

The Western Port Flyer

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Newsletter of the Westernport Model Aircraft Club.

Nov 2011

Message from the President

Hi All

Start with we had a great working bee, thanks for all that turned up. We got heaps done and a big, big thanks to Neil for bringing his bobcat - he really did a great job. Thanks again Wolfman.

The pilots box looks great now, hope to keep those weeds at bay. The comp was great fun thanks to Keith I am sure everyone had fun.

We will be soon fixing the top of the container of the rust by putting another roof over it.

The flying has been good, the weather on weekends has be a bit of a downer, but great during the week. That's why we are putting the fees up next year for the pensioners as they use the field heaps more (only joking). It's great to see you all using it, remember it's all about having fun.

I have noticed a couple of bar stools at the club thanks to the person who donated them.

I have also noticed that people are leaving their rubbish at the field e.g.: planes - just take them out the back and burn them, don't leave them near the pot belly for someone else to get rid of them.

Thanks,

Brian Holmes.

Ed's word...

Hi All.

I took part in the pylon comp again the other week, and managed to equal my last record – 3 laps!. Dang wind. Anyway – thats all part of the fun, and sitting back after my crash watching the remaining racers, is nearly as much fun. Every time one plane come near to chewing up his neighbour's wing, there were oohs and aahs from the crowd of onlookers - Its great to watch.

Being on the other end of this in real life gives you something to think about though. I was on a return flight to Melbourne from NZ last week, and just happened to peer out the window between movies, when another jet shot past the window in the opposite direction.

Now – I thought there were minimum spacings for aircraft, and also thought that to and from trans-oceanic routes were flown with a good separation, but not this day. By the look on the pilots face going past, I recon he was probably wondering the same thing I was.

Anyway, we all landed safely and will be back to race another day – look out.

Come on - join the pylon.... Ed..



Club Meeting Brief, held at Crib Point Community House, 8 Nov, 2011

Nov 13th is (was) a working bee - please bring along the usual gardening gear for a clean up.

We are still planning an auction of some of John Bentley's planes - date TBA.

Neil (Wolfman) Lyons has started covering in the WPMAC lounge. The basic framework is done, and just needs the corrugated iron covering now.

It was decided to change the Alan Richie scale day, to the John Bentley Scale Day, as very few people in the club know who Alan Richie was.

Volunteers required for the land purchase subcommittee. The four people who offered to start work on this are H.Maxa, G.Forrest, R.Cawthra and S.Gray.

Geoff Lord has announced that he will not run the treasurer's committee position next year, and so another person with some experience in this role, will be required to take his place. If any member can assist with this, please think about joining the committee next Jul/Aug.

Next meeting scheduled for Tue 13th Dec, at Crib Point Community House.

John Bentley Scale Day

Sunday Nov 27th was the long awaited John Bentley Scale Competition. WPMAC had about 20 people present with nearly as many aircraft, and several members joining us from Nepean, with some very nice models. The day as a whole went fairly well, with a light wind blowing and a small bit of rain, but overall good weather. Michael Newman and Alistar Cox both provided their services as Judges – thank you gentlemen.

The comp was divided into 4 classes, with the results as follows.

Civil ARF:

Winner: Brian Holmes - Yak 2nd: Brian Holmes - DH Beaver 3rd: Wally Barker - Extra

Civil Scratch:

Winner: Neil Black - Stinson Reliant flown by Michael Bourne

2nd: Chris Warren - Super Cub

Military ARF:

Winner: Neil Black - Hercules flown by Michael

2nd: Ian Farrar - B25 Mitchell 3rd: Brian Holmes - Spitfire MKIIa

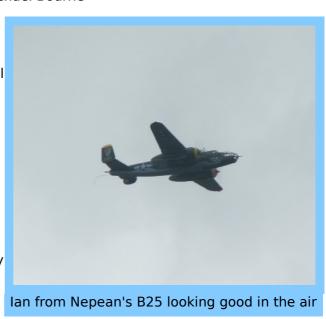
Military Scratch Built:

No entries

John Bentley Scale/ARF Memorial Trophy

Winner: Neil Black - Stinson Reliant flown by

Michael Bourne



Neil's Hercules - Winner of Military ARF.



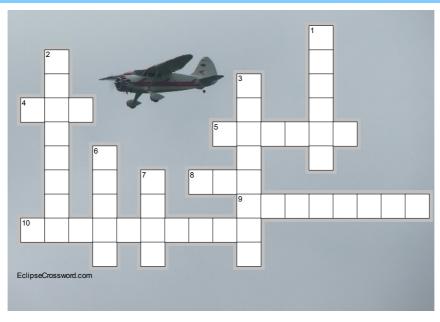


More contenders for scale. The Stinson ready for take off (top left). Brian's Beaver and the B25 in the back (right)



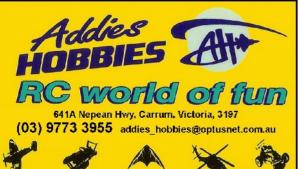


Riddlers Crossword



No Clues for this one, except they're all aircraft classifications.

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Some shots of the workers, November working bee.







Spreading some new gravel over the pilots box – Great job boys.

Shit – lookout – Ashley found the keys to the mower

I see it, but I still don't believe it. A landing you can walk away from...

Photo & Pilot - S.Talman.

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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, Scott Talman, All the workers, and the Riddler.