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What's news?

Committee Meeting

A committee meeting has been scheduled for the 16th October.

Lease Renewal Update:

The lease renewal agreement has been signed and sealed. We are now waiting for the official notification to tell us it has been finalised.

Parking at the club:

Please avoid parking anywhere near the wet areas (shown below) in the car park and do not park beyond the tree line at the back of the clubhouse, at least while the wet weather persists. We are continually having to repair tyre divots from where people's vehicles have sunk into the ground.



Control Line Circle Update:

A reminder that the control line circle is still out of action to allow the grass to rejuvenate after having been top-dressed.

Small Wheel Runway Update

The Committee has started treating the moss on the SWR. More treatment will be done once the weather improves.

New Members

We welcome Zephyr Coull who has been training with Peter Ralph at the club for a couple of months, but has signed on as a junior member. Won't be long and Zephyr will have his wings!

Welcome back to Roman Bogun and Andrew Hutchinson who have renewed their membership with HMAc.

A big thank you to Sue Dayton who has renewed as a social member. We look forward to seeing her at the club.

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.

Reminder: Payments to the club account

Just a reminder that if you are making a payment to the club account (membership renewals, payment for pre-loved aircraft, etc) to please leave your name as a reference and email the Treasurer (jsb@netspace.net.au) to notify him of the payment so he knows to expect it.

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President's Report

The weather has finally given us some good to great flying time. Although the field is still saturated it was a pleasure to see a good number of members at the field and a variety of models being flown. Phil Murrell's beautifully built scale model of a Lysander finally took to the air. After a few heart stopping moments the model flew well for a maiden. With some tweaks it will be a pleasure to fly and a great joy for the rest of us to watch.

The Lease Agreement was approved by your Committee and signed and returned to the Council for finalisation. We can be happy to have secured our home for another 10 years.

Any members who have had a look in the Clubhouse will see a collection of aircraft and equipment for sale. All of this has been donated by members for sale by the Club. Particular thanks must go to Sue Dayton and Ken Ward for the donation of Ken's models and equipment. We do not normally set prices so if you see something you need, take it but be fair with a price as it all goes towards the running of your Club.

See you at Kelly Field.

Glenn



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MEMBER NAME: Jason Bedelph (Treasurer)

Interviewed By: Karen Connor

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

JB: Since 2010

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

JB: I have always been fascinated by aircraft and aero planes graceful maneuvers through 3 dimensional space. I tried many times as a teenager and had little success with control line and radio control (27Mhz), but found my feet with the digital age and simulators – plus an outgoing and friendly membership at HMAAC.

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

JB: I am a bit rusty having a few years hiatus with that bug we won't mention and also Uni studies, however I turn to my trusty Sebart Sbach. It's very easy to fly as a sport model, and is especially robust when I want to through it around a little and learn a new maneuver, so its perfect to loosen up my brain/dexterity.

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

JB: This would have to be my Precision Aerobatics Katana. It has all the flight quality's of my Sbach and much more at extreme rates and is more capable than I am. It is however more fragile so needs a devil may care attitude or absolute concentration if you get my drift.

KC: How many model aircraft do you current own?

JB: Who wants to know? Is my wife putting you up to this? If so its 10 otherwise I think more than 30, safe not to know.

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

JB: Step 1. Seek advice

Step 2. Follow advice.

Step 3. If you are unsure see step 1.

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

JB: Quell your expectations and continue to hold onto that dream, oh and see previous question.

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

JB: Who's Damo? Well, I have found a great bunch of people, some sadly have left us, but it's the folks that have a chat (about models) and wear a smile that make it for me.

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

JB: Make the land bigger (via voodoo, magic or some other trans-dimensional physics) and owned by the club.

KC: Thanks for your time Jason.



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Westland Lysander

Congratulations to Phil Murrell for successfully getting his Lysander airborne. It's been a long time coming, but well worth the wait!



Built from a Sarik Hobbies short kit. A very difficult build owing to the complex wing and difficult to avoid being tail heavy owing to short nose.

