

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

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Western Park Air Show

Hi J, Attended the airshow on Friday 15th, picture perfect day with light winds straight down the main strip. Flyers from all over Europe attended and the calibre of the flight displays was first class. I would have to say the Germans were a cut above the rest with many world champion flyers putting on unbelievable displays. Highlights would be Marcus Rumners CARF models Mephesto thrust vectoring turbine sport jet, Hans Litjens from Holland with his 350 km hr + pulse jet and Mario Mullers turbine powered glider. Radios favoured by the Germans were the Jeti and Multiplex MC24, because of the size of the aircraft they could be flown at a great distance so a secure link between plane and pilot was paramount.

Many traders lined the main flight line with even more scattered between the flight line and camper vans/caravans. I would estimate around 5000 cars and campers parked in the fields with about 20,000 people in attendance. There was separate sites throughout the park for helicopters, drones, control line, boats and cars.

Greg England



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Large F104 starfighter put on an impressive display



Part of the Red Arrows duo team, World team display champions put on an impressive choreographed display



Large Fokker Triplane. By Steve Carr







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With working canopy remote

Big A10 with full ordinance.



Mario Muller world aerobatic glider champion performing a 4 point roll down the entire length of the strip at some 200 km hr



350 km hr pulse jet of Hans Litjens from Holland screaming down the strip.



Not to be confused with the Muliplex foamy of the same name, slightly bigger!!!



Wouldn't be an airshow without a large Spitfire.



Smoke system on wingtip of large scale glider, turbine powered of course



Helping hand to the flight line with large scale glider.





Another small model.

From the HMAC Scale Day





Flying and landing (Sorry Jim)









Now we know what he's been up to.





A lovely model from a returning member Damian Blackwell A end of second World War Grumman Tiger Cat







Around the hanger

Once again not much to report this month – these days the cold seems to affect me more. It must be due to old age, well that's my story anyway.

At last report Nils is currently in rehab at St. John's and doing reasonably well, but it will still take quite some time.

Billie reported that Hamish is now an inside dog due to his stay with me. He should have always been an inside dog if he is meant to bond with the owner!

It appears that the club trainer has come to grief and needs to be replaced. A replacement model should be available shortly, but one wonders whether this a routine club expense. All running gear can be salvaged which reduces the cost significantly. We appear to still have an i.c. powered model in the shed – perhaps a member may be prepared to take it home and give it the once over. Should I hold my breath?

Since writing, the armchair critics have come out of the woodwork with suggestions that the chosen model is not suitable, various suggestions regarding separate receiver batteries, opinions on radios etc.

I will leave it to all these experts to come to a decision and remain out of the discussions and arguments and, based on recent trainer usage, I have doubts that the expenditure on new radios etc. is warranted.

I realised that some of my 3700 3 cell batteries were getting a little tired and looked at replacements from Hobby King and the cost including freight was considerable. A look at Banggood Revealed that 3500 batteries were considerably cheaper with free postage and 60c rating. The batteries arrived in reasonable time without any dramas.

Garth

Drone

I'm wondering if there's any drones for sale from club members that I've missed Cheers, Scott Rappl littlerappl@gmail.com

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