



The Western Port Flyer

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WPMAC Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hi to all the members:-

Well the strip is finally drying out and I mowed it on 28-09-2010, it came up ok. (understatement - ed.) But it will be better next time I mow it, as it was very long and thick. But as we all know you can't please everyone.

We are slowly getting the pavers down, this is a slow job we will get there soon with help from everyone. Our membership is nearly full which is good for the club, we will still keep the 100 cap which I know everyone is happy with.

I was happy the way our first meeting went. We have the new generator in the container and soon we will start to wire the power for the kitchen and club area. Also we will install the new electric fence zapper near the compound.

We need to keep our dogs on leads when down at the club, I have notice that there has been dog faeces under the cover area near the field, could people with dogs not tie them up under the cover area - thanks.

We had the best weekend of flying on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd, it was good to see a lot of members there, there was a few mishaps but you have to expect that as a lot of people have not been flying due to the bad weather.

Thanks Brian

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station, Tue 4th September, 2010

This meeting, we had some discussion on sponsorship, Hastings day, and a visit from Harcourts.

After the cancellation of WPMACs involvement in the last Hastings day, we had expressions of interest for supporting the cost of the display, and so decided to pursue this for the next opportunity - Hastings day 2011.

Currently, WPMAC is making a submission to request sponsorship for this with Marrand Engineering.

Harcourts real estate have also made an offer to support WPMAC via sales commissions. Basically, the club can earn 20% of the commission of a sale, conditions pending. Refer to the details later in the newsletter to see how the partnership works.

Keith informed members that the pot belly stove is still 'under construction'.

The 'no badge, no fly' proposal was discussed, but not put to a vote.

Some pavers have now been installed in the pits, with more to come. - Thanks Brian

John B has donated a couple of boxes of books, which Brian intends to keep at the field for members to read.

An offer of a 4KVA generator (petrol powered with electric start) was made for \$800. The motion was voted and passed.

Next meeting to be held Tue Oct 12th, 7:30pm at Bittern Fire Brigade.

Upcoming Event

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Working bee - Car park crushed rock upgrade

Flight Display at Cruden Farm by Michael Newman

The Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Medical Foundation held a family fun day at Cruden Farm on the 19th, and asked WPMAC if we could put on a flight display. My dad Geoff Newman is on the board of directors of the foundation, and he thought that a model aircraft display would be one of the highlights of the day. The event took some organising with the VMAA, due to the site, but the display was approved and we were all ready to go. The guys at Cruden Farm did a great job on the runway, and we were all surprised how good the flying area was. I was joined on the day by volunteers, Matt Carter, Alistar Cox, Phil Thursfield, Ashley McDonald, Gavin Sexton, Reeve

Marsh, Tony Smith, Steve Gray and Michael Peel. Reeve also brought two other control line flyers with him, one who had just won an event at the world championships. Static aircraft on display were kindly supplied by Brian Holmes (DV11, SE5A & Pitts), and Steve Gray (DR1, Sopwith and P51D), thanks for lend guys.



Well the weather held out and we only got a couple of light showers during the day, it was a little windy at times, but that just made it more exciting for the crowd. Ashley did a great job with his heli, the 3D was excellent, Gavin & Phil let rip with some electrics, and Matt did some scale bomb drops. Reeve and his fly by wire boys did some great combat, which made everyone dizzy. The highlight for the crowd, and us, was Matt and Alistar doing combat with their Magics, yes I mean Magics! The combat started well, up until the point where Matt took off Alistar's wing with his undercarriage, Alistar's Magic plummeted into the ground, and Matt flew on to land safely with no noticeable damage? Other

highlights of the day was Phil hitting a tree on final with his Habu D/F and still managing to land safely on the runway, Matts bomb dropper getting a dead stick and disappearing down the gully when he finally touched down. Phil rushing out with an Umbrella for me when it started to rain, the only problem was when he put it over my head I lost site of my plane, its the thought that counts. It was a great day, and we all had a lot of fun, and I would like to thank everyone involved who donated there time to help. On a side note this may become a yearly event which I can only see getting bigger and better.

Michael Newman

Weblinks

Free 2D CAD software has been released from Dassault Systemes - better known for their 3D Catia product. Its still in beta currently, but reports from testers say its very much like autocad, and can read and save autocad files. Check out <http://www.3ds.com/products/draftsight> if you're interested.

