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Monthly Newsletter

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Condolences

Our deepest condolences to Phil Whiteley on the passing of his wife Almuth on the 22nd of October 2005.

A heart warming ceremony at the Rockhampton Crematorium on Thursday the 27th was well represented by RMAC members.

Set dates for Springfield

The monthly get together of the Yeppoon and Rockhampton fliers has now been changed to the 1st Sunday of every month.

All are welcome to attend. If you haven't seen Free Flight it is very skillful, whether

it be rubber, electric or internal combustion.

Come on down, make it early, around 6.30am, as free flight do like too much wind.

Bring your own plane and have a fly (internal combustion after 8am) on a 2km runway with very few trees.

Contact John Stevens for more details if needed.

Christmas Breakup

A social evening has been organised for Saturday the 26th of November 2005 at the Malaysia Hut, Wandal Rd (near Lion Lee Tavern). Festivities to kick off at 6pm.



ROCKHAMPTON MODEL AERO CLUB INC

As well as Malaysian and Chinese cuisine you can order Australian.

Banquets are from \$22.50 per person or individual meals can be ordered from the menu.

For catering purposes we need to know numbers. So please contact John Stevens and let him know you are coming and how many of you there will be.

www.rmac.org.au is up and running

The RMAC now owns its own domain space on the internet.

The new web address is as above, www.rmac.org.au.

The intention is keep it up to date with current information, news, copies of Propwash, and any relevant (or even irrelevant) information that may be of interest to club members and/or the public.

Input from all areas of the club is sort, so if you think anything is of interest please forward it to rmac@webcity.com.au or any

of the executive and I will endeavor to get it on the web.

If you would like to have your own area to input into yourself, please let me know as this can be arranged.

I also wish to expand the Gallery pages with up to date pictures and provide an overview of the models our members have. If you have any pictures of your models that you wouldn't mind sharing with others could you please send them to Mike Boland (email preferred) or bring them along to the flying field one Sunday.

This will also save me having to sneak up on people out at the field with the digital camera in hand :-)

Hubert has also provided us with a copy of the "History of the RMAC" book he has put together and that will also be available from the web site.

Thank you Hubert.

Club Badges

Club badges, cloth, button and self adhesive film, will now be available on Sundays at the flying field, or by contacting John Stevens.





We are also resurrecting the RMAC silk screens for the application of the club logo to fabric. So if you want a t-shirt with the RMAC logo please contact Mike Boland.

Congrats & Thanks

Congratulations, and many thanks to Nick for his donation of \$230 to the club from proceeds of BBQ's and drink sales at the field.

I, for one, really appreciate being able to get ice cold soft drinks when needed after flying.

Now that the Springfield Sundays are confirmed, 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.

Modernising Delivery

To cut down expenses and shorten delivery time I am going to be after everyones email address to send "Propwash" to.

The latest version of "Propwash" is also going to be posted to the web site every month.

Aeromodeling Definitions

Being new to the hobby I am still coming to terms with all the jargon, and being a bit of netison I found some good web sites which explain some of the often used terms. I am presenting them here to help others and also clarify their misuse.

- **Glide Time:** The time between the engine falling out and the airplane hitting the ground.
- **Aeromodeling:** The art of turning precision cut and glued balsa wood and foam into toothpicks and confetti.
- **Crash:** Method of seeing inside a model airplane.
- **Receiver:** Part of the radio that picks up interference.
- **Tank:** Temporary storage place for chemicals before they saturate the plane.
- **Elevator:** Device to prevent level flight.
- **Mixture Screw:** Device to meter too little fuel to the engine at critical moments.
- **Nose Wheel:** Device that prevents an airplane from landing without bouncing.
- **Spinner:** Critical part of landing gear
- **Luck:** Very sparse on your side, but plenty with your flying colleagues only they refer to it as SKILL.
- **Tough Luck:** This is what you usually have. Your flying colleagues refer to it as lack of skill.
- **Bad Luck:** Same as TOUGH.
- **Good Luck:** What you need the most, but rarely have.
- **Crash:** Quick method of removing radio and engine from a model to fit them in your new one.

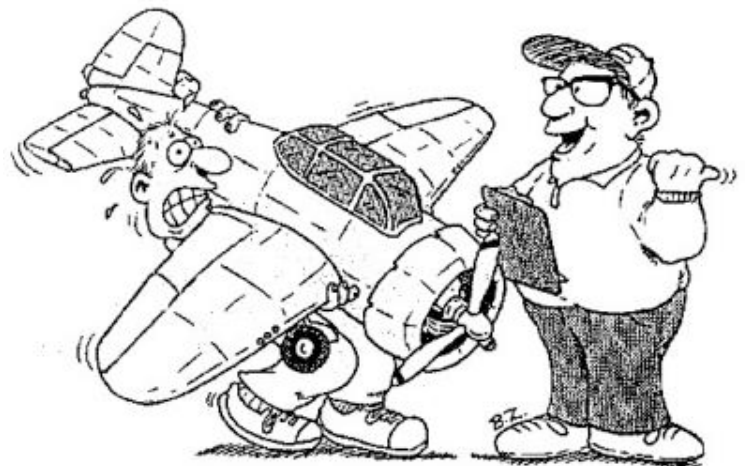


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- **Crash:** Also: Synonym for "rekitting" a model
- **Center Of Gravity:** Point in which G-forces, dedicated to separating wing from fuselage, do their stuff.
- **Cyanoacrylate:** Special glue, designed to instantly glue fingers to balsa structures.
- **Cyanoacrylate:** Also: Special glue, instantly curing when parts are misaligned, will hardly (if at all) cure when parts are correctly aligned.
- **Dead Stick:** Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries.
- **Engine:** Device designed to make noise. Will suddenly stop making this noise when beyond glide-in distance.
- **Epoxy:** The stuff that has replaced the balsa after the flying season.
- **Fail Safe:** Option on PCM radio's that allows a pilot to choose whether to crash near him, or a long way away,
- **Flare:** What someone has when they're good enough to show off.
- **Fuel Tank:** Plastic bottle, designed to leak when placed in totally inaccessible locations.
- **Fuselage:** Optional interconnecting structure between wings and engine.
- **Glitch:** What you shout when you pull up elevator while flying inverted at 10 feet.
- **Landing Gear:** Structure to separate fuselage from runway after landing. Does not always succeed in doing so.
- **Mixture Screw** - Device to meter too little fuel to engine at critical moments.
- **Pattern Plan:** Make a copy of the plans so when it crashes, you have the patterns to build another one.
- **Propeller:** Handy tool to cut away excess skin on knuckles.

- **Thermal:** Mythical occurrence of rising air - usually where one's sailplane is not.
- **Tip Stall:** Offering several minutes worth of unrequested advice to a nearby pilot instead of taking your turn to launch off the bungee.

Thanks to www.bumpygreen.com.uk for these pearls of wisdom.



"Oh, the Giant Scale check-in? ... It's that way 'bout half a mile, ... Top of the hill."

Dates To Remember

Last club meeting for the year

Friday 25th November at the Rocky Aero Club rooms.

Christmas Breakup

Saturday 26th November at the Malaysia Hut.