



The Western Port Flyer

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Newsletter of the Westernport Model Aircraft Club.

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Message from Pres

Hi To All Members:-

It was a great turn out at the AGM , good to see so many members there. The new venue was great, I think everyone was happy with the extra room we have. The meeting went well, all the awards were handed out and there was a lot of happy people.

I would like to welcome all the new committee members for 2011-2012. We have a few things to complete and we will do our best to complete them all.

I have started to mow the field, but not all of it due to the ground being a bit too wet, but as it starts to dry out I will complete it.

Would the people who leave planes in the bin please burn them or take them home thanks (or give them to Hardy Maxamiser – ed...)

The container is going to be painted when the weather gets a bit warmer Shane and myself are going to do this.

The pylon race was great the weather was great and we had a much better turn out. Well done Big Coxy for winning it and all the members for joining in.

Thanks for giving me the chance to be Pres for another year, I will do my best for this great club of ours.

Brian Holmes



Everyone seated with chairs to spare at the new venue!!

From Ed..

Howdy All. I must agree with Brian – the Crib Point community house is a good size for us, especially when we have a few extra members turn up for a meeting. The old room was getting nearly as crowded as the local model shop – wouldn't you agree Matt ?

I tried my hand at the pylon comp the other weekend, and it was the best thing I've done in ages. Yeah – so I only made 3 laps, but then I got to relax and laugh at the others still racing. Anyway, as they said for the 6 million dollar man, we can rebuild it (don't know about faster and stronger, but we can still rebuild it). Steve Gray's got some interesting additions to the comp too. There's some nice pickys from the comp in the gallery.

Speaking of building, the battery monitoring system is coming along a treat – see below for details.

I would like to thank all members who have contributed in some way to our newsletter. I rely heavily on your contributions, and Michael's award was well justified I think. If you discover something worth sharing, even some funnies on the web, please send them in. Every little addition counts.

One last thing – I'm having trouble getting links to work in these PDF files, so for the moment you might need to type them in or navigate your way from wpmac.com.au.

Happy Flying... Ed.

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Club Meeting Brief, held at Crib Point
Community Center, Tue 9th Aug, 2011

The locks have now been changed so if you still have a blue key, you will need to contact Stephen Gray to arrange an exchange. He will be at the club for the next couple of weekends. Failing that, you can send him an email via the wpmac.com.au web site – Contacts page.

Gary Zerbe has made a new set of (key) matching green coloured name tags. Please wear them – it shows you are paid up and current. The old blue ones can be disposed of, but please return the plastic tags (they can be left in the kitchen container at the field – a box will be made available).

Last Sunday's pylon racing event was excellent. Great turn out, great weather, plenty of spills and thrills. Some members were mentally drained after 20 mins of racing, so the flight time may be reviewed. A note will go onto the web site if it changes.

This Sunday's comp will be limbo.

The outgoing committee spoke briefly and listed the following projects as part of the coming years plans.

- Fill in the 4 bays to enclose the eating area
- Level out the ground in the car park near the blue container
- Extend the covered area.
- Apply for some government grants.

Neil Black asked if purchasing land was still a project on the cards. Many years ago, this was a project which it seems has slipped by and had little attention in recent years. The committee agreed to contact our partner real estate agents to see if something suitable was available.

Next up was the annual awards.

Here are the winners being presented their trophies.



Best Newcommer: Neil Lyons



Most Improved: Julie Garro



Best Clubman: Steven Gray



Best Crash award: Mike Gibson



Club Champion: Michael Bourne



Best Newsletter submission: Michael Newman

A big thanks to all members for participating and making the club what it is.

The committee was then dissolved, and the AGM started, chaired by Phill Beresford

The treasurer (Geoff) gave the annual Balance sheet and Income reports.

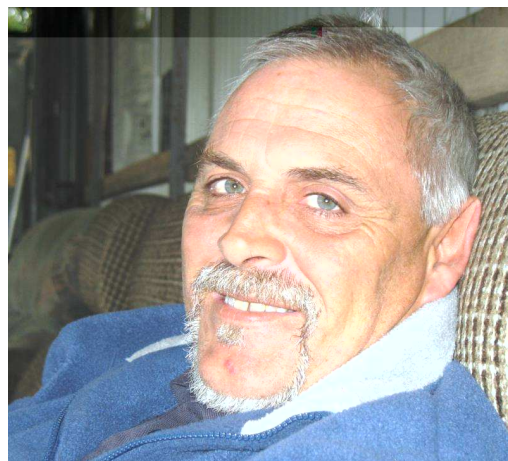
Then the new committee was elected. All positions remain unchanged from last year with the following exceptions. Heli Safety has been taken over by Ashley McDonald. Floor Member is now with Niel Lyons And, we have Matt Carter back on the team as assistant competition director.

