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South West Associated Radio Modelers Society

# Propwash

## June 2009

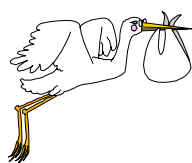
### From the President



Firstly, I would like to thank the members that have taken up committee positions this year I do hope you will find it a rewarding experience. The new financial year is upon us I hope that all of our members will recommit for another year at what is one of the best flying venues in Australia but this only comes with a bit of hard work to keep the field up to scratch.

Before we know it the scale meet will be upon us so if you have anything to contribute as in time to do a bit around the field or maybe a new idea come talk to the committee after all it's your club.

While I think of it have you got your model ready the time is going quickly and I had better get back to my projects.



**"Congratulations"** to Jackie & Scott on the safe arrival of their second daughter recently, looks like we have a couple of budding female pilots in the wings.



A special thanks to John Knowles who is the retiring canteen manager, John has performed this role for some time now keeping everyone happy with his special pies menu on Sunday mornings.

He has also catered for all of the major events at the field over the past years. I believe he has now been contracted to "Chief Ramsey" !!

#### Dates to Remember

26th / 27th Sept	Scale Rally
October 24th	38 Antique State Titles comp
October 25th	Texaco State Championship

### From The Editor:

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

In this issue I have included an article on "Heart Attack" signs, symptoms and treatment, page 9, as one of our members had a recent experience with this condition and as we increase in age we may also increase in risk.

Maybe modeling & flying could be a contributing factor to increasing the risk of heart attack, when some members come in from the flight line after a maiden flight they certainly have an increased pulse rate and a bad attack of the shakes. (or is this just an adrenaline rush)

Time to start preparing for the Scale Rally if you don't already have a model to fly, this is normally a top weekend and all members are encouraged to take part either flying or assisting at the field on the weekend. I noticed these couple of dates to remember in the June Windssock, still to be confirmed.

### 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

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Key points from AGM 14th June 09

The officers Bearers who were elected for the 2009/10 year are as follows:

- President: Grahame Woodcock
- Secretary: Scott Pittick
- Treasurer: Anthony Amadio
- Propwash Editor: Ron Waller
- Canteen Manager: Dave Holt
- Safety Officers: Dennis Green, Bernie Rowney, Brady Goff, Damien Jilley.

It was agreed that the membership fees should remain the same as the previous year as there had been no increase in the affiliation fees to AWA..

Discussions around the fee for self funded retirees was conducted and it was agreed that they should pay the same as a retired member.

The annual fees set for 2009/10 season:

Senior: SWARMS \$155:00	AWA/MAAA \$95:00
<b>Total \$250:00</b>	
Pensioner:SWARMS \$145:00	AWA/MAAA \$85:00
<b>Total \$230:00</b>	
Junior: SWARMS \$40:00	AWA/MAAA \$40:00
<b>Total \$80:00</b>	
Associate:SWARMS \$105:00	AWA/MAAA \$95:00
<b>Total \$200:00</b>	

Once off \$50 nomination fee for new members (excluding Juniors)

Fees need to be paid prior to 30th June or members will not be permitted to fly due to insurance cover issues.

Snippets from General Meeting 14th June 09

It was agreed that the annual Scale Rally be conducted on the weekend of the 26th September, Monday being the Queen’s Birthday holiday.

Further discussion will be held closer to the date to arrange catering and any other details necessary.

Concerns were raised about some safety issues that had occurred at the field and discussion relating to these were held, as a result the following was to be implemented immediately to prevent a reoccurrence:

- A) When a new model is having it’s maiden flight or the first flight after a major repair to a plane the flight line must be clear and other pilots are not permitted to fly until the test plane has completed it’s flight.

- B) There is to be only one flight line at any time during a flying session, all pilots must stand on that flight line for the duration of their flight. When wind direction changes the flight line must be moved as soon as practical to comply with this standard
- C) Confirmation has been received from AWA re who is legally eligible to train new pilots at the field, it stated that this is an individual club decision, however it strongly recommended that the person conducting the training be at least Gold Wing proficiency.

Issues relating to site rubbish were raised and it was agreed that due the amount of rubbish that accumulates over a period of time by placing it into the large bins and then it becomes a problem for it’s disposal, that the large bins be removed and that the rubbish that accumulates on a daily basis should be removed by the individual members.

The large bins will be used for special functions were it is anticipated that a larger quantity of rubbish will be generated for disposal.

