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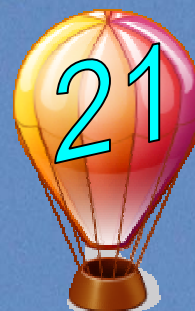
Newsletter of the Westernport Model Aircraft Club.

21st Birthday Bumper Issue

Feb-Mar 2011



Happy Birthday WPMAC



From the Editors Desk

Hi Everyone

So I have to admit that it seems every newsletter lately seems to be on a leap month type of release schedule. And with so much happening lately, I thought it wise to make a little catch up effort.

March 2011 marks WPMACs 21st birthday, so I hope you all have broadband connections because this newsletter is going to tip the scales a bit.

Speaking of scale, Alan Till has been hard at work again producing more award winning models. He's sent some photos to prove how a little time in Australia can shine up some English built models (just kidding Alan).

Despite the lack of support from the shire, our recent airshow made for a great days entertainment. So there's plenty of pickys covering the activities there too.

And a big thanks to those who have sent photos or other items for inclusion in this issue.

Now, as was proposed in the Feb meeting, there will be prizes and points awarded for responses to the crossword and other quizzes in the newsletter from now on. Keep reading for details.

I hope you enjoy the 21st birthday issue.

Ed. (Hardy Maxa)



Presidential Address

Hi to all members

Well it was a bit windy for the air show, a bit try - 63k's. I think it nearly blew everyone's plane away.

I would like to thank everyone for the efforts on the day and a big thanks to Cooky for the bbq.

I was told that the combat was the best they had ever seen thanks guys.

The jet turbine was very impressive thanks Greame, also I think he is coming back down to the club to fly his jets, I hope so

I have a new job so you won't see me around as much as you use to. Well we all have to work.

As you are probably aware there is a new container near the kitchen, to be used for all the ground equipment

I noticed the other day guys are still flying their planes way to far away. This is a real good way to lose them so try and keep them a bit closer.
Thanks Brian



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Pylon Race. Photos by S.Gray

Feb 8th was our first attempt at a fun pylon race. Two classes of nitro planes (up to .46 and .46 and larger) had to fly for 15 mins and make as many laps of the field as possible. In that time, you were expected to make a fuel stop, then get back up in the air to finish. Contratulations to Matt and Jeremy for their wins.
Well done to all competitors.

Mar 20th is the next one. The rules change a little next time with a mandatory fuel stop.



Jeremy and Michael making a dash for the refueling depot.



All prepped and ready to go



Brian making a beautiful
1 wheel landing

Club Meeting Brief, held at Bittern fire station,
Tue 8th Feb, 2011

Again a reminder to flyers, that if you are in the air and having difficulty for any reason, don't be backwards in yelling out for help.

Heli flyers - for the next 4-6 weeks, we will trial hovering only at the North end of the field, regardless of wind. Of course, if no one else is on the field, use it. Aircraft flyers - watch for helis at the North end.

Most of the meeting revolved around planning for the airshow. VMAA approval has been granted. Everything else looks ready to roll. 3 Signs will be printed listing all the sponsors and put on display, along with a table of our sponsors business cards. For those flying, there will be a pilot briefing at 9am. Arm bands must be worn by members in front of the fence line. BBQ will start about 8:45am.

Safety report - some people are still entering the car park from the driveway too fast. Watch your speed please.

Graeme Forest has had more restrainers made - thanks Graeme. They are kept in the kitchen and are for sale to members at \$20 each.

Dates for working bees have now been set. (refer to the calendar below for dates -Ed). Flying is banned during the working bee which is expected to last a few hours. Members attending will be eligible for a \$10 discount off the next renewal fee.

Winners from the last pylon race were
Jeremy - 46 Size
and Matt - 46+ size.

