



# Tale Feathers – Feb + March 2004

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On Sunday night (8/2/04), when we arrived at the field at 18:15, the main gate was open as was the pit gate. Fortunately, the shed was locked. There was no one at the field and there were no recent tracks in the driveway after the rain shower which had passed earlier, suggesting the field had been left open for at least 45 minutes

Consequently, at the February general meeting, it was determined that the following be placed in *Tale Feathers*.

## Attention All Members

It is your responsibility when leaving the field to:

- ✓ Turn the gas of (at the bottles)
- ✓ Put up the electric fence
- ✓ Turn the electric fence ON – switch is near the battery bank in the shed
- ✓ Make sure that both pit gates are closed
- ✓ Turn off all lights & the extractor fan in Clubhouse
- ✓ Lock the Clubhouse
- ✓ Lock the front gate

**web sit revisions** - The Links page is still happening with links to other Clubs, Controlling bodies, special interest groups, etc, added – there

are always more to be added, so - let me know of any suitable links you think others would be interested in.

### **Interesting Links to try**

Central Florida Remote Control Association (I had the pleasure of flying with these guys in 2002)

<http://www.rcacf.com>

The famous site of Ken Myers devoted to electric flight

<http://members.aol.com/KMyersEFO/>

This is a really cool site with lots of simple, useless, time wasting games, but this particular game involves landing an aeroplane – it's really quite difficult – I eventually succeeded but I won't tell you how many tries it took!?!

<http://www.collegemix.com/content.php?q=2&id=438>

### **Club Fees Increase**

TO \$387.50 pa

### **HAVE I GOT YOUR ATTENTION?**

The time is quickly approaching when we will be calling on all members to assist with our Heli Heatwave on 6th & 7th March and our annual WW II & Military Scale event to be held over 3 days 23rd, 24th & 25th March. So this may be a good time to look at a few figures before we start looking for excuses not to be part of the workforce at either or both these events.

In round figures WW II brings in about \$7000 to club funds, we have around 70 members, so this equates to about \$100 per member.....is everyone still with me????

If we have no WW II, we would need to increase our club fees by \$100 per member to make up the shortfall. This would prove too expensive for some, who could no longer afford to be members and this in turn would increase the fees for the remainder.....

Don't fancy the forgoing scenario????

**Contact Brendan Tucker (Heli Heatwave) or Craig Keyes (WW II) or any of the Club executive & put your name down to help.**

*Contributed by Laurie Talbot*

### **Working Bees**

To Quote Derryn Hinch **SHAME SHAME SHAME!!**

The Working Bee on the weekend of 14th & 15th Feb to install the underground watering system achieved what it set out to do despite the heat & shortage of helpers from the younger brigade.

In a few idle moments early on Monday morning, I calculated the average age of those who put in a tremendous effort to improve our facilities. Any guesses?

You may be surprised (disgusted?) to learn that the average age of the 15 workers was 57 years, Had Brendan (the youngest) not turned up, the average would have been 59.2 years.

The Club owes a big THANK YOU to Laurie Knight & his team of "oldies" for a job well done.

*Contributed by Laurie Talbot*



### **Circle Work**

I am very pleased to report that **Control Line** has made a return to the Uranquinty field. Bill Phillips, Laurie Knight, Wayne Hadkins & young Frankie spent a very enjoyable hour or two flying Wayne's *Junior Nobler* in early February. Lots of laughter with a simple C/L model – JUST PLANE FUN!!

Since then we have had a number of enjoyable sessions. George Car has visited with his large (>1.5m span) C/L vintage stunt model and a few smaller aeroplanes.



The most recent C/L machine to get airtime is this beastie, knocked together from a core flute real estate sign and some 20mm sq. pine. It flies surprisingly well!!!.

## More Aviation Sayings

- Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.
- Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding it or doing anything about it.
- When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, then obviously something was forgotten.
- Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.
- Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII: When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity, as slowly and as gently as possible.
- The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you. (Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot.)
- A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum. (Jon McBride, astronaut)
- If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible. (Bob Hoover –renowned aerobatic and test pilot)
- If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it; ride the bastard down. (Ernest K. Gann, author & aviator)
- Yea, Though I Fly Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil ... For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing. (Sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location Kadena, Japan).
- You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3. (Paul F. Crickmore - test pilot)
- Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.
- There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime. (Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970).
- The three best things in life are a good landing, a good orgasm, and a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities in life where you get to experience all three at the same time. (Author unknown, but someone who's been there!)
- "Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV." (A DC-9 captain trainee

attempting to check out on the 'glass cockpit' of an A-320).