It was agreed that a sign be erected at the field highlighting the golden rules that are applicable to the club, this should not include all the By-Laws of the club but the rules flyers should be aware of prior to flying at the field.  
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Scott & Grahame share a joke about the end of their reign as Kevin is seen very concerned, still trying to balance the books. (This was before the meeting commenced.)



Grahame & Scott retained their positions both re-elected unopposed. Kevin handed the reigns of treasurer over to Anthony Amadio.

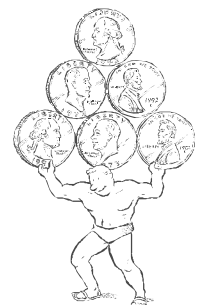
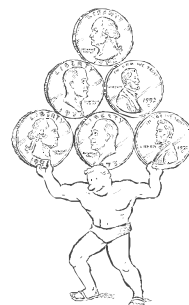
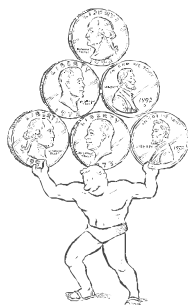
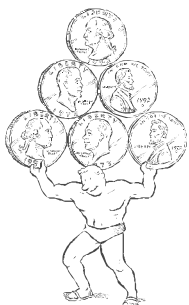
**INCOME**

	Membership fees	Canteen Income	Raffle	Scale rally	Clothing/caps	Total
	\$					\$
Jul-08	3,310.00					3,310.00
Aug-08	\$500.00					500.00
Sep-08	\$590.00		\$168.05			758.05
Oct-08	\$510.00			\$263.30		773.30
Nov-08	\$630.00					630.00
Dec-08		\$230.00				230.00
Jan-09	\$87.00				\$45.00	132.00
Feb-09		\$382.27				382.27
Mar-09						-
Apr-09						-
May-09	\$72.50					72.50
Jun-09		\$391.60				391.60
Total	\$ 5,699.50	\$ 1,003.87	\$168.05	\$263.30	\$45.00	\$ 7,179.72
Total income						

**PAYMENTS**

	AWA fees	Canteen expenses	Field lease	Toilet	Scale rally	Gas	Maintenance	Insurance	Total
Jul-08	\$1,350.00		\$1,367.52				\$650.10	\$444.85	\$3,812.47
Aug-08	\$190.00						\$36.18		\$226.18
Sep-08	\$325.00			\$88.00		\$106.70	\$466.51		\$986.21
Oct-08	\$170.00				\$75.28				\$245.28

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<b>Nov-08</b>	\$270.00						\$169.00		\$	<b>439.00</b>
<b>Dec-08</b>						\$106.70			\$	<b>106.70</b>
<b>Jan-09</b>									\$	<b>-</b>
<b>Feb-09</b>		\$112.07							\$	<b>112.07</b>
<b>Mar-09</b>				\$88.00					\$	<b>88.00</b>
<b>Apr-09</b>							\$217.60		\$	<b>217.60</b>
<b>May-09</b>	\$47.50								\$	<b>47.50</b>
<b>Jun-09</b>						\$99.70			\$	<b>99.70</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2,352.50	\$ 112.07	\$ 1,367.52	\$ 176.00	\$ 75.28	\$ 313.10	\$ 1,539.39	\$ 444.85		
<b>Total pay-ments</b>									\$	<b>6,380.71</b>

1/07/2008	opening bal- ance	\$ 12,724.17
Unpresented chqs prior 1-7-08		0
	Income	\$ 7,179.72
	Total receipts	\$ 19,903.89
	Total pay-ments	\$ 6,380.71
<b>2008-09 profit / loss</b>		<b>\$ 13,523.18</b>
<b>Net profit 2008-09</b>		<b>\$ 799.01</b>

**DO MEN REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES ?**

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her dressing gown and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee.

'What's the matter, dear?' she whispers as she steps into the room, 'Why are you down here at this time of night?' The husband looks up from his coffee, 'I am just remembering when we first met 20 years ago and started dating. You were only 16. Do you remember back then?' he says solemnly.

The wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring, so sensitive.

'Yes, I do' she replies.

The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily.

'Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?'

'Yes, I remember!' said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continues. 'Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?'

'I remember that too' she replies softly.

He wipes another tear from his cheek and says...

***'I would have been released today.'***



At a recent Sunday morning flying session Bernie Rowney was summoned to the club house by Clint Richards the Safety Officer , he was advised that they needed to discuss some safety issues about Bernie's flying. He is pictured here seated ready to face the music.