Refer to the last page for a full list if you need it.

Thanks again to all new committee members for your commitment.

Next general meeting will be held Tues Sept 13th, 7:30pm, at our new location, the Crib Point Community Center.

Member Profile by Stephen Gray



Name: **Shane Spry**
Occupation: Refrigeration Mechanic
Age: 47

Shane lives in Tootgarook, and was he born on the Peninsula, his partner Julie recently gained her Bronze wings. Shane enjoys skiing and sailing as well as Ten Pin Bowling. He enjoys most of all, tinkering in the shed. (I believe that's where he keeps all the planes) Shane has been a member for around 7 years and was Best Clubman for 2009; he contributes to the club utilizing his many skills in carpentry, electrical and other maintenance tasks.

How did you get started in this hobby?

"Richard Parkin introduced me to the hobby, I started with helicopters and then moved on to fixed wing."

Your favourite movie?

"Top Gun has to be a favourite and Roadhouse."

What would you say is your greatest achievement so far?

"Enjoying life. Nothing in particular stands out, however participating in the Melbourne to Hobart Yought Race was an achievement."

What type of aircraft are you currently flying?

"A Classic 40, a great overall fun plane and cheap."



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Most memorable club moment?

“Watching Richard Parkin’s helicopter disappear into the distance over Western Port Bay and the recovery the following day with a hovercraft.”

Favorite model you’ve flown?

“Still have the classic.” (I believe it was recently lost during a Pylon Race)

Have you ever forgotten anything important?

“Forgotten a wing once.”

Do you recall how many aircraft you’ve lost ?

“Crashed a Classic, a Speedair x 2, and a T60.”

Build from scratch or ARF, any preference?

“ARF definitely.”

Words of wisdom you would impart to a beginner?

“Learn to fly the one aircraft consistently.”

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

“A 69 Corvette Stingray, and I’d still fly the Classic.

Web site updates

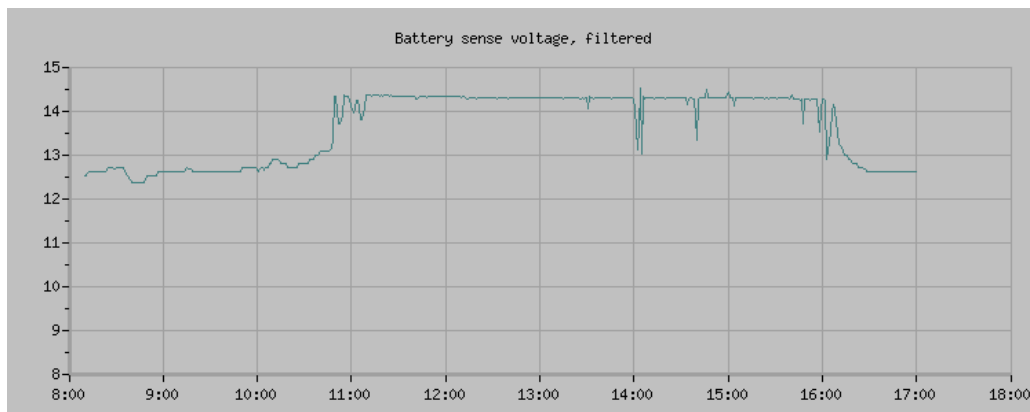
A wanted section has been added to the WPMAC web site clasifieds.

So if there’s anything you need or want, just make an ad. A suggestion though – rather than post a list,

Also, the first stage of the power monitoring at the club has been setup. Battery voltage, and temperature, and charge current from the solar panels is now being graphed and recorded. You can lookup the current values or see the history.

Soon, we should also be able to see the current actually used by our chargers and computer etc.

Goto wpmac.com.au and click on the 12V Power option on the main menu. You don’t need to be logged in.



Battery voltage graph from Fri 19th. A bit of sun gets us charging.





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Who Am I ?

I'm red, green and white, I like racing but more recently have spent some time partially underground. I was hoping that I would emerge to become a new butterfly, but someone stood on me.... WHO WAS IT ?



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WPMAC Events Calendar for 2011

Month	WPMAC Meeting	Keith's Pylon Race	Keith's Comp's	Working Bee's	Special Events	Scale Day's
Jul	12th	3rd	17th			
Aug	9th	7th	14th			
Sep	13th	4th	18th			
Oct	11th	2nd	16th			16th Scale & ARF Alan Ritchie Memorial Trophy
Nov	8th	6th	13th	13th		
Dec	13th	4th	18th			

Sponsors Corner

Keith our Competition Director, conducted the first official Pylon Race on the 7th of August. Please note that each pilot entered in this event will represent one of our sponsors over the period of the competition.

