



# Propwash

## Monthly Newsletter

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### **Working Bee**

**11th February**

It is time for us all to chip in and help keep the facilities we all have in good order. The Toilet block is in need of attention, especially with the range of activities coming up this year.

So it is time to finally finish painting the fascia (I believe it was started 10 years ago) and evict some of the insect life making its home there. The condition of the ladies toilets has made this a priority job.

Even if you only come along to hold a ladder for someone else, many hands make light work, and we have a field to be proud of, so lets make it a pleasure for our visitors as well.

### **David Georgeson Memorial Comp**

**19th February**

The David Georgeson Memorial Competition is coming up very soon and with the change in competition rules will be open to just about anything that can stay in the air longer than 2 minutes.

This should make it a very interesting and fun competition with lots of entries. Rule details are :

Open to any aircraft

Pilot nominates his time before take off from 2 min minimum to 5 min maximum.

Motor run is to be no more than 50% of flying time in one continuous run with no motor run in the last 50% of flight.

Score is 1 point per second over or under the nominated time, pilot with the lowest score of best 3 flights out of 4 is the winner.



## BBQ days

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Nick has set the Sundays for BBQ's as the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month, or more often by request.

Menu available will be Burgers (when available at the right price) or snags with onion and bacon, still at the same old cheap price of only \$2.

Drinks available at all times for only \$1.

Keep up the great work Nick.

## Large Model Reminder

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With larger and larger models becoming very popular, it is worth noting that ALL planes over 7kg's MUST have a Large Model Inspection Certificate to be legal to fly at ANY field.

If you have a large model it is your responsibility to prove it's weight, so if your model is large but not quite 7kg's, to avoid being denied flying at any field, not just ours, get it weighed. If it is over, of course, it must be certified.

The Post Office is one of the many places that will do this for you and give you a weight receipt.

## Protocol Police are watching.

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While we are on sensitive subjects it is also time to prompt all members to abide by our clubs on field protocols for flying and safety.

It has been noted that these are slipping of late, (not just the use of the pilots box) so before an accident happens it is better to remind everyone that these protocols are there so we can all use the air space and ground space without incident.

Also a reminder that our neighbours house in the front corner is a NO FLY zone, for more reasons than just being courteous.

Our fields safety and continued use is up to you.

## Pylon Racing

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**Date:** 4th & 5th March 2006  
8am start with 4pm finish each day.

**Place:** Gavial Field

Once again this year Gavial Field will be host to a QMARA, Townsville, pylon racing meeting.

Interested flyers who are eligible (MAAA affiliated and not competing) are invited to try their hand at pylon with whatever craft they have (within reason), no fee required.

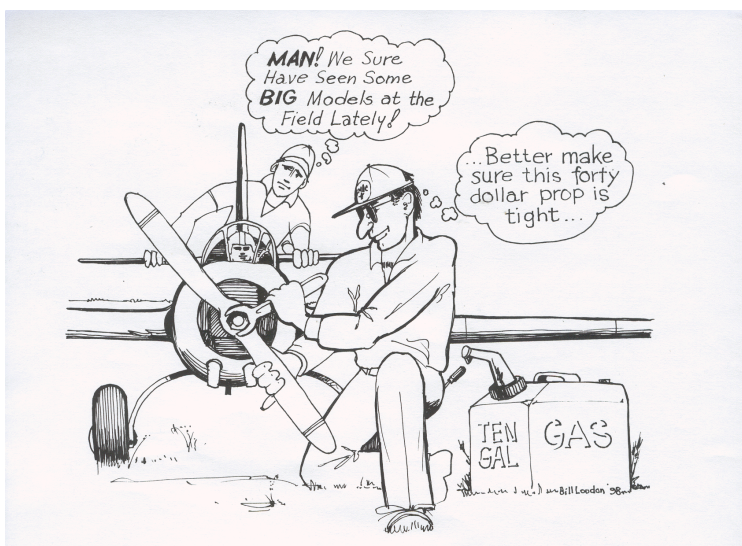
## Craft & Hobby Display

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**Date:** 12th March 2006  
6am start with 4pm finish.

