

CMAC SKY LOOP

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CLUB NEWS

Cowra Club will be running a Pattern Comp on the 4th and 5th November. This was originally planned for Belconnen. We will need members who are available to help out with organisation, cooking and pencilling for the judges. So check your diaries now and support the club.

Also in November is the next Seaplane event. This is being held at Wallerawang on the weekend of the 25th and 26th. So it's time you got yourself a pair of floaties (sorry, floats) and get going! A number of our members have attended this event in past recent years and say it's a great weekend.

Safety Officer stuff

Mike made 4 sets of mower/padlock keys but I can only locate 2. If you have a set please let me know. The only person who really needs a set are the people on duty and safety officer.

Please have a look at the roster to see when you are on.

For everyone's information, the electric fence is not in operation because I am about to install another unit when I have a bit of time. Hasn't been a problem at the moment as there hasn't been a lot of grazing pressure in the paddock.

If anyone knows where to put their hands on two Honda 90 rear compression springs (or similar) please let me know so that we can replace the broken end unit springs ASAP.

**NEXT CMAC MEETING IS ON
Thursday 28 September at 6pm
AT SABURO NAGAKURA PARK**

(Head out of town along Binni Creek Roadl, as if going to Andy's place. The park is at the top of the hill, opposite the Ag Research Station.) *Come to a FREE FEED and test the Club's new Rissole and have discussion on this.* **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, ETC.**

MEETING AGENDA

**Pattern Competition
Discussion of Open Day
Progress on new flying site**

The DH60 project progress

The Sir Geoffrey DeHaviland Appreciation Society has met pretty consistently around in Andrew Carpenter's shed over the last month to chew the fat and to do a bit of building. Progress is a bit slower than expected (isn't it always) but we should have the 3 Moths airborne by the end of September. In fact, Mike's took to the air about 2 weeks ago and Andrew and I are racing each other to see who will get the wooden spoon. Just a bit more work on the wings then covering to go...easy!



The "Oily Hand" Wash-up

The "Oily Hand Days", held on the 19th and 20th of August, was attended by 20 other loving modellers who flew a range of diesel powered models. Flyers came from Sydney, Orange, Dubbo, Narromine, Gosford, Condobolin, Canowindra and even Wombat. Free Flight, Radio Control and Control Line models were flown; the meeting also attracted a number of control line flyers keen to see more of their type flying. They were not disappointed.

Engines ranged from a 0.3cc Peter Burford creation, to a very professional diesel conversion of the ubiquitous OS LA-40 which really hooted along in its *Ugly Stik*. The engine conversion was done by Bob Fisher of Gosford City Aeromodellers, and was extremely successful, producing far more performance than the glow version of the engine.

Also from Gosford, Phil Poole delighted watchers with his Mills powered Free Flight models which even managed to avoid damaging any trees. Merv Bell from Dubbo was not so lucky and had to leave with one of his models "up a gum tree." The model didn't just fly into the tree but first circled it, then flew into it!

Mike Leys flew his PAW 2.49cc powered SIG Kadet Seniorita several times. The motor without its muffler doesn't throttle all that well but it produces plenty of power swinging a 9x6 prop and dragged the very light model up to great heights on just 2 oz. of fuel to then thermal around for a leisurely dead-stick landing some time later.

The boys from Gosford also demonstrated a number of extremely maneuverable fast stunt models powered by 1.5cc and 2.5cc diesels and some older team race types. Our Andy was seen on the handle of one of these at one stage.

Mike with his PAW 2.49cc powered Kadet Seniorita which flew really well both days.



Lunch both days was catered for by Mike who dished up the club's famous "Rissolle-on-a-bun" and drinks to keep the crowd well fed and happy. Andy did the honours for breakfast with the traditional "Egg-and-bacon-roll." These were also very well received, many coming back for more — one bloke, three times! Andy and Phil did some cooking too and provided the rock cakes and scones, jam and cream for afternoon tea.

The weather was mostly kind with just a bit of wind on Saturday afternoon and flying continued pretty much continuously on both days.

All participants agreed the weekend had been a great success and were asking when the next one would be, so I guess we will do it all again next year. How about a 1.5cc control line race for plain bearing motors (40 foot lines) or a "stand a long way off" diesel powered scale competition (R/C and C/L judged by the participants?) Well off you go to eBay, get an engine and start building now!

Mike Leys



Phil Poole of the Gosford Club with his new Free Flight, Ajax powered 0.8cc Mills.

His older version was the first model to fly in the still Saturday morning air.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

(RC Modeller Magazine - July 1995)

SLIPPING PROPS

A good many of us like to use the spinners that have a cast aluminium backplate and plastic cone. The back of the backplate is smooth not knurled. When cranking an engine, the pinner backplate sometimes slips against the knurled thrust washer on the engine, allowing the prop to shift from the desired propping position. To stop this, use four strips of masking tape on the backside of the backplate. This gives the drive washer something to bite into, and the masking tape adheres quite tenaciously and is very simple to do.