# AUSTRALIAN MODEL NEWS



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### **From the Editor**

Another shortened and late issue of AMN, this time as a result of my breaking an arm when I fell down a flight of stairs and then a visit to hospital to receive a pacemaker to improve my heart rate.

This all seems to be going to plan so far and modelling events are starting to reappear so if the pacemaker improves my mobility I should be able to get back on track with an increased content in my newsletter.

Regrettably another of our older modellers in Colin Parker passed away in December and will be sadly missed by our indoor free flighters.

John Lamont

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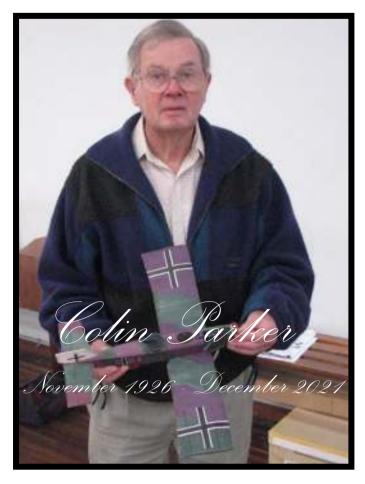
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> On the Cover. Colin Parker's replica of J. W. Kenworthy's 1933 Wakefield Cup winner

#### **COMING EVENTS**

MONTY TYRRELL MEMORIAL SCALE RALLY AT P&DARCS 40TH SAM 1788 OLD TIMER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WEST WYALONG AUTUMN SCALE RALLY AT TWIN CITIES MAC ANNUAL SEAPLANE RALLY AT TWIN CITIES MAC CLASSIC AEROPLANES AT TWIN CITIES MAC







#### Personal Thoughts On the Sad Loss of Colin Parker, V.F.F.S. Member.

I first met Colin when he joined our club 25 or more years ago. He was a very quiet and unassuming person who became a personal friend very soon after he joined. He and Gloria, his wife, often had dinner or lunch with Joy and I and we enjoyed happy times together over many years. Much to the annoyance of our spouses we thoroughly enjoyed our admiration and enjoyment of the all-wireless Goon Show, although it had ceased broadcasting years previously.

We discovered much in common such as sharing an interest in the Eureka Stockade with ancestors that had fought at that historic battle. We also shared a common middle name although we couldn't work out a family connection. This was overshadowed by our interest in aeromodelling. His was a much more prolific contribution than mine, and a much more imaginative and successful one.

He was very fortunate to find a good friend in Pat not very many years after Gloria died and he was able to continue enjoying model building and flying until a few years ago despite age and the onset of Parkinson's. Colin was 95 when he died and will be greatly mourned by all his friends in modelling or otherwise.

Darien Cassidy





## Wayne Harrison's

## Handley Page "Heyford"



The Handley Page Heyford was a twin engine biplane bomber designed and produced by the British manufacturer Handley Page. It holds the distinction of being the last biplane heavy bomber to be operated by the Royal Air Force. The Heyford was developed in response to Specification B.19/27 for a new heavy night bomber and much of the design can be attributed to the work of George Volkert, Handley Page's lead designer.

Unlike the company's preceding aircraft, the Heyford comprised metal construction instead of wood. It also had an unorthodox arrangement wherein the fuselage was joined to the upper wing rather than the lower one, which gave the aircraft a relatively nose-high orientation while on the ground. Considerable revision of the proposal occurred even after its submission, which was recognised as the Air Ministry's preferred option. A sole prototype, designated *Handley Page HP.38*, was produced, performing its maiden flight on 12 June 1930 and commencing service trials shortly thereafter.

During November 1933 the first Heyfords entered service, flown by No. 99 Squadron at RAF Upper Heyford and before the end of 1936 Bomber Command had a total of nine operational squadrons equipped with the Heyford. Despite forming a considerable portion of the RAF's bomber fleet during the mid-1930s, the Heyford had a relatively short service life as it was rapidly eclipsed by a new generation of monoplane bombers, such as the Armstrong Whitworth Whitley and the Vickers Wellington.

The replacement of the type had commenced during 1937 as more capable bombers were introduced during a major rearmament push for the RAF; the Heyford was formally declared obsolete in July 1939, barely two months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. Despite this, the type continued to be used in secondary roles, being used as glider tugs, experimental aircraft, and trainers, into the 1940s.

During 1937, the replacement of the Heyford had commenced, the timing of which coincided with the arrival into service of both the Armstrong Whitworth Whitley and Vickers Wellesley. The last examples were withdrawn from frontline service during 1939. Several Heyfords continued to be used for secondary duties, being commonly used as bombing and gunnery trainers into the 1940s. Although the Heyford had been officially declared to be obsolete during July 1939 a pair were still being used as glider tugs until April 1941.

