

# TORQUE BACK

September 2022

## What's news?

### Committee Meeting

With the return of Club President, Glenn Pearce, the committee held a meeting on 28 August. Having not met since the AGM there was plenty to discuss. Members will receive minutes from this meeting in the next few days.

### Lease Renewal Update:

The lease renewal agreement is back with the Clarence City Council to review the suggested amendments. Will certainly be worth celebrating once it is all sorted.

### Control Line Circle Update:

The Control Line Circle take off and landing area has been marked out and top-dressed, hopefully providing a smoother take-off and landing for the planes. To allow the grass to rejuvenate the Control Line area will remain out of action for a couple more weeks.

### Small Wheel Runway Update

The Committee will begin addressing the moss issue in the Small Wheel Runway over the coming weeks. The aim at this stage is to keep the runway operational while treatment takes place (but may look a bit ordinary for a while). Should this change, members will be notified.

### New Members

As the weather warms up, we are getting more people popping into the field to check out the runways and the club, please continue to be a smiling friendly face and encourage them to reach out to Glenn (President) or Charlie (Secretary) who will provide further information on flying at Kelly Field and how to become a member of the HMAC.

### Club Memorial Day

Members may have seen the beautiful timber mounted prop in the club room. This has been prepared and kindly donated by Ian Gannon. The plan is to mount this on a wall in the club house and will become a memorial plaque for our past members. We are hoping to coordinate a "mounting day" with a BBQ to mark the start of an annual HMAC Memorial Day. Stay tuned for further details on date and time.

### Club Donations

Over the past few months, many of our members have kindly dropped off preloved aircraft, remote controllers, battery charges and other spare parts, resulting in over \$300 being donated back into the club. If you haven't been into the club house for some time, it is worth a look, I'm certain there is something there for everyone. Don't forget to check out the Classified section of this newsletter for other buy and sell items.



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## President Report

There is not a lot to report this month. Since I have returned the weather has not been very conducive to flying with wind and rain. Unfortunately, I missed the best day for flying last week but I am looking forward to returning to the field next week.

Your committee met on Sunday and tidied up the changeover of positions and discussed some possible future events. As these come to fruition you will be advised so you can be involved.

If you are at the field and a visitor turns up, please give them a good welcome and some of your time and encourage them to return. We need to take every opportunity to increase our membership.

The Lease negotiations with the Clarence Council are continuing with the Council to provide the Agreement in the next week.

Hopefully I will see you at Kelly Field.

*Glenn*

Flying doesn't scare me cuz aviation has a 100% record. Every aircraft that's gone up in the air, has come down. Not one aircraft has ever been stranded in the sky. Ever.





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**MEMBER NAME:** Charles "Charlie" Connor (Secretary)

Interviewed By: Karen Connor

KC: How long have you been a member of HMAC?

CC: I joined HMAC in late 2020.

KC: Why did you decide to start building/flying model aircraft?

CC: I have had an interest in aviation and models for a long time, but never really pursued RC flying due to the cost, my studies and then family and work commitments taking precedence. I did initially take some lessons at a private property at Broadmarsh with an IC trainer back in the early 2000's. My interest in drones brought me back to the hobby and I built and flew several of these before deciding to get back into fixed wing aircraft. Following the episodes on [www.flitetest.com](http://www.flitetest.com) and their Facebook posts definitely helped to renew my interest.

KC: What model aircraft are you currently flying? And why do you like this model?

CC: I am flying several – A 2.2m Flex Innovations Cessna 170, a Volantex Trainstar, a 2m Volantex Ranger and my foamboard 'Dusty' crop-duster (a Flite Test design). All electric. I also fly a DJI Mavic Pro. The Cessna is my go-to model at the moment, as it is a pleasure to fly with the Aura 8 flight control system and looks great in the air.

KC: What is your all-time favourite model? And what is so good about this model?

CC: I think I am yet to find an all-time favourite model – I have several in mind I want to try. However, of the aircraft I have the Flex Cessna has been my favourite so far.

KC: How many model aircraft do you current own?

CC: Oh wait, I can probably answer that... there's the half dozen hanging in the garage, the three or four in the guest bedroom, the two or three partially built ones in "my" craft room and I suspect at least one, potentially more "in transit" with Australia Post, so unless there are others hidden away that you haven't told me about that makes...!

CC: What she said. Seven active fixed wing models (I think), plus multiple drones of various sizes and ages/generations.

KC: For someone who is interested in building/ flying model aircraft but doesn't know where to start, what would you suggest?

