



## **The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. May 2015**

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### **An interesting youtube**

This may not be news to anyone else, but I have just spent an hour watching a youtube video of "Aircraft of the Shuttleworth Collection". Very interesting, and I think it might be interesting to other HMAc members.

Cheers David Kettlewell

### **The Kelly Field working bee**

If you are like me, (though understandably, not as tall dark and handsome) and have difficulty counting past 10 without removing your shoes, take my word for it - there are now 14 flight tables standing in splendour on the flight line. I.e. an additional 6.

It was decided a few weeks ago that the club could usefully use additional tables for model preparation, so it came to pass that on Saturday the 11th April roughly 30 of us assembled at Kf encouraged by a nice sunny day to commence work. Leaving home at 0700 for the 0800 start I announced I would probably be back late afternoon, in the hope that if we kept plugging away we may possibly get them finished in the one day. I got that one wrong!



**An ariel shot of the HMAc industrial complex.**



**HMAC intelligence officer**



**Where's my team**



**Jason trying to prove he's stronger than Nils**



After a short briefing, right on time we got started. First the timber, sorted by size, was cut to make 6 kit sets of table parts. This milestone, aimed to coincide with lunch was passed by about 0915 for heavens sake. Then dividing into teams, assembly started. By 1100 the first table was carried to the line with the remaining 5 following within minutes.



**It's all about to start when Bob finishes his coffee**



**Some work, some hold meetings**



**If we attach it here maybe no one will notice**



**Bill decides Ian is holding a piece of wood**



**Dave thinks it should fly with a decent motor**



**Put that camera away, I'm supposed to be home washing the car**

One senior member, not known for the delicacy of his pronouncements said to me he'd never seen anything like it considering for most of us tying shoelaces was an achievement, and for once he was spot on. What I thought was a situation where chaos could prevail went smoothly and without drama.



**So that's what the wood I ordered was for**



**Faster - there're getting ahead of us**



**Ray invokes an ancient blessing which may account for our progress**



**Furious activity in the race to finish**



**Ha ha - they've built it upside down**



**Every job needs a boss**





**The carpet man cometh**



**The first one of the line**



**Gone for lunch**



**That does not make it yours Jason**

By 11.15 there was nothing left to do but get the BBQ under way which we did, standing back to admire our abilities and eat hamburgers, scones and cake a particularly squishy item supplied by Jason, which required a shower when I reached home - true happiness

Seriously guys - it was a magnificent effort , no blood was shed and the new tables will benefit the club and members in the years ahead. I won't thank individual members because it was a collective effort by all concerned but there were also two non members who pitched in - Jack Bedelph and Val Gregory both being in the thick of things. Thanks to you both.

Everyone will have seen Mikes request in the last News Flash that we keep tables to the right of the gate for use of electric models or gliders. If we were to do this, the instruction had to go out quickly while the tables were still clean.

With 30+ members present the idea was discussed with general agreement that this was a good idea so it was realistic to think this would represent the membership view if taken to a meeting.

The reasoning behind this idea were twofold

Fuel motors running close to the tables where members were eating made life unpleasant and had been the subject of several complaints.

Fuel residue remaining on the tables if not wiped down were capable of damaging hand launched models particularly foamies. As well fuel residue allowing water from dew or rain to lay in puddles on the table . Unpleasant!

With this in mind we agreed to ask members to accept that four tables be reserved. We thought reserving 4 out of 14 is hardly too restrictive.

Stuart and Phil were our photogs and for once neither were able to get any incriminating pix so it's safe to have delicate family members look at what was a thoroughly enjoyable day (morning?).

Cheers Nils

## **From the Editor**

**As we are about six or seven weeks away from the next AGM, now is the time to give some consideration to putting yourself forward for a place on the next committee.**

**If you don't plan to run for committee (or even if you do for that matter), consider what changes you'd like to see in the year(s) ahead.**

**These can be raised at the AGM, or to allow members to consider your suggestions by sending them to me, which I can then publish via a special mid May News Letter. This would allow members to consider your suggestions before the AGM, so helping the running of the AGM.**

**What I need is a clear outline of the proposal or suggestion together with the reasoning behind it, please keep it polite and not personal.**

**From my own point of view I think that this year has been a significantly better for the club and members, I have not notice any disharmony, making it a pleasure be at KF for the flying and company and to go home at the end with a feeling of contentment, particularly if the models go home in the same condition they arrived.**

**Regards Stuart**