His concern soon changed to surprise when President Grahame stepped forward to make a significant presentation to Bernie, he was awarded Life Membership of SWARMS. Bernie is a worthy recipient of this award as he has contributed to both the club and it's members over many years and is still an active and respected member.

Congratulation from all the members and we trust that you will continue to contribute whilst you are still active and enjoying your flying and involvement in the sport.



***What's the difference between Mums & Dads?***

- 1.Mums work at work and work at home and Dads just go to work at work.
- 2.Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
- 3.Dads are taller & stronger, but Mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
- 4.Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

***Congratulations:*** to Ryan McPharlane who recently obtained his Bronze Wing accreditation, pictured here with Scott presenting him with his proficiency certificate



***Pics from the AGM***



Two of the long term members of the club, Dennis and Bernie, are seen here talking tactics prior to the meeting commencing. (They did not disrupt the business session)





*The World of Electrics!*

Dennis Green has converted all his planes to electric and is now having a ball with his flying, he was convinced by wife Brenda to go this way as he has struggled for around 14 months with hip problems. This prevented him from comfortably getting down on the start line and starting his fuel system planes which lead to him not being able to enjoy his flying, he was lucky to get one flight in during the morning due to the discomfort and fatigue he would experience, he now gets around six flights a session.

He has since had two hip operations which initially also restricted him bending or walking any distance, and at times he has been seen walking long distances around the field, mainly to retrieve dead stick landing that have come down short of the runway. (I think Brenda got a bit sick of being the Pit Crew and retrieving models as well)

All the preparation for electric flight is done in the upright position which really suits his condition, nil bending. He now has a variety of different models with different powered motors and batteries as a result of experimentation with these models. This has been the resurrection of Dennis's flying, when he alights from his van at Sunday morning flying sessions there is now a procession from the van to the flight line with a variety of models ready for the mornings flying.

It is a pleasure standing on the flight with Dennis when he is flying as you have no difficult hearing if the motor on your own plane has gone dead stick.

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Here is the latest conversion from petrol to electric and he indicated that it fly's better now than it ever did.



The motor is quiet large as the photo details here.



The battery, pictured here is even larger and is a considerable weight.



A neat little Bi-Plane that also performs well in light winds. (I believe this was Brenda's birthday present)



Another real Bonus is there is no fuel mixing problems, balsa deterioration from fuel exposure or any cleaning required at the end of the day.

The type of things that I have to endure when I go training in Karratha. (Someone's got to do it)



*Interesting signs that have been observed on display:*

**Did I read that sign right?**

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

**In a Laundromat:**

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

**In a London department store:**

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

**In an office:**

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

**In an office:**

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

**Outside a secondhand shop:**

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

**Notice in health food shop window:**

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

**Spotted in a safari park:(I sure hope so)**

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR !!

**Seen during a conference:**

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

**Message on a leaflet:**

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSON

**AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES**

**1** If you're chocking on an ice cube, simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. Presto ! The blockage will instantly remove itself.

**2** Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them for you while you chop

**3** Avoid arguments with females about lifting the toilet seat, just use the sink.

**4** For high blood pressure sufferer's simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins and arteries, remember to use a timer.

**5** A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

**6** If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you will be to afraid to cough.

**7** You only need two tools in your life, WD 40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and it should use WD 40, if it shouldn't move and it does use the Duct Tape.

**8** Remember, everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

**9** If you can't fix it with a hammer then it's an electrical problem.

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Bubba died in a fire and his body was burned pretty badly. The morgue needed someone to identify the body, so they sent for his two best friends, Cooter and Gomer.

The three men had always done everything together. Cooter arrived first, and when the mortician pulled back the sheet, Cooter said, 'Yup, his face is burned up pretty bad.

You better roll him over  
The mortician rolled him over and Cooter said, 'Nope, ain't Bubba.' The mortician thought this was rather strange.

So he brought Gomer in to confirm the identity of the body Gomer looked at the body and said, 'Yup, he's pretty well burnt up. Roll him over.'

The mortician rolled him over and Gomer said, 'No, it ain't Bubba. The mortician asked, 'How can you tell?' Gomer said, 'Well, Bubba had two assholes

"What? He had two assholes?" asked the mortician

"Yup, we never seen em", but everybody used to say,

***'There's Bubba with them two assholes !!***



*Interesting article on Spectrum system compliments of Paul Dodge :*

The latest edition of RCM news made a comment about Spectrum systems dropping out sometimes. I have also found this when I first started using a Spectrum 7 set which I've had for 2 years now.

