

CLAPA AT ALLY PALLY - JAN 2010

After a year of planning we finally made our grand entrance.....

"Amazing" or "I flew control line 50 years ago". These were typical comments that we heard from visitors to the CLAPA stand during the Model Engineering show at Alexandra Palace in January 2010. What started out as a simple dream in Paul Winter's mind nearly a year ago, turned from a small stand tucked into a dark and dingy corner into a mammoth 12m x 3m (nearly 40ft x 10ft) stand prominently situated in the model activities area of the show. However, let's be honest, this didn't all happen just by magic, many months of preparation (and charm) were involved by event director Paul and a bevy of CLAPA members to make it the success it ultimately turned out to be. Sincere thanks then to Peter Tindal, John Benzing, Mick Castell, Bill Smith and Ian Russell, who not only dutifully attended every day to patiently answer all manner of questions relating to control line aerobatics, but for also providing the many display models and engines. Peter Rabjohn also provided models and engines and, together with Peter Catlow, was set to man the stand, but due to unforeseen circumstances they both found themselves unable to attend. So was it worth it? You bet! Will we be going back? You bet!

The engine display and wing building jig.

Celebs on the CLAPA stand – Left to Right: Ali Mashinchy (MD of Al's Hobbies), Peter Tindal, Paul Winter, Andy Housden, Ian Russell.



The CLAPA stand at Ally Pally