



TORQUE BACK

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President's Corner

Another quiet month with little to report again. The weather has been somewhat windy however we now move into March and should have about four weeks of fine weather.

We have had two visitors flying at KF recently. Richard from Alice Springs who is here till mid March and Grant from Victoria who is here on work for a month. Both have enjoyed their time at KF so far.

The issues with the septic system are still ongoing but we hope to have it resolved in the near future.

We have another two new members, Henry who has relocated to Tranmere from Brisbane and flying fixed wing and an elderly gentleman, Rodger a local who has decided to take up drone flying in his later years. Was flying solo on his first day out thanks to Peter Ralph's instruction. This makes for five new members in the last six months or so.

That's all folks so safe flying and keep up the 'Covid check in'



Barry Gerrard

*A beautiful day
for flying at KF*



Editor's Notes

It really is such a pleasure putting each month's newsletter together. I enjoy getting emails, looking through the many photos, actually just getting to know so many of you. Learning so much each time about different aircraft, modelling and the knowledge and depth of experiences many of you share.

As Autumn seems to be approaching very quickly this year, it is a relief that we haven't had any bad fires. Let's hope Autumn brings many lovely mellow days suitable for good flying ahead.

Just a comment from Chris, the other day he said to me, 'the runway really is immaculate'. We know who to thank for their diligent care of it and want to express our appreciation once again to Barry and Phil for their constant attention to keep it in such excellent condition.

Also what would we do without Peter and his wonderful photos! I know I speak for everyone in their appreciation of his expertise and ever present willingness to take photos of all the models in flight, as well as adding the personal touch of pictures of the flyers in their enthusiasm too! They all bring the activities of the club to life each month, and we are very grateful.

Ken told us that we have an MAAA member, Grant Spriggs 87281, from Victoria who will be dropping in to Kelly Field. He is working in the state for a month. Welcome Grant.



Sue



L-R: Ken, Nils, Garth, Bob & Chris hard at it on a beautiful morning at HMAC.

Edrei Stanton has a P-51 Mustang ARF wing span 1480mm for sale. It is assembled and complete with engine (O.S. max- 46AX) etc. Possibly has never been flown. It was bought it for his fathers 70th birthday 8 years ago and he never used it. Price is negotiable.

**Please ring Edrei on 0410614944 if interested
or contact him on his email address - edre Stanton@bigpond.com**

For your information and consideration

This is the reply received when I attempted to place an order for approx \$100 with HobbyKing. It consisted of glues of one type or another and two props. All were in stock and I placed the order and proceeded to payment with PayPal. So far so good, but when I got to the "calculate freight" I was told they cannot ship to an address which had been used many times.

I checked with Customs - now Border Force - They were helpful and we finally decided any problems lay with Hong Kong and none of our modelling supplies were affected by Aus regulations and could enter in the normal way.

At first I thought it could be due to limited freight shipping capacity and Covid19 but as I read through, words like "security risk, dangerous goods, security risks, and surveillance materials" started to intrude.

It would seem the China is banning more than Australian apples and Crayfish. I realize Hobby King has to be very circumspect especially as they employ expats but I did think it worthwhile drawing it to members attention.

Cheers guys

Nils

Cut and pasted from the HK email.

Hi Nils Powell,

Unfortunately due to the new October 2020 regulations and guidelines** (Shipper restrictions, Coronavirus non essential parcel restrictions, Transportation Safety precautions and Customs stipulations), some items like rechargeable batteries, adhesives, glues, epoxies, pastes, fuels, other liquids, cutting tools, power tools, paints, smoke canisters, airsoft and tactical replicas/parts and accessories, or a manufacturer's item that contains batteries, glue, tools etc. are now classified as DG (Dangerous Goods) which fall under the heading now of Hazardous Materials and will no longer be allowed standard Import or Export status, or transport/delivery with the couriers that we deal with to certain locations like Yours

Also some items like aircraft with large wingspans (1000mm+), large carry/storage cases, long carbon fiber poles, XL sheets of material, Large 3D printers, Work benches, Rolls of Covering Film, etc are now classified as OG (Oversized Goods) which fall under the heading now of "Dimensional or Volumetrically Weighted Materials" and will no longer be allowed Import or Export status, Transport or delivery with the couriers that we deal with to certain locations like Yours

In Addition, some items like Cameras, FPV goggles, Transmitters, receivers, FPV Head trackers, Metal detectors, Tactical and Airsoft items and parts, Drones with data recording features, Drone parts like motors and ESCs Etc.-are now classified by their customs departments as SR (Security Risk) which fall under the heading now of Surveillance Materials and will no longer be allowed Import or Export status, or delivery with the couriers that we deal with to certain country locations like Yours

When adding a DG, OG or SR item to the cart , the customer more often than not is getting a "no shipping options" message. So you may be restricted to ordering ONLY in stock items from YOUR regional AU warehouse /fulfillment center < but sometimes that will not work either and in person self collection / pick up is the only option>

Please understand that there are generally no ways currently around these new restrictions or parameters. This is Not a decision that Hobbyking.com has made, just one we must comply with. Only once the official agencies that imposed these new restrictions rescinds them, then we hope to resume shipping the now restricted and prohibited products to locations like yours.

Kind Regards,
Bill A (USCS)
HobbyKing Support Specialist



Photos taken last month at Kelly Field

Thanks to Peter Ralph.



We again welcomed a visitor from Alice Springs, Richard Cox. He writes, 'My wife and I are back again in Hobart - this time until March 16th. I've brought one of my planes - an electric push-prop plane (Volantex Raptor).'



Richard's Volantex Raptor Version 1 has been modified by replacing the pusher motor pylon with the Raptor Version 2 pylon which gives more power (larger motor and prop). Wingspan is 1.6m and the model is designed for FPV flight. It has a RunCam5 camera on it. 4S LiPos. Radio receiver is a Orange Rx R920X with telemetry for LiPo voltage. Radio transmitter is Radiomaster TX16S multi-protocol model running OpenTx



Good to see Doug Keating back after just over a year away from KF. He brought a friend from the Netherlands with him. Model is the Sbach Breitling with a 55cc petrol engine.



Garth Wilmot getting his Ripmax WOT4 ready to fly.



Above: Although Damian had flown it the first time, Chris Venn was very pleased with his Lockheed Vega the first time he flew it. Below: Bob Miller and his electric Tiger 40.



This Carbon Cub S 2 scale model aeroplane is based on the original Carbon Cub by Cubcrafters. The model has a wingspan of 1300mm and comes equipped with SAFE technology. It has 3 flight modes; beginner, intermediate and advanced. Powered by a 480 motor with 30A ESC and 2200mAh 11.1V 3S battery. An ideal trainer, fitted with rugged landing gear and oversize tyres. The model is also capable of aerobatic manoeuvres.

Bill Shannon.





Damian Blackwell and his wing.

It's a FLEX Innovations Piranha. Elevons and rudder. Aura Lite5 flight controller. Powered by 6S 1300 lipo.

Stabilized auto launch. Model can be ultra fast or for the brave.



***Damian Blackwell's
North American
F86 Sabre from his
3D printers.***



***Doug Keating with his
very fast Turnigy EFXTRA***