



# Tale Feathers - December 2003

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Welcome to the December 2003 edition of 'Talefeathers'. If you have anything to contribute, please, let Greg or Wayne know. Remember - The web based version is always available in colour 3 – 5 days before the hard copy – why wait?

## Website

Remember, you can download your copy of Tail Feathers off the Club web site from the documents page.  
<http://www.waggamac.org.au/documents.html> (or reach it from the *site map* page).

- Details for both the **2004 Heli Heatwave** and **2004 WW2 Event** have been added.
- Club documentation (By-Laws and the General Flying Safety Rules) have been removed under direction of the Committee.

## Club Competitions - Riverina Fun Fly

30th November 2002

11am start

patchy rain & gusty winds

4 contestants

Results: WMAAC regains the Riv Fun Fly trophy to be kept a Col Taylor Models

1. Darryle Taber 1000 pts
2. Mark Payne 742 pts (West Wylong)
3. Malcom Jackson 602 pts (West Wylong)
4. Kevin Little 504 pts

Next Riv Fun Fly to possibly be held at West Wylong early to mid next year more info closer to the date.

Ben Taber - CD

## Horsham Scale Sailplane Event

Wayne Hadkins traveled to Horsham in central western Victoria for the Scale Soaring Australia annual Aero Towing weekend on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> -

The weather was lousy Friday (wind & rain), but improved to passing showers Saturday and no rain Sunday – unfortunately it remained windy all weekend.

At various times over the weekend, I counted over 40 scale sailplanes either in the pits or on the flight line, ranging from “baby” 2.8m span Schweizers to 6m+ glass beauties (Swift, Fox, Due Discus, Jantar, etc. etc.). 2 tugs ran most times & occasionally 3 – the smallest was powered by a 74cc Zenoah twin, so getting quickly to altitude (>1000ft – as measured by on board telemetry) presented no difficulties.

I took Laurie Knight's LS3 (didn't get my LS6 finished). I traveled down with Tim Nolan and Don Costelloe from Sydney (old modeling mates) & between us we took 7 sailplanes, 1 tug, 3 sport electric & 1 F5B model - pretty good I reckon!! I flew the LS3, & 1/4 scale Fox, Kestrel, KA6 and the Tug. My total air time Saturday + Sunday was about 2.5 hrs.



### **How Big is Big?**

I found these pictures & descriptions on the internet – having flown a number of different (smaller!?) 4 & 5m glass beauties, I can really imagine what these 8m+ machines must be like to fly – glorious!!



*ASH25 8.33m on 6th September 2003 at Cap Blanc Nez, Belgium*



*But it could surprise you to know I fly all these planes with only one hand. Indeed, I've lost a hand when I was 16 years old while trying out some chemical experiments. But life goes on, and nothing could stop me flying these beauties. I control the planes using the left stick as a mono stick (height and aileron) with mixed rudder, the flaps are controlled using the same hand with a rotary control just above the stick. Brakes, are controlled by the right stick using my right arm.*



*I never build these planes myself, but rather import them from Germany, definitely the place to be for all soaring fans, the real planes as well the RC controlled ones.*

In case you are wondering, a fuselage and plan for one of these 'monsters' from Rosenthal in Germany will set you back over \$2500 Aus. (shipping extra!!!!)

## Records

Many of you are probably aware of the existence of world record categories - Some of you may even know some of the records.

The MAAA also keeps Australian records in (mostly) the same categories. Some of them are not that "challenging". So, why not have a Club day and "have a go" at some of them? A few years ago, the Wangaratta Club did just that, and actually snared several Australian records.

Only a few weeks ago, Melbourne flyer Ray Cooper, set a new (provisional) world altitude record for electric powered models of over 3000m – that's 3 Km straight up!! Full details are at [http://www.ctie.monash.edu.au/hargrave/cooper\\_fai\\_alt\\_record\\_01.html](http://www.ctie.monash.edu.au/hargrave/cooper_fai_alt_record_01.html)

## Interesting Links to try

- World Records: <http://records.fai.org/models/current.asp>
- Large Scale RC Soaring in Belgium <http://users.pandora.be/laurent.dejonghe/>
- "Bumpy Green" Model Aerodrome (UK) <http://www.bumpygreen.co.uk/frames.htm>

## For Sale

**Rob Mollenhauer** had some great gear FOR SALE but we managed to sell it all before going to print – see, this communication medium really works!!! If you have anything for sale, let us know. Meanwhile,

**Wayne Hadkins** – 6925 7301 Home or 0427 910 511 Mobile - has FOR SALE

"BOOMERANG" Sport Trainer. Suite .35 - .46 2 stroke. Great flyer in excellent condition – just add motor & radio gear & go fly - \$150

