



Tale Feathers – July + August 2004

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web sit revisions – Working out of town 5 days a week has slowed down the planned overhaul of the web site. I'll try & get the new Executive details & the other more urgent items up in the next week or so.

Interesting Links to try

Fantastic collection of RC related links
<http://home.iprimus.com.au/mrssa/Links%20Section%203.htm#Construction%20&%20Setup%20Tips>



President's Report 2003-2004

In July 2003 the Club Executive decided to revamp the way new members were processed and welcomed into the Club. All new member applicants are invited to the next general meeting, where they are introduced to members, presented with a Certificate of Membership and officially welcomed into the Club.

Also in July a VMAA Instructors course was held in Wagga, unfortunately a lot of applicants withdrew, only leaving five local members to complete the course.

September saw the APA back for their annual competition in Wagga again. There were 27 competitors which is about average. The proceeds from the catering was donated to Country Hope via their Telethon held on 12th October,

Sunday 26th October, club competition day, only 2 starters. The second of our Club lunches, going well, 18 for lunch. The same day a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Neville De La Rue for all he had done for the Club. Also, Neville had his first fly of an aeroplane since he was sidelined with his stroke eighteen months before. Wayne Hadkins did the honours of helping Neville by providing all the necessary equipment. Nev even did a loop. Well done Neville and Wayne.

Saturday 1st November Aircraft Field Day at Wagga Airport. The Club provided a static display of Heli and Fixed Wing aircraft – very poor crowd attendance. The promoter of the event took a quick trip south of the border.

February 14th-15th. A working been was held to install a watering system to automatically water certain areas. With temperatures well into the 40's I believe it was hard going. The over 60's outnumbered the under 60's. Thanks to those

who made the project happen. While there maybe room for improvement with the system, at least it has finally happened after years of talking only.

March 6th-7th. Heli Heatwave. There was a record entry of 65 competitors and 106 helicopters. Very good media coverage, good crowd attendance also with a healthy profit margin.

March 28th Club Auction and BBQ. 14 members and their wives and 5 visitors - 3 from Leeton and 2 from Tumut. Very successful first time up. Also auctioned was a collection of modeling gear donated by a retired modeler, with proceeds being donated to the Cancer Council of New South Wales.

April 23rd-25th. World War II and Military Scale Model event. Another very successful event, numbers were down as was the crowd. The weather on Saturday was pretty ordinary and Sunday being Anzac Day kept the crowd down. Apart from these factors it was an outstanding success. My thanks to everyone within the Club and also outsider helpers who made it happen.

This year saw for the 1st time, a gold coin collection at the gate, with the proceeds going to local charity Country Hope. South Wagga Rotary manned the gate collection. While it is satisfying to see the Club supporting local charities, may I suggest that next year we look at another charity such as Care Flight Heli, which relies heavily on charity.

May 15th-16th saw the inaugural Scale Soaring/ WMAC Aero Tow weekend at Lockhart aerodrome. Nor being able to attend myself, I can only go on reports such as the one published in the Talefeathers. A very successful weekend apart from the weather. Congratulations to the organisers.

In June we saw the passing of Geoff Salzke at the age of 46 years. Geoff was a long time member who served as Treasurer and one term as Vice-President. Geoff was a quiet achiever. He developed the spread sheet for the recording of members, also later he developed the computerized scoring system for WWII – a great time saver. A great person to have known and sadly missed by all.

Also in June saw the closure of the Leagues Club, a meeting place for many years for the WMAC. Let's hope that it re-opens very soon.

SUMMARISING THE YEAR

An active year generally, good membership, lots of enquiries. Charities being well supported. Also

we saw the side paddock graded giving the Heli boys a bit of safety margin.

Earlier in the year we saw the Club Competition fade out due to lack of interest. Hopefully in the future we can generate some interest.

The inter-club Fun Fly was held in Wagga with very poor support from our own members and visitors alike.

Finally I would like to thank the Executive and Committee for their support for the past year. Also Wayne for his efforts with the Newsletter and Greg for maintaining the Club website.

To you all that made it happen. Thank you very much.

Kevin Little

On the Boards

Mini Review –

Reviewer: Wayne Hadkins

What is it? S400 size brushless motor, 25 Amp Castle Creations brushless speed controller, gold bullet connectors, prop adapter & APC 9 x 6 prop

How Much: \$209 for the set

Where From: Col Taylor Models, Wagga Wagga

Likes: A very well matched combination

Dislikes: Had to solder the connectors to the speed controller. Also, not really a dislike as such, just that the motor is a “sports” wind – a slightly hotter wind may have been just a little bit better for all round use.

