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*A Merry Christmas & Happy 2011
to you and your families.*

Phoenix Committee, 2010/2011

2010 A.G.M

Thanks to those who ventured out in the dreadful weather to attend the AGM. As you can see from the photo, the small, (but perfectly formed) audience was spellbound by the excitement of another AGM!



The minutes will be published a little later, but items covered include:

- A long list of the developments put in place in the last year - including the fact that, per member, we spent more on development than we received in Membership Fees.
- Planned developments for 2011 – a much shorter list, as there is not much left to do.
- Accounts, Balance Sheet and 2011 Budget.
- Club Communications and Events (a round of applause for our Barbecue Team). We hope that we can host another Aerobatic competition in 2011, with the added possibility of a Freestyle event.
- Website – changes in the year, a quick review of statistics, the new weather station and plans for 2011.
- Proposals for Rule Changes, and the reasons – all discussed by the membership and agreed.
- Re-election of the Committee for another year.

During that we also managed to fit in sandwiches and mince pies - and we still went home at a reasonable time.

Hon. Mike Conrad

Also announced at the AGM was an Honorary Life Membership for **Mike Conrad**. Mike originally joined the Northwick Park MFC around 40 years ago (he still has a card from 1971, and he knows it wasn't his first). In fact, along with Dave Summers and George Hunter, Mike was among the first members of the Northwick Park Club. When Northwick Park moved to London Colney in the mid '70s and became the Phoenix, Mike came along with it.

A great aeromodeller in the traditional sense, Mike has been designing and building his own models for more years than he cares to remember - quite a few have been published in magazines (and are still available).

Although Mike has moved mainly to electric power these days, he is definitely still a balsa basher – and very good at it.



As you will see from the picture, his latest design is the Voltswagon - numbered MC 133. And yes, that does mean he has had (at least) 133 models.

Mike has been a club instructor for many years (indeed he taught your scribe to fly, and without a buddy box, in those far off days) and must have helped hundreds over the years. Most of all though, Mike is a thoroughly nice person - congratulations to him on his Honorary status.

Boomerang Changes

Clubmate **Colin Gontier** has had a great interest in jet models for some time, and has “got through” quite a few. Now he has really put his money where his mouth is – he has acquired the Boomerang Jets company from **Alan Cardash**.



Colin said:

“I was very pleased to take advantage of such an exciting opportunity and I plan to carry on all the hard work already done by Alan. Alan has kindly agreed to continue with design advice for forthcoming developments, so look out for new products over the next few months.”

Here is Colin showing off the very impressive Boomerang Torus:



This has JetCat P160 Power and is a great flying model, well suited to our patch. So, if you are thinking about getting in to jets (and the Boomerang range is a great introduction), just talk to Colin about your requirements.

JetCat P20 Club

The tiny new JetCat P20 has been making regular appearances at the patch with **Dave Wilshere** and **Colin Gontier**.

Here is the P20 fitted to Colin’s “Ducty” – a model with a woeful performance with the supplied 2 stroke ducted fan unit.



With the P20, this model is transformed – plenty of power, flies beautifully and sounds great, all in a very a compact package.

Dave is campaigning an Airworld Cougar fitted with a P20, another great performer:



Dave told us (in early December) that JetCat had sold less than 40 P20s worldwide, and 5 of them are owned by Phoenix members.

This engine produces 24 Newtons of thrust (around 5.3 lbs thrust), peaks at 245,000 rpm, and idles at 130,000 rpm.

If you are interested in this absolute gem of an engine, then talk to Dave at Motors and Rotors – a snip at around £1,900.

Pat NcCann

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that **Pat McCann** died in Watford General on 14 December. Pat had been ill for some time, but had kept on flying up to a few weeks before his death.

Our sincere condolences to Pat's family and friends – he will be missed.

Next Club Night

The next Club Night will be on :

Thursday 6th January

Membership cards, micro heli flying, from 7:30
London Colney Village Club,
St Annes Road, London Colney AL2 1NX

AT6 Texan

After persevering with his foam Hawk for months, **Ashley Jones** decided to use all the gear in something a little more user friendly and has a new Seagull AT6 Texan:



1.6 metre span, electric powered, using a 5 cell 5000 mah LiPo – take off run about 6 feet!

Moor Models

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