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WPMAC Newsletter

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Greetings WPMAC Members

I read something nearly 12 months ago now, about a new battery technology. At the time I thought that this will revolutionise electric flying (along with everything else that runs on batteries). The promise of 3 times the battery capacity compared to Li-Ion batteries caught my interest quickly. Unfortunately, we don't seem to be seeing any of these Lithium Sulphur batteries in commercial production yet, although batteries of similar chemistry are sold to some armed forces overseas. These new ones invented by a Canadian research group differ in their construction. When the manufacturing is perfected, I recon we will see mobile phone and computer demand drive the costs down, to a point where the next phase of model aircraft advancements will start. We are probably still 3 years away from that, but I'll keep an eye out anyway. There is a link below to the article I read last year if you're interested.

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 9th Feb, 2010

After more uninvited guests were causing trouble at the field, Brian H. Scott T., Lucas T, and some others caught them red handed. Police and Parents were notified and we don't expect trouble from this lot again. Well done guys.

Safety officer reports that we still have people taking off before passing the pilot box. Club rules require that models taking off be taxied until passed the pilot box for safety reasons.

Musical Chairs comp held in Dec was won by Gred Eddie. Congrats Greg.

Four committee members announced that they will not run for re-election at the next AGM. This will leave the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar, and possibly Safety Officer as unfilled unless there are some other members prepared to dedicate themselves, even if its only for one 12 month term. So have a think about it. Nomination forms **MUST** be completed a few weeks before the AGM - deadlines will be published well before then.

Lots of discussion was had regarding the Hastings Day festival airshow, that has been an annual event for some years now. Unfortunately, the required amount money to run the event was not available from sponsors and so it was decided by vote not to run the airshow this year.

Greg asked if we had any feedback from the Crib Point Advisory Committee about the noise complaint. Scott advised that we did not, but he would be writing to them again for a response. After some dicussion, a motion was put forward to raise the club aircraft noise level from 96 to 98 db. The motion was seconded but failed to receive enough votes to be carried. So WPMAC's noise limit remains at 96db.

Thanks again go to Lucas Talman for being the Sunday cook.

Simon Dougan has more sachets of food available for the fly traps he put up at the field.

The next general club meeting will be held at Bittern fire station, on Tue 9th Mar, 7:30pm start.

Upcoming Events

2010 9 th Mar	WPMAC's 20 th Birthday
28 th Mar	Working bee 9am-12pm. There will be no flying permitted at the field during work.
10/11 th Apr	VMAA Trophy weekend
18 th Apr	Tyabb Airshow
2 nd May	Non ARF Scale day
16th May	BADMAC Mid May Muster

Web Links

[NSERC Lithium battery breakthrough](#)

The Gallery

Sunday 14th Feb saw our monthly competition run. Limbo was the name of the game, but I'll let the pictures do the talking.



Missed it by that much eh Les ?



Matt's Hall of Shame

Steven Gray . Lawn dart 40 size trainer right off
PILOT ERROR

Graham Forrest (I just cant get the flaring thing happening) 40 size trainer Repairer
PILOT ERROR

Dave Whitehead (I just cant get the flaring thing happening) 40 size trainer Repairer
PILOT ERROR

Graham Forrest . It must be my radio .. 40 size trainer LAWN Dart Major right off
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION ? PILOT ERROR ? BATTERY ? AIRCRAFT MALFUNCTION . Radio
was sent off to supplier and NO fault found with radio . So you make a guess ... he he he

James Ridgeway . Pancake of death 120 size yak PILOT ERROR . Repairer

Rod Boade. Classic Trainer . The old "Too far away , lost orientation" , New Student Lawn Dart . PILOT
ERROR . Write Off

Brian Holmes . Magic The Ole I fly real crazy until something bad happens . Oops Lost perspective and into the
fence (cheese) grater
PILOT ERROR repairer

Pommy Rod . Classic .. I can do what Bob
Kerwin does .. Inverted take off . ? Pilot Error ?
(dumb Thumbs) ? Wind Write Off

Phil Forcefield . Big white twin cylinder thing ..
36Mhz Off Air Time .. lawn Dart .. Write OFF

Pole Of Death .(Need I say anymore)
Scott Anderson , Les Hawkins (see above), Neil
Black (pilot error)

Mick Newman . Oh the sounds of silence ...
Hangar 9 sundowner repairer Pilot Error

Stephen Gray . Hangar 9 PTS Mustang . Dumb
Thumbs .Number 56 Pilot Error



Hey Brian - you should at least have an elevator

Neil Black Big Curtis Jenny .. Oh what was that that just fell out of my plane . Opps
Write off . Maintenance Error

Mick Newman .. The ole pulled not pushed .. 40 trainer Write OFF . Pilot error

Graham Forrest Excel 2000 . Wrie Off Number 317. Pilot Error

Stephen Gray . Don't tell me about planes . I know Planes . Classic trainer . Write Off
Pilot error

WPMAC Committee

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

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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!

Thanks to Matt Carter for his literary masterpiece again.

Dont forget...



**Mid May Muster on
again! 16th May 2010**

YES! Scale and Stand-off-Scale fun fly Sunday 16th May 2010

As in previous years, there will be prizes and catering and enjoyable flying for all.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND FLY . (Bronze Wing Std. Minimum.)

SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE.

More detailed information closer to the day.

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**

*** HASTINGS HOBBIES \$ 100**

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

NAME:_____

SIZE: SHIRT M _____ L _____ XL _____

JACKET M _____ L _____ XL _____

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