At the end of the year, during our AGM in August, a trophy with sponsor identification will be awarded to the winning pilot. We will be asking the successful sponsor to present the trophy. Results for these events are known to Keith only, but we will be reporting on the top five pilots for each round to our sponsors. Only 10 maybe 11 more rounds to go.... What will Keith do at Christmas ? Does any one have any contacts with Red Bull ?

We hope that you and our sponsor's will follow these events with interest.

The Top five pilots and sponsors from **Round 1** are listed in no specific order:

- M. Bourne – Myers Electrical Services.
- R. Cawthra – Addies Hobbies.
- A. Cox – BTRE.
- B. Holmes – Hastings Tyre Service
- R. Kerwin – Middys Data & Electrical

Round 1 – 7th August 2011

Pilots	WPMAC Sponsor
<i>W. Barker</i>	<i>Hastings Hobbies</i>
<i>M. Bourne</i>	<i>Myers Electrical Services</i>
<i>M. Carter</i>	<i>Longley's Plumbing</i>
<i>R. Cawthra</i>	<i>Addies Hobbies</i>
<i>A. Cox</i>	<i>BTRE – Ben Tallon Real Estate</i>
<i>M. Gibson</i>	<i>Timberwolf Constructions</i>
<i>B. Holmes</i>	<i>Hastings Tyre Service</i>
<i>R. Kerwin</i>	<i>Middy's Data & Electrical</i>
<i>N. Lyons</i>	<i>BEAK Engineering</i>
<i>M. Newman</i>	<i>Peninsula Diesel Spares</i>
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Results to be published at end of comp.

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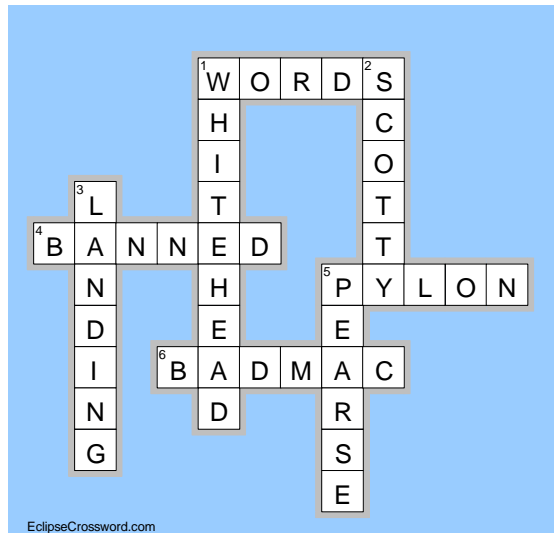
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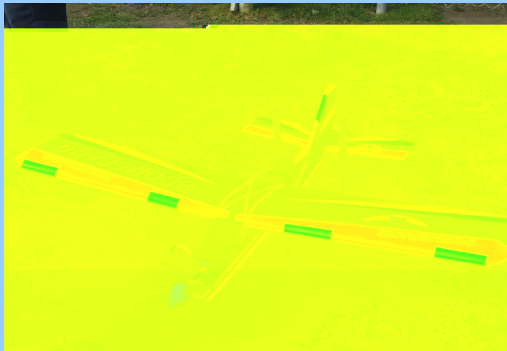
Pylon comp off to a flying start..

Riddlers Answers from last issue

Here is last issues solution to
riddlers crossword



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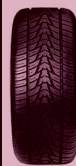


Who Am I ?

Last months clues were to a modified Grumman FBF-2 Bearcat, affectionatly known as the Rear Bear. Check it out at www.rarebear.com

Well done to Greg Maggs, David Wakefield and Barry Smythe for correct answers (received in that order ☺)

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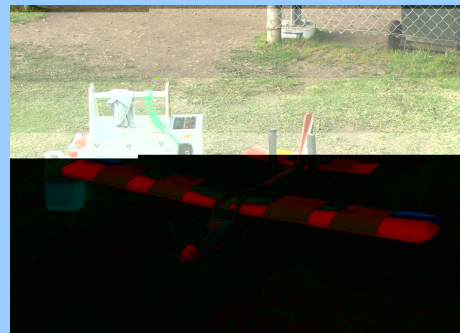
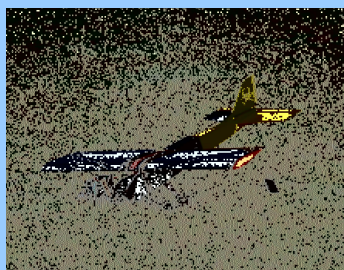


To the left...

Some of our racers lined up awaiting their turns.



And a good time was had by all...



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Newsletter Submissions

If you have anything of interest share with other like minded modellers, please send me your stuff by the 2nd Tues of each month (ie - Club meeting dates).

For this newsletter – thanks again to, Brian Holmes, Stephen Gray and the Riddler.
