



## The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. May 2018

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### A nice little model



A bit of a learning curve but is a very good design. After 3 days of testing am now on top of it. No real problems. Small Timber 27 inch,(686mm), is proving an easy to use model.

Am sure 61 inch, (1.54m), model is very good but probably rather boring.

Peter

### Presidents Corner

Another quiet month at KF and everything running smoothly. A lot of wind this month preventing flying however recently the weather has settled and some good conditions have prevailed.

Nearing the end of the club financial year all of our projects have been completed except for the shelter concrete floor and that is awaiting the outcome of our Grant submission to the MAAA. We expect a result in early July.

The installation of the bright orange windsock atop the highway sign has brought the presence of KF very much to the attention of the public and hopefully may result in membership enquiries and create interest from passing dormant modellers.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April the club held a very successful Scale Day with beautiful weather, well attended by members, visitors from other clubs, friends and family, a total of 47 with great flying and models. Our club Patron, the Mayor of Clarence accepted our invitation to join us on the day and he spent a couple of interesting hours watching and socialising with members. His visit was most appreciated by all.

I would like to say thank you to Jason Bedelph and Bill Jennings for organising the event along with their helpers, Ray Stidson and Mike Hawkins who were judges and Peter Gard who stepped in as Safety Officer for a while. Also to Phil Hubbard and Val Gregory for the BBQ and Bill and Val Gregory for attending to the amenities. A special thanks to Val for her make over and tidy up of the clubhouse which she does on a regular basis.

Ken Ward and I will be attending the TMAA meeting at Campbelltown on the 27<sup>th</sup> May.

We have a vacancy on committee for a Treasurer so if interested in being nominated please let Ken Ward know.

Please be reminded that our AGM,GM and SGM will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

As most of you know, Nils Powell is in hospital after major surgery and we wish him a speedy and full recovery.

That is all folks so Happy Flying,

Barry Gerrard

## Scale day









## Scale day winners

Pilots choice:-- Steve Reece - Sopwith Pup

Most realistic flight:- Steve Reece

Beat take off and landing:- Greg England - Hawker Hunter

Best static display:- Phil Murrell- Fox Moth

## HMAC FLIGHT SIMULATORS

Thanks to Ken Ward and a good computer donated by Peter Hubbard we now have two flight simulators operational.

The old faithful FMS is still operating well as it has for twenty years. Is set up for mode 1.

Ken has loaded the more upmarket Great Planes RealFlight Simulator G3.

This is set up for mode 2.

Both work faultlessly at current default settings worked out by Ken and myself.

Both programs are aimed at first time visitors who could be interested in taking out membership and learning to R/C fly a model aircraft.

Members are asked to not "fiddle". Even changing models or screen resolution can "stuff things up". FMS is a twenty year old program but still very useful for absolute beginners. Please leave well alone.

It is suggested that any one faced with instructing a new comer make themselves completely familiar with the system compatible with the mode the student is going to use while under instruction.

As Nils looks like being out of action for a while, and I will be absent for five and a half months, I cannot emphasize enough that every first time aspirant be put on the simulator for half an hour plus.

This is a proven procedure that will give a student the basics without risking any model being used.

Note: Ten minutes work from the instructor on the simulator, then up to an hours work on the simulator solo by the pupil, will save the instructor about three full morning's hard work with a real model. A positive also is the low risk to model, and will also avoid the inevitable stress levels/heart rate increases for the instructor.

Regards, Peter Ralph CFI Southern Tasmania.

## The "Pup" does it again