- If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.
- Basic Flying Rules: Try to stay in the middle of the air.
- Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.
- You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.
- Any landing you can walk away from is a good landing!!



## On the Boards

In a Club of over 60 members, it is reasonable to assume that there is always something under construction, something on a members building board.

**Laurie Knight** has just completed his new Glider Tug. Since it arose out of the ashes of the short lived **Cloud Dancer** (sorry Laurie!?!), it has been dubbed the **Phoenix**. The maiden flight was in early February. Basic details are:  
Tartan Twin (glow), 20 x 8 wooden prop  
Mass 13 lb  
Static thrust 20lb  
Servos on rudder, throttle, elevator, tow release & each aileron.



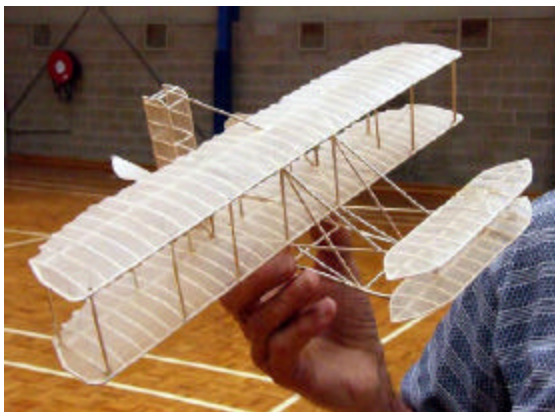
What else is out there??

Conversely, if you have already flown your new project, give me some brief details, a picture or two and some impressions (eg. Size, mass, power, likes, dislikes, etc) and we can include your "mini-review" in [Tale Feathers](#).



## Century of Powered Flight

As part of the celebrations for powered flight turning 100 last December, numerous events were held in Australia and overseas. One such event was an indoor F/F event in Melbourne for scale models of early powered aircraft. The winner was Ken Osborne from the Twin Cities club in Albury, with his *Wright Flyer*..



## Why airplanes are easier to live with than women

- Airplanes usually kill you quickly; a woman takes her time.
- Airplanes can be turned on by a flick of a switch.
- Airplanes don't get mad if you do a "touch and go."
- Airplanes don't object to a pre-flight inspection.
- Airplanes come with a manual to explain their operation.
- Airplanes have strict weight and balance limitations.
- Airplanes can be flown at any time of the month.
- Airplanes don't come with in-laws.
- Airplanes don't care about how many other airplanes you've flown before.
- Airplanes and pilots both arrive at the same time.
- Airplanes don't mind if you look at other airplanes.
- Airplanes don't mind if you buy airplane magazines.
- Airplanes expect to be tied down.
- Airplanes don't comment on your piloting skills.
- Airplanes don't whine unless something is really wrong.
- However, when airplanes go quiet, just like women, it's usually not good

## From the Committee

- Don't forget the Auction on March 28. We need stock – Have you cleaned out your workshop yet???
- **WW2 & Military Scale** – April 23 + 24 + 25, 2004 - Contact Craig Keys or Kevin Little if you are available to assist in any way.

