



# Torque Back.

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**Congratulations to the following members who have recently achieved bronze wings:**

**Ray Stidston**

**Joseph Ortuso**

**Michael Rutledge**

**Steven Wittison**

**Martin Richardson**

**Angus MacNeil**

## **Presidents Report**

***I wish to clarify the requirements for payment of our annual subscriptions. It has been thought in the past by members, including myself, that there was a period of grace after the cut-off date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July for payment of fees and still be covered by insurance. On checking with MAAA this is most definitely not the case, the ruling being that members that have not renewed their subscriptions by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July are not insured by MAAA and therefore are not eligible to fly. In order to alleviate the embarrassing situation that occurred this year I would suggest that annual subscriptions be paid well in advance. A reminder will be placed in the newsletter prior to the AGM next year.***

***For some years now MAAA/TMAA have been looking at purchasing a Tasmanian 'state flying site' as has been done on the mainland for a number of states. For various reasons this has not advanced further than wishful thinking, so this year TMAA is to set up a sub-committee to look into the feasibility, location, responsibilities and costs associated, and formulate a report to be presented to MAAA at next year's conference. TMAA are looking to all clubs in Tasmania for input on the subject and are calling for one or two members from each club to join the sub-committee as members. Should any member of HMAC feel that they have something to contribute to this project or wish to join the sub-committee please contact me and I will pass it on to TMAA.***

***With the break in the drought and some reasonable rainfall the airstrip and surrounds are looking really good. And, having said that, I wish to assure members that committee is still looking at replacing the old galvanized water pipe with a plastic one, and having the airstrip sprayed to get rid of the grubs that caused so much concern earlier this year.***

***We recently acquired another solar panel, and I am looking into getting some big batteries, with view to installing these in the mower shed so that the electric flyers can recharge from a common source rather than use the batteries in their vehicles or having to carry batteries to the field. Mike Hawkins.***

**We are on the net. [www.hobartmodelaeroclub.org](http://www.hobartmodelaeroclub.org)**

## ***Around the hangar.***

***We have a few members who quietly go about helping out at the field.***

***Ian Searle is a very quiet achiever who is largely responsible for the tree and shrub plantings and the maintenance thereof. Ian provides the plants at his own expense and also supplements the canteen stock with a few goodies from time to time. Due to his commitments he doesn't attend the field on Sundays, but is a regular mid-week and Saturday flier.***

***Bob McAllister is another quiet achiever in keeping a supply of chopped wood for the heater. He also usually lights the fire on Sundays to make sure that the clubhouse is comfortable for our lady helpers. Unfortunately he has found that his kindling and wood is used by the mid-week fliers without being replenished. Perhaps he will only cut enough for Sundays from here on in.***

***Colleen Tonks and Jan Wilmot run the canteen and Sunday barbecue very efficiently. In addition Jan usually brings the milk and very much appreciated freshly baked scones . I shudder to think how the clubrooms would look without the regular cleaning done by the ladies.***

***Peter Hubbard and Peter Ederle have been largely responsible for several projects around the field including the erection of the shade covers and repairs to the toilet block.***

***Last , but not least, Ken Jones does a magnificent job maintaining our airstrip and surrounding environs.***

***I have probably missed a few people who also deserve our thanks.***

***Members are advised that it is unwise to leave your coffee unattended as Peter Hubbard is very likely to drink it for you.***

***Peter Ralph our new Chief Flying Instructor (South) has been doing a tremendous job. He has been spending a great deal of time in-***

***structing newcomers at the field at both week-ends and during the week. Peter's methods seem to work well as we haven't damaged or destroyed a club trainer for some time. In addition he has already journeyed to another club to conduct tests for various wings levels. I understand that he will be conducting an instructor's course in the near future. This will be open to members of any southern club.***

***A few great models have been demolished recently with Peter Ederle's Spitfire and Nils Powell's Piper Pawnee among the casualties. Both were very nice aircraft which will be sorely missed by their owners.***

***In trying to ascertain the cause of unexplained crashes it is easy to overlook the possibility of a malfunctioning switch. It is surprising that, after spending a considerable amount on equipment, people settle for the very basic, low cost, switch harness. Think about it!***

***With the increasing popularity of ARF models it is very likely that your favourite model shops may not bother to carry items like balsa, covering, an extensive range of accessories. and other basic materials. It can't be practical to carry a lot of stock with very low turnover potential.***

***Unfortunately Myles McGinniss won't be renewing his membership this year as he has failing eyesight. Myles was one of the originals from about 1946 and is a very accomplished model engineer having constructed steam locos and other assorted projects.***

