

Pete's Page



I started to build models in the late 1950's, encouraged by my father who was a research engineer. Like most people at that time my models were all scratch built apart from one or two Keil Kraft gliders or rubber powered balsa and doped tissue aeroplanes.

I suppose the regular loss of the flying models slowly moved me towards building model boats. All the boats I built were entirely scratch built and with the scarcity of radio control equipment at the time were all free running.

In the early 1960's I began to move towards radio control and built several sets of my own. Of course these were all single channel valve designs but as time went on I slowly moved towards multi-channel systems although still of the non-proportional kind using reed banks.

In later years I joined a model engineering club and then moved to a model boat club. This lasted for many years until it began to get problematic finding water to sail on.

Over the last few years I have slowly migrated to other forms of modelling, building road vehicles initially from kits but recently far more challenging scratch builds.

Bolstered by the cheap availability of quite sophisticated multi-channel digital-proportional radio gear I can see no end to my interest and since being invited to join the AWL group have enjoyed my hobby immensely.