## Bits & Pieces

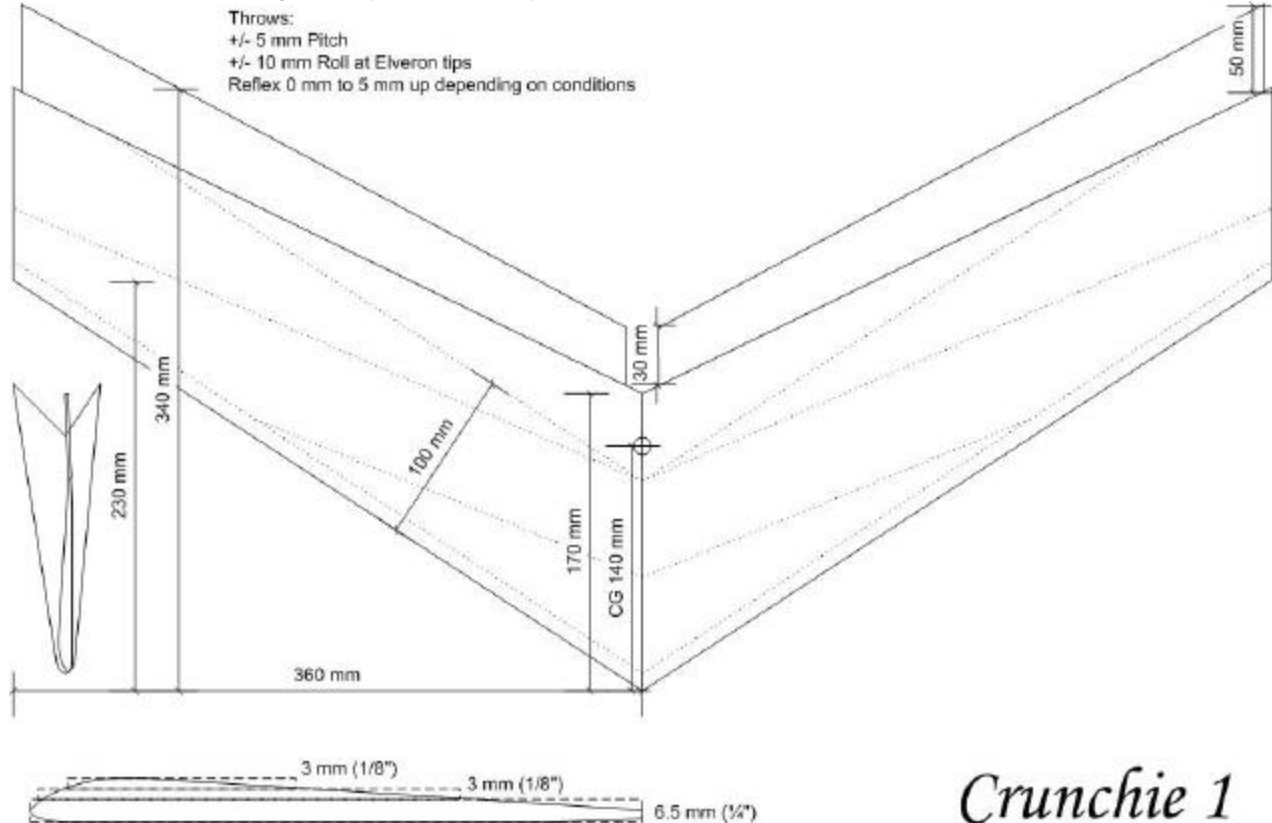
- **Ebenezer F/F** – its on again at the Twin Cities Field, Albury on 22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup> May. These ridiculously simple allsheet balsa F/F models are one of aeromodelling's simple pleasures!?!

Want to know more – contact Wayne Hadkins 6925 7301.

- **Experience** is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again

## Free Plan

Here is an Australian designed, very simple but very quick, slope soarer.



## Heli Heat Wave 2004

This years Heli Heatwave saw 64 entrants bringing 107 machines signed up for the two days. With the weather being on our side, it was a going to be a great weekend. Saturday's weather was good and the rain stayed away. Plenty of flights were logged and the crash rate was high with the count up to 9 by the end of the first days play. 6 pilots entered the Xpression Session with all putting in good displays. The afternoon saw many pilots slowing down but there still a couple of machines in the sky at any one time.

Saturday night dinner was at the Victoria Hotel with all enjoy a fantastic meal and a couple of cold beers before heading to Bolton Park Stadium for some electric indoor flying and driving. Miniature electric helis were the order of the night. There would have been about 4 -5 helis at one time. It was really entertaining to see some precision flying and driving from a couple of guys who try to land a heli on the back of a small electric car. There were a couple of planks that were flown around and there was a spectacular crash when one of the planes decided to take on the wall of the stadium. Also there were a couple of larger electric helis which were just hovered but would be easily capable of flying aerobatics.

Sunday saw a grey sky clear into a hot but cloudless day. Many flights were logged but the crash rate slowed down. Might have had something to do with the beers from the night before. We had 4 flyers participate in the Xpression Session which was down from the previous day, but all put on good displays.

Around 2.30pm we started the presentation and pilots draw with 3 helis being offered on the table. The lucky winners were Jason Szabo from Newcastle (JR Venture 60 from Model Engines), Kevin Einstein from Sydney (Quick 30 Pro from Quick Worldwide) and Adrian Richardson (Hirobo Shuttle Plus from Wings'n'Things). There were plenty of prizes to go around. The winners of the Fun Fly section were: 1st Place John Ogilvy from Canberra and 2nd place went to Nick Csabafy from Melbourne both taking home watches courtesy of Adina and Citizen Watches.

I would like to Thank the Heli Heatwave sub committee for all the preparation and work over the weekend and all the WMAC club members and wives who pitched in and gave a hand in the kitchen, pound or raffle to make it a very successful weekend.

Brendan Tucker



### **Picture This?**

Should have used spruce instead of balsa for the wing spars!! A lot of super glue & epoxy needed to fix this one...



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
8/03/04 starting at 8.00 PM at the Wagga Leagues Club  
**Sunday 28/03/04 - Auction – bring along your saleable items. Flying before hand, then Auction starts at 03.00 PM, followed by B-B-Q**

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