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## Editorial

Welcome to the February 2014 edition of the club newsletter. Unfortunately, once again I have to start this edition with the sad news of the passing of another club member since the last edition; Cyril Mann has been a long standing active club member and a regular at the Rowley Mile site, who will be sorely missed and I'd like to extend my condolences to his family. Robert Hills has been kind enough to write a short obituary for this edition.

Since the last newsletter we saw summer and early autumn provide many fine flying days before descending in to one of the wettest and maybe windiest winters on record! I can count the number of outdoor sorties since November on one hand.

July's Lark in the Park event saw a healthy number of club members with a huge range of models enjoy one of the hottest days of last summer, while wind direction made the Brian Brotherton day very interesting indeed! Many pilots, including myself, decided discretion was the better part of valour and took full advantage of the club BBQ while watching those brave enough to fly have some 'hairy' landing approaches.

In this issue we start with chat from the Chairman and have articles from Robert Hills and Ian Hatton and an extended photo gallery.

I am relying on your help in producing interesting and informative content for our newsletter. Stories, photos or articles; any contribution, large or small, technically minded or tale of daring do, will be gratefully received.



First of all many thanks to those of you who took the

## Chairman's Chat

time to attend the AGM last December, it is so important that you all get involved and have your say in running the club. The committee is there to listen to your wishes and make the club what you want. The committee is the last resort for sorting out difficulties between members, please talk to each other and arrive at a gentleman's agreement over any differences of opinion.

This year has started slowly, with many wet and windy days. I hope this means you are all beavering away on your latest project and we will see some new and interest craft this summer. For those of you who still need to twiddle those trannie sticks we had an excellent indoor flying event at Burwell Sports Centre in February. There will be another indoor event on 12th April, please come along and take part, it is a great venue with plenty of space for all indoor models. There is a viewing gallery for those not wanting to fly with a bar serving a range of drinks. We need good attendance to make the booking worth while so use it or loose it!

This is my third year as chairman and according to rules I should stand down. I have other commitments that mean I must stand down at the end of this year what ever the rules say. We should, as a club be refreshing the committee members, new blood means new ideas and enthusiasm and hopefully a lively and thriving club. The role of chairman is not difficult or time consuming so please volunteer at the next AGM. Help running the various competition days is always appreciated so even if you are not wanting to fly please come along and help.

Have a safe and enjoyable 2014 flying season.

It is with great sadness that the club has recently

## Cyril Mann Obituary

lost another member. Cyril Mann passed away after a short illness on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Cyril was a keen flyer, gliders being his preferred challenge and was a regular visitor to Rowley Mile especially on a warm Summers day. His favourite model, Gentle Lady would seek out the smallest of thermals and would hang in the sky before



the long, gentle and effortless of descents, usually landing at his feet.

More recently he dabbled with a couple of electric models and the odd curse at Rupert or Henry could be heard if they weren't playing ball.

Rowley Mile will be a quieter flying site without Cyril's banter next Summer and not forgetting John Hills who also passed away last year, they were good

flying friends together. It seems fitting that Cyril took second place in this year's Fenn Brothers Competition.

Cyril Mann, Died 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 aged 83.



article by  
Ian Hatton



## Rowley Mile Electric Yomp

Things got off to a slow start initially, the wind although from an ideal direction was quite strong and was forecast to freshen throughout the day.

I initially walked the course before putting up the turn point markers, and found that the distance between the 3 turn points allowed a time of about 12 minutes at a gentle stroll.

As the wind freshened Mike Cox and myself decided to do a trial flight around the proposed course to see if we could get round, much to our surprise we found that not only was it possible but it was also quite easy.

So while Mike recharged, I set up the 3 turn point markers and start finish gate and landing area.

We initially had 5 entrants Mike, Colin Ashman, Eric, Yik and myself and we had a few spectators.

Heat 1 was a mass launch to start, after Peter Ashman gave the signal, resulted in 4 models getting away and Mike coming to grief due to some radio gremlin.

The results were quite a surprise which turned out to be Yik not understanding the rules. The rule being you must walk to



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each turn point and observe your model going around the turn point.

Yik stood in the middle of the field and flew the course like a pylon racer which resulted in a time of 35 seconds !!!.

It turned out that Colin and Eric had also not understood that rule as well. So we put Heat 1 down to experience and went on to Heat 2 with everyone now understanding the rules.

For Heat 2 there were 4 starters this time as Mikes model was no longer available. Everyone got off to a good start with Colin and Yik taking an early lead.

Results for Heat 2.

