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Top Left: Merv and Kevin setting up Merv's

Top Right: Tony Berg's new Pitts very nice model.

Centre Left: Merv and Chris with Kevin's Ultimate.

Centre Right: George, Geoff and Greg with Chris's Fly Baby.

Left: Paul O'Grady with his new Future 3D model.

Presidents Report

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Hello Everyone.

Another excellent club event day was enjoyed by those attending the Scale Day last Saturday. Magnificent weather, good company and lots of nice models – what more could anyone ask for?

And what a great turnout! Highlights for me were Chris Klimeck's quarter scale Fly Baby Biplane and Kevin Hay's big Cessna Aerobat.

An interesting twist to the day was the appointment of three 'secret' judges who monitored the scale flying; this took the pressure off by not having to perform in front of a judging panel. Another nice idea was opening the day to non-scale aircraft, with all participating pilots collecting a ticket for a chance to win a prize at the end of the day. Thanks to the CD Andrew for a great day.

On the subject of events and prizes, please do whatever you can to help out with obtaining something suitable for prizes. Let's not leave it up to the CD and one or two others. Most people will know someone in an organisation or business that could help out with a prize of some sort. It need not be anything related to aero modelling (but it helps!)

The pound is all but finished and it works very well. Transmitters are now completely protected from the elements, especially the dreaded summer dust devils that used to overturn the old 'pie cart'.

Finally, here is a saying that is just as relevant to the flying of model aircraft as it is to full-size flying:

"Good judgment (in flying) comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment."

See you at the flying field **Gerry**



Greg Robertson's [Fournier](#)



Peter Steer's [Lancair](#)

Secretary's Report

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Hello Everyone.

Another month rolls by and spring is here, the grass is growing again albeit for now anyway. The Met people are not forecasting much in the way of follow up rains, so we may not expect to see much in the way of long term grass cutting, that may be good or bad which ever way we look at it.

Anyhow just lately it has been good for flying and that is the most important thing as far as aero modellers are concerned.

There has been more progress on the new TX pound building, when an enthusiastic group gathered to work on Wednesday 19th Sept, saw the roof go on and the tables and frequency board placed in position.

There are just a couple of things to still be done but it can now be used for its intended job, that of holding many transmitters safely and securely and out of the hot summer sun as we will surely get it eventually.

But possibly the best thing of all is the fact that it is there, and no body has to bring out the tea trolley or frequency board anymore, so there is no excuse for not using it for the purpose that it is intended for.

The committee has decided that it is time to renew the security of club property, seeing as it is now some years since this was last done, and quite a few past members have not handed back their keys as required, means that there are keys held by persons who do not now have a legitimate use for them.

Keys to club property are issued on the understanding that they are returned when the person ceases to have need of them.

It is proposed that the locks will be changed on **Saturday 6th October Club day** so if you are present on that day I will be able to give you a new numbered key to replace your existing one.

The locks on the toilets will remain on the old key system and a key for these will also be hung in a prominent position in the clubhouse.

Helicopters: It has been noticed that HMAAC have effectively banned the use of these at Kelly field, this was brought about by the very serious incident in WA where a helicopter became out of control and caused a serious accident that was very nearly fatal.

Your committee has decided to review our position on these type of aircraft and has in the interim decided not to permit any **new** Helicopters to fly at Symmons plains until we decide otherwise.

This is in the interest of safety for our members, it has long been accepted that fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft do not mix.

The Special General Meeting that was called for 20th Sept to deal with a matter arising from a decision by the committee was well attended and overwhelmingly confirmed the committee's decision.

Birthday wishes this month go to Greg Robertson and Chris Klimeck we would wish them all the best for their special day and the year ahead.

Well I think that about wraps it up for my bit this month but I would leave you all with this thought,
(Walking is a form of exercise that loses some of its appeal when its done behind a lawnmower)

So as always

Happy landings all

Geoff.

Around the Hangar Contest Directors Report

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Hi Everyone.

What can I say the weather was to order once again for the Scale Day last Saturday. It was good to see such good support to help this event to be a success. I had decided to run the Scale Day event in a way that all members could take part even if you didn't have a Scale model. For those not at the field Saturday, it was sunny and warm with no breeze to speak of. The main feature on the day would have been Kevin's big Cessna and his 1/3 Scale Ultimate also Chris Klimeck's 1/4 Fly Baby. Thirteen flyers took part in the event with some members bringing at least two or three models each. Chris Klimeck won best take off on the day, best realism in flight also went to Chris with his Fly Baby powered by a Supertigre 3250. Kevin Hay won best landing on the day with the large Cessna, well done guys you made the day with those large models. Thanks to Kevin for arranging the prizes for the day and I still have more to give away next time. Thanks to the three judges that took the time to have a look at all the flyers while also taking part themselves, Greg, Terry, Allan.

Next month we have planned something a little different on October 20th 10am start a Pattern coaching day, this is designed to help us all become better flyers with something we can get our teeth into so to speak. I have put some call sheets in the Clubhouse for you to look at, if your not sure how to preform some of these don't panic all will be revealed on the day with several demo flights. You will not need Pattern model to perform manoeuvres these can be done with a trusty trainer or sports model. First up in the morning we will run thru the Pattern on a white board with details on how it should be done and then out for the demo flights, and after that we will have the Club Pattern event at least two rounds.



On the last page I have included the schedules for the Club pattern, I hope this may help on what is the plan for the day.

I have asked George to put a photo on about the big raffle that will be drawn at the annual dinner. So please don't be disappointed and forget your tickets when next at the field, or contact me and I will let you know who is selling tickets. Catch up next time Cheers Andrew.

Photo Left Chris Klimeck model

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LMAC Club Pattern Schedules 2007

	K	Score	Total
Take off sequence, climb out, 90 degree turn out	1		
Double Immelman, Half Rolls	2		
Slow Roll	3		
Two Inside Loops	3		
Two Horizontal Rolls	3		
<u>Square Loop, on the corner</u>	3		
<u>Cuban 8, with half rolls</u>	3		
<u>One Outside Loop (from the top)</u>	2		
<u>Straight Inverted Flight</u>	2		
<u>Stall Turn, ¼ roll up & down</u>	2		
<u>Humpty Bump (no rolls)</u>	3		
<u>Two Turn Spin</u>	2		
Landing Sequence, turn onto runway, Landing	1		

All Manoeuvres to be done on centre line

Xmas Raffle



Whilst Christmas is a way off yet, we're getting in early with our raffle. Thanks to all the kind donations of the usual Christmas fare and the books from Angus & Robertson.

Tickets available from "the girls" at the clubhouse or contact the committee. \$1 each or 3/\$2.

**Drawn – Annual Dinner,
Centennial Hotel,
November 16th, 2007**