



The Western Port Flyer

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WPMAC Newsletter

August 2009

Greetings WPMAC Members

Well a (slightly) new committee has taken the reigns, so thanks to the outgoing members and to the new volunteers. But I'm not going to ramble on here because an interesting development occurred a week or so ago. One of the clubs most experienced flyers presented a perfect picture opportunity in front of a few keen members – Thanks Michael – it gives a new glimmer of hope to those lesser aviators in the club.



Diagram 1 - Michael testing the more dangerous end of our landing strip

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 11^h Aug, 2009

General club meeting started with the usual review from the Treasurer and previous meeting. The club's current membership is 82 members, 2 social and 9 on the hold list.

Some changes to the MAAA MOP058 2.4HGz equipment policy extend the number of approved systems. Equipment not C-ticked is not permitted for use at WPMAC (even though MAAA makes some exceptions).

Thanks to Les and Keith for cutting up the firewood.

No further information was available regarding the noise complaint from a nearby neighbour. The committee still intends to pay a visit anyway. Even though the EPA considers “moving noise” as not being covered by regulations, especially as we are on industrial zoned land, the club still has a duty of responsibility not to piss anyone off (under our new land lease agreement). So it’s up to all members to abide by the clubs noise rules.

The meeting then reflected on the major achievements of the last 12 months, being the addition of flushing toilets, 12V power, and the lease agreement – well done to all involved.

Peter Greening was inducted into the WPMAC Life Member list, and joins John Bentley, and David Feather.

Lucas Talman has graciously volunteered his services as chef.

Some discussion on an issue that arose during the last couple of months has seen the committee establish a 2 year ban on memberships for anyone that attempts to operate as a club member without having met the clubs prerequisites for being a member. (ie. Not being paid up, not insured etc..). So make sure you have received your MAAA cards, otherwise contact the committee ASAP.

Some new rules recently introduced include restrainers for electric aircraft, a 9m clearance rule for helicopters and all aircraft with a wingspan >1m. Refer to MAAA website for details.

Hastings Hobbies is taking bookings for the Model Engines visit. (Refer below) They also have Jackets and T-Shirts on sale with WPMAC Logos. Cheaper if you get the shop advert too. (Refer Jeremy’s ad attached).

Awards were then presented to the clubs elite members for the 2008-09 period, starting with

Best Newcomer

Brian Holmes

Most Improved

Michael Newman

Best Clubman (flyer or not)

Shane Spry

Best Crash

Brian Kenton for his wicked attempt to incinerate the entire field last summer with his jet’s turbine engine expertly manoeuvred through flaming wreckage and finally coming to a rest at a distance from said wreckage further than it takes most jets to land. (sorry – no pics)

Quote of the year

Michael Bourne for “Turbines don’t catch fire”



Michael Newman accepting his Most Improved award (visual commentary by Matt Carter)



Peter G accepting his Life Membership

Life Membership

Peter Greening,
John Bentley, and
Geoff Lord

Club Champion to

Matt Carter

The rest of the awards photos will be available on www.wpmac.com.au.

Congratulations to all. With the general meeting out the way, the committee was dissolved and M.Bourne took over chair for the AGM.

Minutes from the previous AGM were tabled and accepted. Then nominations and voting decided the new committee with the following results.

President	Scott Talman
Secretary	Matt Carter
Vice President	Jeremy Sword

Treasurer	Geoff Lord
Ground keeper	Brian Holmes
Safety Officers	Brian Holmes, Gavin Sexton, Alistair Cox
Jet Safety Officer	Brian Kenton
Heli Safety Officer	Rob Rigby
Registrar	Gavin Sexton
Contest Director	Keith Turner
Floor Members	
Assets	Shane Spry and Richard Parkin
Media	Hardy Maxa
Sponsorship & Fundraising	Craig Sargenson
Chief Floor Member	Alistair Cox

The 2008-09 treasurers report was presented and accepted.

Meeting closed.

Next general club meeting scheduled for Tues 8th Sep.

Upcoming Events

2009	4 th Oct	ARF Scale day
	21 st Oct	Model Engines visit
	25 th Oct	Working bee 9am-12pm
	6 th Dec	Christmas BBQ
2010	27 th Feb	Hastings day display
	9 th Mar	WPMAC's 20 th Birthday
	28 th Mar	Working bee 9am-12pm
	18 th Apr	Tyabb Airshow
	2 nd May	Non ARF Scale day

Matt's Hall of Fame Shame

Refer diagram 1 (above), and diagram 2 (below)

Tech Tips

Turbines do catch fire !