**Colin Ashman**

Course time: 4m 30s

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 200

Score:  $1000+800+200=$ **2000**

**Yik Chung**

Course time: 5m

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 200

Score:  $970+800+200=$ **1970**

**Ian Hatton**

Course time: 7m 55s

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 0

Score:  $795+800+0=$ **1595**

**Eric Papworth**

Course time: 12m 3s

Power bonus: 0

Landing bonus: 0

Score:  $517+0+0=$ **517**

Heat 3 had 4 starters again with everyone getting off to a good start again with Colin and Yik taking up the early lead.

Results for Heat 3.

**Colin Ashman**

Course time: 4m 2s

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 200

Score:  $1000+800+200=$ **2000**

**Yik Chung**

Course time: 4m 11s

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 200

Score:  $991+800+200=$ **1991**

**Ian Hatton**

Course time 7m 30s

Power bonus: 800

Landing bonus: 200

Score:  $792+800+200=$ **1792**

**Eric Papworth**

Course time: 9m 24 s

Power bonus: 0

Landing bonus: 0

Score:  $678+0+0=$ **678**

So quite a good result after the less than promising start, with Colin taking first place, Yik second and myself in third.

The most surprising thing is the difference in models, Yik was flying a very small and very fast model, but he was able to



keep it airborne using similar amounts of power to the gliders. The down side though was he was running very fast to keep up with the model and having to perform some aerobatics at each turn point until he arrived. Colin Ashman was also having to move quite quickly to keep up with his model.

Myself and Eric just ambled along with our models going as fast as we could.

All in all a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

article by  
Kevin Sale



## New Pilot Open Day

Those of you that attended the AGM will recall that the club accepted Peter Jenkins offer to run this event at our site, details of how you can sign up to take part are set out below.

The NPOD is an activity sponsored by the Great Britain Radio Control Aerobatic Association (GBR/CAA) – [www.gbrcaa.org](http://www.gbrcaa.org) The Association is a specialist body of the BMFA charged with running precision aerobatic competitions in Great Britain and with selecting the team to represent GB at World and European Championships.

The objective of the NPOD is to provide pilots who are interested in getting into competition aerobatics with a taster day so that they can get an idea of what this branch of the sport is about. We do this by having experienced aerobatic pilots to act as mentors for up to three new aerobatic pilots (for this NPOD we have at least one GB team member helping). All that is needed is an A certificate and a desire to give aerobatics a go.

The East Anglian Area has kindly agreed to fund elements of the event including the provision of prizes for an informal competition that we will hold at the end of the day. Pilots who are interested in taking their B Certificate may also find this event useful – where else will you get one to one tuition on how to improve your flying from an experienced aerobatic pilot (they all have B certificates and some are examiners). Given the support of the EA Area, pilots from the EA area will be given priority but entry will be on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to know more, please contact Peter Jenkins on [peterjenkinsbmfc@btinternet.com](mailto:peterjenkinsbmfc@btinternet.com)





# Photo Gallery



Flight line at Lark in the Park



Busy January flight line. Lots of winter clothing on show.

Pete's Hurricane and Tiger Moth.



Indoor flying at Burwell featuring fixed and rotary wing

Photo Gallery



Colin Ian and myself demonstrating that aero-towing at the Rowley Mile is possible.



Flight line prep at the Cowlinge fly-in.



Roi's Pawnee is nearly ready to fly.



Eric and his large electric Fournier.



Generations. Rougham 2013



There were no items listed for sale or wanted

◀ Items for Sale  
or Wanted

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Indoor Flying Event.</b> Burwell Sports hall. 7pm to 10pm.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Indoor Flying Event.</b> Burwell Sports hall. 7pm to 10pm. £5 per pilot.
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NPOD training &amp; competition.</b> Snailwell. 9.30am registration & pilot briefing, 11am start. Organised by Peter Jenkins.
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fenn Brothers Competition.</b> Rowley Mile - 1pm start Organised by Mike Cox.
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Electric Competition.</b> Rowley Mile - 1pm start Organised by Colin Ashman.
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brian Brotherton Open Day &amp; BBQ.</b> Snailwell - 11am start. Organised by Jerry Carter.
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rowley Mile Electric Yomp.</b> Rowley Mile - 1pm start. Organised by Ian Hatton.
September TBC	<b>Cowlinge Fun Fly-in.</b> Details to be distributed before the event. Organised by John James.
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club AGM.</b> Palamino, Newmarket - 7.30pm start.

◀ Club Events  
Calendar

Thanks to Mike Cox, Robert Hills, Ian Hatton.

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