First flight a success but a real handful so will be installing a less powerful motor and flies much better with flaps partially down.

Original aircraft designed with an incredible short take off and landing ability and used as photo reconnaissance in WW2.

High losses in WW2 from the Luftwaffe resulted in being delegated to second line duties and being quite successful in getting secret agents in and out of occupied France. Phil.



Xtreme Flight Extra NG

Xpovr 20cc electric motor, CCTalon 90 esc, Savox 1260mg servos, 6S lipo power. 1500mm wingspan and 1500mm length. Owned and flown by Damian Blackwell.





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Photos from the field



Amy should be put on the payroll!

Seen here assisting Chris Morgan (and of-course Peter) with their aircraft.

She's a keeper!



Messerschmidt BF 109

Another amazing 3D printed model by Damian Blackwell. Lots of attention to detail on this one.

Not looking quite so good now though hey Damian? 😞



E-flite Ultra Stick 25e ARF, 50" (1270mm)

A popular model a few years ago. Several members owned one. Nice to see this model owned by Barry Gerrard back in the air. A nice, pleasant handling, good all-round aircraft. Barry.



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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 HMAAC 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.

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)

Classifieds

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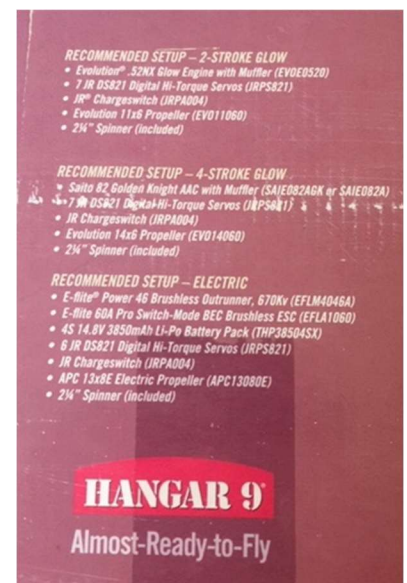
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PAWNEE 40 AIR TRACTOR – HANGAR 9

Seller: Phil Hubbard

\$450 the lot

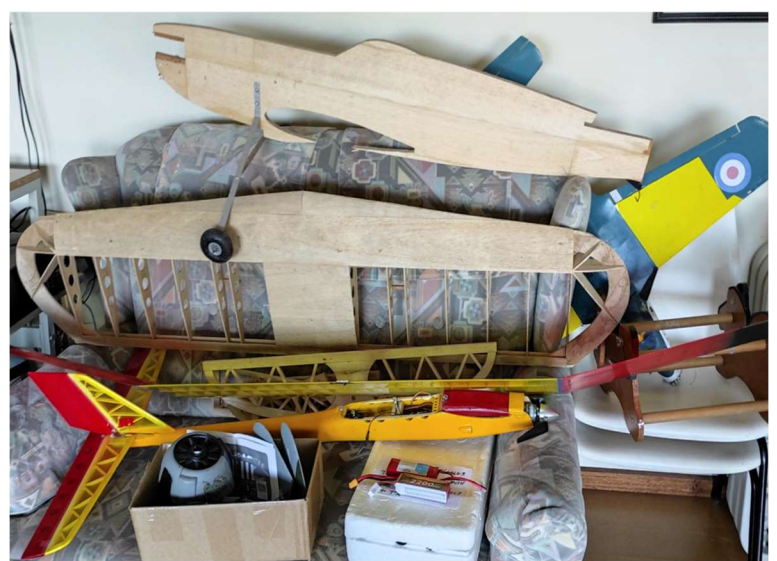
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PLANES, PLANES and MORE PLANES

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.

Handy Information

Top 6 Trainers for New Members

Written by Charlie Connor

We are seeing a few new younger members show some interest in the RC hobby at our club, so I thought I would compile some information regarding advice on choice of first model. This is of-course purely my personal opinion, but has come about in response to feedback I have had from other members who already own some of these models and from reviews I have read and videos I have watched online. I have chosen to avoid mentioning models without landing gear on purpose (such as the Hobbyking Bixler and the many glider models which would definitely rate high as trainer models) as I believe it is important students learn the art of landing with gear. I have also only included EPO foam models, although there are some great balsa trainers available (such as the old trusty Boomerang).

