



PROP TORQUE

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Peter Lucas' impressive Wellington at the State Scale Championship. First place in Static.



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EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the April issue of Prop Torque, which you will find is a little different from the usual. The reason is that we are looking at how sustainable the Newsletter is, in its present form.

At the outset we wish to reassure readers that Prop Torque is not under threat – it will continue – but we need to look carefully at what we do and how it is done.

The cost of printing and mailing Prop Torque in its present form is about \$70 per issue, depending on how many pages it has. In the past, production costs were largely offset by revenue from advertising. Unfortunately this revenue has almost dried up since hobby outlets now use the Internet to conduct their business. As a result LMAC is spending more than \$700 per year to print and Post Prop Torque. This is not sustainable in the long term.

The Committee has looked at a number of options for Prop Torque, ranging from keeping things as they are, through to changing to a bi-monthly newsletter, and even to issuing only a very small single-page newsletter. However, we all agree that Prop Torque should stay, but that changes must be made and that members must have input on this matter. So Prop Torque will be on the agenda of the AGM on 5 June.

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Editorial (*continued from page 2*)

To start the ball rolling, your editors have tried to keep this issue as small as possible, consistent with continuing to provide the information you need. For example, we have, for this issue at least, omitted the double photo page (the “centrefold”). We have justified this because there is good photographic coverage of club events on the club’s Web page. However, we also recognise that this puts those members without Internet access at a disadvantage. Let us know what you think.

Another reason for not having the photos is that your editors have found that with our relatively simple software, processing images for publication is a tedious business, and omitting the photos will simplify production. A related issue is that of succession – we will find it hard to convince other goodly souls to take on the job of newsletter editor(s) if the job is seen to be too tedious or too technical. We definitely do not want to deter other members from offering their services as editors in the future!

Starting with this month’s issue, we will no longer be mailing printed copies to club secretaries; they will receive their copy of Prop Torque by e-mail. This raises the issue of our members receiving Prop Torque the same way, although it has been available for downloading from our Web site for some time. We want to canvass members’ opinions on this (see Announcements). Please let us know.

Since this editorial has covered so much ground (and taken up so much space) there is no Captain’s Report in this issue.

We hope that you enjoy this issue.

Gerry and Virginia de Groot.

Editors



SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Hi Everyone

Well another one has slipped by (*Month that is*) and here we are again with pen oops! Sorry Fingers to keyboard I mean, and with a few things to tell you all. Last month I mentioned that we were judged best display at the recent Railex Exhibition and we were to be awarded with an appropriate certificate, well we have and it is hanging up inside our clubhouse for all to see.

Whilst not all members did have a part to play in getting this, it is an achievement for our club and we can all then share in the credit of having it.

Members are reminded of the State Scale Fly-In at PFL coming up on 6 and 7 May, at which all members are invited, whether in a flying capacity or as a spectator. We are advised that if any are planning on being there on only one of the days then the Sunday should prove to be more spectacular than the Saturday, I would urge all our members to make the effort to go and check it out, you will not be disappointed.

Last month you were notified of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting and I feel that I should mention some important items that you the membership should be aware of.

I understand some were disappointed that the meeting is to be held at night and away from our clubhouse. The date was set so the State AGM (set for Sunday 4 June) would precede our own; a suitable date during the day in early June to hold our meeting to give us enough time to get our subscription forms out and back again by the end of June just wasn't there. However there is a change of venue for our meeting, but it is still on Monday 5 June at 7.30 PM at the Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh St. There is ample parking and is on the level so access is easy.

At this meeting we will determine the club portion of our subscription for this year, and also fill three positions that are coming up for renewal, they are President, and two committee positions. You will find in this newsletter a nomination form if you wish to nominate a person for one of these positions, present office bearers are eligible for nomination. (Photocopy the form if nominating for more than one position) Note that Social and Associate members may not hold office on committee, only full members.

Please return nomination forms to the Secretary by Saturday 3 June (no later). Nominations will also be called from the floor at the AGM, as usual.

Only these three positions will be elected at the AGM the other positions, that of Contest Director, Safety Officer and publicity Officer (Newsletter Editor/s) will be appointed at the first Committee meeting after the AGM, as usual.

The Annual General Meeting is the place to have your say in how the club functions so please make every effort to attend.

Members are also reminded that the deadline for getting their wing status is 1 June, not the end of June, and if you have not for some reason obtained at least your bronze wings by then you will only be able to fly your model in the presence of one of the club instructors.

Well I think that just about wraps it up now from me so, as always,

Happy landings All

Geoff.



