



TORQUE BACK

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President's Corner

Again, a whole month of steady light wind weather typical of April. It is a shame that only a few members enjoyed the days and on occasions there was nobody at KF at all.

There is little news to report regarding our lease extension at this time other than to advise that the matter of an objection is before a Tribunal. We should have a result within a fortnight.

With the passing of Ken Ward we were having some issues regarding electronic club administration and website access. Charlie and Karen Connor were able to get this sorted and everything is now again on track.

As Ken Ward was a serious builder he accumulated many models in his workshop. I have photos of some of these available for offer and are shown at the end of this Newsletter.

The 'Roaring Forties Model Aero Club held their annual 'Jack Tonks' memorial Fun Fly day last weekend. This had been put off numerous times over the last six months due to bad weather but finally got a good weather day. It was attended by around twenty including three from HMAAC. A good day was enjoyed by all ending in a nice BBQ lunch.

It looks as though our good friends, Sue and Chris Venn will be off to Apollo Bay in the not too distant future. We wish them well in their move back to the mainland. Sue is going to continue as our Newsletter editor until the June edition. On behalf of all HMAAC members and others that receive the Newsletter, I wish to thank her very much for having done a marvellous job.

Karen Connor will become our new editor in June.

Happy and safe Covid free flying,

Barry



Editor's Notes

This is a very sad letter for me to be writing as Chris and I are selling our house and moving to Victoria.

Ever since Chris made his first visit to HMAAC when we first moved here about 12 years ago the club has become an integral part of his daily life.

He was warmly welcomed by everyone and in particular Garth, Nils and Peter were so encouraging and tremendously helpful as he made his first tentative steps back into his childhood hobby of model aeroplane building and flying.

As the years have passed his models have become more challenging and complicated - filling our garage with colour and interest to anyone who visits. Mostly they are still in one piece and fly well, however - just as we are about to move, his lovely old 1918 Fokker D8 'bit the dust!' *see below*

Over the years so many others have also become valued friends. I too have come to enjoy our involvement with the club and our friends through my association as Editor of **Torque Back**.

We thought we would live out our days here in Tassie as we love living on our hilltop overlooking the beautiful Coal River Valley. Everything is so handy and yet it is still a stunning rural setting.

However Chris is now over 80 and although he can manage our animals and 14 acres we can see the time coming when he would not be so able. Also our family in Victoria are very keen that we should move to be closer.

Our new home will be in Apollo Bay on the Great Ocean Road. We would love to see any visitors from HMAAC who may be down that way in the future.

Sue



"I usually never pass on 'disaster' shots out of courtesy to the feelings of the owner of the model. But as you are the editor and warned the owner who is closely linked, I think



you may be able to make something humorous out of an event all members have experienced at some time. I like the convention of "experts" standing around the wreckage The term 'ambulance chasers' crossed my mind ..." Peter

Photos from Kelly Field over the last month

Taken by Peter Ralph



On April 8th Phil Murrell & Glen Pearce bought a couple of models from many years back out of retirement.



**Phil's Pussyfoot.
Plan dates back to about 1980
and model built about then.
Has been re-painted a couple
of times.**





Biplane is a Precedent Bi Fli owned and built by Glenn Pearce. It is powered by a brand new OS 60 FSR of the same vintage as the model.