Flies: flown so far in 2 aeroplanes and proved to be an extremely reliable, quiet and powerful combination. Great for power models up to 1m span and sailplanes up to 1.6m

Conclusion: Excellent value for money, especially when compared with overseas & local prices for the individual components. I suspect the distributor (Model Engines) will keep them at this price only while current stocks last.

Score - 😊 😊 😊 😊

From the Committee

- **The front gate has been left** unlocked on at least two occasions in the last month and the fence hasn't been up. As you are well aware if stock get out or into crop, through our neglect, we could be in all sorts of trouble.
- **Frequency of meetings** - At the General Meeting following the AGM the matter of frequency of meetings was brought up and members present felt this matter needed addressing. At the Committee Meeting after discussion the following committee

suggestions are put forward **as a starting point for discussion** and/or implementation.

Meeting frequency - bi-monthly

When and Where - Sunday morning at 11.00 am at the Club Flying Field. Flying would be suspended while the meeting is on. Following the meeting a Club funded BBQ would be held.

Meeting frequency - bi-monthly

When and Where - an evening meeting at a Club or other venue.

When the Committee looked back over the last couple of years or so, on many occasions there has been very minimal attendance outside the Committee.

- **The next General Meeting** of the Club will be held on Monday 9th August at the RSL Club at 8.00 pm. Please come along and share your thoughts or put forward your suggestions.
- **Insurance for over 80's.** When you reach that age you are no longer covered by Personal Accident Insurance through the VMAA Policy. To cover yourself for any injuries you inflict on yourself you will have to take out your own Personal Accident Insurance Policy.
- **New Member** - At the July meeting the Club was delighted to welcome Luke Szarek as a new member. Luke is a very keen and competent flyer. He has already passed his Bronze Wings - the CFI jokingly said by the time he actually gets his Bronze Wings Badge he will have already passed his Gold Wings accreditation'.

Bits & Pieces

- **The AGM has been & gone** – we have a new Executive, their contact details are at the top of page 1. Support them – they are managing **our** Club on our behalf. Also on page 1, there is Kevin Little's (outgoing) President's Report – thanks for your efforts Kevin.

Gripe Sheets

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that needs repair or correction.

The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour. Here are some

actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by the maintenance engineers.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot)
(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre

P: Test flight OK except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks causes throttle levers to stick

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Products and organized by Tom Kroggel, Blaine Austin, Bob Sadler, and Greg Poppel. FLY RC magazine was the host print media publication and RCUniverse.com was the host online community for the event.



There were a total of 11 of the world's best freestyle pilots competing for the change to be crowned the champion of the first annual ETOC. Each pilot flew 2 choreographed freestyle routines to music. After the second round, the top 6 pilots flew a final round of competition to determine the overall winner with \$250.00 for third place, \$500.00 for second place, and \$1000.00 being awarded to the champion.

The ETOC included the following pilots:

Frank Noll	Jason Noll
Chip Hyde	Jason Shulman
Quique Somenzini	Sean McMurtry
Andrew Jesky	Mike McConville
John Glezellis	Darren Eaton
George Hicks	

Here are some pictures.



ETOC

The 1st Annual Electric Tournament of Champions (ETOC) was hosted by TNT Landing Gear



Something to think about????

Bill and Jim were a couple of drinking mates who worked as aircraft mechanics in Sydney.

One day the airport was closed due to heavy fog and they had nothing to do.

Bill said, "Man, I wish we had something to drink!"
Jim says, "Me too."

I've heard you can drink jet fuel and get a buzz.
You wanna try it?"

So they poured themselves a couple of glasses of high-octane fuel and got completely smashed.
The next morning Bill wakes up and is surprised

Picture This?

Old meets new (interesting size comparison provided by this shot)

at how good he feels. In fact he feels great, no hangover, no bad side effects. Nothing at all. Then the phone rings...its Jim.

Jim says, "Hey, how do you feel this morning?"
Bill says, "I feel great. How about you?" Jim says, "I feel great, too. You don't have a hangover?" Bill says, "No, that jet fuel is great stuff - no hangover, nothing. We ought to do this more often." "Yeah, well there's just one thing..."