I started with the top 5 models, but then came across another one I thought was worth mentioning. So now it's the top 6!

So.....here goes.

E-flite® Maule M-7, 1.5m

This is proving to be the number one choice in our club (3 members already own one of these) as this model is very stable for learning basic flight but can very easily perform basic aerobatics. Comes standard with a AS3X® flight control system to allow progression onto more advanced manoeuvring. A tribute to a full-scale STOL-capable design with rugged tundra-style landing gear, flaps and an optional-use float set. 3S or 4S suitable and battery access is from the top hatch.

At around \$470 (BNF) this model is one of the more expensive of the trainers.



The E-flite Maule, beautifully modelled here by Jon and Albert!



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Hobbyzone AeroScout S, 1.1m (NOTE: Not the Mini AeroScout)

The new HobbyZone AeroScout S makes learning how to fly a radio-controlled plane easier than ever before. In fact, this model is only really recommended to students that don't aspire to more agile models and are happy to stay with stable well-behaved aircraft. Perhaps recommended for nervous students lacking confidence to help get them in the air safely. Personally, however, having flown one myself this is probably not the best choice for learning as this thing almost flies itself.

With SAFE technology, this high wing model is exceptionally stable and easy to fly. For \$450 (RTF), this comes with a Spektrum DXS transmitter, a 2200mAh LiPo and a charger. There is even a panic button for recovery from difficult situations.



FMS Super EZ Trainer, 1.22m

HMAC members will be familiar with this one. Not sure how many hours our club FMS Super EZ has been flown but it has certainly stood the test of time and many a student's failed landings.

Regarded as a perfect beginner-friendly sport aircraft by the manufacturer. Has a large, high-wing design with ultra-low wing loading and stable flight characteristics. It gives beginner pilots great handling even at slow speeds.

At \$413 (RTF), this comes with a FlySky transmitter and a 1300mAh LiPo.





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Volantex Trainstar Ascent 747-8, 1.4m

I am a bit biased when it comes to this model as it is what I have learned to fly on. I'm not saying that it's the best trainer and everyone should learn on this. In fact I don't necessarily recommend it to learn with, but it is definitely one of the cheapest options and with a basic flight stabilisation/gyro system installed in it (such as a HobbyEagle A3 V2) this model handles windy conditions with ease, meaning more stick time for learners.

A high-wing setup, blow-moulded rugged fuselage and large wheels for grass take-offs and landings. The flimsy landing gear needs replacing with a sturdier one. Can easily take a 3200mAh 3S LiPo or bigger.

About \$350 for the PNF version or \$290 for the kit version.



TOP RC Riot Pro, 1.4m

This model is getting great reviews, but I have no first-hand experience of it. Was mentioned to me by Peter Ralph as one to look at.

The manufacturer states the following about it. "The incredible new TopRC Riot is the perfect all-rounder. With reduced control throws it's smooth, stable and remarkably easy to fly for the novice or beginner. Increase those throws and the Riot more than lives up to its name thrilling the most ambitious aerobatic pilot. It's ideal for operating from "less than perfect" flying strips, resisting hangar rash and those inevitable bumps."

\$400 (RTF), including a 3S 2200mAh LiPo





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Freewing Pandora 4 in 1, 1.42m

This one certainly looks interesting and again I have no first-hand experience with it, but rates very highly in online reviews.

This is a 4-in-1 model allowing the student to start with high-wing with tricycle gear and allowing the student to progress onto a sportier tail dragger low-wing model.

\$429 for the PNF version.



2022/2023 Membership Prices

Membership Type	Full Year	Half Year
Senior Member	\$230	\$115
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 16/10/22
- MAAA 75th Anniv. Celebration TBA

Please email hmacsec@gmail.com.au if you wish to promote any upcoming events.