



The Western Port Flyer

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WPMAC Newsletter

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Greetings WPMAC Members

Well what a month we've had. WPMAC won the VMAA run Sporty Forty (was there actually anyone there from the VMAA ?) We have a propeller powered club room (in a manner of speaking), we had the Tyabb Airshow, and I even found time to crash the heli again. But I have to salute those game enough to fly in winds strong enough to rip your ailerons off - servos and all.

Stephen Gray is doing some great work too with member profiles - I have too many to publish at the moment, so there's two this month.

Do we have any volunteers to write an article about the recent visits to China ?

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 13th Apr, 2010

It was asked if the new flyer instructions could be placed on the website. Matt Carter made good progress with this document last year, but it hasn't been seen since. Matt to send the doc to Hardy or Scott.

The emergency management plan for the field is in the hands of the committee. A committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the details with Len.

The new web site is up and running. Members should go to the website and request a login. Some forms have been made available, and more will be added, to assist with the day to day running of the club. After logging into the web site, the "User Menu" will display some of these, like a change of address form.

This Sat (Apr 17th) is (was) the annual Sporty Forty event. Any aircraft type may enter. Manuvures are printed and posted up on the notice board at the field. This event was rescheduled at the last minute.

The weather monitoring gear connected to our web site, is drawing too much power from our solar energy system at the field, hence why it has not been available 24/7. Although an extra panel was installed, we still don't have enough power to run the computer. R. Parkin proposed we spend \$850 to install a wind powered generator to supplement the solar array. The motion was passed.

This month's comp was postponed due to the Airshow on Sunday.

More restrainers have been made and are available from the kitchen at \$15 each.

Next meeting to be held at Bittern Fire Station, Tue 11th May.

Upcoming Events

2010 2 nd May	Non ARF Scale day
16th May	BADMAC Mid May Muster
10th Aug	WPMAC Annual General Meeting / Committee Election

Web Links

Gippsland Aeronautics

<http://www.gippsaero.com/ZoneID=115.htm>

Imagine - its a warm night, in a park next to Singapore river. City lights and lasers light up the sky and the park grass, over which several of these silent RC kites leave trails of brightly coloured lights as they perform all sorts of manouvres with complete disregard for gravity.

While I was in Singapore recently, I stayed a few minutes walk from where these electric rc kites were lighting up the sky. They are basically a carbon fibre skeleton with light nylon stretched over, and then 2 servos, lipo, brushless motor and radio added, before gluing leds all around the edge. Starting prices are around \$350 SGD if you supply radio, lipo and ESC. Otherwise about \$680 SGD ready to go - and you get a free box for your TX. They look and fly fantastic despite the price tag.

Check out Singapore GoFlyKite at <http://www.goflykite.com.sg/home.html>

Tyabb Airshow

Well, judging from the numbers, this years show was quite well received. Plenty of aircraft, plenty of noise, plenty of people, cars, traffic, etc...

Even some nice models from our friends down the freeway.

I thought the flyover by the Vampire Jet was great (I thought we banned them though).

Anyway, here's a few pics - see if you can make out the person wearing the red hat.



An image of the wildlife at the Tyabb Airshow, featuring Gippsland Aeronautic's own GA8 Airvan



Maybe this one was feeling a bit left out ?

Check out the level of detail in this model under construction



Who's Who at WPMAC, by Stephen Gray



Name: Michael Newman
Occupation: Accountant
Age: 47

Michael lives in the Bittern area, enjoys computer games....and driving fast cars, an ex RAAF member, it was logical for him to maintain some connection to aviation....(although on a smaller scale) Michael has been a member at WPMAC for the last two years.

Do you remember your first car?

"Yeah....it was a Chrysler Sigma....it was very slow.....but it had mags"

What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

"Learning how to bloody fly...."

Most memorable club moment?

"Winning the most improved member award....."

Favorite model you've flown?

"The Sundowner....a 50 size aircraft....with a 95ax engine!"

Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?

"ARF.....don't have the space to build"

The worst crash you've ever had?

"The first one.....flatstick... over the fence...lost sight, due to Brian (Brian Holmes) in the way, it ate the dirt "

If you had the money, what would be your dream car and what would you be



Name: Roy Cooper
Occupation: Retired
Age: 73

Roy lives local to the area, and has two daughters and one son. Roy is a member of a number of clubs. The Wanuran Flyers, Pine River in QLD and SADAC in which he has held the positions of President and Secretary. Roy has also held the position of Registrar with WPMAC and has been a member for the last few yrs, Roy's other interests include swimming, camping and fishing.

Do you remember your first car?

"A 1932 Hudson Terraplane...grey with black mudguards"

What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

"Teaching electricians in Nigeria....between 1975 - 81"

What type of aircraft are you currently flying?

"A 46 Ugly Stik and a 25 Ugly Stik"

Most memorable club moment?

"The spreading of Jack Hirsts ashes on the SADAC field"

Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?

"Scratch build.....it's like growing your own vegetables"

Words of wisdom you would impart to a beginner?

flying?

"Dream car would be an Audi R10.....a big friggin Sabre.....jet turbine"

"Listen to your instructor and follow his instructions"

If you had the money, what would be your dream car and what would you be flying?

"A 1929 Dodge six.....a Thunder Tiger Mustang Fun Fly "

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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 Stephen Gray for his contributions to this issue.