"FOAM D" – foam Sport delta as pictured in the October newsletter. Different to look at and a Great flyer too!! – just add a .40 motor & radio gear & go fly - \$60

Scale Embraer TURCANO (LMC Models kit of the Brazilian turbine aircraft that looks like the Swiss Pilatus PC9) – glass fuse, sheeted foam cored wings, full set of ABS moldings for 2 pilots, drop tanks, etc, includes all accessories (canopy, hardware, wheels & fittings) - suite .46 - .60 \$180

Hawker Tomtit (English Veron Kit, no longer in production? – a builders kit that makes into a beautiful scale model of the English between the wars biplane fighter, ideal for .40 four stroke. Includes 2 rolls of silver coverite fabric covering & Williams scale wheels. \$175

## From the Committee

- The Committee, at it's November meeting, determined that the Newsletter "be distributed to members within ten days after the meeting" – I understand that to be the general meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, so you can now expect your edition of *Talefeathers* to arrive after the monthly general meeting, not before as previously done.
- Steve Sutherland has resigned as Vice President due to work commitments. Craig Keys has accepted the Vice Presidents position.
- Heli Heatwave – 6+7<sup>th</sup> March, 2004. Put the dates in your calendar – if you can help with the kitchen and/or other duties please let one of the committee know.
- **Club Auction** – in March, date to be advised. Clean your garages out – any bits & pieces, planes, etc, then this is your chance to do so. The Club will keep 10% commission on all sales.
- There have been another 6 applications for membership. This brings the total number of new members to 18 so far this financial year – great news for the Club.
- One of our new members, Tim Voigt, from Warracknabeal, is a Gold Wings flyer and Instructor – great to have another flyer of that caliber in our Club.

## Bits & Pieces

- **WW2 & Military Scale** – April 23 + 24 + 25, 2004 - Contact Craig Keys or Kevin Little
- **Congratulations Ian & Weena Strachan** on the birth of son Henry Ian – now that demonstrates real commitment to getting juniors into the Club!?!

## Picture this – how Close is Close??

Sometimes you can just get too close!! Fortunately these are (only) 3m R/C models.





**This F14 pilot copped a suspension (4 weeks I believe) for this flyby of his aircraft carrier, but he reckoned it was definitely worth it – who said the movie *Top Gun* was BS!!**

### **From the VMAA**

*'We have once again received an Australian Safety Bureau Aviation incident report. This report states that a model aircraft was being flown within controlled airspace of a Full Size Aerodrome at a height of 1000'Ft.*

*This action is not only against CASA regulations, but is also very dangerous. As the VMAA has no control over non-members that fly at local Council Parks and Gardens, the VMAA has no option other than notifying the ATSB, who in turn will investigate. There are very high penalties for persons that break CASA regulation.*

*The VMAA Executive would like all Clubs to inform their members that Flying Model Aircraft at local Council Parks and Gardens whether it be within controlled airspace or not, it may be against Council regulation, and very well possible they will be breaking CASA regulations.*

*Flying (in) air space with Full Size Aircraft is just asking for trouble. Common sense tells us that if there is a Full Size Aircraft coming into the airspace (where) a model is flying, the Model Aircraft must ensure they give way to all other Aircraft.'*

## MASNSW 2004 Events Calendar

Version 7 - Those Events marked with an \* are MASNSW Point Score Events

Unless otherwise advised MASNSW Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every Month.

### January 2004

		No MASNSW Meeting			
*	11	2m Glider Rnd 1 Millennium Cup	Werrington	Dave Lewis	4736 2611
	18-19	Seaplanes	Lithgow	Dave Brown	6351 2513
	24-26	Sailplane Expo	Armidale	Phil Crandon	6621 9747

### February 2004

*	1	Sportsman Class Pylon	Queenbeyan	TBA	
*	7-8	Old Timers (Alan Brown Memorial)	Blayney	Peter Johnsen	6362 9410
*	7	SAS Club Scale Round 1     Static Judging	Doonside	Peter Gow	4654 5331
*	7-8	SAS Club Scale Round 2     Flying	Doonside	Peter Gow	4654 5331
	8	2m Glider Rnd 2 Millennium Cup	Berkley (IMAC)	Steve Mutch	4228 9938
	13	MASNSW Meeting	Parramatta	8:00 Pm	
	14	MAS/MAAA Life members / Hall of Fame Dinner	Bankstown	Val Vickers	9634 1323
*	16	FSAA All Scale Round 1	Long Bay	John Kinnane	9523 4000
	21-22	MAAA Council Conference	Melbourne		
*	29	Thermal Glider Rnd 1 Heathcote Cup	Heathcote	Klaus Weiss	9520 2184