Classifieds.

Precision Aerobatics "Bad boy"

- Including JR539 servos
- 6V battery pack
- Saito 62 four stroke engine
- Only requires receiver to fly

Harmon Rocket

- With ASP .91 four stroke,
- 6 x Hitec 422 servos,
- Only needs a battery and a receiver to fly

Planes for Sale



"Bad Boy" and the "Rocket"



Contact Taylen Anderson if you're interested



Model Engines Visit

Don't forget Oct 21st is the visit to Model Engines warehouse. There are limited places, so if you want to attend, please get your \$10 deposit to Hastings Hobbies ASAP. It's a once in a lifetime chance to explore every kit and item in the range.

The Gallery

Just in case we haven't seen enough of Mr Bourne's run of bad luck....



diagram 2. What (or who) did you hit with that Michael ? Photo courtesy W.Barker.

Formula 1 Flying (from an anonymous donor)

As no mention has yet been made in the newsletter of the two Circles either end of the flying field at Westernport, time has come to set the record straight.

These circles are not as some of you believe where "Space Ships" have landed, but area's in which the elite flying fraternity of the club fly their machines.

The machines they fly are Formula 1 machines, made from the latest materials. Aluminium Titanium Carbon Fibre is all the go. (No balsa wood, paper and glue here.)

The tips of these machines reach over 300 km/h. with the bolt that holds them together able to lift a V8 motor from the ground.

These machines don't require silly runways or wheels to get off the ground; they go straight up, manoeuvre faster and can glide straight down.

These elite pilots have mastered their craft, they are able to control these Formula 1 machines and send them into the sky, even though being considered by most as a very difficult machine to master.

They can often be seen sitting on the ground beside their machines, as they must also be competent pit crew to keep these machines in peak condition, no floating around in thermals with these machines, they have to be flown with 100% concentration at all times.

If the unheard of happens, and it does not land safely, they have been fitted with a self-destruct button in which the machine will chop itself to death thereby destroying any evidence the enemy may have of how it was constructed.

So next time at the field keep an eye out for one of these formula one flyers, they may even autograph your plank



WPMAC Committee

Refer above for your members. Just a few contact details this month.

President	Scott Talman	ph: 0419 007 889	email: srtalman@people.net.au
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Committee members can be contacted on the above numbers or via the WPMAC.com.au website, or via snail mail to PO Box 90, Bittern, 3918

