



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

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More from the camera man







Around the hangar.

Once again not much to report this month – once again we have been plagued by windy weather. This seems to occur every year with only a handful of good weather days until after Christmas.

Jack Tonks' funeral was well attended with relatives, club members from both HMAAC and the Roaring Forties and Cadbury workers swelling the numbers. I couldn't help noticing that the Roaring Forties members looked very smart wearing vests with their insignia thereon. Their committee position was also shown underneath.

Meanwhile Nils Powell is still in recovery mode but progressing slowly. He has been to the field a few times and we do hope to see him flying again soon.

Sunday 8th November provided one of the best flying days for some time. Quite a few fliers were in attendance and some pretty classy flying took place.

On 24th November a memorial and spreading part of Jack Tonks' ashes took place at the Roaring Forties field at Mangalore. I believe the other half will be spread at Kelly Field at a later date. Several of our members were in attendance and paid their respects.

Don't forget the Buy & Sell and Xmas lunch on 9th December. Geoff Leverton will have quite a few engines for sale and some are new in box.

I have included photos of my model storage racks which may be of interest. I find the arrangement very convenient.

Garth Wilmot.





Summer Build Challenge and Fun Flying!

Who would like to try their hand at an own design RC plane and then putting it to the test in some friendly fun events?

I have 12 motors, 12 ESC and 12 pairs of servos (in transit) and 12 sheets of corflute for interested folk to have a go at building a simple own design corflute plane then putting themselves and it to the test with a few fun events such as, longest powered flight, climb and glide, dead stick spot landing, drop the towed golf ball in the circle, roll the dice and perform that many loops, slalom, limbo and more.

Winners get bragging rights and best seat in the shelter if already not occupied.

Ok, so the boring serious stuff.

Minimum weight TBA (once all the gear is together I can finalise the Min weight, which I aim to be an easy challenge to attain so average builders have a chance and the playing field kept level). Max wingspan of 1.5m. No carbon fibre, no fibre glass, no ply, no extra foam only supplied corflute from the supplied sheet. One stick of balsa for motor mount and spine/longitudinal bracing only if required but not compulsory, adhesives allowed are any form of glue and any type of tape, reinforced tape allowed. Your own choice of battery (no limit on cell count or capacity) and prop (and your own adapter!) but supplied motor esc and servos are the only other electronics allowed except for servo lead extensions as required. No gyroscope/stabiliser. Servo horns are the only exception, whatever works for your design (commercial, ply, CF or whatever) but wire z bend pushrods please, no fancy CF rods.

On the day there will be a weigh in and inspection. Underweight planes will have lead added at C.G. and also 25g weight penalties per build breach, along with associated ribbing and jibbing from fellow pilots.

Cost of the motor (AXN replacement), esc 20amp, 2x1.5kg 9gram servos and 1200mm x 800mm Corflute is the princely sum of \$30. You need to supply your own prop (and adapter) and battery, along with any other build materials you see fit to use.

If anyone is interested, please drop me an email at jsb@netspace.net.au

I will be aiming to have fortnightly events from late December through Feb, weather dependant.

Regards, Jason

President's Corner

Again the weather has been a little unkind not with wind but rain dampening the flying. Not that we did not want it. One can see the growth at KF and on that note if anyone is concerned about the grass, it is scheduled to be baled in early January.

In the meantime our contractor will mow a 3 metre firebreak around the perimeter of the property.

Last Saturday 24th a memorial was held at the 'Roaring Forties Club' (Jack Tonks Memorial Fly-in) at which five members from HMAAC attended.

Jacks son John using his father's last built model, modified it to carry half of Jacks ashes and these were spread over the field from the aircraft. Quite a moving tribute for those present.

The other half of the ashes will at a date to be set spread at Kelly Field.

Colleen was presented with a plaque by the RF's and this was then fixed to Jack's flight table.



Some may have noticed that the pavers from the shelter have been relocated at each end of the Pilot Fence. This will make it more comfortable for flying after wet weather as muddy puddles used to accumulate in the area.

The club Xmas Luncheon and Swap Meet on the 9th December has attracted a good number of members and visitors including Doug Chipman (Mayor) and his wife. Jason, Dave, Garth (Swap Meet) and helpers / contributors should make for a good day. May we be blessed with good weather.

Thanks to Ken, Jason and JJ we now have two club trainer aircraft fully set up just awaiting some candidates.

We are at present in the consultation process with the TMAA putting forward an application to have our AGL raised to 1,000 feet. Numerous rewrites of the regulations by CASA has slowed the process but we expect a positive outcome in the near future. In the end Kelly Field will become a registered airfield.

Happy and safe flying, Barry Gerrard