***It was reported to me that Chris Lawson lost his large scale Bearcat due to a mid-air collision. This was a fine model and won't easily be replaced.***

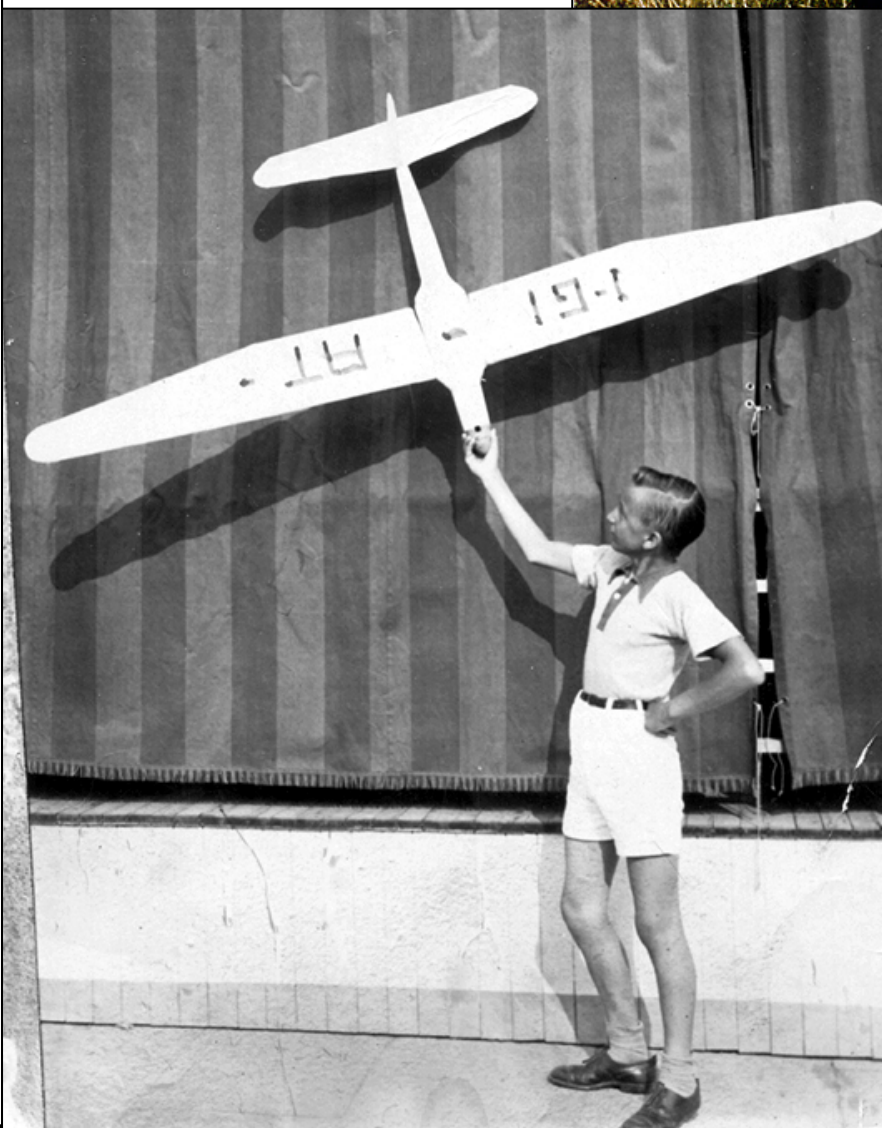
***I am not aware of the circumstances or details of the mid-air, but it is apparent that some members are not sticking to flying circuits and also flying across the field toward the pits and clubhouse. Both of these practices can lead to accidents! (continued on page 5.)***

## Nostalgia.

***Unfortunately I have to report the passing of Bruno Chinchella who was an outstanding model maker and flier.***

***Bruno was a member of the old original HMAAC for many years and was an expert free flight modeller. He represented Australia in Wakefield (rubber powered) and power duration.***

***Bruno didn't really take to radio control although he did try radio control thermal soaring. I think his deteriorating eyesight was the major drawback in this respect.***



***There were few modellers more dedicated than Bruno and I can recall him becoming very agitated if things didn't go his way in his pursuit of perfection.***

***When giving him a ride up to Evandale for a state championship, in a very distressed state, he made me stop the car to check that one of his wings hadn't been left behind.***