**Place:** Rockhampton Heritage Village

The display proved very popular last year and this is a good chance for the club to get public exposure. We are still seeking interested members who are willing to bring some air-craft along and spend some time talking to the public.





### Yepon Clarification

Having heard only rumours about what is happening with the Springfield/Yepon side of things I contacted a member over there for clarification. Following is his response (with personal comments snipped out):

snip....

Now the misinformation about the Springfield Yepon Club is just that , misinformation. All the powered flyers that fly regularly down here are still full members of the Rockhampton Club. However , I do believe the Free Flight members have formed a Society within the Club. I am not part of it as i don't fly free flighters.....snip....

So, to answer your next question, YES, Rockhampton Free flighters and some powered flyers still do come down on the first Sunday of each month, and they are most welcome by the members who fly here all the time. After all we are all in the same Club, and Springfield is registered as the second field of the Rockhampton Club.....snip....

I thank you for contacting me on these matters , and for everyone's benefit we now have less full scale aircraft landing at the field, on occasions only the one parked here will have a fly , and we have a standing agreement with him as to letting him take-off, and an hour or so later on his return he will come into circuit, waggle his wings , signifying his intention to land , he takes a loooooong circuit giving us time to land and clear the runway, which all boils down to an interruption in our flying of 2 minutes. So no big deal. Also he has made himself and his Maul Aircraft available to do search and find if a model should get lost. He found my model when I had a fly-away last year, he took me up and we searched for 2 1/2 hours looking for Gary's model that flew away just recently, all at no cost to us members. So you see it is good to have him on our side at all times. Unfortunately we never found Gary's model. The pilots name is Bruce Rhodes, a thorough gentleman.....snip....

Hope to see you soon

Bill , aka the\_madgenius

### Shop 'n' Swap

#### **This is going to be a regular feature**

We all have model bits and pieces around that we would love to convert into something useful. Here is your chance. Each month I will put up a list of anything that you have to sell or swap.

Remember, one mans junk is another mans treasure.

MAX OS 35, minus conrod, carbie and prop washer, with spare head. MAX OS 10, minus piston, sleeve, head and prop washer. Both never been run.

Swap for any RC parts.

Contact Mike Boland

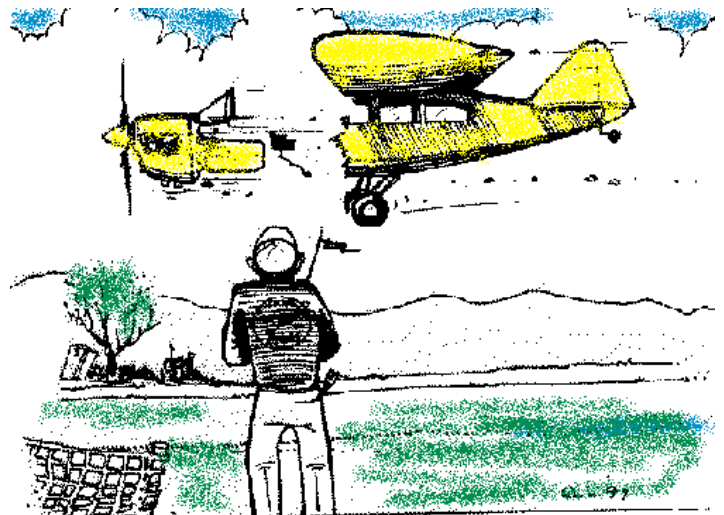
Available now the full range of Hyperion gear including Motors, Speed controllers 10 to 80Amp, Receivers 4,6 & 8 channel, Chargers, Lipo balancers, the Hyperion Emeter. and models including the Cap 232, SUKHOI 31, EXTRA 300 and HP- 3DeLIGHT as well as other flying and electrics accessories.

1 only moulded f/glass glider fuse \$20.

Aeroflight Nova .15 glow model.

