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South West Associated Radio Modelers Society

Propwash

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From the President



Welcome to this first edition of the Propwash for 2015, time certainly fly's as well as our models, who would have thought that last year would have passed us by so quickly, reality is that Christmas has been and gone.

The Scale weekend has been and gone and the weather was again against us leading into the weekend and certainly on the Saturday with very little flying done due to the high winds. At one stage during the afternoon a wind gust came through which almost lifted the campers equipment and caravans onto the runway.

The weather did not deter the attendance at the Saturday evening BBQ where we were treated to a very enjoyable meal prepared by the McGuigan chefs and the left overs sold very fast on the Sunday with beef and gravy roll on the menu for lunch.

Sunday seen the sun pushing through early in the morning and this was just the start of a very pleasant day. We seen many different types of model aero planes grace the skies over the field and along with a constant flow of spectators through out the day it was a pleasing result overall. The numbers were down on last year, however, the unsettled weather was the main reason for this, I am sure that it was not anything to do with the hospitality shown to visitors by our members.

Thank you to all the members who supported this weekend and contributed to the busy bee prior to the event and that weekend was also very wet with the mowers turning up more water than grass with heavy showers sweeping the field all morning.

We have been fortunate enough to have had our Lotterywest grant application approved for the field renovations.

This now means that along with the AWA grant approval we have the \$30,000 required to complete the project.

There have been a few design changes that had to be made to the original plans the main one being the location of the disabled toilet, due to the fact that it had to be elevated in the original design which meant it required a ramp to it for wheelchair access and this proved to be impractical.

It will now be part of the original clubroom structure extending it out 3 metres which will house the disabled and male toilets along with a small store room with an access passage between the original building and the extensions.

We have been busily negotiating with the Capel Shire in relation to the location and type of septic system to be installed and we now have an agreement for this to go ahead. Final modifications to the drawings are complete and by the time this edition is published it should have all been submitted for approval in readiness to commence the physical work.

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I would like to my thanks to Dennis Milligan for his involvement with the design, drafting and guidance on both the pit pavilion and the clubroom extensions, also Ken Lewis for his contribution by sharing his knowledge and expertise on the building design and hints on this project in general.

The work behind the scene has been both extensive and time consuming since it was just an idea back in February this year, however, I thought the red tape appeared to be coming to an end but it is not the case unfortunately. I have since been advised the site is located within the Strategic Minerals and Basic Raw Materials and Strategic Agricultural Recourse Policy Areas under the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme.

The Greater Bunbury Region Scheme is administered by the Western Australian Planning Commission, with some decision making capacity being delegated on to the local government.

In order for the Shire to determine if it can exercise its delegation on this matter the proposal will need to be referred to the Department of Agriculture and Food, the Department of Mines and Petroleum and gas.

I have completed the necessary documentation and submitted it to these three departments for their approval, then this week I received a phone call from the Capel Shire Planning department requesting details as to "WHY and WHERE" we are building a new pavilion structure

Hopefully there will soon be a day when all the red tape is behind us and we will see the fruits of our efforts with structural changes to the field commencing.

Facts:

- *The construction plans of the toilet and pavilion has been certified.
- *We have been given the official approval to install the septic system.
- *We have been given verbal approval to construct toilet and pit pavilion (Pending approval from Department of Agriculture and Food, the Department of Mines and Energy and Petroleum and Gas.
- *Waiting on approval from the Capel Shire Planning Dept.

To date not sure what other department or organisation in Capel that may want to have a say in what we might be planning at the field but we must surely be getting to the end of them now.

An artists impression, Dennis's, of the completed pit pavilion cover area is included in this edition and it certainly looks impressive, the proposed closed in area in the back left hand side is designed to include a store room for the model assembly tables to be stored when not in use.

The twilight flyin Christmas function commencing around 2-30pm Saturday 13th Dec with several planes taking to the sky for some relaxed flying, the numbers were down a bit on previous years but condition were favourable.

A very nice evening meal was enjoyed by all present with the main menu listing a butt of beef which was as good as the ones used at the recent Scale Rally. We are on a winner with this type of meat or is it the chiefs, thank you again to McGuigan Catering Services for their input here.

Happy Australia Day



Artist's impression of the completed pit pavilion.



We recently lost a real icon at the field when a flight went wrong, Anthony had the misfortune to lose radio contact with his "BIG" Cub and the outcome was not good. Whilst putting the plane into a loop the motor stopped and he lost all control with no signals to any of the moving surfaces of the plane as a result it continued to glide towards the field entry gate and came down on the access road.

The end result was not pretty, when the motor stopped there was total hush in the pits all awaiting the outcome and after it went in with a loud bang no one spoke for some time all were in total shock. I can imagine how Anthony was feeling but it appeared all the members present were going through the same thing, total devastation as a result of his misfortune.

There has been many modellers and members of the general public stand in awe and admire this plane in the sky and on the ground, thank you Anthony for displaying and flying this plane at our club we were privileged to have had this crowd pleaser fly over our field.

It's race day with a meeting in progress.

