



# Tale Feathers June - July 2005

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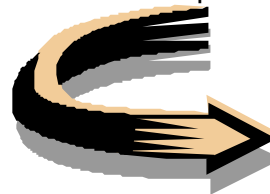
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## Newsletter

There hasn't been a newsletter for a few months, for all sorts of reasons that I shall not bother you with. The Secretary has also given me a lot of information for inclusion in

this issue. Consequently, it is bigger than normal. I hope you enjoy it.

**Note** – This is my last Newsletter – a new editor is required.



**The next Club meeting –AGM - is on SUNDAY 10th July**

At 11.00 AM. This will be followed by a club funded BBQ.

## Interesting Links to try

2<sup>nd</sup> Electric Tournament of Champions -  
[movies:http://www.rcuniverse.com/magazine/article\\_display.cfm?article\\_id=509](http://www.rcuniverse.com/magazine/article_display.cfm?article_id=509)

## Bits & Pieces (from the secretary)

- **REMEMBER** - If you are having a BBQ at the field anytime please ENSURE THE

GAS IS TURNED OFF after you have finished.

- ? **The Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday 10th July at the field again followed by a Club BBQ.  
**All positions are declared vacant.** Give some thought as to who you would like to hold the various executive/committee positions – don't forget you can put your hand up yourself!
- ? **A few 'housekeeping' changes to the rules** are needed re concessional fees if joining after the 1st January etc – this brings us into line explicitly to meet MAAA requirements and the meeting venue (meetings at the field were on a trial basis).
- ? **Fees** – All fees are due and payable no later than the 30th June. If you are not financial by the 30th June you do not fly – as simple as that.  
**Membership Renewal Forms** will be available at the Club meeting in June so bring your cheque book, cash etc. in that way you will be covered for the end of the month. All renewals must be accompanied by a Renewal Form.

### **Web sit revisions**

Our website appears to be back in business at the "correct" address -  
<http://www.waggamac.org.au>

## **Event Reports**

### **World War II & Military Scale (by the Secretary)**

Well what can one say! It was a great event enjoyed by great crowds of people throughout the whole weekend and being blessed by such beautiful weather just put 'the icing on the cake'.

50 planes flew this weekend which is up on last year's entries. It was good to see the continued support of familiar faces but also good to see some new competitors.

A nett profit of \$6,707.24 was made – a great result. **A very big thank you to everyone who helped** but unfortunately it was left to a few workers to carry the load. This is the biggest event the Club holds each year and it is the major source of income for the Club. If you want to enjoy the sport of flying model aircraft, enjoy the facilities that the Club provides like the shelters, a pretty good kitchen set up, the barbeque, good flying strip etc then it is up to each member to offer to help in some way. There is a lot to be said for the old saying '**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**'. Next year don't forget to raise your hand, every little bit helps.

## **WORLD WAR II AND MILITARY SCALE EVENT RESULTS FOR 2005**

**Highest Static (Cutler Trophy)  
Highest Flying**

**Peter Gow – Texan SN/J  
Rod Mitchell – Fighter F7F Tigercat**

**Military 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Perpetual Trophy)  
Military 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Military 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Peter Gow – Texan SN/J  
Peter Noack – Fairchild PT 19  
Graham Harrod – De Havilland Chipmunk**

**World War I 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Perpetual Shield)  
World War I 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
World War I 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Ross Woodcock – Ansaldo SVA5  
Dean Erby – Albatross DVA  
Boyd Elliott – Sopwith Pup**

**World War II 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Perpetual Trophy)  
World War II 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
World War II 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Highest Scoring WMAC**

**Don Murray – Douglas Dauntless  
Rod Mitchell – Fighter F7F Tigercat  
Alf Williams – Hawker Typhoon 1B**

## **(Tim Smith memorial trophy)**

### **MODEL OF THE MEETING**

You will see Darryle Taber was the successful local winner being awarded the Tim Smith Memorial Trophy which was presented by his widow Kay Smith. Congratulations Darryle.

### **HELPERS**

While we don't single out names of Club members who have helped in any way there is a very big thank you to our 'outside helpers'. To Deb Murdoch, Thomas's Mum, who ran the computer the first day and made sure things got into full swing; to Charles and Margaret Lamb our great Ticket Sellers who have faithfully helped for many years; to Michele Viano our photographer who did a great job and has come up with the idea of sending out a full photographic CD to all entrants. If the entrants like what they see they are to send \$5 to the Club to cover Michele's expenses. Some entrants knowing they could order these disks did so and it was from this that the idea came to send the disk to everyone; Ann Murray, the wife of Don Murray one of our competitors, offered to help in the kitchen and did that for the full two days; to outside Static Judges – Peter Gow and Kevin. I can't remember Kevin's second name but he faithfully comes each year with his caravan and helps in so many ways. He gave a hand to the boys marking out the field and helped in many ways with odd jobs. Flightline Judges Brian Johnson and Ian Walker – a flyer not flying from South Australia; Sharron Sharrock who did all the graphic work for the posters, flyers (the ones advertising the event spread around the City and suburbs prior to the event and the one given out at the gate advertising the Club and on the back some advertising and vouchers from business houses in Wagga); to Active Print who printed the posters and flyers – Sharron's time and the printing by Active Print were all gratis; Sketch Artist Craig Maxwell who donated three framed sketches of fun antics of model planes. To our 'runners' Todd McLean and Artie Panagiotopoulos and one of our own local young members; and to our own Hazel

