

# Propwash

May 2009

## From the President



The year is getting away from us very quickly, but there is still plenty of good flying weather so best come out and utilise your facilities.

Once again congratulations' to Ken Turner on his life membership, it's a good thing that we acknowledge the people that have made aero modeling what it is today.

Woody seems to create plenty of discussion no matter what he does but he is starting to go too far now, so we all wish him well in his recovery from his illness and hope to see him at the field soon.

The other thing that is coming up soon will be the AGM, this is a good time to put your hand up for a position on the committee, a truly rewarding experience if no one has your phone number (just joking).

Lastly if you have a few minutes between flights it would be helpful if some of the branches and twigs could be picked up to keep the grounds neat and tidy.

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The mother who replies to the question "What do you want for Mothers Day?" with "If you loved me, you'd know what I want!" gets a plane.

End of story.

A Sales Rep, an Administration Clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a Genie comes out, the Genie say's, "I will give each of you just one wish" "Me first said the Admin Clerk. I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speed boat, without a care in the world.

"Puff" She's gone. Me next said the Sales Rep. I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life. 'Puff' He's gone.

Ok, you're up said the Genie to the Manager.

"I want them two back in the office after lunch"

**Moral of the story: Always let your boss have first say.**

### From The Editor:

Welcome to the May 09 edition of the Propwash news letter.

No doubt most members would be aware of the unfortunate incident that occurred to Robin "Woody" Woodhead during transport of his "Spruce Goose" model to the Busselton flyin on 16th of April. The good news is that he is improving from his ordeal and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Club members like the general public who viewed this model at the flyin are all anxious to see it in the air.

We hope that you can soon arrive back home get fit and well and progress to complete this unique model for test flight.

Don't forget Mothers Day on the 10th I am sure she would appreciate a new scale model plane for you to build and fly for her.

### Remember !!

All items / photos can be Emailed to me when ever they occur so they can be included in the next edition of the newsletter

### Dates to Remember

AGM	June 2009 date to be fixed
May 10th	Mothers Day
October 25th	38 Antique competition

**Congratulations Ryan**

Congratulations to Ryan McPharlane on achieving his "Bronze Wings" accreditation on Sunday 22nd March. Ryan has only been flying for a few months and went solo two weeks ago, only to turn up on this day and complete his Bronze Wing rating without any difficulty. At aged 10 this is quite an achievement and it's great to see younger pilots taking on the sport and enjoying it.

The weekend after he went solo he was observed doing a great job hanging the plane on the prop, yes, just like Clint does, and also doing Knife edges across the sky. Keep up the good work Ryan, the skills you have shown to date indicates that you have a great future in model flying, the sky's the limit.



Scott arrived at the field on Sunday morning with the model shown below, it is an electric fan driven jet which is a compact unit and performed very well during the test flight. He obviously did not have a lot of confidence in it's ability to fly as he was over heard stating that he has not painted it yet, if the test flight is successful he would arrange a colour scheme and change it's appearance.



*Clint preparing to fly at a recent flyin, refer to page 8*



*It will not fly with your radio Clint !*



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter

What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, 3 were on a beer can,  
2 were on the phone.

**Sign in a Laundromat:**

Automatic washing machines: Please remove all your cloths when the light goes out

The Bunbury Aero Club conducted a flyin on Saturday 21st March and some members from SWARMS were invited along to put on a flying display around midday. There appeared to be no official program being followed during the morning and when the time came around for the display to take place the three members Ian Clapp, Scott Pittick and Clint Richardson moved their planes onto the main runway to commence the display.

Ian was the first one to take to the sky for a short display, there appeared to be no co-ordination with take off and landings as planes just made their way onto the strip for take off so Ian landed and moved out of the way.

Scott and Clint were given clearance to fly so both took off for a very short fly as two small planes taxied onto the strip for take off so both landed to give them clearance, then there were planes on final approach to land so the boys made a decision not to fly anymore and cleared the strip. They were advised that they could fly again a bit later but the damage had already been done and the models were wheeled back to the hanger and dismantled.

A couple of photos of the planes and the smiling pilots prior to the display, the expressions on their faces had changed some what after they had been disrupted during their display and no photos were aloud after the decision had been taken not to fly anymore.



The object below was found under the wing of Clint's plane as he dismantled it in the hanger, the organiser's were not sure if it had been dropped by a young child or a mother had dropped it while she was observing the planes. What's your guess ???



*Water bomber during a display down the strip.*



A beautifully prepared and preserved old bi-plane on display ready to take off for a fly by. The owner pilot put together the plan and constructed this from scratch. I believe it was designed from a photo and with it's radial engine at full revs it sounded impressive to.



## WOW !!

No ! This is not a segment from a women's magazine, it is not an entrant in a beauty contest, it is our own woman pilot who frequents the field on a regular basis, quite a bit different in presentation than she appears in this picture. This is a photo of our own Sarah Jones prior to attending her school ball recently, when I found this photo (it dropped off the back of a truck) I was presently surprised and can understand why her dad was so proud of his daughter on this very special occasion.

Sarah if you were a guy I would have said that you scrub up pretty well, I hope that your evening was an enjoyable experience for you. You have done us all proud.



My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a set of scales.

And then the fight started...

If you need a laugh, try reading through these Irish children's science exam answers:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollution like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

*As promised in the last edition here are the remaining 17 Club By-Laws as refresher material:*

**8.** Pilots shall call intentions for take-off, dead stick landing, touch and go and landing. At all times the pilot shall not proceed with the manoeuvre without first receiving a definite acknowledgement from all the other pilots except in the instance of a dead stick landing.

