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John's Free Flight Model



Dave Jacobs fine-tuning



Tony Gray model



Kevin and Merv with Kevin's new 1/3rd Scale A152 Cessna, which had its maiden, flight August 18th. Model Design Kit, Fibreglass fuselage, Veneered foam core wings. Wingspan 3.6m, length 2.75m, AUW 21.4kg. Engine 97cc Stihl swinging a 26x10 Bolly prop. A very nice model Kevin, well done to you both and the maiden flight went very well, it sounds as good as it looks.

Presidents Report

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Hello Everyone.

First, it was fantastic to see so many people attending the recent Free Flight (Scramble), Old Timer and Thermal Glider event held on 18 August under near-ideal conditions. I was left with the overwhelming impression that everyone who came really enjoyed themselves. From all indications, it seems that more than a few people are going to build Old Timers for next year's events. Now, how about an event for models powered by spark ignition engines? (Maybe a bit radical.)

In between events, I took the opportunity to fly my little Guided Mite (20" wingspan), which provided a bit of entertainment with its antics. However, I suppose there would not be many other models of that size able to ROG from a grass strip! (It's the Trexler balloon wheels.)

Second, I want to put in a plug for gliding. There is more to this than just another branch of model aircraft. It is an opportunity to learn to understand the air in which we fly. The challenge of staying aloft without an engine to keep the plane up there is also a great learning experience. For power fliers, it will enhance your ability to fly dead stick and you will find that your judgement of circuits and approaches will improve as well.

Finally, as many will have seen, progress is being made on the new transmitter pound building. When finished it will be a real asset. Thanks to Andrew and Geoff as the main drivers of this project and also as the builders. We may need to run a competition to find the best suggestion for what to do with the old "pie cart" that has served us so well in the past!

I look forward to seeing you all at the flying field. **Gerry**



Gerry and his smallest model "Guided Mite"



Kevin is showing how to get closest to the spot

Secretary's Report

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Hello Everyone.

Here we are with winter officially all but gone and spring will soon be sprung and the grass will grow. We have been fairly lucky that the weather has not been too bad at least for us in the North of the state during winter. So maybe a few projects that would normally be done during that time may well yet need to be done! (*Modelling projects that is*) that has been the case for me. The best intentions seem to get put on hold for a variety of reasons, but I dare say that I am not alone in saying that.

This can be said of our new TX pound building project at present, work has started but has got to about the halfway point and now has stopped for a time due to the constraints of not enough time from the ones organising it, and of course we had that real heavy weather just after we got it to that stage and took out another 2 weeks. We should be able to get it finished early in September just in time to welcome the spring.

I do not have a lot to report on this month as far as committee is concerned but I would like to say that Saturday 18th August was a great day at the field.

There were 3 contests held and Andrew will explain all that in his report I am sure, the weather was great all day and there was a good rollup of persons either competing, helping in one way or another or observing the happenings of the day.

One might think that many could well accept a 3rd day like that in a year.

We have lost some of our members this year for whatever reason but we are currently holding at 35 financial members with another about to join.

If any one would like a new current member list then give me a ring or send an e-mail and I can either e-mail you one or post it whichever you prefer.

Birthdays to be celebrated this month are: -

Our President Gerry DeGroot, Tim Sydes and Marina Tantemsapya. We say a big happy birthday to them all and wish them all the best for the year ahead.

Well that really is my lot for this month but I would leave you all with this thought.

Flattery is like chewing Gum. Enjoy it but don't swallow it. Often one of the biggest hurdles in life to overcome is the opinion of others.

Happy landings All

Geoff.



Around the Hangar Contest Directors Report

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Hi Everyone. The last event held at the field 18th August Free Flight Scramble, Thermal Glider, Old Timer. If you missed this event you have most likely missed the best event we have had for some time. The large number of members and visitors made the day more enjoyable with 6 flyers taking part in Thermal Glider. It was good to see Tony Gray and his support team from Hobart also Mike Hawkins President of HMAAC. During the day there were many 3 point landings trying to get closest to the spot to gain extra points. One in particular Kevin Hay made a few goes at trying to take out balloons by dropping his model directly on the balloons but to no avail. [Results](#)



Spectators: Chris, Gerry, Mike, Tony, Scott

Free flight

- 1ST Tim Sydes 27 Flights 2125 points
- 2nd Tony Gray 29 Flights 1910 points
- 3rd John DeGroot 23 Flights 1837 points

Thermal Glider

- 1ST Greg Robertson 957 points after 4 rounds
- 2nd John DeGroot 811 points
- 3RD Nara Tantemsapya 779 points
- 4TH Gerry DeGroot 707 points
- 5TH George Carnie 611 points
- 6TH Dave Jacobs 574 points

Old Timer Event

- 1ST Greg Robertson 584 points
- 2ND Andrew McEntyre 505 points
- 3RD Kevin Hay 477 points
- 4TH George Carnie 463 points
- 5TH Gerry DeGroot 380 points

There are too many photo's to put into the magazine so have a look at the photo's that George has done on the website. Thanks to all for attending the day, which has made this event a great success. Thanks also to Chris Klimeck for looking after the cooking on the BBQ and to Geoff Hays for his assistance. We look forward to seeing all at the Scale Day Event September 22ND 10.00am Start. Andrew CD.

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