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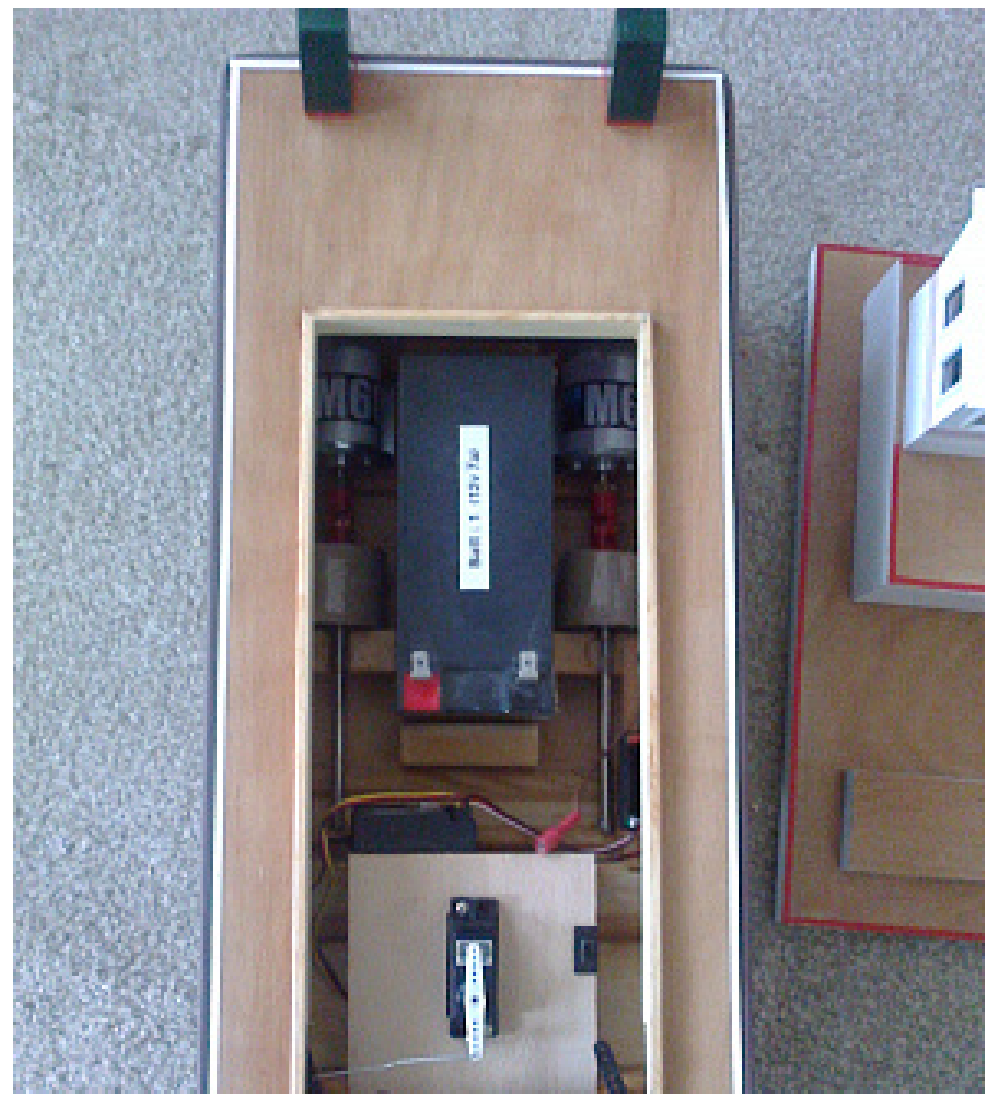


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push tug..

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push tug..

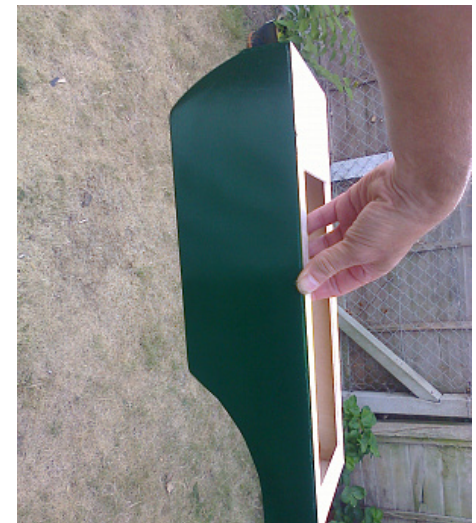
Having put together a couple of "kit's" over the years, normally with fiberglass hull, I decided after having a electrical failure while on the local pond that I could do with something to retrieve a stricken boat, but with what and how, well after posing the question of what others do I decided to have a look about and found some idea's for a push tug, it seemed like the ideal thing and was something like I was looking for, I didn't purchase a kit, instead decided to build it myself... After making the hull according to the plan's, I looked at it and thought... na, that won't work. the plan's gave the hull a half moon shape, I found that it didn't balance well and needed a fair bit of weight due to the displacement, so I cut the bottom of and now is a flat bottom vassal, this sat better and stable in water.. I intend to run it on a 12v sla battery and two Mtroniks 600 motors... the deck and cabin has copied the general shape but a few changes to add features and suit the design that pop's into my head as I go... its coming along well I think... all materials are mostly odd's and end's, bit's I find and mixed wood except the deck's which I intend to varnish with white sides..



13th Jul 2018

a bit more done

just an update, the top deck and cabin is nearly done... work on the hull continues.



17th Jul 2018

getting there

well, bathroom trial's have taken place, a few adjustments, i.e positioning of the battery for balance, otherwise no bad at all, sit's ok may need a little balancing with weights but the open pond will allow travel and view from all angle's, electrics are in and basic, old transmitter and receiver, a cheap ebay esc, new motors, shafts, prop's and rudders, all working together well, the rest is as mentioned "stuff" that I found in the loft, shed and junk room.



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Well.. sea trial's have taken place, a little to heavy so a smaller lighter battery to try next time, wrong propeller's to powerfull but they was one's i allready had so ordering new ones, and a minor pin hole leak.. otherwise, works well, pushed my big 4ft boat about ok... and forgot to take my *@#& phone so no photo's

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