There are at least three fatalities associated with the Heyford in the Second World War, these occurring due to a mid-air collision between two aircraft on 4 April 1940. At least two examples found experimental use; one for airborne radar and the other for aerial refuelling, and it is reported that a single Heyford was still in storage as late as 1944.

#### **General characteristics**

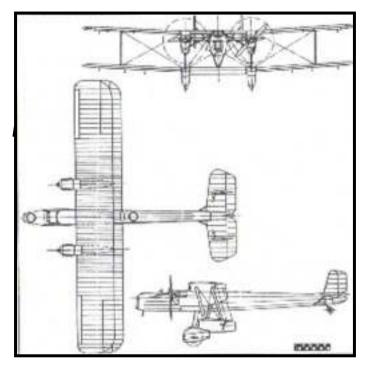
- **Crew:** 4 (pilot, co-pilot/navigator, bomb aimer/air gunner, wireless operator/air gunner)
- Length: 18 m (58 ft)
- Wingspan: 23 m (75 ft)
- Height: 5.33 m (17.6 ft)
- Gross weight: 7,666 kg (16,900 lb)
- **Powerplant:** 2 × Rolls-Royce Kestrel II-S V-12 liquid-cooled piston engines,391 kW, (525 hp)
- **Propellers:** 4-bladed fixed-pitch propellers

#### Performance

- Maximum speed: 229 km/h (142mph) at 3,962 m (13,000 ft)
- Range: 1,480 km, 800 nm (920 mi)
- Service ceiling: 6,400 m (21,000 ft)

#### Armament

- **Guns:** 3 × .303 in (7.7 mm) Lewis guns (nose, dorsal and ventral 'dustbin' positions)
- **Bombs:** (1,134 kg) 2,500 lb total



#### The Model

Wayne's model of the Heyford 1 is scratch built from a 3-view drawing. It took six months to build from balsa and plywood and is covered with SIG Koverall. He built the Heyford simply because he has never seen a large model of the aircraft

Powered by two DualSky KV 820 electric motors driving 13x6 propellors the model is yet to fly.























Having flown a number of free flight scale events on the Free flight field alongside free flight flyers at the 2021 Nationals, it seemed a good idea for free flight scale flyers to join them on other occasions as well. The North Island Free Flight Champs provided a good opportunity to do this.

As those who have used it know, Rayners farm is a great venue for free flight and many of us have warm recollections of great scale and free flight flying there over the years. Scale flying there this year was compromised to some degree by stronger breezes than most scale models could handle, in the first two days of the event, although some good flights were achieved by Des Richards, with his Stahl Blackburn Skua and by Graham Lovejoy's Miles Magister.

The best morning was on the last day when conditions were ideal. There simply was not enough time for all free flight scale models resting in cars, to be flown or with the exception of Memorial Scale, to hold events in the time. This did not stop some great flights during the morning. Des's Blackburn Skua and Graham's Magister once again flew well taking the top places in the small field of Memorial Scale flyers entering the event. Graham also flew his small Taylorcraft floatplane that looked just as comfortable outdoors as in its usual indoor flying location. Antony Koerbin's nicely detailed Pilatus Porter in Mount Cook Airline colours is a colourful subject that flew well.

Ricky Bould had a bootload of models and managed to fit in flying a number of them including his Co2 powered Comper Swift and VMC Bird Dog. The first of Stan Mauger's models away was his much flown Helio Courier that seemed to enjoy the morning conditions.

This was followed by his Vickers Vildebeest that made some nice circuits of the field.

Despite the reduced window for flying over the weekend, scale flyers found this event well worth attending. We enjoyed the many on and off the field conversations with free flight modellers and the informal workshops held by the free flight SIG organisers, when conditions did not suit flying. Lets hope that we can repeat this event again in 2022.

#### **STAN MAUGER**



Models brought by Des Richards and Graham Lovejoy included a Blackburn Skua, Miles Magister and Taylorcraft floatplane .



Graham Lovejoy's Taylorcraft floatplane climbing away.



Ricky Bould's fleet included a Co2 powered Com per Swift, Kit Scale Cessna Bird Dog, and Stahl Waco for Memorial Scale.



Stan Mauger brought plenty of models to fly and flew them all except the Kit Scale KK Cessna.



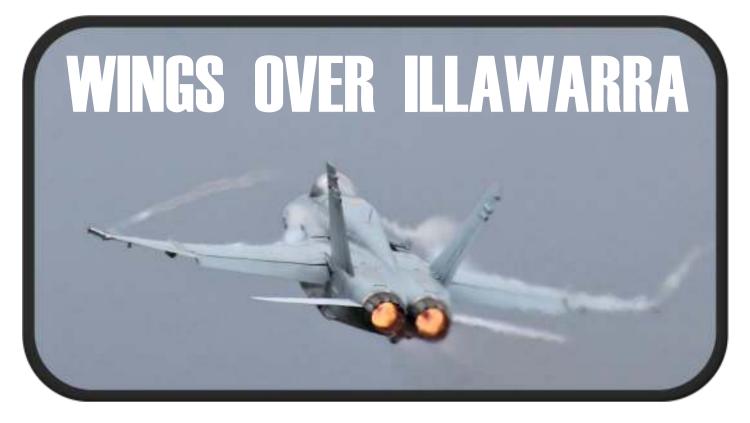
Antony Koerbin about to launch his Pilatus Porter in the calm morning air.



