

The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. May 2017

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Some more from Peter's camera



The old and the new





A picture of concentration

Is he coming or going ?



One of Garth's models sent to a more loving home!



More from that man in Canberra





Hi all , here's the latest on the build of the new thunderbolt razor back. Paint now complete will start on putting all the goodies in .In case you don't remember its a TopFlight kit of which the covering was rubbish, so now its been painted Its an 85 inch wing span. It's going to have a power plant of 85cc dle 2/st petrol motor in it. Should go well..... Hope all is well with everyone

Cheers Peter E

Australian Model News

Forwarded from Steve Ralph......May be a good avenue to get some interstate visitors visiting Tasmanian Clubs.

John Lamont in Melbourne has an online magazine https://sites.google.com/site/australianmodelnews/home.

This has been going for a long time current issue is No45. It comes out every 2 months and looks good to me.

He is asking for info from Tas clubs for the Mag.

Would you mind asking everyone to send anything they consider of interest to jlamont2@bigpond.com

Regards Steve Ralph

Something for the "War Bird" buffs

Legends 2014 Trailer de chris g on Vimeo https://player.vimeo.com/video/93587997

Further progress on Keith Drew's Sopwith Pup

I thought I should bring you up to date just to prove the construction has progressed:

I have finally completed all the structure and 99 percent of the rigging with all controls complete and operating. The only rigging left is the wires from the back of the 4 ailerons control horns to the back of each aileron as I will install these after the covering is complete.

I have started sanding of the front wings so I hope to start covering next week. Covering will take some time as adding the stitches and the pinking tape is time consuming. The covering of the fuselage is complete but I need to organise the insignias etc.

Although the wing rigging is complete I need to make it easier to rig at the field. I can leave the rear wing and rudder plus the centre upper wing section rigged but the front wings have 16 flat wires to install at the field and of course 16 turnbuckles to adjust and lock so that I have the correct dihedral with no twist of the wings.

At present I use an iPad with the digital level to get all the angles correct but that is not ideal for the field so I might have to make some jigs to make life easier.

The good news is it looks like I will be under the 25 KG limit for the complete plane as long as I do not need to add any or much ballast to get the CG in the correct spot. The engine weighs 4.5 KG so I should be OK.

I have been rather busy over the last 5 months but I have been spending any free time on the plane. Regards Keith Drew

Bill's Scale Column

This month I would like to remind members that the facilities that they enjoy at the club are down to work done by committees over the years. Now that the month of June is almost here it is time to renew our committee. It would be good if some other members could step up to the plate and take over the position vacant and not leave it up to the few who continue to do it.

I would like to finish up with some photos taken at the Toledo model expo last month.



Fly and think safely. Bill Jennings

President's report

Barry Gerard has been in contact with Jemma Oakley, or more quaintly known at HMAC as 'the horse lady'. Jemma intends to have the hay bales moved in the next few weeks. When the move has been completed we shall also see the return of our equine friends. They should put a nice dent in new growth, especially after winter!

Ray Stidston has put in a big effort organising a display of some HMAC models at the Kingston Library. With 700 to 1000 visitors a day, this kind of promotion is invaluable for the club. I wandered in recently and added a few of my models to the growing display, and whilst there ended up talking to quite a few people about the club. Interest in aviation, especially now RC modelling with drones and cheaper foam/ARF planes are accessible to more people. Engaging with the public in displays like this is one way to keep membership alive as our club grows older. If you would like to add to the display, wander in to the Library and speak to Anita or Jane. Thanks for everyone who has contributed to the display.







The Club year is winding up once again. As most of you know I will be travelling in Europe and South Africa for an extended period, so will not be running for President next year. Although challenging at times, overall it has been very rewarding to see the club and its members thrive over the last couple of years. It's been great to be part of enthusiastic committees committed to a fantastic club. There will be a few other vacancies on the Committee too, indicated in the last newsletter by Mike Hawkins. If you are interested in stepping up and help the club prosper, now is the time to consider a nomination for a committee position.

Until the next AGM there are still a few tasks the committee will be tidying up, including a Day to celebrate HMAC's fiftieth anniversary. More about that very soon.

See you at KF Jason Bedelph

Around the table

A little bird is chirping about a number of the current Office Bearers and Committee members whom are not intending to stand for the 2017/18 year. So it's about time that some of our members came in from the cold, and put their names forward for these important positions, because without a full working Committee the burden falls on the few.

On lighter note, when you repair a crashed model the repaired fuz should match the length of the existing pushrods.