Hardy proposed that prizes be awarded for the best suggestion, and for the best newsletter submission. The motion was passed. A club suggestion scheme is now running and you can submit any ideas you have through the web site. [Click here to check it out.](#)



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Matt gave a short tech talk. Be warned not to purchase Spektrum AR6200 RXs - these were taken out of production by Spektrum last year when fake units hit the market.



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The next competition will be another pylon comp, with the following rules.

- 15 Minute rounds
- compulsory pit stop to be taken any time

Competition classes are:

- Under .46, and
- .46 and over

The date for this comp has been moved to Mar 20th.

March 9th, is (was) WPMAC's 21st Birthday.

Jeremy suggested that we have an airshow review. Discussion revolved around the benefits for the club, of which there are few tangible ones. We have enough members and it costs the club to put on the show, but it was generally agreed that all who attended the show enjoyed it. It was very disappointing not to have been included in the advertising campaign for Hastings day, presumably done by the council. It was suggested that in future, we take part in the Main St parade, and run a float with planes and helis. Again this year, the wind really made flying a challenge, but this didn't deter the participants who all put on a great display. From WPMAC goes a big thanks to everyone that participated. Oh - Shane wants bigger pegs next year to hold the tent down.

Keith and Cheryl are producing a very professional looking WPMAC wall calendar. They are available for \$30. (I'll try and get some sample pics onto the web site)

Next meeting will be held Apr 12th, at 7:30pm.

WPMAC Calendar

WPMAC Events Calendar for 2011

Month	WPMAC Meeting	Keith's Comp's	Working Bee's	Special Events	Scale Day's
Jan	11th	16th Pylon Racing			
Feb	8th			13th Family Fun Day 19th Western Port Festival Airshow	
Mar	8th	20th Pylon Racing	13th	9th WPMAC 21st Anniversary	
Apr	12th	17th		10th Sporty Forty	
May	10th	15th	17th		15th Scale & ARF
Jun	14th	19th			
Jul	12th	17th			
Aug	9th	14th			
Sep	13th	18th			
Oct	11th	16th			16th Scale & ARF
Nov	8th	13th	13th		
Dec	13th	18th			

Construction Corner. Photos by Alan Till

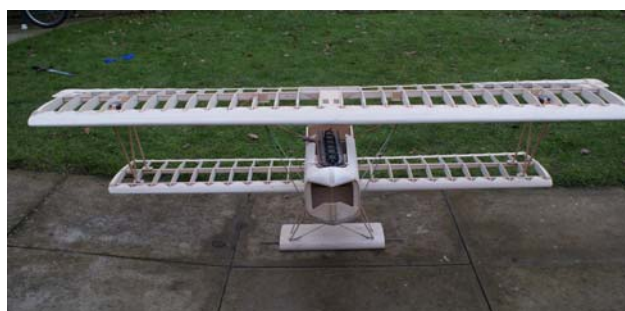
Alan Till sent me these photos of a couple of Tiger Moths that he's built. Although he hasn't been well lately, it hasn't stopped him taking 1st place at a South London Scale competition with the yellow one. Its between 1/4 and 1/5 scale with an OS120 up front.



This silver one is 1/4 scale, 88in wingspan, with an OS200 under the hood.



Alan is also currently building this Focke D7 at 1/4 scale, with an Enya V-Twin 240. Its almost ready to test.



Around the Traps by Stephen Gray

I collected the Blackhorse Mosquito from Hastings Hobbies on the 14th of October with much anticipation and excitement. Always had a soft spot for the mossy.....and the spitty, and the hurricane etc, etc.

My first immediate concern, would the box fit in the car, it's a big box, and my car isn't the most appropriate size for this hobby (I must do something about that one day). Success, but gear changes were a little annoying with a huge obstruction next to my left hand.

Now the first glaring error that I became aware of after having opened and spread every thing out, was the arrangement of the pilots, side by side, Com's and Nav officer sat to the right and behind the pilots position. They also had very large wide eye's almost in fear of some impending doom. Nothing I can do about the eye's, but I could do something about their seating position, Surgery, scrub, scalpel, steel ruler, band aids close by.

