

April - May 2018

NewsLetter



Upcoming Events

May 20th Craig Coleman timed flight comp and Swap / Sale meet

June 9th and 10th Vic Scale Trophy comp

July 17th TCMAC Annual General Meeting (location TBA)

September 29th 30th and October 1st Control Line Comp

October 13th and 14th APA Championships

October 13th and 14th Scale event Bowylie Canberra

October 19th 20th and 21st Seaplane Weekend

President's Report November 2017



Our Autumn Scale Rally has once again been a resounding success, with something like 39 Pilots and 68 models. Not quite as big as our 10th anniversary event, but this time, many more flights. Friday was not our typical Autumn weather, but Saturday and Sunday were forecast to be great, and they were both excellent flying days. A full report by Blowie will follow. 14 campers registered for the event. As usual, Blowie has made notes from this event, leading to even better organisation and safety next year. Some changes to the awards are being considered.

A few weeks earlier, we hosted a VPA event with some 20+ entries and great conditions for all days. Peter Webb, Rob Hulett, Warren Leach and Chris Henry were our local entrants.

A few stayed on to practice for the upcoming Nationals at Cootamundra. Full report by Warren follows. Notable in practice on Monday, was the ejection of the 2 flight pack batteries in a high "g" negative manoeuvre. Luckily, even though the batteries were bent and damaged, no fire. Even found another yellow Lipo close to the scene. As these models typically have a small Lipo for the Rx and servos, an uneventful landing followed.

Thanks to Neil Sharp for organising the Bright / Porepunkah weekend away on April 7&8, a great time had by all. Maybe we can make Neil the honorary Rear Commodore.

A big thanks to the canteen staff, several new faces on duty, which was good to see. Special thanks to Libby Sargent and Jenny Tulk for their hard work behind the counter and in the Clubhouse. We were a bit short on manpower for the VPA event, but lots of offers to help at the Autumn Scale rally. We have instituted some small changes to serving, with people now able to take their own salad, helping with throughput noticeably. Still need a minimum of 3 to run the canteen properly.

Net profit from the ASR was approx. \$1600, well done all.

Recycling is still happening, both Adeh and Jack are helping out with that. Anything with the intact bar code is good, drop them at the Clubhouse, undercover & neatly packaged if possible.

Coming up is Mother's day Sunday 13th, following that, the Craig Coleman event on 20th May. June 9 & 10 is a round of the VFSAA at Parker Field.

We are off to the land where these comments apply:

If it's not raining, it's a blessing, and

If it's not raining, it shortly will be.

Happy Flying, hope Autumn holds on a bit longer for you.

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Annual Club trip to Pourpunkha



Modellers Weekend Away

The weekend of April 7th and 8th marked the third time the Bright Model Aero Club have hosted a visit by members of the Twin Cities Model Aero Club for weekend of flying and socialising at their field at Porepunkah, and by the river in Bright.

This year 22 members and partners from Albury made the trip to the High Country for a great weekend.

After flying finished around 3 pm we all adjourned to the River Bank Motel to enjoy some drinks and nibbles on the grass behind the motel on the banks of the river.

It was just a short walk into town for dinner at the hotel where we hosted the President and committee members of the Bright Club.

Breakfast at a local café and then out to the field for some more flying.

Many thanks to the Bright Club for a great weekend, they have again invited us to visit again next year. The 2019 visit is scheduled for the weekend of March 23rd and 24th.

Get in early with a booking at the River Bank Motel



*Happy hour
at the Motel
beer garden
then the pub*



WANG JETS MEET'

Back in March some of our club members made the trip down to the 'WANG JETS MEET' To see our Ell Presedentie fly his jets and new jet jockey Beechworth Rob have his first jet fly after the model had been certified , On arrival it was clear this was a very big meeting with over 60 entrants and I would guess at about 100 jets on the flight line.



Now all these jets according to my reckoning had a combined value of around "\$800000 !!!! I am not kidding

with this amount of monies as everywhere one looked there was a very expensive model on show, Now down to the flying which was off a very high standard with Bones Gale doing inward -outward rolling circles 20 feet of the ground with a very big and very very expensive model that was worth around the \$20000 mark I guess???

Mr G put the PANTHER up for a great display of controlled flying and greased in landings, It was now Beechworth Robs turn to have a go and he did a great job with whats amounts to a test flight in front of 100s of eagley watching spectators !!! Up & down just like a pro with a smile right across his face as the enclosed photo shows.

This event will be on next year at the same time over 3 days so if you can its a short trip down the highway to see how the other half fly.

Cheers, Wassa

How far can you be from the nearest Airport?

