



The Western Port Flyer

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WPMAC Newsletter

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Greetings WPMAC Members

Hi all. It's that time of the year again - no not the freezing conditions - I think that's still to come. Its renewal time.

Everyone should have received their membership renewal form, and information sheet. All renewals must be submitted on the form provided. Copies are not accepted. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Committee ASAP.

In summary, this years fees are as follows.

Full Membership	\$194
Junior	\$109
Seniors	\$172
Associate	\$86
Social	\$20

The small increase over last years fees is due to the rise in the VMAA portion by \$4.

You can post a cheque, make direct deposit or pay the registrar or acting registrar (Greame Forrest) directly. But make sure you get a receipt as this proof of payment is your only evidence of insurance until your new MAAA card arrives.

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 11th May, 2010

Geoff's treasurer's report mentioned the WPMAC web site hosting fees which were previously paid for by Jeremy Sword when he had Hastings Hobbies. The fees have been negotiated to \$90 for 6 months, and it was later agreed that the club would pay this.

Roy has donated a whipper snipper after the club's last unit was permanently borrowed - Thanks Roy.

Money is still going missing from the kitchen. If you take a chocolate bar or drink etc, please pay for your item in the container provided. The committee now have a good ideas who the culprit is, and are deciding on how to deal with him.

We are getting cows on the field again. Matt and Keith will do an audit on the fence. Garry Zerbe. offered a loan of his fencing gear to assist with repairs.

The new pot belly stove needs a flue - Keith will discuss with the maint people to arrange.

The club's transmitter policy was discussed again. All members to ensure all radio equipment is C ticked, and non 2.4GHz equipment is certified before use.

Next meeting to be held at Bittern Fire Station, Tue 8th June.

Upcoming Events

2010 10th Aug

WPMAC Annual General Meeting / Committee Election

Web Links

In 1971, an ambitious group of people started a project to build a small ducted prop powered 2 seater, called the Two-175. The story is an interesting one with a sad ending, but an electric model flyer has built a replica some 30 years later, which attracted the attention of the original Two-175 test pilot.

Read here (<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=958304>) about the design and building of the foam replica on RC-Groups, and if you're interested in the story of the full size Two-175, check out this site http://www.fraser-aerotechnologycompany.com/Rohr_2-175_Fan_Jet.html

Also, what do you do if you like hang gliding, but you don't have any hill to jump off ? Watch this and find out. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHF7QBmy3qE>

Field Updates

If you've been down to the field in the last couple of weeks, you would have noticed the work Brian Holmes has done around the flight box, to try and reduce mud and improve safety a little.

If you like what he's done, please give him a pat on the back. Thanks Brian. (The fields looking great too).

Our Wind turbine is also up and running, and charging batteries like there is no tomorrow. So the weather station is back on line from 8am to 3pm.



Gallery





Who's Who at WPMAC, by Stephen Gray

Name: Garry Zerbe
Occupation: Vigneron – 5th generation Horticulturist
Age: 60

Garry lives local in the area, he has two adult children, a daughter and a son, both have flown models, his son Matthew also fly's with WPMAC. Garry owns and runs a local wine business and was previously with a club in the Lilydale area for a period of ten years. He is a keen amateur carpenter and mechanic, and has been with WPMAC for the last twelve months .

Do you remember your first car?

"My first registered car...a Morris Minor 1000, Green...didn't stay stock standard for very long"

What type of aircraft are you currently flying?

"Scratch built Stick....it's sixteen years old"



Most memorable club moment?

"Was flying here...about 1992 and watching the dry cow dung fly up from the prop wash on take off"

The hardest thing you had to learn about flying?

"Which way's up"

Do you recall how many aircraft you've lost?

"Yeah...completely lost two and rebuilt another two...that's over twenty years ago"

Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?

"No preference...I see a place for both...However I am concerned with ARF and their airworthiness...the ability for planes to be in the air without Safety Inspections"

The worst crash you've ever had?

"A 60 size Pattern Ship with a racing motor at full speed, crossed up, pulled up when inverted.....instant confetti"

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

"Dream car Mark II Daimler..... Flying?....what I've currently got....including the Beetle Pattern Ship".

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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, but as it would be real nice to get some input from members who haven't done so, I will take anything - even your screwed up photos or whatever. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter - please contribute to help make it a better publication!

Thanks to Stephen Gray for his contributions to this issue.
