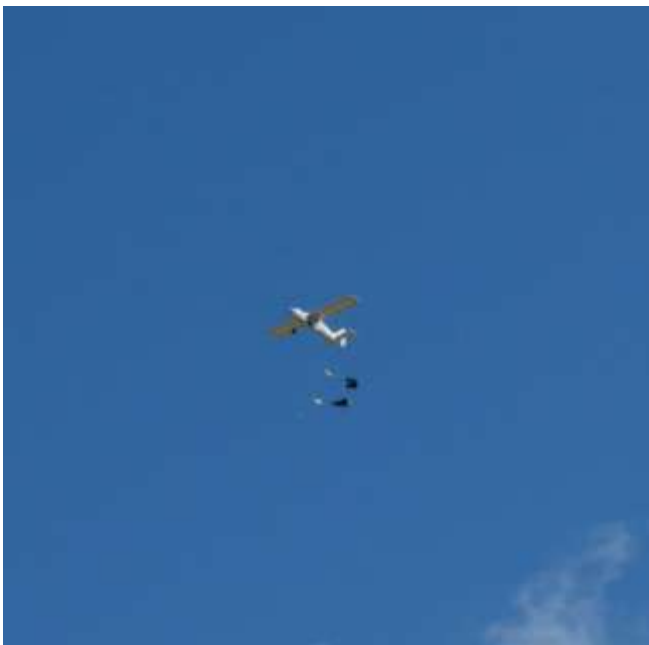




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Flying 7th Sunday October



Today at KF, Bob Morrisons scratch built Praga Alfa from his own plans. Parachute drop worked flawlessly. The parachutists never looked like breaking formation and landed side by side on the strip, very impressive!



Mike Hawkins had his 'Experimental Gyrocopter X' from 1955 Aero Modeller free plan. Plan was blown up by Bill Deal from "about a 3"x4" size" to quote Mike.

Mike also had a Dave Platt designed Spectre originally kitted by Kiel Kraft. I noticed that is still available by Belair Kits in the UK!



Bob McAllister had a Peace Maker that managing to trip up the testing pilot! (Name withheld, we don't do character assignation like current US politics, but Mike sustained no injuries) David Kettlewell and his familiar Bipe were also on the Control Line circle.

Regards, Jason

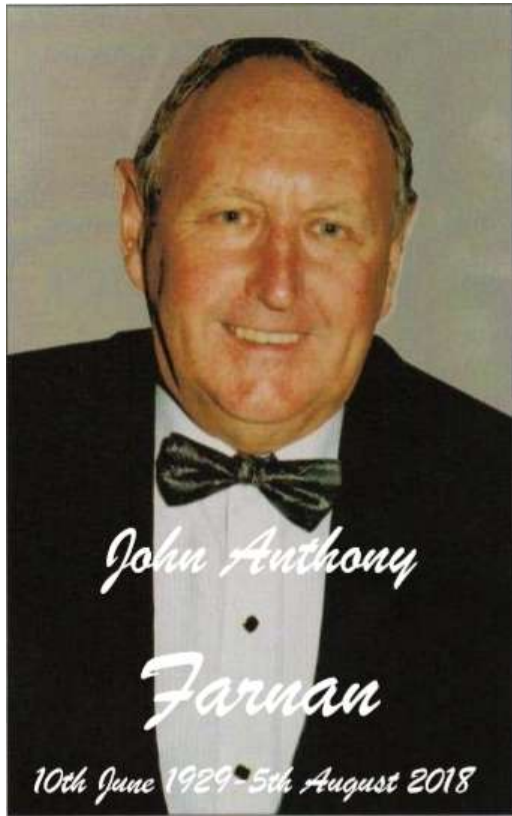
Flying on Sunday 21th



Bob's Barnstormer, Stuart's Bronco, Damian's A10 Warthog and Peter's "thing".

Around the hangar.

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Tony Farnan's passing in August, a short time after the sale of his *Model Engines import* and sales business, marked the end of a career in aeromodelling and toy and hobby sales that lasted for almost eighty years.

Tony's interest in aircraft and aeromodelling commenced at the age of ten years when he built a billy cart with wings and aircraft controls and careered down the hill in a nearby street intent on taking to the air. The failure of this attempt did not hold him back and he soon took up aeromodelling to satisfy his interest in flight, becoming a member of the Eastern Suburbs Model Aeroplane Club and an early exponent of the new model craze — control line flying. He became very proficient in this form of modelling winning numerous events at both State and National level in stunt, team racing and speed.

When the early radio control equipment appeared Tony was quick to embrace this new challenge and became a founding member of the MARCS, the first aeromodelling club devoted solely to radio control flying.

Ever the entrepreneur, Tony's first entry into the business world was a milk bar in an eastern suburb of Melbourne where he also sold modelling supplies and equipment. He obtained the Australian agency for OS engines and despite resistance to Japanese products being sold in this country so soon after WWII his persistence, coupled with the fine performance of these engines, finally won through and OS became the engine of choice for all types of model aircraft.

The success of his OS engines agency lead Tony to move on in the hobby world and he took a position

with *The Model Dockyard* in their aeromodelling department. A subsequent move to the *Myer Emporium* toy department saw Tony move quickly up the ladder until he was appointed as the youngest director of this famous Melbourne retailer.

Tony left Myer to set up his own business once again and established *Model Engines* in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond as an importer and wholesaler to the hobby trade. Tony's younger son Michael joined the business and as the sales volume increased further moves were made, first to Oakleigh and finally to Noble Park. In this period Tony saw the potential of the first ARF models and despite some criticism by traditional model builders he persisted with the development and improvement of ARF models until they became widely accepted and now form the largest part of the aeromodelling scene.

In addition to his aeromodelling talents Tony was also a very capable musician and enjoyed playing the piano and ukulele with his children and grandchildren, many of whom are also musicians.

Tony, with his unbounded enthusiasm for the hobby, will be missed by his many friends as will his generosity in supporting aeromodelling events over many years.

I first met Tony at a control-line day at Como Park in Melbourne sometime late in 1950. I clearly remember that he was using an Ohlsen 23 which was rather rare in those days.

Vale Jack Tonks.

Unfortunately I also have to report the passing of Jack Tonks on the morning of 26th October. Jack was an HMAAC member for many years and both Jack and his wife Colleen have always been keen supporters of the club in many ways.

He was an excellent modeller and a prolific builder of models of all types. He has been a great friend to me over the years and will be greatly missed by many people.

He was always ready to help other people and taught quite a few people to fly including his championship winning son John.

He always enjoyed telling the tale of visiting me at Lenah Valley to buy some control-line gear and going home with a Kraft radio set.

Garth Wilmot.



Jack standing and having a conversation with Bob Morrison, Peter Hubbard and Bob McAllister. Colleen in the background.



Jack with his Skywalker.

For sale!



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