Contact Rory Birch (aka: Rory's Mobile Model Supplies)

So please email your lists of stuff you want to sell or swap to [propwash@rmac.org.au](mailto:propwash@rmac.org.au)



TALK ABOUT ACCELERATION !!! ALL HE DID WAS TAKE OUT THE 120 AND PUT IN A SMALL HARLEY... YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE VERTICAL CLIMB ... IT WAS AMAZING!



## RMAC 60th Birthday Month of Celebration

### Report from the sub committee

At the meeting on Friday night the sub committee gave it's report on ideas for events to celebrate the clubs 60th birthday.

It has been proposed that we have events on 4 consecutive weekends starting some time in November (1st or 2nd weekend), comprising of:

1. BBQ day, just like every other Sunday but the club can provide free burgers and drinks, and all families are invited.
2. Promotional Display. This is a self funded and sponsored display with advertising and public attendance. Craig is organizing the day.
3. Fun Fly Weekend. This will be open to other clubs with typical fun fly competitions and prizes.
4. End of Year Breakup. This will be our usual bash at a location to be decided on a Saturday Night. Family are urged to attend and past members will also be invited.

This is a rough of the plans so far, but there is plenty of time to take on new ideas, so if you have some thoughts on the events, additions, changes, whatever, please share them.

You can email me at [propwash@rmac.org.au](mailto:propwash@rmac.org.au) or catch up with me at the field.

Mike Boland, sub committee chairman.

### Lighter side of Etiquette

- Always inform the other pilots of your intentions, your intention to takeoff, your intention to land, and your intention to make a big crater in the middle of the runway (it's always hard taxiing around those fuselage tails sticking out of the ground).

- When walking up to the runway for landing, it is impolite to walk between two people using a buddy box.

- It's considered bad manners to yell at someone who's been tying up the runway, even for a substantial length of time. After all, that's what water balloon bombs are for.

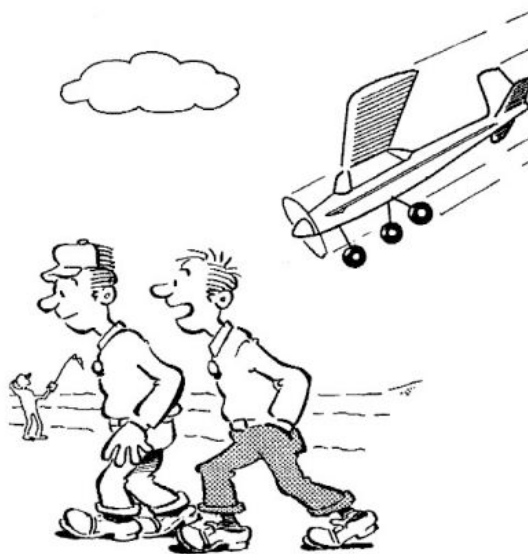
- It is the ultimate in bad manners to run over someone else's plane when backing out of the parking area, unless that plane is the only one with half a chance at beating you in the next contest.

- If a fellow flier should be unfortunate enough to seriously injure himself at the field, common courtesy demands that you should lend any assistance necessary, such as helping him Super Glue the forty-two inch long gash on his forehead together, so he can get back to the serious business of flying.

- If your aircraft goes out of control, it is polite to warn other pilots of the fact by calling out "HEADS UP!". Diving under a table and yelling "YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, SUCKERS!" is not considered appropriate behavior.

- It is not only rude but against club rules to buzz the pits, the road, or the parking area. On the other hand, the guy mowing the strip is always fair game.

- Always be considerate and patient with a beginner pilot who comes to the flying field with a trainer. Someday he'll be a reckless egotistical pilot, just like you.



*Boy, those electrics sure are quiet*

### Dates To Remember

#### Next club meeting for 2006

Friday 24th February at the Rocky Aero Club rooms.

#### Working Bee

Saturday 11th of February at Gavial Field.

#### David Georgenson Competition

Sunday 19th of February at Gavial Field.

#### Pylon Racing

4th & 5th of March at Gavial Field.

#### Craft & Hobby Display

12th of March at Heritage Village.