



PROPWASH DECEMBER 2015

From the President.

We have almost completed another calendar year in and around the SWARMS field and it is time to reflect on where we are positioned now. It is pleasing to see how the improvements have enhanced the facilities at the field for both members and visitors.



It has been a very busy year with the field upgrade being a major priority to have the facilities completed in readiness for the Scale Rally at the end of September.

It was not until Saturday morning of the event that the toilets system was completed ready for use, this was the result of low water pressure and pump failure when setting it all up on Friday afternoon.

Earlier the septic tank decided that it was going to go for a swim prior to connecting it all to the toilets, after extensive rains the tank popped up out of the ground and we had to remove it dig out the sludge and reposition it.

Members are enjoying the improvements to the pit area with the concrete surface making it easy to access with the slips, trips and falls potential being eliminated and plenty of shade now available. The flashing has arrived and will shortly be attached to the building completing the structure.

Things on the to do work list that we will work through progressively include:

- A) Painting of the Pit Pavilion,
- B) Concrete the access ramps into and out of the pits.
- C) Construct store room in corner of Pavilion.
- D) Concrete the start up area
- E) Install shelves in storeroom.
- F) Construct permanent structure for generator.
- G) Install pipes to extend width of runways.

As you can see there are a few outstanding tasks that when completed will ensure that we have a first class facility for the benefit of the sport of model aircrafts.

I am very happy with the outcome of the upgrade, the grant money has been stretched to provide first class facilities far in excess of all expectation for the amount of \$30,000, it is important now for members to maintain these facilities in good condition.

I have received confirmation that the Lotterywest Grant funding is complete, indicating that they value our relationship and were proud to have been able to support our initiative. This was a great outcome without Lotterywest support the facilities upgrade would have only been a pipe dream so we are very grateful for their contribution.



I believe that at the end at the rainbow there is a pot of gold so we will see what transpires here, we are eligible to apply for another grant in the new year so will be looking at putting another submission through for consideration to finish off some of the tasks listed previously

The Scale Rally was a huge success particularly on the Saturday, as on previous occasions the weather was not nice to us on the Sunday but this is something we have no control over we just have to grin and bare it. The Saturday night BBQ was well attended and what a way to christen the new Pavilion, it proved to be an ideal venue for the meal, oh, and to watch the Eagles win.

Trevor and Erica again excelled with their catering for the BBQ an indication of that was many were observed going back for seconds which is a good sign, thank you both very much for your contribution over the weekend.

The IMAC competition was again conducted over two days, thank you to members who assisted with the catering for this event. Thanks to DL Engines for supply of food and arranging the weekend it is a real plus for the club both physically and financially.

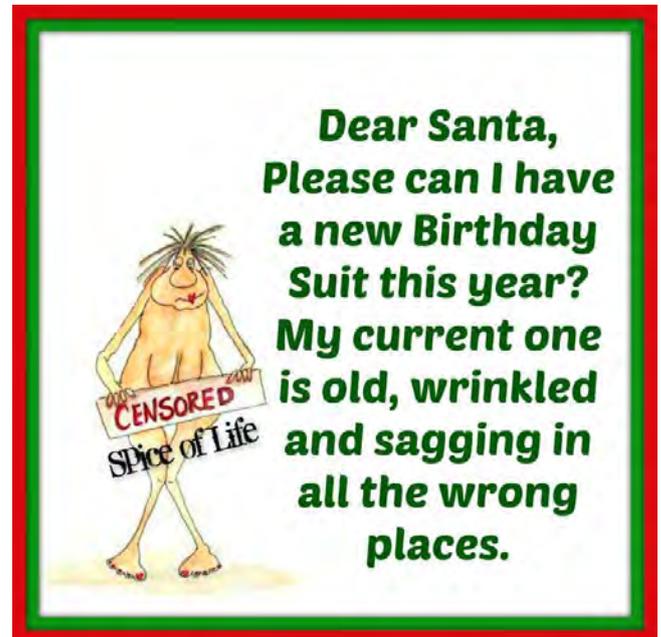
The Christmas twilight flyin is scheduled for December, as this will be the last official function prior to the end of the year it would be good to see this well supported by the members.

I would like to wish all our members and their families a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope to see everyone up and flying in 2016.



Is there a real message here ??

Something you don't want to see when you are looking out the window whilst admiring the scenery during your holiday flight



As I Age:

When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

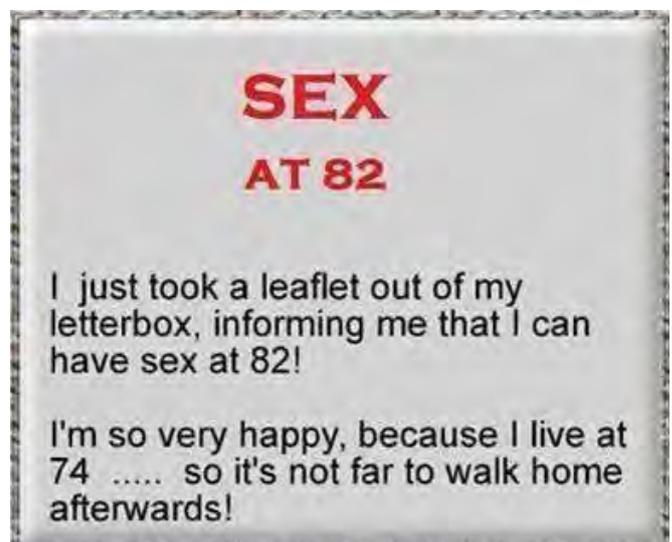
Making a mental note so I could complain to my local MP about this security rubbish, I did just as she had instructed.

