



The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. April 2015

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HMAC Electric Fun Fly Sunday 8/3/2015

It wasn't a promising start to the weekend. By Thursday it was apparent that Saturday was going to be the sort of day that even cold-sores would improve. To give adequate notice we decided to cancel Sat's programme and hope Sunday was good enough to allow a simplified schedule. If not then to hell with it - we were going anyway.

So it came to pass in a show of indifference to the elements and contempt to weather forecasters an intrepid bunch of fliers, including a group from the North of the state, assembled, if such an agglomeration of head-bangers could be realistically described as an assembly, ready for a day of what could only loosely described as flying considering the proposed schedule. Thinking about it, maybe they just showed up to go in the draw for the IMAX charger?

This was first fun fly held for some time at HMAC, and deliberately planned to be a relaxed affair with a 'fly as much or little and when you want to' format. With pilots asked to buddy up to measure or self time their results for each part of the event.

A Helium Balloon was set on the far side of the main strip for attempts at popping it. Quite a challenging feat with it bobbing about in the light gusts like a seagull trying to pounce on a child's bag of chips. Eventually Greg England having worked through endless attacks on the balloon finally claimed he hit it as it popped. We think it likely the balloon just gave up and disintegrated, but it enabled Greg to lay claim to the prize, an A10 twin ducted Fan model donated by HobbyKing for his determined efforts. . Greg 's weapon of choice was his Hacker Models Super Zoom XL, a very large 3d foamy, beautifully flown.

Whilst this was happening others were attempting to set the longest Electric Glider flight from a 30 sec motor run. This was achieved by Chris Adams (Phoenix Fliers) with his Xplorer 3800, a very impressive full composite moulded Electric glider. Taking home a 3s 2200 Lipo for his over 10 minute flight which was considerably longer than his closest rival.

Danny Cole although claiming to be rusty with his quad, showed how quick it could do a figure eight around the two floating (sometimes) helium balloons. Unsure of what he was using but looked like an F450 or F550. He is also the owner of a new 2200 3s Lipo for his quick 25 second flight.

Quite a few people were having a go at the 'Spot Land' trying to land as close as possible to a balloon pegged to the runway. If I didn't see it with my own eyes, I would have a hard time believing that you could land on and come to rest on the balloon. David Ellis managed this feat with his Reaktor. Well done!

Wen Nermut (Phoenix Fliers) took out scale with his vintage model a very fine example of scratch building and also piloting in the sometimes trying conditions. He took home an Eflite 32 EDF unit for his efforts.

We also had a Helicopter modeller give an amazing demonstration of controlled aeros. The by now windy day had little effect on the chopper. Just what the aerodynamics involved in completing some of the manoeuvres are, is a complete mystery to me. Probably involves mass hypnosis.



Don't be fooled it's the landscape that's upside down

A Big thanks to Phil Hubbard for taking orders and cooking burgers on the BBQ, also Michael Van Niekirk for making some nice 1:1 scale salad rolls.



The BBQ area with members working hard preparing lunch

After Lunch the Prizes were allocated and also some random prizes drawn, for lipo bags and cell checkers.

Pilots were asked to vote for the best scale model on the day and also the most decrepit (Rat model). Surprisingly there were several models vying for each title. Congratulations to Wen for his Blue model the name of which was lost with our notes much to our chagrin, and Adam Coombe for his Corsair. In winning the Rat model comp his Corsair bore the scars of a model stored in an active cement mixer between crashes, that it flew at all was a fine testament to Adams skill and a disappointment for Nils considering he felt via his disgusting Jetiger, a win was rightfully his and the only event he was likely to win.

The Lucky Flier prize was drawn last, with all who committed aviation in the draw of an IMAX field charger. Congratulations Wen!



Wen Nermuts's model that won the scale



The helicopter with which Jules carried out some unbelievable manoeuvres



- A selection of models from the Northern club.

Much to everyone's surprise for the way it handled the poor conditions, the vintage biplane, a DH2, from before WW1 won the members choice award.

Unfortunately, the Canadair just behind suffered a loss of control on take-off for some unsolved reason and was badly damaged. A great pity as it was a very nice model and had flown several times earlier



Ben Dobie - Our latest Gold Wings Pilot, Congratulations Ben



Now that is a glider. Mind you, with a wing span like that it should win any spot landing comp. The wing should pretty well cover most of the runway.



The Rat model entries. Heaven help us they should be displayed. Have they no shame



The two Rat model owners - if the sartorial elegance of the owners was included in the judging, the outcome may well have been different.



Glider heading for the spot.

It's fair to comment, the relaxed approach to competitions worked well. As mentioned earlier, you could fly as often as you liked, enter as many comps as you wished and use whatever model you brought with you. This allowed for all standards and wing levels to compete.

The official results as compiled by Jason

Winners:

E-Glider Chris Adams

Multicopter Danny Cole

Spot Land David Ellis

Balloon Pop Greg England

Pilots choice Mike Adams DH2 Biplane

Most Decrepit Adam Coombe

Electric Scale Wen Nermut With a nice blue vintage model.

Lucky Flier draw for charger Wen Nermut

If ever our weather settles down so planning has a realistic chance of coming to fruition, these Fun Fly days are events we need to repeat.

Jason and Nils



With smiles like that, I smell a disaster for someone - though how the Ford guy got through the gate is a concern.

Could all electric flyers please note

At great expenditure of personal resources we have dug a hole in which to dump damaged LiPos which are on fire or too dangerous for car transport home.

The hole is surrounded by a tyre close to the car access track to the pits close to the Richmond end of the car-parking area.

Jason and Nils

The Presidents Corner

Good day to all,

The weather gods have not been kind to us this year and more so on the planned Scale Fly-In this past weekend. Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled but the BBQ went ahead. Thanks to all that did turn up and of course thanks to those that were involved with the organisation. Hopefully the weather will be better later on in the year so we have tentatively scheduled another for the long weekend in June, will keep you informed.

For those of you that are "champing at the bit" to get out to the field and do some mowing, please be advised that the bigger of the two mowers is out of action for a week or so to have new blades fitted, however the small mower is functioning perfectly, but you will have to wait in turn to use it.

Regards to all, Mike H.

Help, Help

We've had a number of requests for more model stands, so guys, we are getting our act together and will have a build session on:-

Saturday April 11th in the morning about 9am and going until we finish. All we need now are some members to give us a hand.

If you can devote a bit of time to help, contact me by email (nibi108@gmail.com) or phone 0408554426

Cheers Nils

Nils's Fieseler F1 Storch



Flying by Jason, its understood that Nils is not fond of this model.

A little bird told me it will be hung on a fence post until it falls apart.

Make him an offer, but beware Jason does not come with it.

Wings awards

Congratulations to three new wings holders - all good men and true!

Phil Wardle - Gold Wings

Glen Pearce - Bronze Wings

Phil Hubbard - Bronze Wings