"What's that?"

"Have you farted yet?"

"No....." "Well, DON'T, because I did & now I'm in Melbourne!!!

Warning - C-Nile Virus

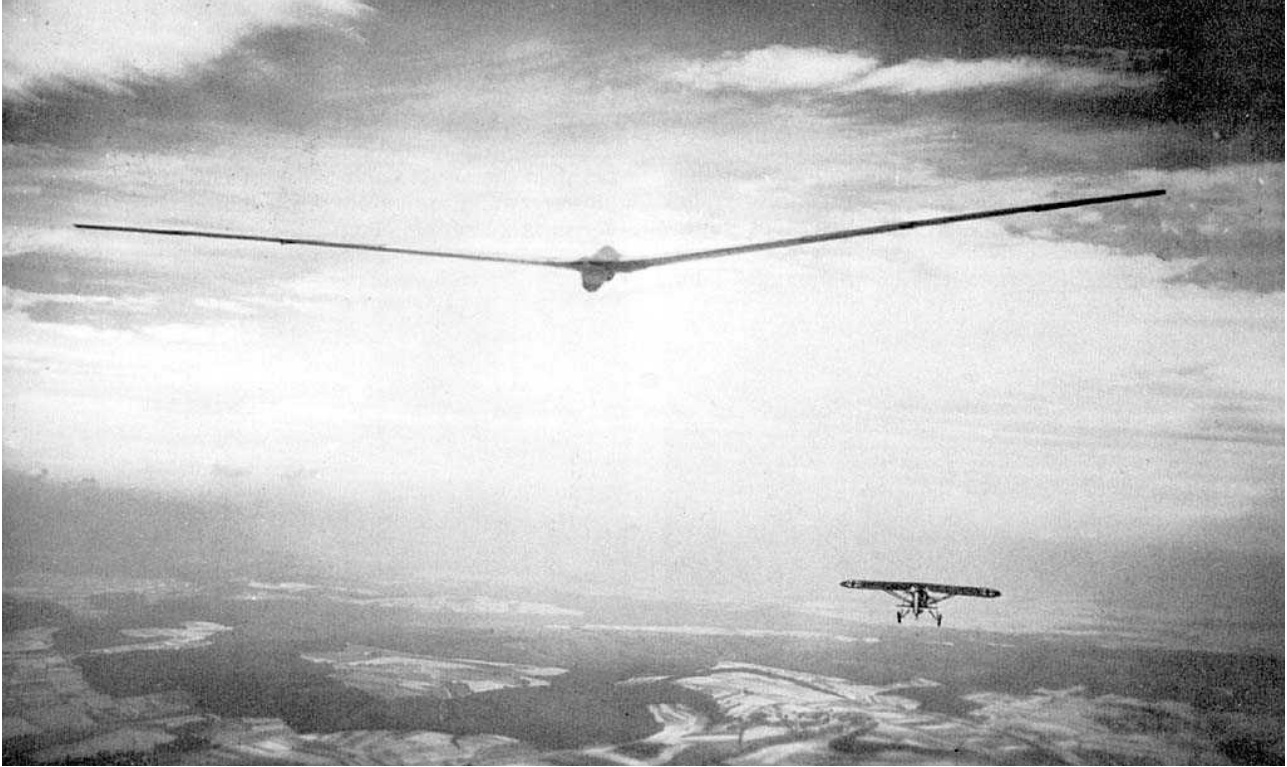
Just learned about this from a reliable source. It seems that there is a computer virus out there called the "C-Nile Virus" that even the most advanced programs from Norton cannot take care of, so be warned. It appears to affect those of us who were born before 1950.

Symptoms of the C-Nile Virus:

1. Causes you to send the same E-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send blank E-mail.
3. Causes you to send E-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send E-mail back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to send E-mail to other listed persons who received the E-mail from the person who sent it to you.
6. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
7. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished the



Here is another rare photo. Can you pick the aircraft types?? (if you know your German WW2 aircraft, it shouldn't be too hard)



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
9/08/04 starting at 8.00 PM at the Wagga RSL Club
General meeting – come along and make it a social night

NOTE:

If you are the last person out to leave the flying field, ensure that:

- **the electric fence is up & turned on**
- **the clubhouse, pit gates and the front entrance gate are closed & locked before you leave**

If you do not then you could put the Club in a tenuous position re the tenancy of our flying field – don't you be the one to loose us our field!!

