

## Mike's Page

As a child I was intrigued by flight and how aeroplanes and birds stayed up there in the sky and my attempts to join them quickly proved that jumping off walls with umbrellas and cardboard wings were not only useless but often, very painful.



My more realistic introduction to flying was shared with my pals at school when we entered the world of planes powered by rubber bands, Jetex and diesel engines and control lines. Slope soaring and electric powered gliders followed in later years and this remains my passion today. I love all forms of model making and am a member of a local model boat club, a slope soaring club and a fixed-wing flying club where I obtained my "A" rating a few years ago.

At a model exhibition held at the Helicopter Museum in Weston Super Mare I was fascinated by a model hovercraft being demonstrated by the AWL Model Group and was encouraged by them to have a go at building one. With a lot of help from them, I not only completed building the Savabaa but was also invited to join their group for which I remain, very grateful.