Riddlers Crossword

Across

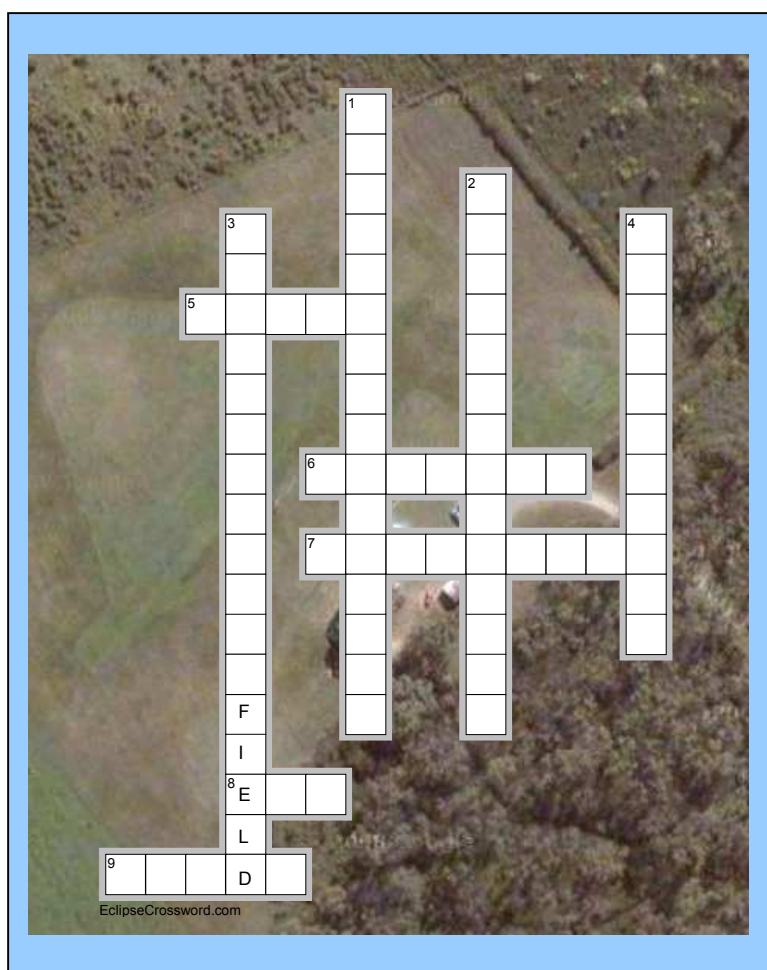
5. With out this the field would look very shabby.
6. All new students should start with this type of plane.
7. Brian and Alister love this plane.
8. We need these to control our elecric motors.
9. These planes are indestructable and great fun to fly.

Down

1. Mr Newman loves this plane.
2. Just been installed to top up our batteries.
3. This is a new sign just been put up - great job Colin.
4. Not everyone likes these but we have to have them to get things done.

Hint: There's a few blanks here.

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



Harcourts Partnership

A visit by Jason Dowler and Bree Coburn of Harcourts Hastings at the last club general meeting, saw the initiation of a partnership with the WPMAC.

Under this partnership, Harcourts of Hastings propose to return 20% of the commission of a sale generated by WPMAC, payable on settlement of the sale. In effect, this is a referral fee, which real estate agents would normally pay one another anyway.

In order for the referral to be paid, it must be registered with Harcourts by filling in the form attached at the end of the newsletter.

So if your thinking about selling your home, or you know someone who is, please recommend Harcourts, and use the attached referral form to register.

Who's Who at WPMAC, by Stephen Gray

Name: Mike Gibson
Occupation: Pensioner
Age: 21+

Mike lives local in the area and enjoys his flying most of all.

Do you remember your first car?

"The XY Ford wagon...she was a lovely old thing"

What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

"Flying...anything really...always wanted to fly...love the challenge"

What type of aircraft are you currently flying?

"Flying the warbirds at the moment....practice...practice...practice...to get things right"

Most memorable club moment?

Flying the 109...had the engine cut out...I was inverted and Niel Black....I think... yelling.... I'd like to see you get out of that....and I did... lowering the retracts at the last second for everybody's amusement"

Favorite model you've flown?

"The Tigermoth, a quarter scale model"

Do you recall how many aircraft you've lost?

"That's a hard one....I won't go past ten.....thats what you call learning to fly"

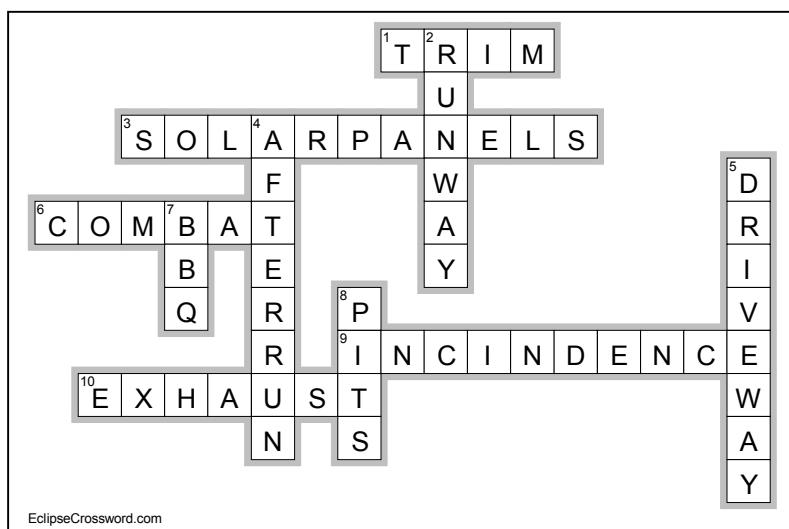
Most memorable crash?

"Niel Black's Jenny....when his batteries fell out....that was a right off.....it was a beauty"



Solutions

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



Wanted

Someone to write some reviews of various model flight sims. Please contact Hardy if you're interested.

Gallery



Photo courtesy R. Clayton



Great Landing Greg



Photo courtesy R. Clayton

Speaking of rain, it seems SEMAC club had some minor issues with our beloved heavenly H₂O. So of course WPMAC was more than happy to extend a welcome to SEMAC members Ron, Mark, Daniel, Dave and Bobby. Apparently the flying field fine after some recent improvements, but the access road was impassable (except 4x4).



Photo by Ian Hunter - SEMAC editor.



Great trailer Neil (or is that your mobile 2 ear plane garage ?)

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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 Brian Holmes, Michael Newman, Stephen Gray, and the Riddler, and from SEMAC, Rod Clayton and John Andrews for their contributions to this issue.

Community Support

Referral Form

Club Name: WesternPort Model Aircraft Club

Name:

Date referred:

Person who recommended:

Property details:

Owner details:

Sales Contact:

