

CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

TURBULATOR

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CADMAC was founded in 1960, and is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association, which is the governing body for all aspects of model flying in Great Britain. The Turbulator newsletter has been produced since 1965, relying on regular reports and contributions from Club members. The Club website is at www.cadmac.org.uk.



Terry Adams at K2 checking out his Legal Eagle contest entry, achieving 5th place.

The South East Area Indoor Flying Championships took place in K2 Sports Centre on the first Sunday in February. Run by CADMAC and sponsored by the BMFA, it was the 41st year of operation. The organisers, led by John Dart, did an excellent job, with the R/C session in the evening run by the Horsham Club. A number of free flight contests took place, but the entry numbers were slightly down on previous years with the average number of contestants in each of about 10. The scale side of the hobby was significantly lower, requiring the contest director to ask for more scale models to be presented for static judging. Two of our Club juniors were competing, Daniel Senior coming out top and retaining the Junior Championship he won last year. K2 is a nice large area but a little too low for some of the flyers, the long poles being much in use retrieving planes hung up in the beams and other sporting paraphernalia under the roof.



Alex and Pete Cameron fishing their model out of the roof beams.



John and Graham at the cash desk.



John and Gary not very busy with Flight Control.



Line-up for the scale judging.

The results for all the contests can be found on www.sebmfa.org.uk/indoork2_16.html



Not everyone was flying planes!

This report from Gary.

The RC flying began at 5.30 after the prize giving for the free flight championship. There were a good number of pilots attending with plenty of models to fly in the large hall of K2, ranging from Palm sized quadcopters to larger sized slow flying acrobatic models.

There was a pre-flight briefing for all those taking part to explain that this year the flying time would be divided into 6 minute flying slots and there were 4 categories of aircraft to accommodate the most models.

The categories were:

- 1, slow flying non-acrobatic fixed wing.
- 2, fast flying acrobatic fixed wing.
- 3, helicopters.
- 4, quadcopters and multicopters.

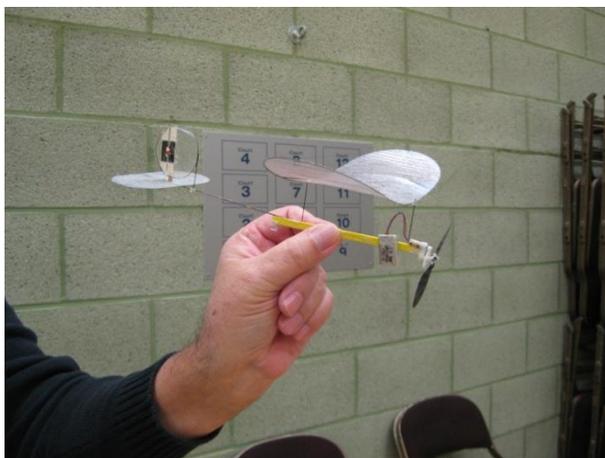
For reasons of safety the maximum size for helicopters was 250 size, and there was no racing quadcopters or FPV flying allowed.

The Horsham flying club very kindly loaned us the use of their PA announcement system so everybody knew exactly how long was left and an alarm sounded to end the current time slot. A big thank you goes out to them.

The early flying slots were pretty jam packed and there were quite a few mid air collisions, and it was quite a challenge to avoid the other aircraft despite the large hall while flying around. As the evening went on the amount of flyers decreased and the circuits were more relaxed. There were 34 pilots logged for the R/C session.

The evenings flying finished at 8 o'clock and everyone that took part had a very enjoyable time despite some pilots taking some of their aircraft home in pieces!!!

A very big thank you to those members of the Crawley Model Flying Club who's hard work and dedication made the extra flying time available for us RC pilots, it was very much appreciated.



Perhaps the smallest R/C plane was this Butterfly with motor and rudder control.

Holy Trinity.

