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South West Associated Radio Modelers Society

Propwash

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From the President



We are fast approaching the end of another year and it is time to reflect on what has occurred in and around the field during that period, the one thing that had the most impact on me personally was being elected to the Presidents roll in June and handing over the Propwash editors job that I had held for almost eight years.

The field expansion project discussions were the main highlight for the year with a number of proposals put forward for implementation over the next three years. The only one completed to date is the relocation of the North boundary fence. I consider it is time we moved forward with the costing for each stage of these proposals early in 2014 and look at available funding to cover these costs.

Some of the proposals I believe are a nice to have and realistically we may not be financially viable enough to complete, however,

however, if costing is completed on all stages then a more indepth review of these can be conducted to see which ones are achievable projects and they then need to be prioritised and the tasks scheduled for completion.

The Scale flyin weekend was another success with good attendance particularly on the Sunday, the West Jets members who attended provided a bit of variation with their presents, models and flying skills. The Saturday night BBQ was well attended and overall those who attended the weekend enjoyed the flying, venue and camaraderie show by the SWARMS members.

On a sadder note we farewelled our past President Grahame and wife Pat who decided to migrate east to Queensland to be closer to their family, Grahame has contributed immensely towards the club during his time here not just as President.

I have been in contact with Grahame since he arrived safely at his destination and he was not

happy as he indicated he had flown his models at Grafton Club and was charged a landing fee of \$5, as I said not a happy pilot.

I would like to open up a forum for discussions amongst members on how we can attract and retain new members into the sport and in particular the club. We have good facilities and a friendly environment for new members we just need to get out there and promote and sell the club. Would like to hear from any member who has any ideas on how we can achieve this in 2014.

Remember !!

If you have an apple and I have an apple and if we exchange these apples then you and I still each have one apple.

But, if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us has two ideas.

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Dates to Remember	
Meeting	TBA
Last one	Cancelled

Think about it and feel free to discuss any proposal for achieving an increase in members with myself or any committee member at your leisure. If you are aware any public functions coming up where we can display our models and interact with the general public to promote the club please let me know as this is a good face to face approach that works.

As usual at this time of the year the weather is not conducive to good flying conditions but it does promote some meaningful verbal discussions over a coffee for those who have been turning up at the field on a Sunday morning.

A "BIG" thank you to Brady for his efforts in keeping the field in good condition with his continued mowing of the infield and slashing of the outfield throughout the year, it is much easier to find and retrieve a model if the unfortunate incident occurs when the field is maintained to this standard.

I would like to wish all members and their families a prosperous and merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year and look forward to sharing the skies with you all in 2014..



Grahame's Send off at Capel Tavern



Not sure who is handballing what....



Maybe the presidents role?

Scale Rally 2013

More photos on the Facebook Page



Busy Pits



Winners are grinners!



WestJet crew had some nice models



Fantastic Turbo Prop — Sounded the real deal



Shane's very very fast Ultra Flash



Close up of Rays Swordfish business department

SCALE RALLY 2013

Woodys B29 Bomber is well under way and will be powered by 4 x DLE-20 Petrol Engines. I stopped by to say hello and have a look and Woody is doing a fantastic job with the build.



One engine is not enough for Woody



Murray Tingey from West Jet



Gary Ashton from Perth



Cunderdin Jet Meet

Clappy and I attended the jet meet in Cunderdin. West Jets had organised with CASA approval and support from the local gliding club for exclusive use of one of the runways. Nearly wide enough to land across and a few kilometers long on paved luxury.

Was hot, and the flies where friendly, but a great time was had by all with many jets being certified. Including Clappys Falcon

I managed to finally complete my Pantera and it had its maiden flight. By Shane....and then I also had my maiden flight with my first turbine jet. All went very well after a slight CG adjustment (was nose heavy) and I was grinning all the way home :-)



My new YT Pantera with Kingtech 80 for Power



Plenty of SPACE!



Estes Proto-X Nano QuadCopter

I accidently acquired one of these new nano quadcopters last week—and what a blast! Charges off USB port, has full axis control in all directions and gives about 10 minutes flight time per charge.



Has built gyro and flight controller, build quality is great and is surprisingly robust. LED's makes an eerie flight in a dark room, and Jacki keeps threatening to get the fly spray out to sort it out each time I attempt to land it on her head.

Only weighs grams, and very nimble. *Dog haaates it* and fly's easily in the lounge room. Highly recommended and sell for \$60 at Hobby Shops. Most fun you can have with your pants on!

Club Break in!

Unfortunately we have been broken into for a second time and looted of most of our hard earned equipment (including the club trainer and transmitters)

Keep an eye and ear out for low life's trying to peddle some cheap radio gear. We are covered by insurance for the items, but will have to discuss some new ways about maybe improving security at the field

Have and Safe and Merry Christmas and watch that waste line with all the holiday CHEER!