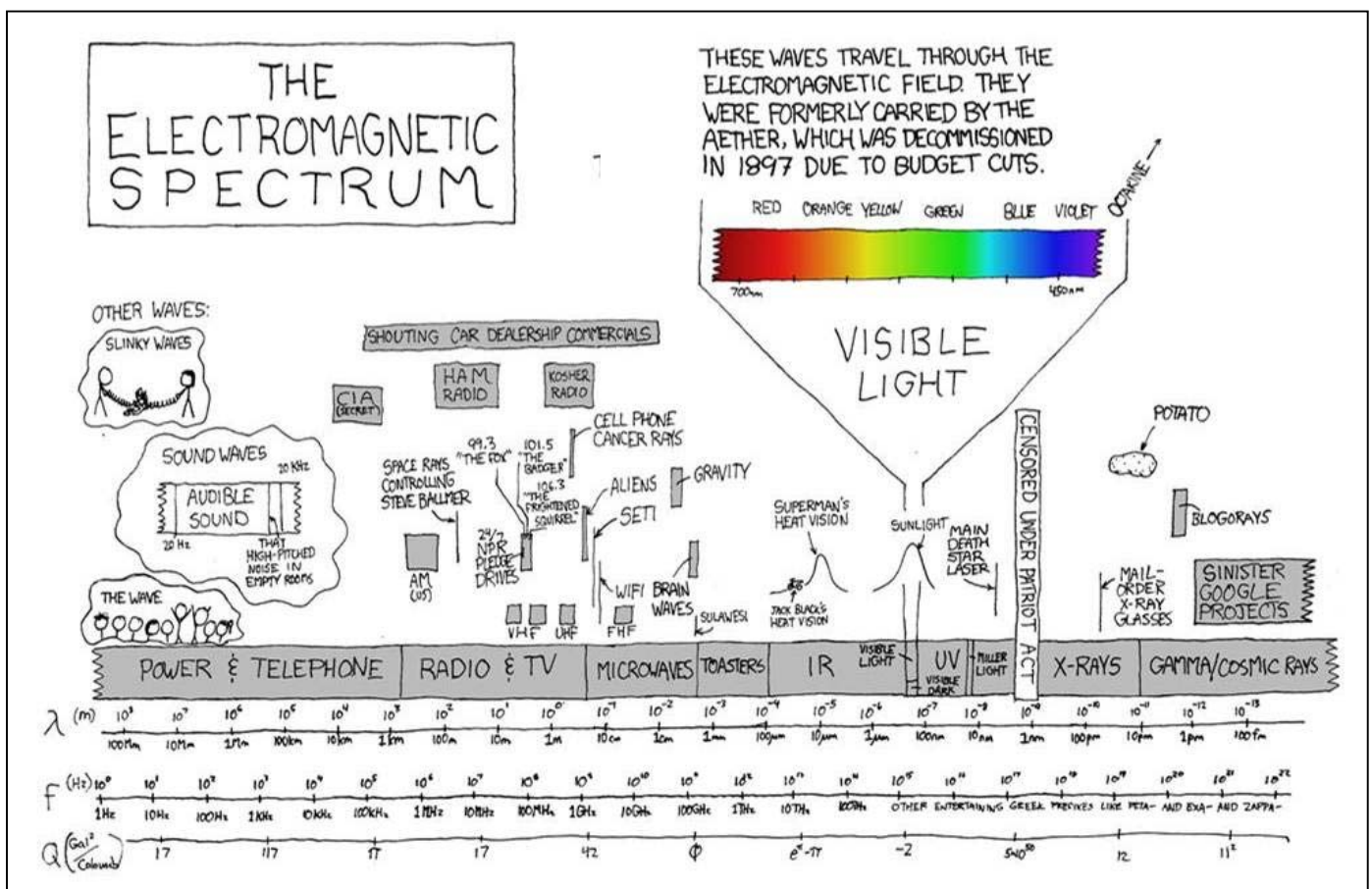
Newsletter Submissions

Articles by members for publication are welcome and encouraged. Please contribute something so that others can benefit from your experiences. It is preferred that they be submitted electronically (via email) to editor@wpmac.com.au. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter - please contribute to help make it a better publication!

Big thanks to R.R. for contributing to this issue.

Stop Press.

I found this handy reference chart to show us what our precious radios share the ether with.



WPMAC CLUB *MERCHANDISE*

Yellow shirt - with club logo on front + name

*** WPMAC on back \$ 55**

*** HASTINGS HOBBIES \$ 45**

Jacket - with club logo on front + name

*** WPMAC on back \$ 125**

*** HAST HOBB \$ 100**

Payment required in full with order.
Please circle which items you require.

NAME:_____

SIZE: SHIRT M _____ L _____ XL _____

JACKET M _____ L _____ XL _____

Please return to Jeremy Sword @ shop
200 Marine Pde HASTINGS 03 5979 8232

Hastings Hobbies

“For Everything RC”

200 Marine Pde, Hastings
03 5979 8232

September WPMAC Members Specials

PHOENIX Classic combat/trainer	\$75 cash (RRP \$95)
SEAGULL Boomerang combat/trainer	\$85 (RRP \$110.99)
PHOENIX Scanner low wing sports	\$80 cash (RRP \$110)
PHOENIX Tiger 3 low wing sports	\$125 cash (RRP \$160)
AT-6 Texan 72" wing span 90-120 size World Models	\$375 cash *1 in stock* (RRP \$415)
HS 422 servo deal	4 for \$80 (RRP \$88)
HS 425 BB	4 for \$90 (RRP \$100)
OS 46ax 2 Stroke	\$150 CASH (RRP \$170)
OPTIC 6 36mhz FM Radio + Receiver only pack	\$120 4 in stock
OPTIC 6 36mhz FM HELI radio with 4 x servos and receiver	\$200 (RRP \$325)

All Items available while stocks last.

Fathers Day Specials: valid until end of Sept 09