My plane went into 'latch up' (ie no response mode for several seconds) just before the final turn which dire consequences. After correspondence with JR and forums I found a few interesting things out – hopefully they are all true!

Firstly the short 1" antennae had been coiled up inside a bit of foam rubber which is a no-no – they need to be pointing straight out. However the antennae on the other smaller Rx were OK so I don't think this caused the problem. Secondly I think an out of range condition resumes immediate control when range is re-established and at that stage I was holding my Tx above my head etc and the plane was only about 200m away. So I don't think that was the problem but worth noting.

The other more important thing I found out was that the Rx has to have a voltage above 3.7V (or thereabouts) to operate properly and even a small glitch will cause a power outage. This was verified by one of the club members who has a variable voltage power supply. Once the Rx sees a power outage it then appears to go through a start up program to re-establish the link and this can take several seconds which is a long time when you're about to crash!

This low voltage could happen with say a partly discharged 5V battery and using digital servos which is what I had (as per the standard items supplied with the system). Part of the answer was to install a high capacity electrolytic capacitor in one of the spare servo inputs. I used a 2200uF/16V with very short leads (10mm). Spectrum recommend a special type with low inductance but I used one from Dick Smiths for around a dollar. If you choose a short fat one then it should have a low inductance by design. The other part of the solution is to use 6V batteries instead of 5V batteries - I think this is the most important change to make. Anyway I haven't had any problems since I made these changes.

The concerns that Paul had, above, were included in an Email to Brian Green, his response is in next column.

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**How did God make mothers?**

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mum just the same like he made me.  
He just used bigger parts.

Hi Paul,

What you have found is correct.

I have covered this extensively in the next issue of RCM News.

JR have dropped the low voltage cut out level of the 2.4 stuff to improve the reliability with low performing batteries.

I would also suggest you use a digi switch instead of the slide switch. It drops less voltage under load.

Desert Aircraft have them.

I am just about to go flying with me new JR Spectrum system. The manual with my JR 2.4 does clearly state the requirement for adequate power supply and what happens if it is not good enough.

From memory 4 Milli seconds to regain control after signal loss.

Several second to reboot after low voltage.

Regards

Brian Green

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Nature at it's best, a perfect touch & go.



May be this should be a touch and go also, does not look like it's going to be a good outcome for this flyer !!





June Edition Medical /First Aid Tips



**ABOUT HEART ATTACKS !!**

Heart attacks account for many deaths in Australia each year, the importance placed on Urgent Medical attention when a person experiences the symptoms of an attack will greatly improve the outcome of such an event. 75% of all heart attacks occur in the home !!

The signs and symptoms that usually occur during a heart attack can be, severe, moderate to mild pain located in the chest, it can radiate down into the left arm, also radiate up into the Jaw.

As well as nausea, sweating and pale cold clammy skin, which is an indication of shock, there may be a shortness of breath.

**NOTE :** There may also be no pain in the chest during an heart attack.

The majority of people (about 60%) who had an heart attack during their sleep, did not wake during the attack up because of the pain. However, if a severe attack occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep.

If you experience these symptoms immediately call an ambulance, state that you have severe, moderate to mild chest pain and difficulty in breathing, sit down and relax and dissolve an Aspirin, if you have no allergies to them, under the tongue ( or taken with small amount of water)

It is important to always have ASPIRIN in the home of persons who are at risk of having a heart attack.

Aspirin coats the red blood vessels and minimizes clotting, it is also designed to lower blood pressure

Remain seated in an upright position of comfort, it is not advisable to lay down as the pain is likely to intensify. Restrict any movement, remain calm and wait the arrival of the Ambulance. Do not attempt to walk outside to meet the Ambulance as this will greatly increase the workload of the heart.



**Men Are Just Happier People.**

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack.

You can never be pregnant. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another petrol station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks and engines. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons.

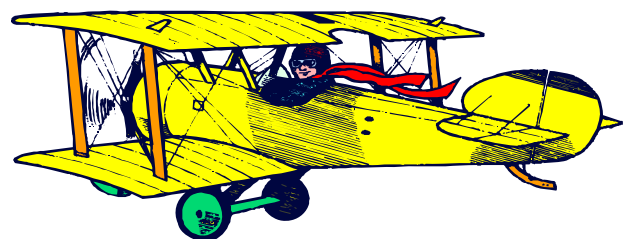
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife...

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

**"No wonder men are happier."**



**Catch you when we fly into the next edition !!**