



Tale Feathers

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Hi Club Members

Welcome to another issue of Tale Feathers

The usual Disclaimer:

Articles and comments by the Editor and contributors may not necessarily reflect the views of the Club Committee, often won't be Politically Correct, but will be published anyway.

This newsletter is an information exchange and open forum for anybody to have their say.

THE USUAL HOUSEKEEPING PLEA

PLEASE WASH UP ANY CROCKERY & CUTLERY YOU USE. WE DON'T EMPLOY CLEANING STAFF.

Last one to leave the field each day checks; GAS OFF, FENCE UP & ON, ALL LOOSE ITEMS STOWED AWAY INSIDE, MICE IN, CLUBHOUSE DOWN & LOCKED, CONTAINERS CLOSED AND LOCKED, BOTH PIT GATES CHAINED CLOSED & MAIN GATE LOCKED.

NEW ITEM: TOILET DOORS CLOSED (NOT LOCKED)

CLUB CORNER

Being Committee doings in no particular order

#...Next meeting, Sunday 12th March 2017 at the Clubhouse at 1000

Club Bank Details...easier to pay fees

Direct Deposit available for membership payment:
Wagga Model Aero Club, Inc.

Beyond Australia Bank, Wagga Wagga

BSB: 805022

Account: 38700257

(Please include your surname as a reference)

Your Committee

BJ Padman.....President

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Club Happenings

Toilet Block

This must be the biggest Club project since the move from down the paddock and the strip matting. Thanks

to the efforts of a very dedicated and hard-working crew, wonders have been achieved since the end of the Christmas/New Year break.

There have been a number of Club members who have contributed, but only a small core did most of the work.

Very well done guys, as it looks like it will be ready in time for Heli Heatwave.

Additionally, a general clean-up has been done to relocate the very unsightly firewood stack to the old transmitter pound and tidy up the mower container and toilet block ramps.

Heli Heatwave

This event is less than 2 weeks away, with a small working bee next weekend to mow to entire area and clean-out the Canteen and Clubhouse.

As noted in the last meeting minutes, additional visitors will be present with the drone-racing group from Sydney taking part in their own event around the corner from the helicopter flight lines.

The overall event keeps going from strength to strength each year.

Top job Brendan and Neil.

Equipment/Facilities hire

Although the Club has gained a valuable asset and no longer needs to hire Port-a-loos and showers for future events, for now we still need to hire a generator for the duration of each event. In the case of HHW and WWII, it's for a 4-day hire period, and as we can no longer gain sponsorship for this, the cost is around \$1,000 for each event.

As we run three or sometimes four events per year, this is a considerable payout each time. There are many who say that the Club doesn't need to spend money on more assets, but if we wish to continue to stage these events and reap the benefits that the income from them provides in the form of improved facilities for **all** to enjoy, then we need to maximise the return from each event.

The toilet block, although expensive, is a Club asset, and will start earning its keep immediately by adding to the comfort and convenience of members and visitors, as well as justifying the charging of camping fees.

It has been un-acceptable and embarrassing that female family members and visitors are obliged to drive to Uranquinty or Wagga just to use a clean toilet.

With this in mind, the committee are actively looking to purchase a generator in the 12 to 15 KVA size range to meet Club event needs.

When one is located, the details and business case will be put to members for a vote.

Instructors Course

After discussion with the NSW Chief Flying Instructor, George Atkinson, this course will occur in late March or early April, the actual dates to be decided by the committee.

The committee ask that any members who have not already submitted their name for consideration, do so ASAP so numbers can be finalised.

Please note that any prospective instructors need to either have Gold Wings, or be of Gold Wings standard before attending. The course is not about learning to fly well!

Anzac Military Scale event

The committee is trying to apply this name to the event as WW II, although short, sounds a bit restrictive.

WW I, WW II & Military Scale, while fully descriptive, is a mouthful to say and even harder to type.

Essential tasks have been allocated and deadlines established. There is a great deal of work to be done, but with the support of all Club members, everything is achievable.

We are still looking for static judges, maybe flight judges and canteen workers for the event duration.

Field preparation will mean a working bee just before. Please help out.

We all benefit from the financial return and the publicity.

FOR SALE AT THE RIGHT PRICE

84" WELLINGTON BOMBER KIT FOR SALE AT THE RIGHT PRICE TO THE RIGHT HOME

This is a truly amazing offer!

It is an Aerotech complete kit with an 84"/2.13m wingspan. The quality is superb with many items partly pre-built, and would be ideal for reliable electric power or a pair of those noisy, smelly, oily things if you really must.

The Wellington is an excellent twin subject as the long, high-aspect ratio wing is very efficient and gives it docile handling.

It is big enough to make an excellent scale project.



This kit is only offered to someone who is prepared to actually build it, and not just shove it on the bottom of the stack of “gunna” projects that will never see the light of day.

For the deal of the year, genuinely interested builders are invited to contact Kevin Little on 0428 694 812

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ENTIRELY

QUOTES FROM THE AVIATION BIBLE

#... It isn't the mistake that causes the crash - it's the time it takes to realize that it WAS a mistake!!

#... Any attempt to stretch a dead-stick glide is guaranteed to increase the head wind along with the height of the boundary fence

ON KEEPING THE KITCHEN CLEAN-YES, THIS IS BEING INCLUDED AGAIN BECAUSE APPARENTLY THE SAME MOB ARE STILL LEAVING CROCKERY AND UTENSILS IN THE SINK

Come on! Who do you think is going to clean them and put them away? Maybe the mice & rats?

TECH TALK

Micro R/C

The following link is submitted by Mike McDonnell about an R/C 1:96th scale P-51 Mustang. It has full controls, including flaps and retracts, an 8-channel receiver and a 3-axis stabiliser, for the grand total of 3 grams all up weight!

Check the link! Truly amazing what modellers can do.

<http://hackaday.com/2017/02/10/a-micro-rc-plane-builder-shares-his-tricks/>

Also from Mike is a link to an excellent article, courtesy of Model Aircraft News, on Li-Po batteries.

Battery Talk — What the Numbers Mean

TALE PIECE FROM THE CAT.



Land straight, stay out of the long, wavy grass stuff and watch out for the vertical arresting wires!