***Years ago he was a familiar sight around town riding his Lambretta scooter with leopard skin seat cover.***

***Too many old friends are leaving us lately.***

***Rest in peace old friend.***



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### ***New Members.***

***The following members have joined since the last newsletter:***

***Gosta Blichfeldt***

***Timothy McCulloch***

***Martin Richardson***

***Terrence Shearing***

***Chuck Sutherland  
(rejoining)***

***Bill Jennings***

***Michael Rutledge***

***Andrew McLean***

***I am sure that members  
will welcome them and  
give any assistance re-  
quired.***

### ***New Model Release.***

***I have, among my collection of models, both a Hangar 9 Pulse XT 40 and an E-flite Mini Pulse XT. Both are electric powered with E-flite motors of 46 and 450 sizes respectively and are very pleasing performers. While I enjoy both models, I had been musing about the possibilities of a 25/32 powered version.***

***Lo and behold the people at Horizon Hobbies must have had similar thoughts as such a model is due for release in the near future.***

***Whenever a model is produced in a number of sizes it is a sign that it is a very successful design.***

***I do know that I want one in my Xmas stocking!***

**Pulse XT 25e**



**E-flite**

### **From the Chief Flying Instructor.**

**Good progress is being made with our new training program.**

**Perhaps Martin Richardson and Peter Hubbard should get a mention.**

**Martin made three successful take offs on his third session under my instruction.**

**Then four take offs and landings on the fourth session.**

**Reason: I believe the simulator and club trainers as being presently used, are worth their weight in gold.**

**Six weeks for Stephen Wittison and Joseph Ortuso to attain Bronze Wings standard speaks for itself.**

**Better than the twelve to eighteen months time frame (with heaps of crashes and damaged/written off models) as was previous norm. (I can think of some pupils who would have demolished a heap of club trainers regardless—remember 9/11? Ed).**

**Both Stephen and Joseph are flying more safely and competently than many of our members who have been in the hobby for years.**

**Also remember, that Nils Powell is not a qualified instructor yet.....just learning.**

**All credit to Peter Hubbard for his foresight in pushing for the clubhouse simulator and the full time use of the club trainers.**

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**Erwin advises that the club has 0%, 5% and 10% fuel available. Some stock is at the field, other stock can be picked up from him in town. Any enquiries - they should ring him on 0418 127514.**

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### **Garth's specials.**

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**Thunder Tiger .46 PRO — a quality engine at a bargain price of only \$115**

**Thunder Tiger 75 FS—one only—a top quality four stroke engine \$225**

**Easycot covering material—red and orange only— same as Profilm but a bit thinner \$10**

**Magnum 52 FS— popular size four stroke reduced to clear \$175**

**Bisson Pitts Mufflers— top quality to suit OS 46 and most other 40-46 size engines \$60**



**Several sizes of trim tape to clear at \$1**

**Phone 62431790**

### **Around the hangar (continued from page 2.)**

**I hear that there is a rumour circulating that your editor is giving up the hobby after 61 years in the game. Thanks for the information or is someone giving me a hint!**

**Ray Maunder is the latest new member of the up elevator club. He now knows that you give down elevator to recover when flying inverted. His Spacewalker appeared to be a sorry mess.**

**On the same day Rob Gurney managed to mangle his Boomerang trainer. Once again repairs appeared to be a last resort!**

## ***They're Back! (#1)***

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***The eagles are back and spring is coming (I think). Recently there were two pairs of wedge-tailed eagles visible at the one time, one pair low over the field having a good look at our models and a second pair much higher west of the Campania road.***

***On one occasion an eagle was being harassed by a magpie which was dicing with death swooping and squawking as it tried to drive the eagle out of its territory. With spring approaching we could see some interesting mating rituals and perhaps see them pro-***



***tecting their territory from highly coloured models and pesky magpies.***

***It's amazing what we modellers see as we fly.***

***Most of humanity spends its days looking at their boots or staring into TV and computer screens. They never study the sky***

***with its ever changing cloud formations, or see the birds doing wonderful things as part of their normal daily life. Modellers do and it adds a new dimension to our lives that we treasure. Aren't you glad to be a real model flier?***

## ***They're Back! (#2)***

***The coppers that is! Behaving like the biblical tax-collectors of old, ambushing innocent citizens going about their daily business on the highways and byways and confiscating their money for the emperor. There they were, in an unmarked 4WD on the Campania Rd near the football ground (on a weekday) snapping pics of people like me doing 63kmh in what is now a 50kmh zone. The outcome was an \$80 fine and one demerit point. There goes my glow-fuel allowance for the next year! Grrr!!!***