### March 2004

	6-7	Banjo Patterson Scale Rally	Orange	Peter Johnsen	6362 9410
	7	Hunter Valley Glider Championships	TBA	TBA	
	13 (Sat)	MASNSW Meeting	Country		
	20-21	Instructors Course	Cootamundra	Steve Vickers	9634 1323
*	20-21	F3A Aerobatics NSW State Championships	IMAC	Peter Amadio	4256 6706
*	27-28	SAS Club Scale Round 3     Flying	Metford	Peter Gow	4654 5331
	28	2m Glider Rnd ? Millennium Cup	Queenbeyan	Klaus Weiss	9520 2184
	28	Sportsman Class Pylon	Cowra	Wayne Symons	6342 4525
*	26-29	Old Timers SAM Championships	Cootamundra	Sharon Smith	6942 4457

### April 2004

*	4	Thermal Glider Rnd 2 Heathcote Cup	Heathcote	Klaus Weiss	9520 2184
	9	MASNSW Meeting	Parramatta	8:00 Pm	

### May 2004

*	2	Sportsman Class Pylon	Berkley (IMAC)	Brian McFarlane	4284 6611
	14	MASNSW Meeting	Parramatta	8:00 Pm	
	15-16	7 Cell Glider/F5B	Berkley (IMAC)	Steve Mutch	4228 9938
	16	Scale Rally	SRCS	Chris Burn	9659 2489
*	23	FSAA Static Judging	Kemps Creek	John Kinnane	9523 4000
*	23	FSAA All Scale Round 2	Kemps Creek	John Kinnane	9523 4000
*	29-30	SAS Club Scale Round 4     Flying	Goulburn	Peter Gow	4654 5331

### June 2004

	11	MASNSW Meeting	Parramatta	8:00 Pm	
	13	Electric Fun Fly day	Berkley (IMAC)	Lou Amadio	4228 4906
*	13-14	F4C & SOS Scale State Champs	TBA	Peter Gow	4654 5331
	22	Astro Hog Day	SRCS	Chris Byrne	9659 2489

## Care Of Our Airfield

*This was originally written by Laurie Talbot a few years ago. With only minor updating, it is still very relevant.*

With a number of new members in recent times it is timely to acquaint them and to remind old members of the need to protect the tenure of our airfield.

We occupy the site of the Model airfield at 'Connorton' solely through the generosity of the landowners, Bruce & Wendy Harris.

We have no legal tenure, pay no lease fee and while one of the stated aims of the Club is to purchase our own site, the present land owners have no interest in selling.

Let us consider what we have.

- ✓ Location. Close to the City on a main highway (with alternate routes).
- ✓ Area More than adequate Airstrip with huge fly-over area
- ✓ Services Town water supply connected. Power available.
- ✓ Noise No noise problems with neighbours etc.
- ✓ Height Height waiver. Clear to 1000' AGL.
- ✓ Traffic No conflicting air traffic due to Kapooka's PRD Zone.
- ✓ Parking Huge car park with emergency parking available in adjacent paddocks for special occasions.
- ✓ Obstacle free No power lines, poles etc in the immediate vicinity.
- ✓ General It is difficult to imagine finding an alternative site with all these features.

ALL THIS COULD BE LOST THROUGH ONE THOUGHTLESS ACT OR OMISSION.

Imagine the consequences of leaving a gate open or the electric fence down or not switched on (currently not an issue until the wheat crop is harvested), giving the Harris' stock access to the Olympic Way- (fortunately our front fence has just been repaired).

What do you think the landowners' reaction would be on finding a modeller wading through a valuable Canola or wheat crop to retrieve a model? Especially as the potential yield from the area set aside for the model airstrip/ car park/ pit area has already cost him \$1200-\$1500 in lost production.

Rubbish left blowing around does not earn us any Brownie points either.

Please treat entry to the airfield as a privilege and take care not to do (or fail to do) anything that could jeopardize good relationship with the Harris family or our long term occupancy of this extremely valuable flying site.

Similarly, consider your fellow Club members and the capital your Club has invested in our facilities. If you are the last out, always ensure the gas is turned off at the bottles, all sprinklers are off & the hoses stored in the shed, all lights are off, and the shed, office and front gate are all securely locked.

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**8/12/03 starting at 8.00 PM at the Wagga Leagues Club**

**General meeting (hopefully limited to 1 hr) then a few social drinks for Christmas – come along and make it a real Christmas social night!!**

**Next Club Social Event – Club Christmas Party 6th Dec @ 7.00 PM – Leagues Club Bistro - EVERYBODY WELCOME!!**

**Next Club Competition - ?? (watch this space!?!)**