



# The Western Port Flyer

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WPMAC Newsletter

Jul-Aug 2010

## Message from the (new) President

Hi All WPMAC Members

I would like to thank all the members for giving me this opportunity to represent WPMAC., I will do my best for the club with all your support.

First I would like to thank all the new committee who have come on board with me to run this great club.

I would like to thank Scott, Matt and Jeremy for their great support of the club in the past years, I know we have big shoes to fill and I also know we can call on them anytime if we need help, thanks guys.

One thing I have noticed at the club is the abundance of knowledge here and you only have to ask anyone and they will help you. I have a saying when I was teaching apprentices it is better to ask a silly question than to make a silly mistake.

I have been at the club now for two years and the growth of the club has been great

Eg: new toilet, charging bay for our planes, weather station, lights in the club, kitchen, under cover area and soon to come a pot belly stove to keep us warm.

We have had a real wet winter this year and I bet there are a few frustrated flyers who are biting at the bit to get some nice weather for flying. As soon as the field dries I will be mowing it.

I have noticed that when we are flying there could be a bit more communicating in the pilot box eg: iam landing, is it alright to take off and so on, it just helps everyone that is flying, so have a safe fly.

And if you see me around come and have a chat and ask questions if I don't know them I will do my best to find out.

Thanks Brian

## Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2010

General Meeting

A pot belly stove has been bought for the clubhouse. The heat shields are already in place. No ETA on stove installation yet.

Gary Zerbe has made name badges for everyone - this years colour is blue.

Colin Holmes has done a brilliant job of the "Geoff Tuck Field" sign – many thanks Colin.

We still have problems with the electric fence. Richard Onians to investigate. It was suggested to run a power line (low voltage) from the clubhouse, now that we have a power system there.

The Annual awards were presented, with the following people taking the honours.

Best Newcommer award was taken by Brian McQuay

Most Improved and also the Perry Walsh memorial trophy for Best Clubman, were both awarded to Brian Holmes.



Brian McQuay wins best newcomer.

Club Champion is awarded to the overall winner of our Sunday competitions, and was well earned by Greg Eadie.

Best Crash of the Year, had a slight change of tune this year, and was awarded to Graeme Forest for "notable consistency". Graeme was given a large bag of leftovers (balsa) to take home for his efforts (and a trophy).



Brian receiving the first of his trophies

Scott Talman then thanked all members who contributed to the clubs improvements over the last few years, and the outgoing committee, for all their efforts.



Champoin flyer - Greg Eadie

After a short break, Jeremy Sword took over the running of the AGM.

Geoff presented the annual account for year ending 30/6/2010. This has been made available for viewing / download from our website - refer below.

Elections followed with these people taking up roles in the new committee.

President	Brian Holmes
Vice President	Alistar Cox
Secretary	Michael Newman
Treasurer	Geoff Lord
Grounds Keeper	Brian Holmes
Helicopter Safety	Gavin Sexton
Jet Safety	We banned this position
Floor member	Steven Gray
Floor member – Media	Hardy Maxa
Floor member – Assets	Shane Spry, and Richard Parkin
Floor mem – Sponsorship	unfilled
Competition Director	Keith Turner
Registrar	Graeme Forest
Safety Officer	Phill Thursfield, Alistar Cox, and Brian Holmes.



Graeme picks up his award with the bag of bits

## Upcoming Event

2010 tba Nov

Working bee - Car park crushed rock upgrade

## Weblinks

WPMAC annual accounts - on our web site. Login first to view it.

[http://www.wpmac.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_remository&Itemid=20&func=select&id=2](http://www.wpmac.com.au/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=20&func=select&id=2)

The Aviators - new TV Show soon to be aired in the US.

[http://www.theaviators.tv/TheAviators.TV\\_-\\_Home.html](http://www.theaviators.tv/TheAviators.TV_-_Home.html)