CC: I would direct them to Damian and Peter R but would also recommend they check out [www.flitetest.com](http://www.flitetest.com) as they are an awesome resource for beginners. There's nothing like building your own aircraft (especially drones) from scratch to get an understanding of the electrics. It's also very satisfying to see a scratch-built model flying successfully.

KC: For a new pilot just starting out, what is the one piece of advice you could give them?

CC: Practice on a simulator (seems everyone has a different view on this, but it certainly helped me); choose your first model with help from others in the know; master throttle control for altitude; go in with the attitude that you are never going to crash (you will eventually, but having this attitude helps me to always do everything I can to recover a bad situation).

KC: What is the best thing about flying with HMAC? And you can't just say Damo.

CC: Having a chat with other like-minded people who enjoy playing with big toys and having access to the extensive knowledge of long-term members. I enjoy mowing the grass and spending time at the field. It's just a great location to spend time as I'm forced to forget about my often stressful and demanding job. Paying out ("taking the piss") on Damian is always enjoyable – he's never shy to serve it out so I'm happy to give it back to him.

KC: If there was one thing you could do to make HMAC an even better club, what would it be?

CC: Convince people we are there to fly model planes and enjoy the company of others. Its unhelpful to hold onto what happened in the past, except to learn from them so as to move forwards in a positive way.

KC: Thanks for your time, Charlie, I understand you are an extremely busy man... deciding what aircraft you should build next, but could you please take out the garbage?



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Charlie Connor's "FT Commuter" (basically a Cessna 150) Foam board scratch built, yet to be flown. Wingspan: 760mm.

(Plans can be found at:  
<https://forum.flitetest.com/index.php?resources/ft-commuter.74/>)



## 3D PRINTED BUSH PLANE

<https://www.eclipsion-airplanes.com/modelc>

Maidened but crashed upon take-off.  
Charlie Connor



## E-Flight RV-7.1 BNF Basic.

"Flies well but I'm having trouble disabling the tip stall (I think) auto correction on the plane. Any suggestions helpful. I have tried programming the TX but still I have the issue with high angle elevator turns if that makes sense."