After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

Nonetheless, I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors.

Man, I hate this getting older stuff.



Prior to my recent operation I was looking through model web sites as you do and came across a model that I had been keen to obtain for several years, a Tiger Moth.

As in the past when I have done this sort of thing it just happened to fall into my cart and the only way I could get it out was to press the pay button and it worked it disappeared only to turn up on my door step the Monday after I arrived home from hospital.

I was looking for something light to do during my rehabilitation and it has been working, it is a very detailed quality kit, however, it is not for the beginner as this is a laser cut but does not come with a plan to build off.

It comes with every thing required to complete the build with good quality hardware wheels stay wires motor mounts etc.

Decided to go with electric system to ensure the fuel damage to the balsa and covering is kept to a minimum, can't wait to get this into the sky. Ron



Sitting in a bar having drinks with a friend...I casually pointed to two old drunks sitting across the bar from us and said "That's us in ten years".
He said "That's a mirror, dipshit!"

One day I accidentally overturned my golf cart.

Elizabeth, a very attractive and keen golfer, who lived in a villa on the golf course, heard the noise and called out:

Are you okay, what's your name?"

"Its Phil and I'm okay thanks," I replied.

"Phil , forget your troubles. Come to my villa, rest a while and I'll help you get the cart up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," I answered, but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Oh, come on," Elizabeth insisted.

She was very pretty, very sexy and persuasive . . . I was weak.

"Well okay," I finally agreed, and added, "but my wife won't like it."

After a few restorative brandys, and some creative putting lessons, I thanked my host:

"I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is going to be really upset."

"Don't be silly!" Elizabeth said with a smile: "She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still under the cart....." I said.....



Paddy and Mick found 3 hand grenades and decided to take them to the police station.

Mick "What if one explodes before we get there?"

Paddy: "We'll lie and say we only found two!"

SWARMS Scale Rally 2015



Aircraft of all shapes and sizes.

My personal favorite was Greg from WestJet's Vampire.

Flown very scale like.

Flying Vitca was a hit too!



Winners are
GRINNERS!
DLE-20 Prize
Donated by
DLE Australia



SWARMS Scale Rally Fun Fly 2015



First official function in the fantastic new pits area proved successful.



Weather was nice on the first Day of the rally (Saturday)

Unfortunately not many pics taken this year of the event...anyone got more?

Thanks goes to DLE Australia who donated a DLE-20 engine as pilots prize for the event.



EZ Balancer (CG Machine)

Clappy obtained a new device recently for balancing model aircraft. I quickly “borrowed” to assist with the setup of my new jet (Composite ARF EuroSport)

Works very well and makes small adjustments easy!

Made from 6mm thick aluminum, adjustable width base to suit different models.

Picture explains it all.

I might loan it back to Clappy one day if he is lucky.



TAIL HEAVY

Flight with CG like this would likely have been its last!

CLOSER....

But if you look carefully still slightly tail heavy. Moving ECU battery forward 15mm got it spot on!

Very accurate.



**Few pics from Great Southern Jet Rally
At Wagin Airfield. Images by Alex**



Pretty hard to not land on this strip.



Shot of start up area at Wagin. Pretty warm that weekend and quite windy. Sunday it was blowing a gale by midday with most packing up.

Friday and Saturday saw plenty of jet flying action. Ian Clapp and myself represented SWARMS. Graham came up for the event also as support crew



Got to be on the ball and confident in your setup to do this

Maiden flight of my new Euro Sport. Unfortunately fuel tank issues put it out of action for the rest of the weekend, but the maiden was otherwise successful. Nice pic by Alex as it fly's past the moon :-)



Something different here.
Called a diamond and looks like something out of the new Star Wars movie.
Quite a big model and very fast.
Made an impressive amount of air noise as it blasted by.

IMAC State Champs SWARMS 2015

Successful IMAC round held a SWARMS a few weeks after the scale rally.

The crew was impressed with the upgraded pits area and manicured field and passed there thanks on to SWARMS for hosting the event again this year.

Numbers were down a little due to some competing internationally, being operated on or finalising end of school exams, but was still a good enough turnout to make the competition worth while.

Chris Stewart (Professional UAV operator) took some great aerial photos with his rig.

Steve Maitland flew a awesome 3D routine also filmed by Chris. This video has been posted to the SWARMS Facebook page and is well worth a look.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and happy healthy and safe new year!

I will be fishing more than flying for the next few months, but will be sure to catch up soon.

Please email me any photos or info you have to help make PropWash interesting for all.

All the best. Scott.

Catch you when we fly into 2016



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