This surgical process required a little thought, however after some consideration, surgery turned to butchery. I had thought removal of the canopy was my answer, however this would of created a further mess with film covering, final option was to attack from below, cutting the cockpit floor panel out, in one piece.



After this I now had access to the pilots, switching their positions was the next step, as said this was butchery in a gentle form, Murphy and I appear to be very close friends and as a result I managed to damage the cockpit floor that I had cut out to the point that it was RS, This I was able to replace with some balsa, I even inserted backrests. Inspired by Tony Smith and his efforts and even painted their Mae West's in yellow. Reinserted the new floor panel with repositioned pilots and now much happier with the end result.


Classifieds

I have this OS 55AX in mint condition, run for about 1 hour, but now have no use for it.

Make an offer or will swap (with some payment either way) for something interesting eg. different size motor, plane or 2.4 gig Tx.

Thanks Barry


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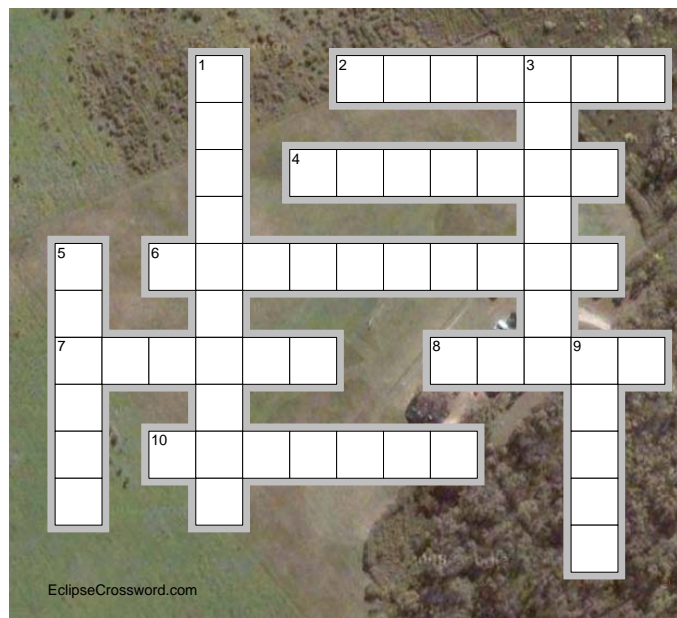
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Riddlers Crossword

This months crossword is made up of all aviation acronyms.
The underlined letter in the acronyms are your answers.



Across

2. HUD
4. AWACS
6. EFIS
7. GPS
8. LASER
10. FLIR

Down

1. PPM
3. ILS
5. SAR
9. MHz

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Who Am I ?

I am a Russian built amphibian, with 2 pod mounted Teledyne-Continental 6 cyl air cooled engines. I first flew in July 15, 1997, and have a max cruise speed of 162mph (260kph). My wingspan is 12.72m and length is 10.65m. And just like the first comets, I have square windows.

10 points for the first right answer, 6 points for second, 4 for third. Points count towards awards and prizes. [Click here to submit your answers.](#)



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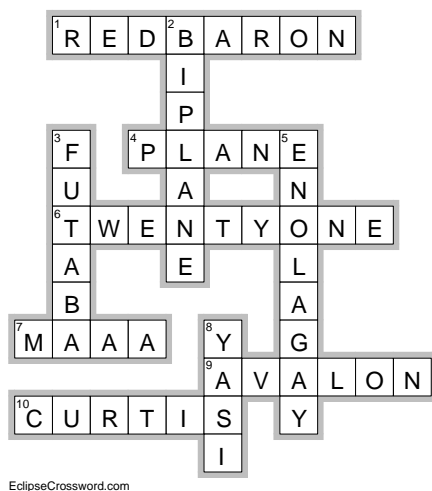
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Family Day 2011

Yet another beautiful day at WPMAC. A great day for eating, flying and being merry. A big thanks goes to Kerry and others for preparing the lunch.



