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President's Corner

In contrast to my usual input to the Newsletter, this month I have virtually nothing of interest to highlight or issues to discuss.

Peter Gard who has been a member for just over 5 years has decided to go North to live in Cairns.

He has been a valued member of the club both on the Committee and helping to carry out maintenance to the grounds, particularly the Control Line Circles.

Also his experiences and knowledge in the field of aviation has been beneficial to many of us. He and his conversation will be missed, however he assures me he will be down to see us now and again when visiting family and has left behind a Glider and gear for when he is here.

The horse fences are in the process of being removed however may take a little time due to circumstances with the owner.

That is all I have to offer so,

Happy and Safe Flying,

Barry Gerrard



Wishing Peter Gard and his wife all the best in their move back to Queensland and a new chapter in their lives. Ed

Editor's Notes

It's been a great month for leisurely flying days!

Peter and Barry's photos show us the great variety of aircraft visiting the skies above Kelly Field. However we have a very slim newsletter this month, so I'm banking on a few interesting items from members for next month!



At our place Chris is pressing on with his model of the Howard DGA3, but he met a snag when he got to the need of bending heavy gauge piano wire (3.97mm) for the undercarriage. Usually with wire bending his method has been to shape it in a vice using a hammer! However this would not do for the more intricate shapes needed this time.

After purchasing a cheap \$20 wire bender, which broke with its first use, he decided to fashion his own with a little help from the internet and a local welder. With the heavier wire it worked perfectly.

Also Bob Miller gave him an unused wire bender he had, and it worked superbly for the larger bends needed in a second shape. All quite easy with the right tools! So if anyone needs a loan he's happy to oblige.

Sue

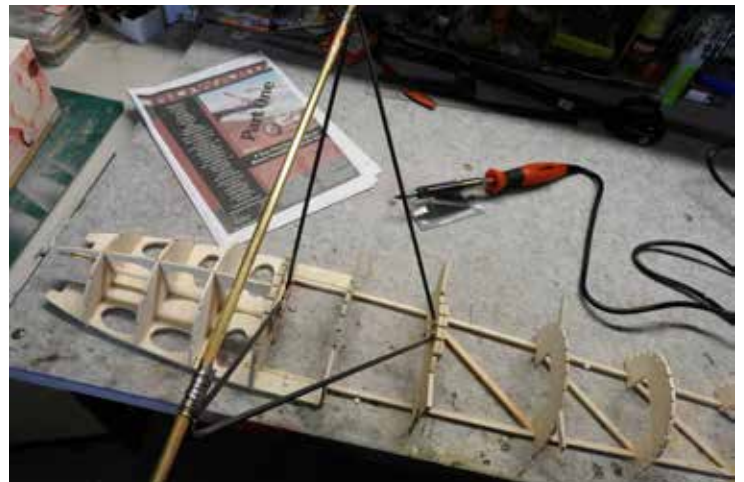


L: Chris's handmade heavy wire bender fixed to the bench.

R: Bob's bender held in a vice.

L: Wire sections over plan

R: Undercarriage in place with brass axle



Photos taken last month at Kelly Field

Thanks to Peter Ralph.



Barry sent this photo of Sebastian Serfontein's new Boeing 737 Max on it's second day out.

"Freewing' model and very nice. Realistic in the sky and takes up a lot of it.' Barry



'A good shot of Damian's Pitts Special. A nice change from the usual angles I get of models.' Peter



Bob MacAllister and Chris Venn's identical models made from Bob's plans for the Brown B2 Golden Age Racer.



Damian getting Chris's (electric motor) ready for its first flight ... which was succesful! Thanks Damian. Sadly Bob (with Nils' added concern) had trouble with his IC motor, so no flight was attempted ...





Peter and Amy welcomed some international visitors to Kelly Field in January. The ladies are friends from Shenyang, as is Amy, with the exception of Lo Pan and Shao Ming, his wife in the pink blouse, who are both from Anshan. Both cities are in Liaoning province, north east China.



Damian enjoyed sharing a variety of interesting tasty dishes from their picnic. Oscar in blue shirt is married to Foong Yung in orange, white and blue. Ludek in striped shirt is married to Li Jing in dark red jacket. Both Oscar and Ludek have lived extensively in Shenyang. Lo Pan holds Charlie Conner's TrainStar.





Chris Venn's Cato Butterfly flying beautifully at last after a serious rebuild - extending the nose by 6 cm to achieve the correct balance point.



Charlie Conner with his TrainStar trainer and his instructor JJ.

Chris Morgan has an identical TrainStar.



SIG Kougat Mk II. Designed in the seventies and still available. Built from a kit by Phil Murrell.



A quad from the past owned by Charlie Connor. An interesting contrast to today's ultra sleek ultra stable machines.

