



Flying High



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Time Flies

It's six months since my last newsletter and I, along with most of us, wonder where the time went. At the field however it has been a very busy and interesting time with a new committee elected at the September AGM, new models (and some very old ones!) new and exciting technology and a record membership in numbers since first inception, and of course the "shed". This I know has caused some headaches and frustration to the shed sub-committee. With some luck this problem may be sorted by year's end.

Bad Luck

Abdullah's run of bad luck continues with a third crash due to Tx or RX error. Both Tx and Rx have been dispatched south for some vigorous testing. See photo of his remains of a jet plane.



Radian Spring Competition - 2012

Results of leaders up to Round Three:

15/01/12	Brett	153
	Steve W	158
05/02/12	John J	82
	Brett	93
12/02/12	Brett	101
	Jim, Dave	145

Brett reports that the competition pilots to keep an eye on are Steve W and James R with Steve as a big improver and James achieving good scores with standard props. Eleven competitors on a Sunday morning is an excellent achievement making for an entertaining sight, seeing all those planes gracing the sky and landing safely.

This Sunday is looking like another boomer again and those pilots not competing should think about getting out on to the field to study and ask questions on what the thoughts of the competitors are.

A wealth of experience is on the field to show various techniques of soaring, e.g. Graeme, Mark A and Jim come to mind.

Congratulations

to the following on successfully passing:

Bronze Wings

(G) Max Jerkic; Anthony Loveridge.

(P) Graham Emery; Alex Fisher; Terry Gore; Chris Wrightson.

(H) Ernst Hiessleitner.

Gold Wings

(P) David Toombs

G=glider; P=power; H=helicopter

Thanks

To Jeremy for his generous donation of the Classic Trainer

To Ken for procuring the electronics at no charge and Budget Hobbies for supplying the kit and electrics.

Extra thanks to Budget Hobbies for providing the club Radian at cost.

Who Do You Think You Are?

Circulating around members during Pilot's Smoko at the field, is an unknown character who goes under the pseudonym of "Box-Man". Can any throw some light on this paradoxical mystery?

Covering Balsa

Steve W has an interesting 15 minute clip on precise film covering on:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJJYkC9h4oE>

Chopper Day

Monday, 13th February at the field proved very interesting and quite different from normal when members on arrival were confronted by a life sized helicopter parked just outside the cones. It was the AGL Action Rescue Helicopter which developed engine problems and landed on our field. Police, relief pilots, mechanics were soon on hand and after repairs and a test run the chopper departed with Bo recording the noise level. Chris W looked like the cat had found a litre of cream as he sat in the cockpit and Ernie was snapped with his 700 chopper in front of the real thing.



Ernie wondering which chopper is his!



John B wondering why nothing is responding.



Chris W's attempt at high-jacking a chopper. Below – Lift off.

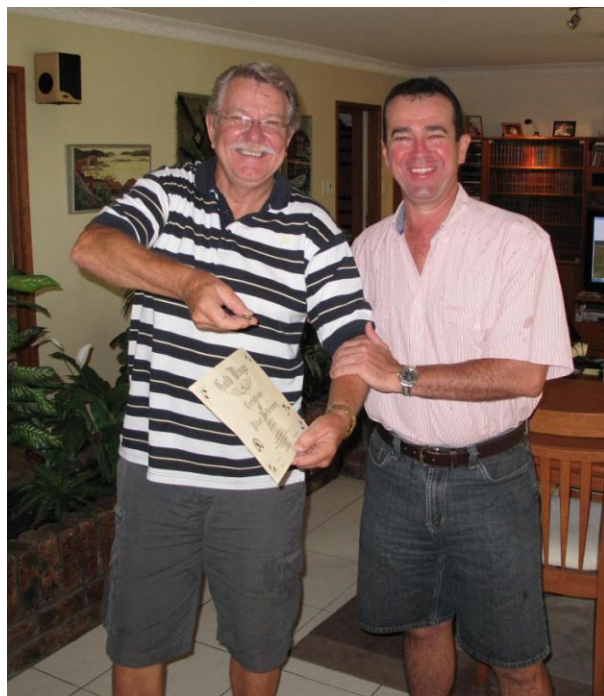




Our youngest member Cameron contemplating his future as an A380 pilot.



Could this 'ring-in' be Gil? Or, the star of "Grumpy Old Men".



David T receiving his Gold Wings (P) from Sec/Treas Bo.

New Members

We have a number of new members since September 2011.

So a big welcome to: Ethan Mowbray (J), Cameron Robinson (J), George Nicholls, Speros Koveos, Anthony Loveridge, Michael Lew, David Drysdale, Geoff Waters, Dean Turner.

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