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President's Corner

'Happy New Year' to all and I hope you had an enjoyable Xmas with lots of model goodies under the tree. (not that I need any!)

Not a lot to report as it has been a relatively quiet month. There have been many good flying days recently taken up by the usual core fliers. Would be nice to see a few more. The 'Disabilities' enjoy watching flying activities on a Friday and I understand from their Carer, Bill they look forward to this each week.

We have had new members joining/rejoining in the past couple of months and I have responded to a number of enquiries in regard to prospective membership. It has been a good year so far for interest in modelling and our fliers now number 44 so we are holding our own. I have recently spoken to 'North West' and they also report an increase in numbers which is most positive.

Sadly the 'Hobart Radio Control Flyers' have disbanded after the loss of their field at Sandford and a dwindling membership.

The 'Roaring Forties' experienced a wipe out from the recent rains of their access bridge which prevented them getting to their airfield for some time. They have now informed me that with hard work by Tony Gray and Mike Rutledge they are now back in business.

The Lease Extension of Kelly field is due to be finalised shortly. The advertising period of 21 days has expired, the field notice has been taken down and we now await on the Clarence Council meeting. It would appear that the outcome looks most positive.

The baling of Kelly Field has been completed to mitigate the fire risk for this Summer with just the removal of the bales and a cleanup of standing grasses by slashing to be done. The contractor has assured me at this stage that baling will be done again next year if requested by the club.

The Xmas Luncheon was as usual a success and well attended by around 30 people with excellent weather to accompany the day. My thanks once again go to those who helped out and contributed food to the event.

As we are in fire season, please see that the machinery shed is open for quick access to the fire pump which should be coupled to the small mower over Summer when it is not being used. On that subject, please familiarise yourself with the equipment. The main thing is to get the engine started and instructions will be put on the tank side shortly.

Another point is the Defibrillator. Please make sure that if there is more than one person at the club that the club house is open as I have said before, time is critical and we do not want to be fumbling around looking for keys when time is critical.

That's all for 2021. Happy and Covid free flying,

Barry



Editor's Notes

Wishing you a very happy New Year. I think most of us will be glad 2021 is finally over, although I think those of us fortunate to live in Tasmania were some of the luckiest in the world during the last two years.

Having just spent a few days staying with our children and their families in Melbourne I was struck by how impacted the younger members have been by the lockdowns. It's certainly been a time of character building for them.

So now we face a new year and all it might bring. We are so fortunate to have a group of friends sharing a common (and mostly outdoors) interest in these uncertain times.

It is especially gratifying to see new young members coming to Kelly Field. Nils is putting together an information brochure welcoming interested young flyers and their parents.

The following pages highlight the great times we have had together. The Christmas Lunch was, as usual, a standout and we thank Barry and his team most sincerely for all their capable planning and skill in providing us with a most enjoyable day. Special thanks go to Charlie and Karen Conner for spending the night before setting everything up for us!

Sue



Our youngest 'member' having a very special time at HMA Christmas Lunch 2021

Our Christmas Lunch



Above: Barry's efforts being appreciated by Val Gregory as he prepared roast pork, turkey & lamb on the spit.

R - Barry's daughter, Chelsea, and her husband John also joined us.

L: Damian Blackwell, Bob McCallister, Charlie Conner, Peter Ralph and Amy, not forgetting Barrie in front.

Below L-R: Billie and Nils Powell, Garth Wilmot, Bill and Jean Shannon, and Jan Wilmot.





Above: L - Glenn Pearce and Phil Hubbard 'hard at it' with the sausages. R - Pete Arrowsmith and Peter Ralph.

L: Sylvia Pearce, Bill Gregory, Cathy & 'JJ' Jongbloed.

Below: L - Keith Drew with his magnificent Piper Cub scale model which fills the rear of his vehicle, taking an hour to pack it all in! He had four good flights that morning. R - Detail of its 2 feet high pilot, who even has legs!



The Lunch was also 'a dog's day out' for Barrie, the Conner's much loved Dalmation. She enjoyed it and we all enjoyed her company!



*And there were also some other travelling machines to enjoy looking at! Nils' Mazda MX5.
L-R: Bob Miller, Chris Venn, Nils, Fiona Miller and Billie.*

Photos from Kelly Field over the last month

Taken by Peter Ralph



Lawrence and his son Titus, with Charlie Connor.

Model is a Hobby Zone Aero Scout. Has an interesting configuration compared to most conventional models.

Charlie was test pilot for the model's first flight, which went perfectly.

The model was very well mannered in the fairly turbulent conditions.



*New junior member
Jamie and his father
Andrew, plus Jamie`s
model in the air.*





***Charlie Conner's new Cessna 170, previously belonging to Damian.
Says Charlie, 'Damian and I worked on getting it set up for my Open Tx transmitter
and I flew it for the first time. My next step in progressing from my trainer.'***



***'A couple of photos of our photographer
Peter flying his Ugly Stick.'***

***I thought it was time Peter himself made
the newsletter!' Charlie***





***'My Seagull Skybolt powered
by a RCGF 21cc spark ignition
engine has been bought out of
retirement again.'
Peter Ralph***



Damian and Phil Murrell set off to do some testing.



‘Should have some flying shots of Phil’s Westland Lysander soon for the next newsletter.’ Peter

*Amazing
what a
coat of
paint can
do*

Charlie and Karen
Conner, with some
well meaning, if a little
unskilled, help from 3
year old Patrick, have
given a new lease of life
to our outdoor furniture!

I'm sure we shall all be
inspired to bring a picnic
next time we go to the
clubrooms!

Thanks so much to all
three!