Cheers  
Matt

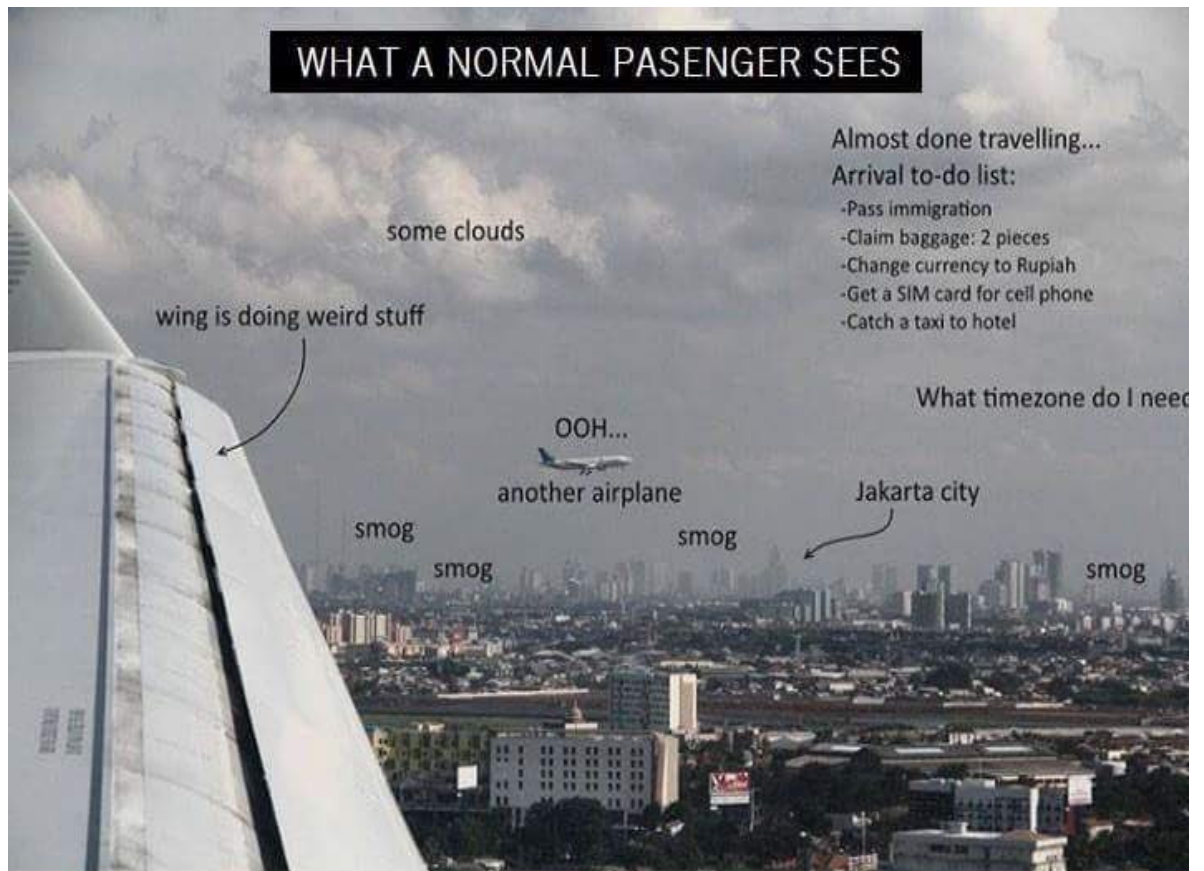


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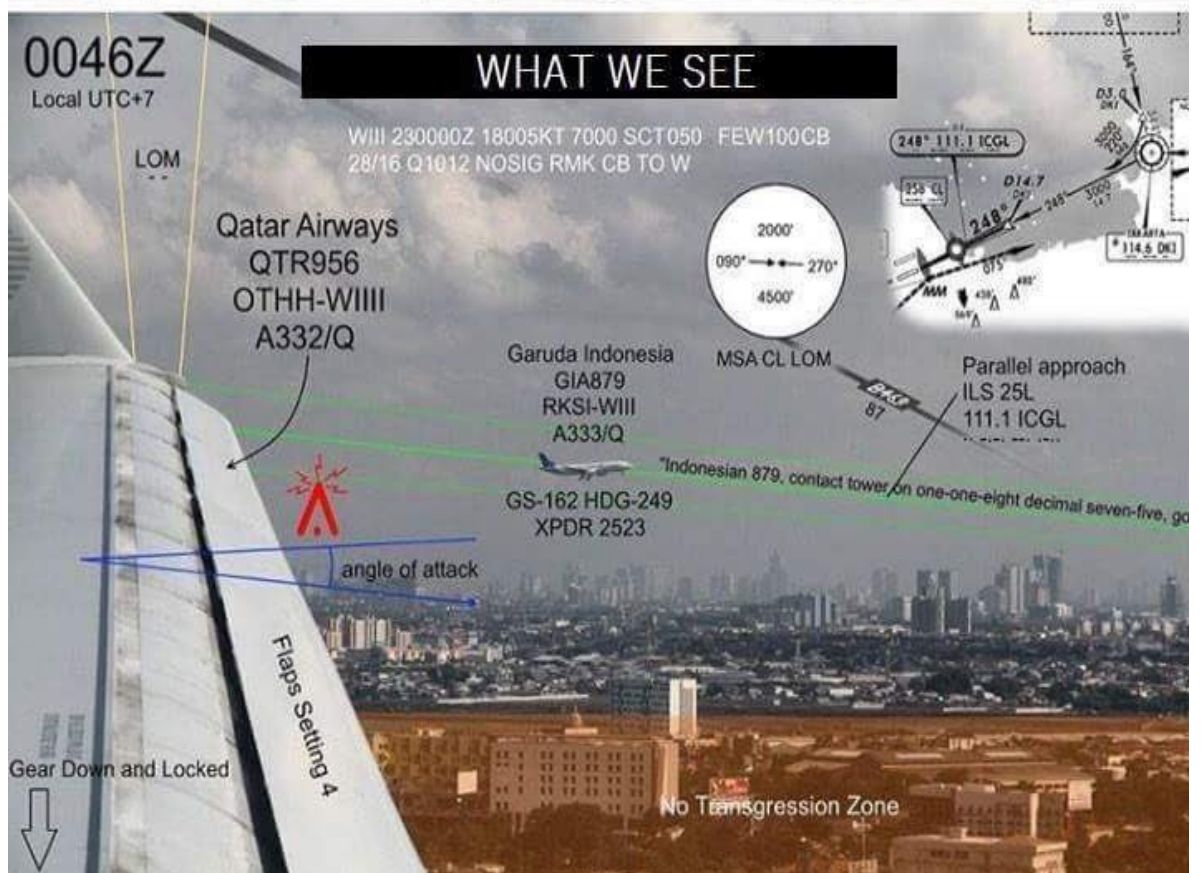
AIR TRAVEL

## WHAT A NORMAL PASSENGER SEES



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Local UTC+7

## WHAT WE SEE



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If you have any model aircraft related items; for sale, free to a good home, wish to swap, wanting to buy or simply just looking for advice, let us know so we can place an ad in the HMAc Classified section. With items donated to club as "free to a good home" we simply ask you consider a donation to the club for ground and runway maintenance. With all other "ads" please email all relevant details, including price (when necessary) to [hmacsec@gmail.com](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com).