***Ian Searle.***

***Peter Hubbard advises that weather details for the Campania area may be accessed on the link below.***

***<http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDT60900.shtml>***

***The bulk of the newsletters are now distributed by email which means that it reaches members well before "snail mail". If you haven't advised your email address please do so as it also saves money this way.***



## **Thank you from Chris Lawson**

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***For those present on Sunday 10th August, my sincere thanks for assistance in collecting the remnants of my Bearcat.***

***It was a nice gesture and I appreciated the help and support. Condolences to Michael Rutledge on the loss of his trainer. Also apologies to the turf committee as I think, in my state of delirium after such a freak accident, I forgot to replace my divot.***



**A group of  
happy mid-  
week fliers  
brave the cold.**

**It's a pity our  
president has  
to work!**



## **For Sale.**

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### **CMPPro Cessna 182 ARF**

***Includes 3 X Futaba 3003 servos, 2 X JR 539 servos, ASP 70 FS about 4 hours old—this plane will almost prop hang!***

***Beautiful fibreglass fuselage, for those with appreciation for detail, the elevator and rudder linkages and exhaust pipe/muffler are completely concealed inside the fuselage, only the aileron linkages and rocker cover are visible from below.***

***The softish spring front gear leg has been replaced with a steerable oleo style strut which makes ground handling and takeoff much smoother.***

***There is some cosmetic damage to the gel coat on the cowl and behind the front gear leg from the old spring flicking back onto the fuselage (oops).***

***No, I am not giving up flying! My shed is too full (6 planes, I love building) and I need some cash to pay for my new mountain bike. This is a bargain @ \$250.***

***Also Futaba 36MHz 4 channel basic transmitter and charger (useful as a slave for buddy box) Retail \$100—what offer? [nathaniel.vervaart@auroraenergy.com.au](mailto:nathaniel.vervaart@auroraenergy.com.au)***



***How many of you are having trouble keeping the muffler header tight on your four stroke? This eventually may strip the threads. One of the main causes is pointing the muffler up at a 45 degree or so angle. As the engine vibrates and moves, the movement is magnified at the muffler causing it to whip. As the engine moves one way, the muffler wants to remain stationary, just pointing the muffler at a downward angle will help this problem considerably as the muffler now moves with, rather than against the engine vibration movement. (courtesy MAN)***



## **For sale.**

**Kraft 5 channel radio on 40.69 MHz \$100**

**Two sailplanes—make an offer**

**Tachometer \$20**

**1/2A pylon racer—make an offer**

## **Engines.**

**New OS CZ 11PS \$200**

**New OS 61 FSR \$100**

**Used OS 46 FX \$100**

**Used Super Tigre 45 \$80**

**Bernard McKay—phone 62491759**

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**Four-Star 60—72" span—suit 60 two stroke  
or 80-90 four stroke—complete with fibre-  
glass floats \$250**

**Peter Ederle—phone 0448737234**

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**Used models in good condition used as  
demo models.**



**SEAGULL  
SPACE  
WALKER  
ELECTRIC  
FOR 35MM  
OUTRUNNER**

**Wingspan:**

**1250mm (49.2")**

**Complete with motor, speed controller and  
servos—just add battery and receiver \$250**

**PHOENIX CLASSIC TRAINER EP FOR ELEC-  
TRIC POWER**



**Wingspan:  
1420mm  
(55.9")**

**Complete  
with motor  
speed con-**

**troller and servos—modified to two wheel  
undercarriage—mint condition  
\$250**

## **PHOENIX RAINBOW HIGH WING CLASSIC LOOK ELECTRIC**

**Wingspan: 1600mm (63")**



**Complete with motor, speed controller and  
servos \$250**

**Garth Wilmot Phone 62431790**

## **E-flite Blade MCX.**

**This new micro twin rotor helicopter is due  
for release sometime in September.**

### **Features:**

- ?? **1S 3.7V 110 mAh LI-PO battery & DC charger  
(AA Alkaline powered)**
- ?? **Ultra-ultra weight**
- ?? **100% factory assembled, test flown & ready-to-  
fly right from the box**
- ?? **LP4DSM 4 channel digital transmitter with  
Spektrum DSM2 2.4 GHz technology**
- ?? **Factory installed integrated control unit with  
Spektrum 2.4GHz DSM2 RX. Main dual coreless  
motors, ESC, gyro and fully proportional ser-  
vos—included in both RTF and BNF models**
- ?? **Includes 8 AA batteries—4 for TX, 4 for charger**

**Price around \$160 for RTF or \$130 for Bind-N-Fly**





Children in the front seat of a car can cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat of a car can cause children.



<< **Doctor who???**



**Guess who has just got his bronze wings???**