## **Darryle Taber – P40E Warhawk**

### **Alf Williams – Hawker Typhoon 1B**

Tennant - World War II was her 'baby' along with her better half - who was a great source of knowledge for me as well as doing one of the radio interviews. This is where the list gets so long that there is always the chance you have missed someone out.

As you can see these people helped in big ways on the 'frontline' – without them the event would not have been the success it was and the Club would have been scratching to make it work. You can't have a competition without judges, runners to get the scores into the Office, the computer to get the results (it was done manually for many years but the computer makes it so much easier) and food to feed the troops.

### **GOLD COIN DONATION**

This year the Gold Coin Donation was for Childflight who provide a great service to critically sick or injured children from outside the metropolitan area. It was with great pride and pleasure that the Club could hand over the whole of the gold coin donation of \$2,125.

The Gold Coin Donation has been a great idea because it is a win win for the Charity and the Club. The Charity mans the gates and directs the traffic and in return they get the full takings of the gate. As you are aware a lot of our stalwart members are getting older and to stand all day for the two days at the gate, even in relays, is a tiring job - more importantly we need them to help in other ways with the actual running of the event.

### **CATERING**

This year the takings were up \$2,000 plus on last year so it doesn't take much imagination to see our hard our helpers in the kitchen worked when there was only a few doing the work. More help had to be called in to help over the lunchtime to cover the crowds waiting to be fed.

The Club is most grateful to Les Whitehead for making his refrigerated truck available over the weekend.

## SPONSORSHIP

At the risk of censure for breaking the rule of not mentioning Club members I think it is only fair to mention Michele Leishman, a new member, who put forward the idea of getting four major sponsors to put in \$500 each in cash or kind for the Pilot's Draw. In return they got publicity over the weekend, they could hang their banner on the fence for two weeks, one week prior to the event and one week after - REX Regional Express took this offer up – and have their sponsorships boards, which the Club had made out of funds from the sponsorship, displayed for the twelve months. Our thanks go to the Major Sponsors:



Crazy Jim's Mitre 10  
Fishing World  
REX Regional Express  
Spanline

Our fifth Major Sponsor was our own Col Taylor Models who have been a sponsor of this event since time immemorial. Many a time Col has helped with prizes for the Pilot's Draw when the sponsorship canvassed from business houses hasn't been enough.

While there were some 'teething problems' to get this all organised we now have a wonderful base to work on for the years to come and hopefully this year's major sponsors will come on board next year. REX have already said they will be in it – we have also been able to make the return ticket from Wagga to Sydney flexible so that it can be used on any route that REX services.

Anything over the value of \$573 will be paid for by the winner.

The rest of the Sponsorship was from canvassing past sponsors and also getting quite a few new sponsors to contribute in this way.

## PILOTS DRAW

As a result of the Sponsorship we had enough prizes to cover the fifty planes. Where some prizes were a 'bit lighter on' we were able to top them up with other donated prizes making worthwhile prizes. All Pilots would have received a prize in excess of \$35 and some quite a lot more. It was surprising the things that went first – it just shows you never know what people want or will go for!

## SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

What is a great meet without good food, fellowship and good yarns! Golden Seasons was the place to go for the Saturday night dinner and this was expressed very strongly by entrants. 81 people attended the dinner which speaks for itself. One entrant said to me – 'at last you've got it right'. A couple of others said that they were not going to go to anymore dinners until they read in the pre-entry letter that we were going to have it at Golden Seasons.

The dinner was a great success – in Laurie Talbot's words a 'rip roaring success'. I think that says it all. It ended up a real party. Don Murray and Peter Gow said there'll be more next year when the word gets around what a great night it was.

Having people make their own choices for food and paying at the counter themselves saved a lot of hassle for the Office. A full printed menu was put in each entrant's envelope so they knew costs and knew what they were going to order when they got to the Restaurant.

You have to have fun at a party and this 'party' was no exception. Brian Johnson, a faithful competitor for many years, was not flying this year but just had to come and just happened to have a blond curly wig on. As you can imagine cameras flashed and this



set the tone for the party. Many unsuspecting people found they had the wig planted on their heads throughout the evening causing a lot of merriment. As Brian said to me the best \$5.50 he had ever spent!