### H-King ASN Pusher Prop

Seller: Phil Hubbard

### ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED

Please contact Phil on 0487 704 444

<https://hobbyking.com/en-us/h-king-axn-floater-1280mm-pnf.html>



First time opening the box.



### Damantre 25 aircraft (complete with motor and servos)

### Pulse XT 25e (complete with motor and servos)

Seller: Bob on behalf of Jan Wilmot (Garth's wife)

### ALL SENSIBLE OFFERS CONSIDERED

Please contact Bob McAllister 0457 290 122

(Half proceeds will go back to Jan, other half she is kindly donating to the club)

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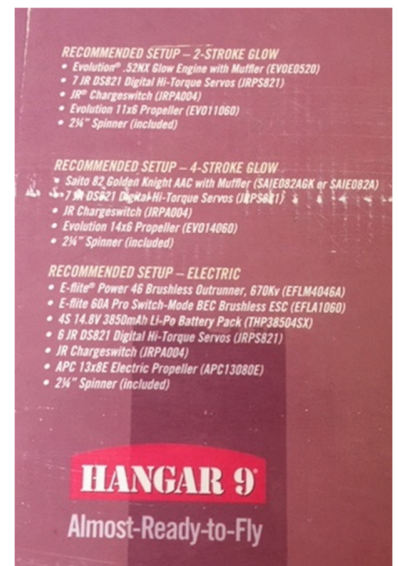
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### PAWNEE 40 AIR TRACTOR – HANGAR 9

Seller: Phil Hubbard

**\$450 the lot**

Please contact Phil on 0487 704 444



### PLANES, PLANES and MORE PLANES

Make a sensible donation into the Club Donation Box.





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We'll be using this section of the Newsletter to share some useful tips and tricks. What was that one piece of advice you were given when you first started out building or flying model aircraft that changed everything? Please share by sending an email to [hmacsec@gmail.com.au](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com.au).

## AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

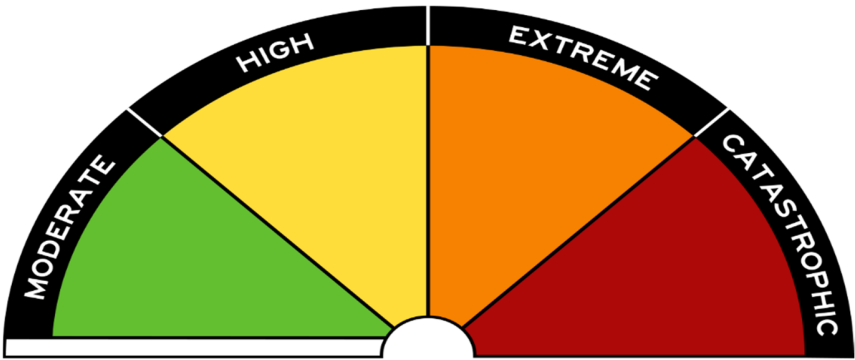
From 1 September 2022, Australia Fire Danger Rating System will be improved and simplified, to make it easier for you to make decisions to stay safe on days of fire danger risk.

The move to a simpler system is backed by improvements in science, which will mean we can better predict areas of greater risk on days of fire danger.

Across the country fire and emergency services are applying nationally consistent colours, designs and terminology. This means that wherever you go in Australia, and whatever the season, you can understand the level of threat and what you need to do to stay safe.

### The new ratings are:

<b>MODERATE</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>Plan and prepare</b>	<b>Be ready to act</b>
<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>CATASTROPHIC</b>
<b>Take action now to protect life and property</b>	<b>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.</b>



## 2022/2023 Membership Prices

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Senior Member	\$230	\$11
Junior Member	\$75	\$40
Associate Member	\$125	\$62.50
HMAC Life Member	\$105	
Social Member	\$15	

## Key Dates

- Lease Renewal Celebration TBA
- HMAC Memorial Day TBA
- Committee Meeting TBA
- MAAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebration TBA

Please email [hmacsec@gmail.com.au](mailto:hmacsec@gmail.com.au) if you wish to promote any upcoming events.