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## Presidents Report

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**Hello Everyone.**

This is the second-last issue before the January break; the year seems to have flown by (no pun intended). I haven't been doing much flying lately, mainly due to pressures at work. Hopefully things will get a little smoother in the new year.

I watched an interesting movie recently - "Flight of the Phoenix" (not the original, but the remake starring Dennis Quaid). It was noteworthy because the passenger who came up with the idea of building a new plane out of the crashed plane parts told the others he was an aircraft designer, but he forgot to tell them his specialty was *model* aircraft. In the end, his idea worked and the plane flew. The moral of the film could be interpreted in one of two ways: either a full sized plane is no more complicated to design than a model or, else, the design of a model aircraft is just as sophisticated as a full-sized one, only on a smaller scale. I will leave the choice to you.

Developments in electric flight never cease to amaze me. The smallest projects seem to be getting smaller and the large ones are getting bigger. One of the Australian magazines recently carried an article about a third-scale electric Cub. An advantage of electric flight is that it's normally very quiet. In the case of the Cub, however, the article showed an in-flight sound

### Special Note:

**There will be NO Canteen on Club Day on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2008**

This only applies for Club day in January; Canteen will be available for the Fun Fly Day.

## Secretary's Report

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### **Hello Everyone.**

Well we have almost arrived at the last month of 2007, how has it all been for you this year?

I suppose we could all answer that in a variety of ways as individuals as many things happen in our lives in this fast pace that we live these days.

Not a lot from me again this month as there has not been much on the club scene happening as of late or from our committee meetings.

But we held our annual club dinner on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> at the centennial Hotel and as usual we all had a good time of togetherness and eating, I never heard of any complaints with the meal at all.

There were 17 members at this function a bit down from last year but then we all have our reasons for not attending a function whenever it is held.

One thing lacking this year was the absence of our usual trophy giving for the previous year, due to the fact that the two usual bogies of lack of attendance and unfavourable weather hampered contests last year on the scheduled days.

We trust that this will be changed in this coming year with the different format that we are adopting.

We already have had a few well-attended contest events in this year so far.

I would like to welcome into our ranks a new member or perhaps I should say a past member from quite a while ago. Fred Willis has rejoined our club, Fred was a member from way back even I think before we were ERCAC and we have had two name changes since then.

Anyhow we do welcome Fred back with us do make yourself known to him when at the field.

Birthdays to celebrate this month are John DeGroot and Alice Robertson we do wish them all the best for their special day and the year ahead.

Don't forget December 15<sup>th</sup> a fun fly day, Andrew will most probably expand a bit more on that in his column.

Well that wraps it up from me for now but I leave you all with this thought,

***(For fast acting relief, try slowing down)***

So as always

Happy landings all

**Geoff.**

**Around the Hangar**  
**Contest Directors Report**

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Hi Everyone.

There is no event to report on this month, the 7 Cell event was to held on November 17<sup>th</sup> but it will now be rescheduled to early in the New Year. Many of the flyers that would be competing in this event are away on that date or unable to attend due to other commitments.

Fun Fly day is the next event on the 15<sup>th</sup> December; we would like to see all types of model for the last event this year. On the day I propose to have a couple of events to suit all types of models such as Carrier deck landing, Balloon Bursts, landing on the spot, and lots of general flying. If you don't wish to take part in any section of this event you will receive a ticket after each flight you have and go into the prize draw. Up for grabs on the 15<sup>th</sup> December Fun Fly day is a good selection of prizes donated by a well-known National Company. We look forward to seeing a good roll up for this, the last event before Christmas. In the event that I don't get the December News Letter out before Christmas I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas.



Craig Homman's Cub that is newly completed fitted with OS61FS we look forward to seeing Craig flying his new model.

**Upcoming Events to Remember**

Sat Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Club Day</b>			
Sat Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fun Fly Day</b>	LMAC	Symmons Plains	<b>10 to 2.30PM</b>
Sat Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> 08	<b>Club Day</b>	LMAC	Symmons Plains	
Sat Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scale Day</b>	LMAC	Symmons Plains	<b>10 to 2.30PM</b>