## RAFFLE

While we might have the same raffle each year it always goes well and is a great prize particularly to a modeler if they are lucky enough to be the winner and is one of the big money spinners for the event.

Again at the risk of being censured, the raffle is Laurie's 'baby' and who else could fill the booties!

## PUBLICITY

I organised free publicity across all media. We had four stories and pictures in The Daily Advertiser leading up to the event; the Riverina Leader gave us a half page story with pictures; 2WG and Star FM, ABC and 2AAA all gave two interviews each in the lead up to the event which were done by members as well as extra advertising throughout the day on their programs; Life fm gave us advertising throughout the lead up time; Prime and Win each gave us a news story in the week prior to the event; all the above media together with Ten Television had us on their Community Diaries.

180 Posters were distributed throughout the business district, including the suburban shopping centres, and some members took them to their places of work. All in all very good coverage. Flyers advertising the event were used at the raffle sites, the Sunday Markets and on counters in various businesses.

Over and above this free publicity the Club was granted a \$1,500 Tourism Grant. This was used for paid television on Prime and WIN. Tourism Wagga Wagga are looking for people coming into the City so the Prime advertisements were on Canberra network and on the Orange/Dubbo network. WIN covered Griffith. These were over the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> April. WIN also covered Wagga in the last week with five advertisements.

For the Club's report back to Tourism Wagga Wagga we took postcodes at the gate this resulted in interesting statistics – 45.8% of people who came to the event lived outside the 2650 postcode.

## FLYING DISPLAY

While results were being tabulated prior to the presentations there needs to be something for the public and competitors to look at.

This year our own Dave Maher gave a brilliant display of helicopter flying and had the crowd enthralled. With some manoeuvres there were audible gasps from the crowd and someone said the heads went right in unison and then left in unison as they were watching the flying. Thanks Dave.

One of our new competitors, Craig Bryson, while flying his WWI Fokker DV11 in the competition with suitable manoeuvres he certainly put the plane through some acrobatic flying after the competition. It turns out this guy was a past full size Australian Aerobatic Champion and this seems to have 'rubbed off' on his model flying.

This report, while lengthy, gives every member a chance to be put in the full picture of the event. As Secretary of the event I submit this report to you – Ronda Lampe.



*I'm ready are you? - Dave Tennant with his YAK C11.*



*We've seen that face around WWII forever – 'Tenno' with his Piper Nei Cub. How great is it to be able to fly alongside your sons!*



*Darryle Taber (our own Dags) – Winner of the Tim Smith Memorial Trophy for the Highest Scoring WMAC. Congratulations Darryle.*



*Dick Tennant with his faithful P51 Mustang.*



*One line of Static Judging – Laurie Knight, Brian Hicks and our faithful helper – Kevin. (Peter Gow had to take time off the other judging line to get his own plane judged.)*



*Typical – everyone's putting their '2 bob' in! Standing on the left is Robert Zyp and to his right Brian Winch.*



*The other Static Judging Line – L to R Jim Martin, Peter Gow, Bill Lampe*





*Don Murray with his Douglas Dauntless – last years 'Plane of the Meet' – it shaved our trees in the free fly after last years event but as you can see it's back brighter than ever and Don took out 1st Place in World War II with it.*



*Bill Lampe with Cap - 10B – great flying round 1 but it never got to land and then no more – just about rebuilt look out 2006!*



*Who said these pilots don't need an assistant!*



*0561.....Peter Gow with his Texan SN-J. 1st Place Military.*

### Scale Aero Tow weekend

The 2nd Scale Aero Tow event was held at the Wagga Wagga Gliding Club's Lockhart airfield in May. 6 full size sailplanes, a *Sapphire* ultra light and an *RV4* & *RV6* homebuilts operated happily with over 15 scale sailplanes. The scale sailplanes ranged in size from 3 to 6m wingspan.



The airfield was effectively divided down the runway centre line, with the scale models operating on one side and the full size on the other. The full size were winch launched, while the scale models were aero towed behind radio controlled tugs. All ran smoothly while adhering to all conditions of the CASA approval.

