

PROPWASH



The Rockhampton Model Aero Club Inc.

Monthly Newsletter

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THE TERRY PHILLIPSON MEMORIAL COMPETITION

14th and 15th May

SCALE

• ARF

• STAND OFF

• LARGE

OLD TIMER

• TEXACO

COMBAT

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Preparation is well under way for the annual Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition set for the 14th and 15th of May. A single entry fee of \$10 is required in order to participate in any of the scheduled events on the weekend. Catering will be provided over the course of the competition and prizes will be awarded to place getters in all classes. We hope to receive a good number of competitors at the event with many clubs being notified of the event. So, get your scale, combat and old timer models ready for a fantastic weekend of flying.



Monthly Meeting *Points of Interest...*

- The President reminded members about the Labour Day markets on the 2nd May. The club has been invited to put on a static display at the markets. Volunteers are needed to attend the markets and to bring a couple of models to put on the display.
- The preparation for the Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition was discussed.
 - The President has organised the CASA height permit for the Old Timer event. The manual of procedures form has been sent to both the MAAA and CASA.
 - Raymond Skinner was asked if his mum (Mary Skinner) would provide the catering for the competition this year. Raymond said that his mum would be happy to provide the catering.
 - Contest directors for all events have been organised.
- Nick has been in discussion with the Department of Main Roads regarding grants for the club. Nick received positive feedback from Main Roads, so a letter has been sent to them requesting grants for the club.
- The Hall State School has been in contact with the club to hold a static display on their school oval displaying warbirds. The school is holding an event to commemorate the only aboriginal pilot (Leonard Waters) to fly in World War II, and would like a selection of warbirds to have on display including the P-40 Kittyhawk. The P-40 was the aircraft that was flown by the Leonard Waters in World War II. For more information on the display, please contact the President.

IDLE CHAT

With.....

Kelvin Barnes

Occupation or Past Occupation?

I am a Boiler maker by trade.

I was self-taught and have been in industry for 67 years.

What was your first model?

My first model was a single channel model, powered with a glow engine.

What is your favourite model?

My park flyer T-28 Trojan flies the best, so it would be my favourite model.

What is your favourite music?

I like old fashioned hymns. Mainly because I can sing the bass line.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is corned meat.

What most people don't know about you? That I am a local preacher.

What other flying fields have you flown at and which one is your favourite?

The RMAC field would be my favourite. I have flown at many other fields including flying on Norfolk Island.

When you grew up, you wanted to be?

An Architect. But my father would not let me. He said I had to work for him.

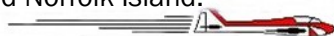
Do you have any other hobbies? No, just my love of flying. My wife says I am plane mad!

If you were down to your last \$10, what would you spend it on?

I would most probably give it away.

What is your favourite travel destination?

My favourite travel destinations would be New Zealand and Norfolk Island.





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PYLON WEEKEND

30th April, 1st – 2nd May

RMAC - Gavial Field

QMARA Pylon is on its way to Rocky. Come to either participate or watch the experts go fast and turn left. Classes scheduled to run are Q500, F400/Q40, QE46 and F3D. Catering will be provided. So come along and be a part of a great weekend!

Next Club Meeting

Due to the April monthly meeting falling on Easter Sunday this year and the following weekend being the Pylon Weekend at the Gavial field, the April meeting will be held on the 8th of May at 11am.

Gladstone Fun Fly 2011

The Gladstone Model Aero Club hosted a fun fly weekend on the 9th and 10th of April conducted purely for fun! 6 RMAC members being Nick, Garry, Bert F, Rory, Peter D and myself attended the event on the Sunday to join in and be part of the action. Members from other clubs across Queensland made the trip to Gladstone to be part of the event and Robin Klau and Barry McDonald from the MAAQ executive also attended. The weather was great, with blue skies and light to moderate winds. The members of the Gladstone Club presented their field immaculately and the facilities were great. A variety of models were on display from 40. size sport models, gliders, large aerobatic models, scale models and many more. The day consisted of general flying with the flight line being very busy all day.

As part of the weekends proceedings, one of the Gladstone members had equipped one of his aircraft with a drop hatch, of which he filled with lollies. As there were many children present, a lolly drop was conducted where the Gladstone pilot dropped the lollies above the strip and once landed, the children went around collecting the lollies. Although we found, if you hang around the pilot whilst he is filling the plane with lollies, all it takes is Garry and I to sweet talk the pilot into giving, Dad, Garry and I a lolly without even having to run!

Lunch included a sausage sizzle and a raffle was held with prizes consisting of a microwave donated by a Gladstone member and an indoor model donated by Rory Birch. Rory and Cathy Birch set up their mobile shop at the field for the day and provided a great display of models and parts. A group photo was then taken and that saw the day out for the Rocky members present. It is sad to know that the future of the Gladstone field is in jeopardy. However all in all, the Gladstone members hosted a great event with a lot of great flying and enjoyment.

Matthew Dennis



PROPWASH PHOTOS



Left: Garry deChastel, Peter Dennis, Nick Welburn and Bert Fleetwood at the Gladstone fun fly.

Below Left:
The pit area at the Gladstone fun fly.

Below: Garry deChastel's Piper Pawnee on the morning of its maiden flight at Rocky.



Above: The pilots and models at the Gladstone fun fly.

Dates to remember

- ◆ 30th April, 1st – 2nd May – Pylon Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 8th May - 11am Club Meeting, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 14th - 15th May - Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition, Gavial Field
- ◆ 21st - 22nd May - Dalby Fly In, DMAC
- ◆ 11th - 12th June - The Doug Christiansen Memorial Weekend, MADRAMS
- ◆ 24th - 26th June - Tri City Helicopter Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ Every Tuesday - Indoor Flying at YWCA Hall, Robinson Street 6.30pm