**9.** A powered aircraft dead stick and/or glider shall have right of way at all times.

**10.** Children are not permitted in the flying area unless under the direct supervision of an adult.

**11.** No member shall remain tuning and/or starting an engine on the runway. If there is a problem the aircraft shall be moved to the ready box for re-adjustment.

**12.** All modelers shall move their aircraft after starting to the ready box area to tune and rev their engine to full power to check performance. Where possible it is recommended that models be started in the ready box.

**13.** Effective silencers must be used on engines except where competition classes permit tuned pipes and/or the exclusion of mufflers. Those who fly noisy aircraft may be requested by the Committee and/or Safety Officer to land and rectify the problem before further flying the model.

**14.** No member shall consume alcohol prior to or whilst flying.

**15.** Every member shall be responsible for ensuring that they and any visitor/s in their charge are aware of the Club flying and safety rules.

**16.** The last person leaving the field shall secure the field facilities, pit and car-park electric fence gates and lock the main gate.

**17.** All members shall comply with the conditions of the Lease Agreement.

**18.** Models over 7.5 kg in all up weight must have permits to fly. Enquire about permits from your Committee Members.

**19.** Instructions given by the Safety Officer of the day shall be adhered to.

**20.** Smoking shall only be permitted within the confines of the car-park.

**21.** Trainee pilots will be covered by an Instructor's insurance for TWO flying dates only. After those TWO flying dates it is expected that the trainee shall have obtained adequate insurance in accordance with the MAAA insurance policy. Instruction is provided under the strict understanding that "All care is taken however owners will be deemed to be responsible for all eventualities including damage to their models.

**22.** Any amendments to these rules should be proposed by a notice of motion and voted on by the members as per the Constitution.

**23.** No member shall use other peoples equipment without the prior approval of the owner.

**24.** The landlord is not responsible for the electric fence.

It is in your interest to observe these rules above, use **COMMONSENSE** and **FLY SAFELY** and enjoy your chosen hobby.



Presentation of Life Membership certificate to SWARMS was made to Ken Turner at a recent club meeting by President Grahame.

***Safety tip from Paul Dodge !***

I went for a fly today with my 26cc gas powered Extra 300 and the engine seemed to be wanting to cut out after a few minutes. I decided to land and noticed that the engine stopped on taxing back.

I then found I couldn't draw any fuel through to the carby even though there was fuel left in the tank. On closer examination I found that the vent pipe has welded itself to the exhaust (see photo) and sealed itself. Obviously a petrol engine gets a lot hotter than a methanol one - so be warned everyone and keep your fuel lines well away from the engine especially the exhaust manifold!



As indicated in the last edition of Propwash the club had been asked to put on a static display at the Busselton Aero Club Fly In on Sunday 19th April. This was discussed at a club meeting, which I was away for, and there was not enough interest shown by members to support this so it was decided not to proceed, on my return from Karratha I had a message to ring Woody re the show.

Woody had an article on his "Spruce Goose" project in the local news paper and he had been contacted to see if he would display it at the Flyin and he indicated that he would but wanted some support from the club so I told him I would come down with a few planes and help out.

I spoke with him on Wednesday and he indicated that Ian Stephenson from the Aero Club would come and assist with the transport from Dunsborough to Busselton on the Thursday.

I arrived at the airport Sunday morning to set up only to learn that Woody had experienced a heart attack whilst transporting his plane and was in intensive care in Perth but was stable. Well the show went on in his absence and there was a lot of interest shown in his model from all ages during the day and all asked when it was going to fly as they were all keen like the rest of the SWARMS members to actually see it in the air.

One couple that I spoke to at the show were very excited to see the model as they had just returned from Unites States where they has actually been and seen the real model that Howard Hughes had built which is now on display in a museum there. It was surprising during discussions to hear the number of people who knew all about the real flying boat and it's history, a three page handout with all the relevant details and history was available to take and read. I printed off 50 copies and only has 3 left at the end of the day.

The attached photos show the "Spruce Goose" in all it's glory, from all angles, dwarfing the other planes on display on the day.

*Port side views*



*Starboard side view*



Heard on a Southwest Airline flight - "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

Couple more pics of the display at the flyin.



Clint doing a flyby inverted and pretty low.



**Sign outside a secondhand shop:**

We Exchange anything – bicycles, washing machines, Tv's, cameras etc.

Why not bring your wife in and get a wonderful bargain ?

Clint and Scott were invited to an 80th Birthday & flyin for full size aircraft, and got to fly off the full size strip several times on the Saturday, and all Sunday Morning. Beaut weather, and huge open grass area to fly, (also used as a turf farm) at a guess about 800m long by about 300 or 400m wide.

The gent who's 80th it was has been flying for 50 years, and built several aircraft (Mainly Vans RVs) and flew in his own plane for the day (was a surprise party for him) About 25 Full size aircraft and a helicopter attended, plus us two put on a bit of a display when the aircraft were grounded.

Good w/end had by all, with stunning calm weather, overcast Saturday, but blue skies Sunday.

The owner Colin Coxal was very welcoming and indicated we are welcome to fly there with arrangement, so maybe we can organise a bit of a swarms outing/camp one weekend for something different? Thanks Scott

**What a way to travel to a party**



It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane:

“Would you like dinner ?” the flight attendant asked the Man seated in the front row.

What are my choices ?” the man asked

“Yes or No,” She replied

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**Notice in a farmer's field:**

The Farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free.

“BUT” the Bull charges.

