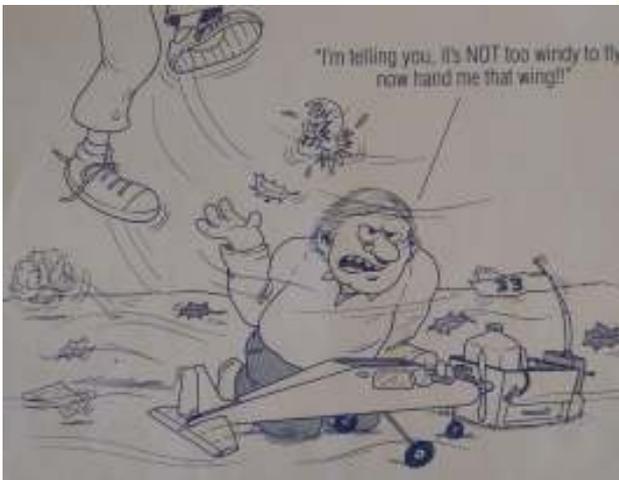
We are looking for donations of old android phones to use as cameras at our patches. We have found that the following android phones work best, either a galaxy s3, s4 or s5 (or the mini versions).

If you have one that you are no longer using and are happy to donate to the club, then please contact Doug. His email is secretary@hmfco.uk





The snow has finally settled on Shenley and Puttenham. I am sure by now they would more adequately be described as swamps. Hopefully by the time lockdown ends, the water's gone and the sun is out, ready for us to take flight again.



The committee are working very hard to make 2021 a great year for Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club, we are looking again to increase memberships as well as upgrading both Puttenham and Shenley sites. We will also be looking to hold some official club events if safe to do so.

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, **Stay safe and keep building!**

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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