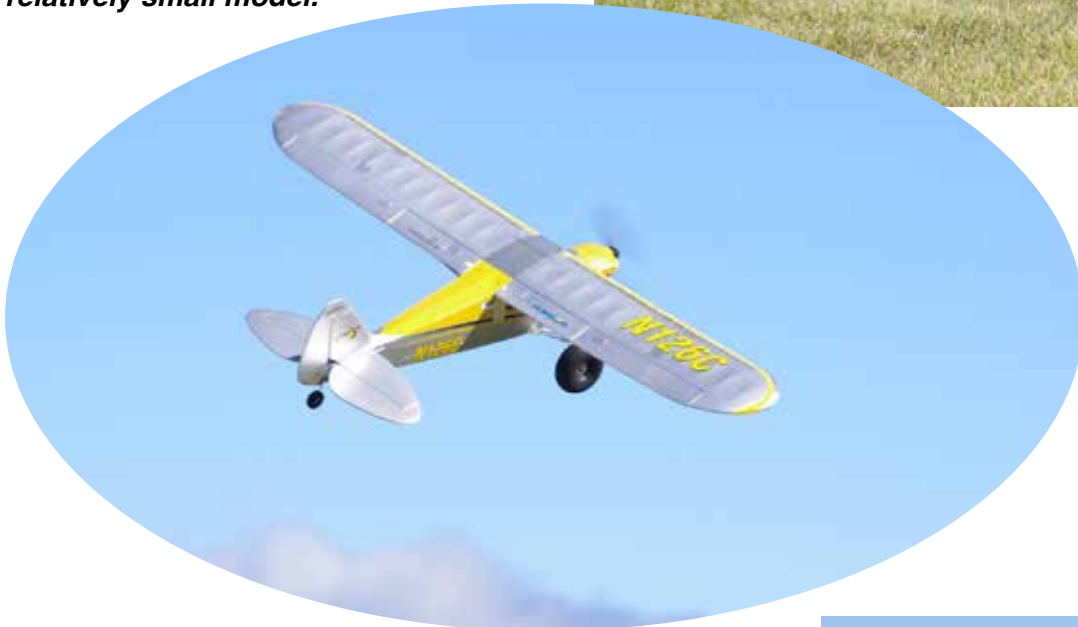
HMAC's long suffering and now long serving but seemingly indestructible club trainer. Has had several "nasties" but has bounced back and is still assisting in turning novices into competent pilots.



New member Matthew Hall today (9/4/22) gained his Silver Wings. Tested and passed in blustery conditions at Kelly Field.



Matthew and his Piper Cub. Quite amazing aerobatic performance and a very long flight time from a relatively small model.



Phil Murrell's Corsair converted from IC power to electric.





Damian Blackwell's Magister. (see April '22 Issue).

First flight completed safely so now time to start work on the decals. Could be a windowed canopy and may be a pilot or two in the time line as well.



Roaring Forties Fun Fly Day



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Left: Mike Hawkins & fellow control line enthusiast.

**Below right: Mike Ralph
Bottom left: Dean Williams**



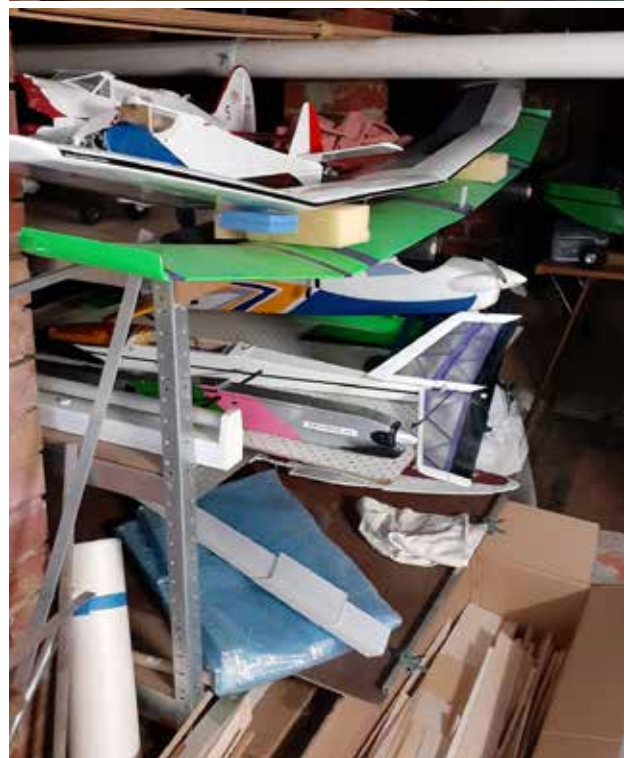
Roaring Forties Fun Fly Day 2



A good day was enjoyed by all ending in a nice BBQ lunch.

Left: Colleen Tonks, a life member of HMAc with Mike Rutledge, President of the Roaring Forties.

Ken Ward's Wonderful Collection for Sale



'These models are from Ken Ward and are available at reasonable offers with proceeds going to the club. There are many more. They would also suit new trainees who are looking for a start model at a reasonable price.'

Should you be interested please contact Barry Gerrard (bgerrard@bigpond.net.au) for further information.'