That would have to be the Qantas flight QF63 from Sydney to Johannesburg, and QF64 flying in the opposite direction. This flight path takes the aircraft in the Great Circle route of over 11,000 kilometres, dipping right down towards Antarctica. At about mid-way the aircraft would pass over the Kerguelen Islands. At that point Perth would be over 4,000 kilometres away. The closest airport at which the aircraft could land would be Durban in South Africa 3,800 kilometres away. It is for this reason Qantas use the Boeing 747, which has a substantial safety margin since the 747 can remain airborne on just one engine.

However, new generation aircraft such as the Airbus A350 and Boeings 787 have an ETOP'S rating of over 5 hours, the amount of time these aircraft are certified to fly on one engine.

This would allow them to operate safely on the Johannesburg /Sydney route. Another reason why twin engine aircraft are rapidly replacing four engine aircraft. The era of the four-engine airliner has almost passed.

David Balfour.

CRAIG COLEMAN MEMORIAL

TIMED

FLIGHT COMPETITION

Sunday May 20th

The aim of the competition is to fly for as close to 30 minutes without the aid of any timing device.

Points are deducted for every second over or under 30 minutes.

Pilots may fly solo or as a team.

Flying will commence at 9.30 and there will be a limit of 6 aircraft in the air at any one time.

Prize for first place.

In conjunction with the competition we will hold a Sale / Swap meet.

Bring along any surplus modelling gear, and some cash. You might pick up a bargain.

11th Annual Autumn Scale Rally 2018.

Our annual Autumn Scale Rally continues to grow and is now well established on the Scale flyers calendar.

This year marked the 11th year of the event and attracted pilots from Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra as well many local scale aircraft enthusiasts.

This year we played host to 39 pilots with over 60 aircraft, making it one of the most popular events in the country.

This event is a flying rally with no competition, however awards are presented for the Best Military aircraft, the Best Civil aircraft and a Pilots Choice award.

The Civil and Military awards are determined by a committee comprising of two local members and two visitors who observe the aircraft both on the ground and in the air, the entrants are not aware that their aircraft are being judged. The Pilots Choice award is determined by all the pilots flying during the event.



This year's winners were:

Best Military Aircraft: Matt Chambers from Canberra with his P40 Kittyhawk.

Best Civil Aircraft: Rob Hulett with his Boeing 80 Airliner.

Pilots Choice: Rob Hulett for the Boeing 80.

Prestigious events like our Scale Rally don't just happen, a massive amount of work goes into the planning, organising and running the weekend.

This year we were fortunate to again having the VMAA's support of the event with the supply of the winner's trophies. And Rob Sargent and Ken Petts from Albury RC Models for the raffle prizes, many thanks to all concerned.

Some special thanks must go to all those involved in supporting the weekend catering for visiting pilots. To all those behind the scenes who supplied the cakes and biscuits etc for the canteen and especially to Libby Sargent and Jenny Tulk for their work in the kitchen on the very busy Sunday morning, the kitchen has never been left so clean!! message: %3C7A4F54D0-

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The Vic patten guys held there event at our field in April with the event sponsored by TATES RC WORLD with 21 entries fronting up to be judged, TCMAC had 4 entrants having a go.

First cab of the rank was Pete with his new all elect model and he did a great job with very good score in SPORTSMAN .

Next up was Rob H flying his new model in the ADVANCED class followed by myself flying my EPIC Now on the Friday we had been given some coaching on how to fly the shedual by F3A flyer Russ Edwards with the main point was to fly "BIG" and this is great if you can see the model and I for one could not at that height .

Mr Henry was up next in Expert were he has some very good rounds and some that were not that good.

On the Sunday Rob and I decided that in order to see it "old eyes" we would have to fly a little smaller and our scores showed a big improvement so for us and cert me that was the way to go, Now on this weekend the VPA were using this new compute score system which to me seemed to slow things down quite a bit with advance & expert group only getting in 3 rounds and F3A and Sportsman only 2 rounds were as in the past we all used to get in 4 rounds on the Sat & 2 on the Sunday but on this event we only managed to get ie a total of 5 rounds which was a little disappointing.

Now how did we all go!!

SPORTSMAN class Pete got a well earned 3rd place

ADVANCED class Wassa got a 1st place and Rob got 2nd place.

EXPERT class; Chris Henry end up a very close 2nd which he was happy with.

When one considered 2 of us had new models with very little air time on them and the weather "WIND" was all over the place prior to the event which meant not much practice we all did quite well and most importantly did our club proud so next yr why not have a go !!! any model will do. Cheers, Wassa

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