approach the village at a safe height ready to go into a circuit pattern. Mike pulled the ute into the large truck parking bay and stopped. Reducing power, I put the model in a holding pattern while the rest of the crew came in and waited for touch-down.

When all seemed ready I handed Peter the transmitter as, according to the rules, he must do the landing. He made several trial passes in preparation then made it clear that the next time round would be it. Setting the model up on final, it looked great coming over the small trees and shrubs that surround the parking bay. Cutting power at exactly the right time, he glided it down to a safe landing, even if it was a little bumpy.

So there it was. After six and a half hours of flying we had covered a straight
line distance of 493 km . Everybody in the team gathered together, and a lot of hand-shaking and back-slapping went on and, of course, somebody produced a bottle of champagne. That evening the proprietor of the motel at Border Village, who had heard of the achievement, put on some more champagne and nibbles for the crew, which we all enjoyed to the fullest.

All that remains is for the paper work to go in and, as I understand, this in itself is quite a procedure. From us to the VMAA, then to the MAAA, on to a government department in Canberra, and finally to the FAI in Paris.

STATISTICS
The Record:

## Straight

Line
Distance - 493.168 km
Flight Duration: 6 hours 30 minutes

Aircraft Wingspan: 2.2 metres Aircraft Mass:
Average Airspeed:
Engine:
Propeller:
Fuel:
4.987 kg

95 kph
OS 40 SF diesel $14 \times 6 ; 4,600 \mathrm{rpm}$ Special formula 2.3 litres

Fuel Consumption: 4.6 ml per min Radio:

Hi-Tec Prism 7

Expedition vehicles travelled $5,500 \mathrm{~km}$
Fuel cost for vehicles: $\$ 2,200$
In the final analysis, the breaking of the World Distance Record by Peter Garoni and the Team made all the effort worth while. I am told that this is the only world record in any form of aviation held in Australia, which in itself is something of which not only Peter and the Team, but every aeromodeller in the country, can feel justifiably proud.

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