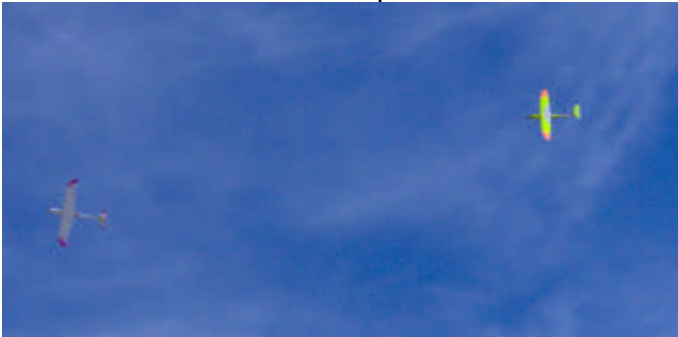
On the Saturday night, all pilots and partners socialised over a meal at the local Services Club. Following the meal, an aviation trivia quiz was hotly contested – scale flyers V's Full Size – with the final

result being declared a draw!! Wayne Hadkins

### National Electric Flight Rally

Held at the MAS State Field at Cootamundra over the Easter Weekend. I didn't compete myself, but attended in my capacity as President of the Australian Electric Flight Association (AEFA). The weather was fantastic, there were record entries & all had a great time.

I CD'd the F5B event and was the starter for the Pylon events. I dragged Gilbert Kong & Rob Mollenhauer into judging the Fun 3D event – either could have placed if they had of entered!?! Here are a few pictures:



These 2 little 'bullets' (900mm wingspan, LiPoly cells, brushless motors, speeds >200k/hr) were never any further apart than this across 4 races!!



Keith Flatt's large e-heli.

### NSW Free Flight Championships

Held near Narrandera over the Easter weekend, local George Car competed, and won the Open Rubber event with a flight time of over 25 minutes – well done George!!

### Picture This

Here is a picture of Scott Foster's ETOC plane **with reverse pitch prop** doing it's **nose down** torque rolls.



Don Costelloe from Sydney sent me this pic of his GWS A-10, which he painted in desert camouflage colours with acrylic paints. I have flown this particular aeroplane, and it goes a treat!!





## For Sale

Description	Price in \$
JR XP642 Transmitter 645 Mhz	90
JR XP652 Transmitter 645 Mhz	120
Anderson heat gun	30
CFI heat gun	40
Vmax 52 2 stroke	60
Saito 56 4 stroke (no muffler)	120
OS FS20 4 stroke	30
SC 75 2 stroke	80
Magnum 25 2 stroke	30
Magnum 32 2 stroke	40
Magnum 91 4 stroke	140
OS 46 FX 2 stroke	70
Nisshin Tachometer	5
Firebird XL Kit	90
Flybaby 72" monoplane 1.20 size with wing servos	90
Spacewalker 72" monoplane .90 size with wig servos	100
Greatplanes Extra .40 size kit	90
Simitar tail-less aircraft with Magnum 61 2 stroke and servos	90
Sportsman Aviation P40 ARF kit .60 size	190
Aeronica Champ 65" .46 size kit	50
Hair Puppeteer 60" .32 size kit	120
Miscellaneous radio gear, fuel, propellers and electric engines and speed controllers as well as other interesting items	As priced

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## Humour

A vicar died; he is now waiting in line, at the Pearlle Gates. Ahead of him was a guy dressed in a loud shirt, leather jacket; jeans & wearing spookie sunglasses.

Saint Peter addressed him, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replied, "I'm Joey Truelove, retired Qantas pilot from Surfers Paradise".

Saint Peter consulted his list; smiled; then said to the former pilot, "Take this silken robe & golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven with my blessings." The pilot passes thru into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the vicar's turn. He stood erect! And he, proudly, boomed out for all around him to hear, "I am Joseph Snow, vicar of Saint Mary's, Adelaide - for the last **43 years**."

Saint Peter consulted his list, then said to the vicar, "True. Very true my son. Please! Take this cotton robe & wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," said the vicar. "that man ahead was but a pilot. He got a silken robe and golden staff. How can that be after my years of selfless devotion to my parishioners?"

"Up here - - we work by results," replied Saint Peter, "while you preached - - people slept; while he flew - - people prayed."

### Focking Phonetic Alphabet

A reporter was interviewing an old Scandinavian fighter pilot, asking him how it was in the war.

"Vell," said the old guy, "vee used to fly up dere and dogfight dem Krauts. Ya, vee used to shoot dem German fokkers outta da sky."

"For the benefit of our viewers," interrupted the reporter, "we should explain that the term 'fokker' refers to a specific type of German fighter plane."

"Vell, ya," said the old Scandianvian pilot, "but those fokkers were flying Messerschmitt's."

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### Hmmmmmmmm

Plane load of jumpers, everyone lean forward & don't move! C of G out just a tad, have to take off downhill, regardless of the wind. Excellent for tightening the ring gear, a quick lap of the rosary beads before takeoff & hope like hell you don't have an engine failure on takeoff !

Dont forget to consult your pressure height / Temp charts for take off distance.

Also, it's probably about 3000 ft above sea level, just to make it interesting - YIKES !



### REMEMBER:

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

- ? **the electric fence is up & turned on**
- ? **the gas bottle is turned off**
- ? **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!!**