



PROP TORQUE

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Presidents Report

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Hello everyone

After some time without a club magazine, I would like all members of LMAC to join with me in welcoming Andrew McEntyre as the new editor of Prop Torque. I would like to congratulate Andrew for taking this task on and I am grateful for his practical expression of club spirit.

My column as club president will try to focus on matters of immediate interest, with an occasional word or two of encouragement. I get a bit distressed when I read stories on the net or in magazines about clubs that are having a hard time keeping their flying fields. I know this has been said before, but many of us probably do not realise how lucky we are at LMAC with the great facilities we have and the degree of encouragement and cooperation we enjoy from the owners of the land upon which we fly. 'Nuff said.

As members will know (at least those who responded to the questionnaire) the club is looking critically at the future of contests.

This is very much a work in progress, but I would like to offer two reasons for flying in contests: the first is that you will gain a sense of comradeship or fellowship, and the second is the opportunity to improve your skills. Without pre-empting anything, it is likely that we will see more low-key contests, with an increased emphasis on just taking part, whatever your skill level. That is not to say improving skills is not important, but there is a good case for more people taking part in order to raise the level of comradeship within the club.

I look forward to seeing you at the flying field.

Gerry



Cliff Walters with his Thunder Tiger Cub

AGM 8th June at 7.30pm Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh Street Kings Meadows.

Secretary's Report

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Hi Everyone

Well here we are again but not exactly at the start of a new calendar year but at least we are here.

You will notice there is a change in the newsletter format but please bare in mind this is only the first issue. At the last meeting of the committee it was decided that we should have some better communication with you the members than a notice on the board in the clubhouse, although from time to time this too will be necessary.

Three of the Committee will be responsible for doing this, Andrew McEntyre for compiling, George Carnie for doing the electronics, like Web site and e-mails, and myself for the distribution of the hard copies for those not on E-Mail.

For the benefit of those who have not seen my last update news at the clubhouse, we are pleased to advise that Tea and Coffee are now complimentary when at the field.

I would like to thank all those members who have returned their questionnaires as requested, but there are still some members yet to oblige us with their opinion on the matter of contests. We plan to discuss this at our AGM in June and your expressions will help in being able to inform the meeting of what the majority seems to want in this regard.

The AGM will be held at the Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh Street on Friday 8th June 07 at 7.30 PM same venue as last year.

The committee is looking at dispensing with the movable TX pound in favour of a permanent Structure to incorporate this in our pit area that will be a lot easier for everyone.

Committee is going to address the matter of magazines in the clubhouse, which are very untidy and to a large degree many are not necessary to be there, we will be implementing some changes in this regard shortly.

Since our last Prop Torque in Dec/Jan we have had 6 members attain their wing status, Those gaining Bronze are Daniel Tantemsapya, Bill Evans, Royce Close, Debbie Walters, And Dave Jacobs, with Nara Tantemsapya gaining his Gold.

We say congratulations to all these and advise that we now have a flying membership of 45 members with 39 having a wing status, only 6 left to do theirs.

Also since our last Prop Torque 13 of our members have turned over another milestone in the form of a Birthday, they are: -

Tony Berg, Darren Beresford, Vince Burling, Richard Cooper, Peter Daniel, John Derrick, Bob Garnett, Geoff Hays, Chris Keeling, Steve Reece, Peter Steer, Jacques Wakae, and Debbie Walters.

We say a big happy birthday to them all and trust that their special day was as they hoped it would be, with many more to come.

Well that wraps it up for me for now

So as usual

Happy landings all Geoff.



Andrew's Phantom F4 fitted with Supertigre 90

Hi Everyone

Around the Hanger Contest Directors Report

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Like Geoff has said it has been some time since we have had a News Letter, and more over a very long time since we have had any contests to report on. The contest year has up to now been a non-event as I have reported on last year, which seems a long time ago. We had a Scale Day on Saturday 21st April and this is the only event to report on. I feel that is time that we look very hard at the way contest are run and scheduled and there will be much further discussion on this matter over the next few months in lite of the questionnaire which where returned by the members. I will not be formulating a new contest calendar until much more discussion has taken place and most likely some changes to the format for contest in the future. I look forward to seeing a new type of contest calendar that will see many more flyers competing as many have suggested less formatted procedures is more to everyone's liking.

Scale Day Report: If you where one that was unable to attend the Scale Day on 21st April you missed a magnificent days flying and a lot of fun. Twelve flyers took part in what I would call a new type of format for our club Scale event, much like the scale events on the big island. We had a couple of flyers that didn't have full on scale models and they where asked to join in which added to the event a very successful days flying. Pilots choice award went to Kevin Hay with his new Yak with 8 votes, and pilots second choice went to myself for my F4 Phantom, many thought it was rigged so no prize for me on this one. The day was all about general flying with pilots receiving a numbered ticket after each flight with all prizes being awarded when tickets drawn from a hat by president Gerry. Just about all pilots ended up with a prize and it was good to see the two young Daniels getting more than one prize each. Prizes included Props, Spinners, Fuel line, Glow Plug Clips; Thanks must go to our sponsor for this event to our local Hobby Store Birchalls in the Mall. I will have a number of prizes up for grabs on the Fun Fly event to be held on Saturday 23rd June entry fee is \$3.00 I hope the weather holds out for this event. If anyone has anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please contact myself. See you at the field **Andrew**.

Some Pictures of interest and new models



Cliff's Tiger Moth, Very nice detail Cliff.



Tiger Moth detailed Cockpit.



Max & Peter Daniel after Gold wing test. Congratulations Peter.



Daniel Tantemsapya with GP Sportster.



Four LMAC happy wondrous at PFL Scale day.



Kevin Hay's Large Scale Yak, powered by DA 100 very nice model Kevin.