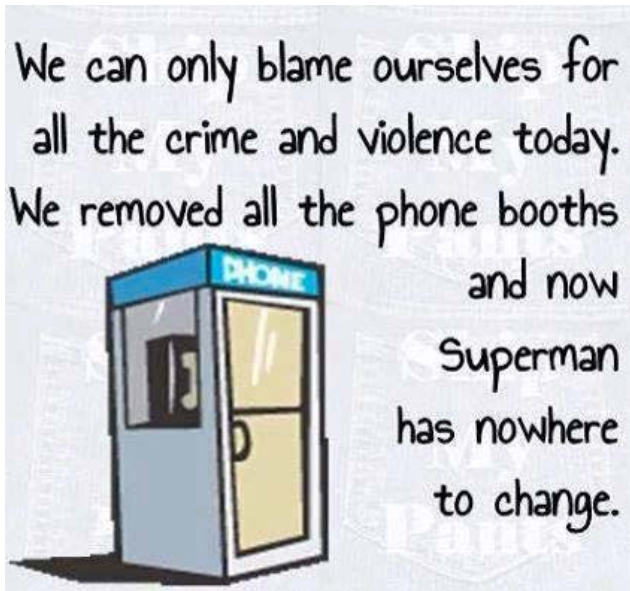
The bookies are busy taking bets when a bloke comes up to one and says, "M-m-m-mate, I b-b-b-backed a f-f-f-five t-t-t- ..." at which point the bookie cuts him off. "Look, cobber, I'm flat out like a lizard at the moment. Come back when I'm not so busy, will ya?"

Five minutes later, the bloke returns. "Hey, I t-t-ried t-t-tell ya I b-b-b-backed a f-f-five t-t-t- ..." and again the bookie interrupts him. "Look, I haven't got time for this. Here's a fiver. Now bugger off, will ya?"

The bloke takes the fiver, somewhat surprised, and walks off. He goes out and joins his offsider in their cattle truck. "How'd ya go?" asks the offsider.

"C-c-can't g-g-get over it," he replies. "I went to t-t-tell the b-b-bookie I b-b-b-backed a f-f-five t-t-ton t-t-truck into his J-j-jaguar and he g-g-gimme a f-f-fiver...!"

***Happy New Year to all members and their families
I hope you had safe festive season and look forward
to seeing you all in the skies over SWARMS in the
new year !!***



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Things which do you no good in aviation:

One night, an 87-year-old woman came home from bingo to find her 92-year-old husband in bed with another woman.

She became violent and ended up pushing him off the balcony of their 20th floor apartment, killing him instantly.

Brought before the court, on the charge of murder, she was asked if she had anything to say in her defence.

'Your Honour,' she began coolly, 'I figured that at 92, if he could screw, he could fly'!

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A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the priest's hand.

He said, 'Father, I'll tell you, that was a damned fine mass. Damned good!'

The priest said, 'Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity'

The man said, 'I was so damned impressed with that mass I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!'

The priest said, 'No sh*t?'

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If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.

Altitude above you.

Runway behind you.

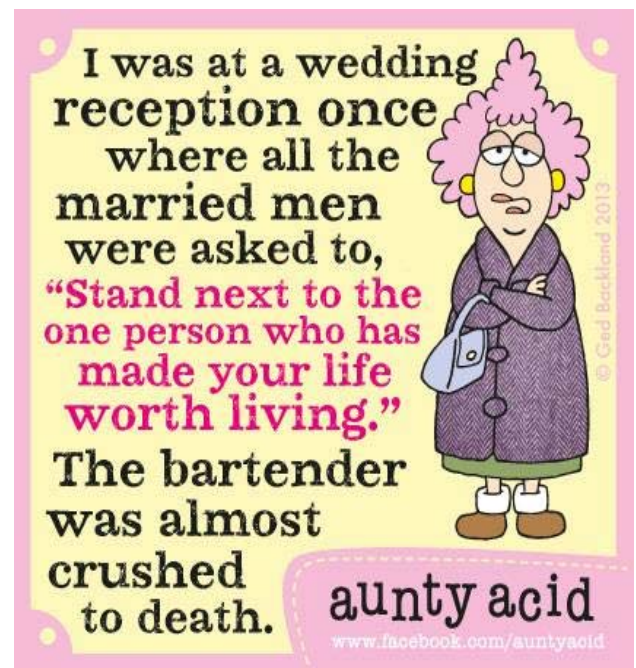
Fuel in the truck.

A navigator.

Half a second ago.

Approach plates in the car.

The airspeed you don't have.



Woodie's B 29 Bomber Rebuild on Track!

Four Engine Pods...or is that eight Woody?



Woody said this nose section was tricky, this time all fibre-glass and having to cut out the windows framework from his own mold. But is progressing well and looks to be finished on his timeline.

Scale Rally 2014 (More pics on the Facebook Page)



Alan Criniti from Perth with THE BEAST!



Adrian explaining some of the finer points of the Cub to Anthony



Quite a variety turned up on Sunday



Unfortunately the weather was not favourable on Saturday. Though there was still some OK conditions between squalls and myself and Murray Tingey from Perth managed to squeeze in a few flights without too much drama.

Quite a few still arrived Friday/Saturday and camped out the weekend.

Scale Rally 2014 (More pics on the Facebook Page)

Think I taught Murray this trick



Under the bonnet Humphro!



This gentleman's name escapes me, but was his first visit to SWARMS and was impressed with the field, club, facilities and best of all the friendly environment :)



Clappy and his Trojan make a regular appearance and the Scale Rally



Catch you when we fly into the next edition