## Riddlers Crossword

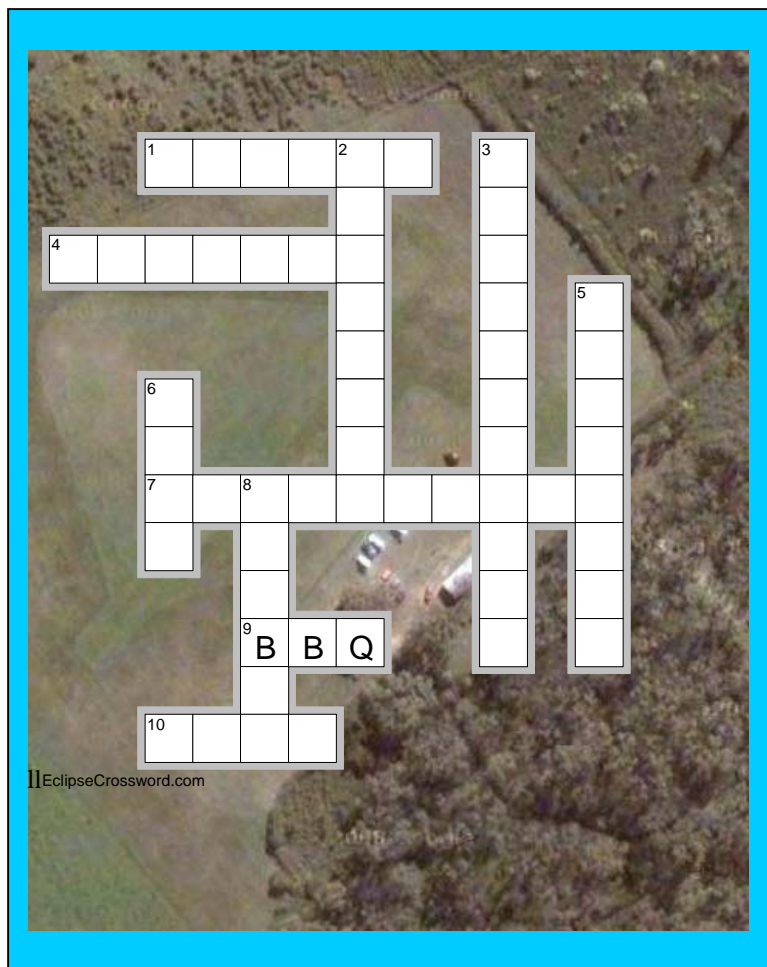
### Across

1. we all try and put our plane on here
4. We need these to keep our motors quite
7. We have to check this on a bi-plane
9. On every Sunday
10. Only members are allowed in here

### Down

2. We use this in four-strokes after we have finished flying
3. We have these to help charge our planes
5. Cars use this
6. We all have to do this when we test fly a new plane
8. Matt,Brian,Coxy love this

Solution will be published in next months newsletter. See the last page for last month's solution.



## Who's Who at WPMAC, by Stephen Gray

**Name:** Phil Thursfield  
**Occupation:** Project Engineer  
**Age:** 49

Married with one daughter, Phil lives in the Mornington area; he also has an interest in motorcycles and prefers building aircraft as opposed to assembling them. Phil has been a member with WPMAC for at least nineteen years.

### Do you remember your first car?

*"Yes....HQ Holden, beige in colour....didn't break down.....it had a well used back seat"*

### What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

*"Not sure....one doesn't stand out against the other"*

### Most memorable club moment?

*"When the Club House burnt down"*



**Favorite model you've flown?**

*"The Clip Wing Taylor Craft.....concentration required to fly them"*

**Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?**

*"Build from kits... or scratch build from own designs....ARF meets a certain demand.....but it instills a certain attitude...more carefree...due to easy replacement"*

**Words of wisdom you would impart to a beginner?**

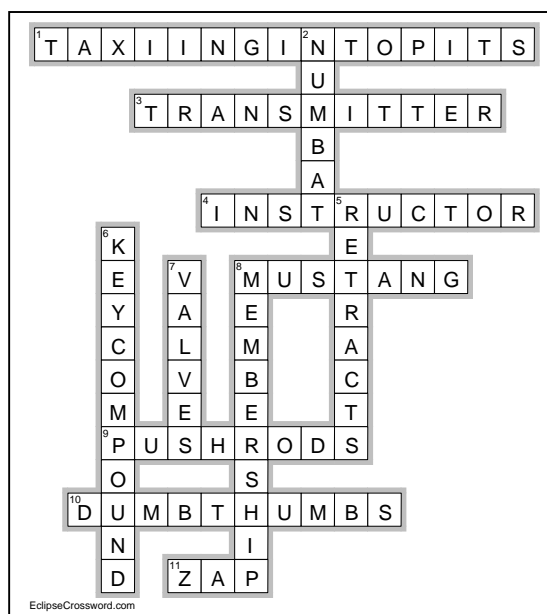
*"Take small steps....be prepared to fly a trainer for at least two years"*

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

*"Probably a Winnebago Bus.....and a big third scale aerobatic aircraft.....and tour the clubs around Australia"*

**Solutions**

Here is last month's solution to the riddlers crossword.

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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](mailto: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 Brian Holmes, Stephen Gray, and the Riddler for their contributions to this issue.