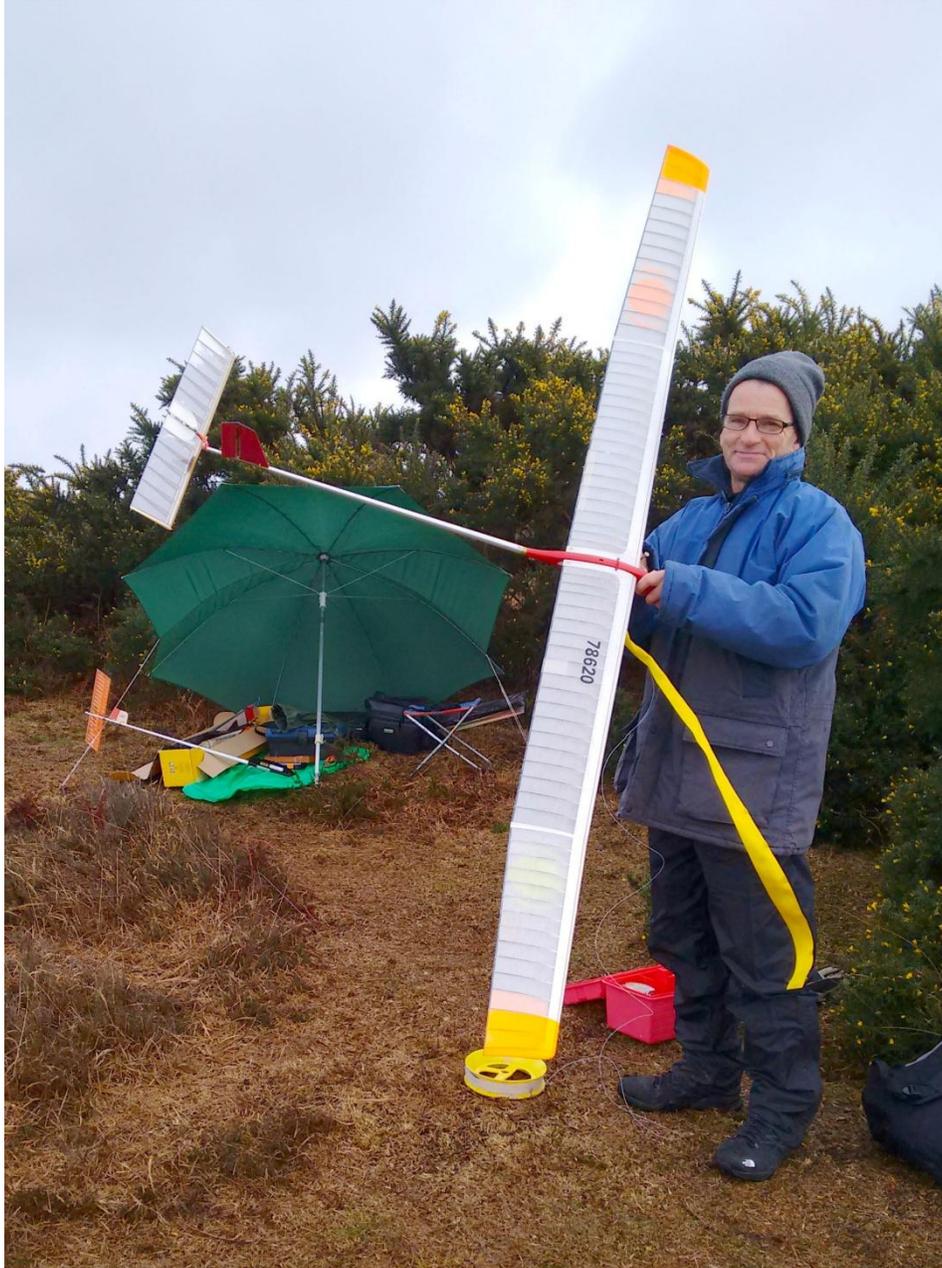
The summer season at HT starts with the Bring and Buy on the 7th April, followed by the Wally Barnes Trophy on the 14th for any type of model. Judging is by members present voting. If you have a new model built this winter, now is the time to show it off.

Mind the lines.

The control line mob have been busy already this year, five of them flew on a sunny Tuesday last month. There was some concern about a group of non-club members flying drones and FPV copters in the field. The legality of this is being discussed with the Council.

Free flight.

Despite the freezing conditions, some of the brave FF members flew in the first Ashdown Meeting of 2016. Alex Cameron and Gary Oulds did well in the F1A, (A2 glider for us oldies) while Mike Cook flew in the E36 contest. Nationally Gary was 3rd, Alex, 5th and Mike 3rd in a not very well supported group of contests due to the poor weather, which Ashdown seemed to get the best of.



A well wrapped up Alex shows his F1A glider at Ashdown.

The RAFA Shield contest stands at East Grinstead 11 points, Crawley 10. EG being the current holders of the trophy.

Hazelwick.

Flying in the sports hall continues to attract a number of flyers with small helis being the most popular. The new timing system introduced by Gary, who got the idea from the Horsham Club is very good. Clear sound signals and a countdown to the session end, each one being 15 minutes, ensures a fair share for all. Mid air collisions are few as the standard of flying in the restricted space is excellent. The last flying night for this venue is 18th March.

Some other information.

Our Membership Secretary has explained that the BMFA are a bit slow in processing the Membership Cards due to the quantity being sent in. Terry does send ours in small batches as requested by the organization.

Although the Indoor Championship is not supposed to be a profit making event, we did this year achieve one of just £1.

The Annual BBQ has been penciled in for 6th August with the 13th as a back-up date.

Dirty work at Doversgreen. No not muddy boots walking down to the flying field, read on.

My wife reads or listens to lots of books, usually 'who-dunnits' and recently one of these had a reference to D/G. It appeared that a victim, (there are several in the story) was fishing beside the river Mole when he was attacked by a radio controlled aeroplane and fell into the river. He was rescued only to die in a car fire later on! The plods were called but the flyers denied all knowledge except that one had some video which confirmed the incident. The writer, a well known author obviously had some inside knowledge of our operation at D/G and we do have a member with the same surname! Fuunny!
