



Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. (00549C)

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Newsletter – October 2019

Editor – Ken Ward (Temporary)

Foreword

Garth has now completed his stint as temporary editor and the club now has a vacancy for a Newsletter Editor.

Qualifications: A sense of humour and can use a word processor/editor.

Time required: 2-4 hours per month

Remuneration: Same as all club positions

President's Corner

Again all fairly quiet at KF this month. Some low wind days were the exception however those that flew got in some good practice flying in windy conditions.

A few new aircraft have appeared including Damian's impressive new 'Phantom' jet and also there were two or three unfortunate crashes, including yours truly.

As I am of mature age and do not possess the dexterity and reactions of younger pilots, I learnt that flying a small, fast military all grey jet against a dark grey sky is not a good idea.

I retrieved my model from the next door southern paddock (where everything seems to end up) after extracting the nose from six inches into the turf and the fuselage front was akin to a packet of Cornflakes where the motor had launched itself through the cockpit.. However the wings and rear fuselage/tail feathers came through unscathed. The EDF motor will have trouble running with seven blades out of twelve so requires an update. Am awaiting for fuselage availability to be restocked and may get it back together for another day.

As Summer or warmer conditions are on the way, I intend to place an order for some club shirts. I need approx. six to make an order.

If you are interested could you please let me know with quantity and size (bgerrard@bigpond.net.au) and I will advise re payment details. I have yet to get an updated price but should be around \$35 each. I have orders for four at present.

A couple of our members have been on the medical roundabout recently, particularly Ken Ward who has staggered from one crisis to the next but appears to be on the mend. We wish them well.

We are getting to that time of year to be jolly etc. We intend to have again this year a Xmas lunch/buy and sell as last year which was a great success so we would ask that as many members as possible consider joining us on the day. We will canvas for numbers closer to a date to be decided.

Well that is all for the moment so happy and safe flying,
Barry Gerrard

Membership News

Please welcome our latest member John Megalos. He is new to the hobby.

Club Members

Full:	44
Social:	8
Life:	4

Wanted:

Phil Long is looking for a Spectrum DX6 transmitter. He has one and would like a second transmitter to use for training.

Contact Phil email: longshot@netspace.net.au

Workshop News

Chris Rowe's – Conversion of Pottier P70S from IC to electric power

It's taken twice as long to do as I anticipated, but the conversion of my scale Pottier P70S from IC to electric power is now complete. The original OS 15 and associated bits and pieces, have now been replaced by a OS 3820-1200 which will most certainly give the model a totally new lease of life mostly, I suspect, at about half throttle!

The conversion posed some interesting challenges, the primary object being to complete the conversion without adding any additional weight whilst preserving the C/G in its original position. The attached photos show how it was done. Existing engine bearers were cut to allow attachment of a new ply motor mount; the original fuel tank bay now accomodates the ESC; and a new hatch in the underside of the fuselage allows convenient access to the battery bay located immediately behind the firewall. Most of the work went into converting the original two part "clamshell" cowling into a single piece structure, which now slides into place on the four original locating dowels on the firewall. Filling in of the various redundant holes, and the attachment of four new dummy exhaust pipes completed the job.

Chris Rowe

Chris Rowe's – Conversion Cont'd



Recent Pics From Kelly Field (ex the Cameraman)



Bill Shannon's
new quad



Ugly Stick



Damian's
Mustang



Damian's
Phantom



Damian's Viper



Damians Cap
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Non-Members
enjoying free
flight and
facilities