CONTEST DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Hello Everyone

We have come to the close of another month of competitions during which time the weather has not been in our favor. On the Easter weekend we held the State Scale Championship at the field in windy conditions. The Championship was to be held Saturday & Sunday, but due to the weather and some flyers not being able to return on Sunday the comp was reduced to one day only. All competitors flew at least one or more of their models with only a couple of mishaps on the day. The Wellington Bomber flown by Peter Lucas lost one engine during his second flight and took a spiral into the ground. This was a magnificent model, which got a first in the Static section. Peter had said that the model was not an easy one to fly in windy conditions. This model has been repaired several times before and most likely it will be rebuilt again, it would be shame to lose a great model like this one. Kevin Hay with his outstanding Ultimate ARF displayed some great flying skills in two flights, the sound of the DA100 engine made it like the real thing and that's what it's all about. During Kevin's second flight the engine suffered a flame out due to a technical error on Kevin's transmitter kill switch. This meant a dead stick landing in very windy conditions with such a large model, but well done to Kevin he landed very heavy taking out the undercarriage it could have been worse. It was not a good day for Kevin as the Sea Fury lost a wheel in flight, which forced him to belly land in the long grass with the undercarriage retracted lucky for Kevin very little damage. We had a good roll up at the field and everyone seemed to enjoy the day despite the weather. Thanks to Geoff for the trophies and judging; also to Cliff and Kerry for sitting in the judges chairs in the cold all day. Thanks also to Chez Rogers for his help with the scoring, events like this cannot be successful with out the help of other club members many thanks to all. Many thanks to the canteen ladies as Robin was not well on the day and it would not have been possible with out the ladies' help.. We are coming to a close on the contest calendar for this year with the 7 Cell event on Saturday 20 May and the All Models day Saturday 17 June. One item I forgot to mention: Cliff Walters donated a handful of screwdrivers that I handed out at will. One person to ask for one was Kerry Carnie I'm not sure if George is having trouble with his chair or if it was for another purpose, may be you should ask Kerry. Cliff thanks very much for your donation I'm sure these will be a great help to all that received them.

Don't forget our major sponsor for the Sate Scale Championship:

Col Taylor Models www.coltaylormodels.com Ph 02 69256600

Scale Championship Results 2006

Non Aerobatic	Place	Pilot	Model	Score	
ARF	1	Derril Kay	PT-19	1652	NWAM
Scratch Built	1	Derril Kay	Piel	1585	NWAM
	2	Peter Lucas	Wellington	1266	NWAM
Aerobatic					
ARF	1	Kevin Hay	Ultimate	1763	LMAC
Scratch Built	1	Kevin Hay	Sea Fury	931	LMAC
	2	Phil Rayner	DH Chipmonk	851	NWAM
	3	Andrew McEntyre	Ultimate	780	LMAC
	4	Mike Adams	Chilton	641	PFL
	5	Peter Lucas	Spitfire	639	NWAM

Scale Championship Static Results 2006

Pilot	Model	Score	Comments
Peter Lucas	Wellington	56	Excellent Once Again
Kevin Hay	Sea Fury	48	Excellent Model
Peter Lucas	Spitfire	46	Excellent Overall
Mike Adams	Chilton	42	Good Overall
Peter Lucas	Storch	42	Nice, Well Built
Kevin Hay	Ultimate	36	Impressive Size and Model
Derril Kay	Fairchild PT19	36	Nice Model and Finish
Phil Rayner	Chipmunk	32	Good Model
Derril Kay	Piel CP90	30	No Paper Work, Nice Model
Andrew McEntyre	Ultimate	28	Good Model
Andrew McEntyre	Cosmic Wind	22	Nice Try (Many Thanks Judges)

Special thanks must go to our major sponsor this year, Col Taylor Models.

Col donated gift vouchers for the event and it is this type of sponsorship that is becoming very hard to acquire. If you're in the market for any model bits and pieces, or assistance with a project you may be working on, please give Col and the boys a call.

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Announcements:

VENUE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As outlined in the Secretary's report, the AGM will now be held in the Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh St, Kings Meadows, rather than at the home of George and Kerry Carnie. The reason for the switch is simple. The date of 5 June was set to coincide with a Committee meeting (as it used to be done), but being a Monday, and an evening, we realised that we had nowhere to go. So at this point the Carnies very kindly offered their home. This bought the Committee some time to find a more suitable venue, closer to Launceston, as has now been done.

WINGS

The following members are congratulated on having achieved their wings:

- Peter Steer – Gold
 - Tony Berg – Bronze (Heli)
 - Nara Tantamsapya – Bronze
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ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO PROP TORQUE

The cost of mailing hard copies of Prop Torque to members and others is quite high since we don't qualify for bulk postage rates, due to low volume. We could save quite a bit on postage if at least some members were prepared to receive Prop Torque by e-mail.

If you are prepared to get Prop Torque in this way, how about letting the editors know? You can contact us either by telephone, e-mail, or carrier pidgeon.

News from other clubs

(This is an occasional column for news from other clubs - Secretaries of Tasmanian clubs please note.)

Notice received from Phoenix Flyers Launceston:

PFL's new website may be found at <http://www.pfl.lonnie.com.au>

It replaces the old one. Rgds, Mike A



LMAC Contest Calendar 2005 - 2006

Date	Event	Club	Location	Time
Sat/Sun March 18 th &19 th	Tasmanian <u>State Pattern</u> Championship 2006	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.00am
Sat 15 & Sun 16 April	Tasmanian <u>State Scale</u> Championship 2006	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.00am
Sat 20 May	7 Cell Electric Glider (Round 4)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.30am
Sat 17 June	All Models Day	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.30am

Note LMAC Contests to be on the day specified, if the weather is not suitable then the next day Sunday. If that too is not suitable then it is cancelled and moved to the next event scheduled.

N.B. The committee may re-schedule the event for another time to be advised.

LMAC Club Day is held on the first Saturday of each month
(HMAC first Sunday of each month)

“Café Symmons” Operates each Contest Day and Club Day

LMAC invites flyers from affiliated clubs to come along and participate

*Does not apply during winter months: June, July and August

COMING EVENTS for your Diary!

Sat/Sun 6 & 7 May	Scale Fly – In / Rally	PFL
Sat 13 May	Scale Day & ARF Championship (1)	NWA
Mon. 5 June	Annual General Meeting, LMAC	KsMs Health Centre