Kerry, Lucas and Mick cooking up a storm



Sorry Cameron, but the whole club is at a loss to explain your Dad's fixation on flying foam (helis excepted) !



Time to get that engine collection going again Neil.



Hey James - want to borrow some rotor blades ?



Now - This is what it's all about.



Just relaxing



Brians Spitty looks great in the air.

2nd last flight of the Nemesis



Westernport Festival Airshow Photos courtesy Cheryl Turner

The day started out with the usual tent raising ceremonies, after which the BBQ was lit and started pumping out hot breaky - not that it needed to be hot, the weather was being nice to us at that point. 9:45 was briefing time for pilots after which the wind promptly started increasing in intensity.



Among the displays were some great high speed control line flying from Reeve Marsh, despite some motor run issues and unfriendly wind. Past WPMAC member Graeme Catchpole brought along his turbine powered FA-18 and Boomerang impressing everyone with his skillful flying of the latter.

By 11:30am the wind had reached gusts in excess of 60 kph, and the tent was trying to make a flying display of its own. Spad combat was another star attraction, with some of the chopped streamers going for short flights too.



Graeme's turbine powered FA18



The large scale Edge ripping up the sky

Wayne Newman from Addies put on a great aerobatics display with his large scale Edge, and Brian Holmes's Nemesis pulled one too many Gs and lost a wing.



This looks like a job for the NTSB.

Our commentator Dick, did a great job keeping the crowd of onlookers informed of the days happenings, and the static display also had a great lineup of models.



Warbird display with Dr Who's 'Tardis' in the back.

Ashley McDonald put his Helicopter through its paces, making this aspect of flying looking deceptively easy.

Throw in some warbirds, some more GA models and a few more hot snags, and there you have a model airshow to be proud of. Well done everyone involved. And thanks to all our sponsors without which there probably would not have been a show.



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Who's Who Member Profile by Stephen Gray

Name: Graeme Forrest
Occupation: Retired – Engineer/Manager
Age: 68

Graeme lives local in the Bittern area, he has two children and 5 grandchildren. Unfortunately his wife passed away in 1976. He is a member of U3A, a group that generates activities for retired individuals, and is the club Registrar, his other responsibility is the distribution of key's to members, and related record keeping.

How did you get started in this hobby?

"I joined PARCS in 1976 and flew gliders, the biggest wingspan...3 metres, spent some time overseas and joined WPMAC in 2009"

What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

"35 years of good marriage, and the raising of my children, plus getting back into flying"

What type of aircraft are you currently flying?

"Trainers to intermediate, all IC"

Most memorable club moment?

"Watching my Boomerang .60 disappearing over Western Port Bay and later receiving an email from Hardy Maxa showing a photo of my aircraft intact, sitting in the mudflats, apparently last seen floating towards Hastings"



Do you recall how many aircraft you've lost?

"I think about eight"

Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?

"Both!, satisfaction in building from plans, but ARF's are cheaper"

Words of wisdom you would impart to a beginner?

"Buy a simple high wing trainer – not overpowered, don't be overconfident, and listen to your instructor"

Anything you dislike about this hobby?

"Cost of crashes!"

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

"Dream car – the Bugatti, Veyron, and a WWII bomber, with a 3 – 4 metre wingspan"

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Newsletter Submissions

Thanks to Brian Holmes, Cheryl Turner, Alan Till, Stephen Gray and the Riddler for contributions to this months newsletter.

Great going all - keep those photos etc coming.

Next Month

Dont miss next month's Westernport Flyer. The editorial team is already hard at work preparing all your favorite articles, like

**Who's Who The Working Bee
And More**

Standby for another
action packed episode of

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Incidents and Accidents

We can't finish without some more crash-em-up photos. So until next month, enjoy.



Matts demise.

Photos courtesy S.Gray



Not another PC9. Looks like a job for the guper slue Steve.