Antony Koerbin's Pilatus Porter show ing the fine detailing.



Graham Lovejoy had great flights in Memorial Scale with his Stahl Miles Magister built by Brian Conroy and restored in Irish colours.



I'm not sure if these photos will be of any interest - or in time - for the next edition of your newsletter, but I thought I'd share these with you just in case. These were taken just a little over 3 months ago, when I made a return day trip from Melbourne to Wollongong on Saturday 27th November to see one of the last public Classic Hornet displays before they officially retired from RAAF service the following week. As you can see it was a pretty grey old day, with low cloud and occasional rain. Unfortunately, this curtailed the displays of some other aircraft, including what was to be the F-35's first public fully aerobatic display. (I believe it did perform on the Sunday).

**Geoff Swanton** 



The DC-3 first flew in 1935 and is still flying today.



The Historic Aircraft Restoration Society's P2V-7 Neptune on a fly past.



The Historic Aircraft Restoration Society's DHC-4 Caribou on a low fly past.



Royal Australian Navy Mh-60R Romeo helicopter handling display.

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Handling display by the Temora Aviation Museum's P-40 Kittyhawk.



Handling display by the Temora Aviation Museum's CA-16 Wirraway.



Handling display of the Grumman TBM-3E Avenger by Paul Bennet Airshows.



Handling display of the CA-18 Mustang by Paul Bennet.



Handling display of the Corsair F4-U by the owner Graham Hosking.



Royal Australian Air Force solo handling display of the F-18 Hornet





The "Sky Aces" formation aerobatic display by Paul Bennet Air Shows.





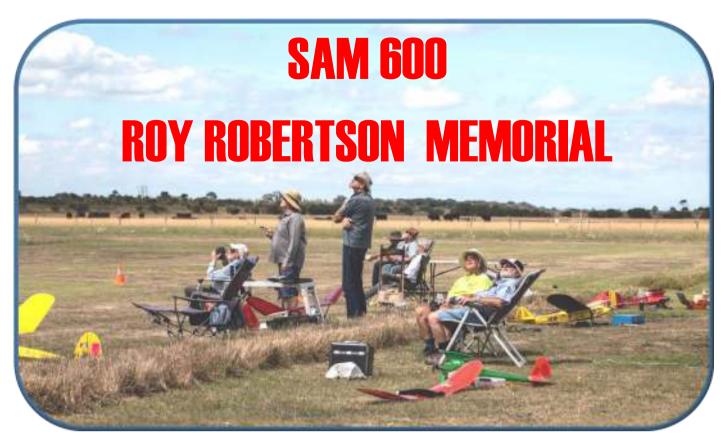
Pitts Model 12 aerobatic display by Paul Bennet.



Wolf Pitts Pro of Paul Bennet Airshows.



MXS-R aerobatic display by Matt Hall - Air Race World Champion.



The Roy Robertson Trophy was held for the first time in three years due to things like the Covid virus and bad weather causing cancellations.

We arrived at the field to find perfect weather and it continued all day, unfortunately the entries were down with only three members from the country turning up when we normally have about eight but we pressed on regardless. First event was Texaco I/C and Electric both flown together. I/C was a close fought battle between four flyers with only five seconds separating the first two places after nearly 19 minutes in the air. Pat Keely, the only member from Cohuna, finished first with Col Collyer second and myself coming third. Fourth place went to Stewart Sinclair son of the late and great Graeme Sinclair and 'Sincas' would be proud of him.





Stewart Sinclair's MG2.



Kevin Fryer's Shereshaw "Cumulus".



Pat Keely's winning Lanzo "Airborne".



Stewart Sinclair's "Playboy".

Col Collyer's Lanzo "Bomber".



Roy Robertson Memorial Texaco placegetters (from left), 3rd Kevin Fryer (Cumulus), 1st Pat Keely (Airborne), 2nd Col Collyer (Bomber).

Electric Texaco had three entries and after a close tussle between Steve Gullock and myself I was the lucky winner.

Next event was Duration again with both I/C and Electric flown at the same time. As it was getting hot the members agreed to fly two out of three rounds, again I/C was taken out by Pat Keely, the ever reliable member from Cohuna, with Steve Gullock placing second and the P&DARCS member, Ian Robinson, who has always turned up for the Roy Rob, coming in third. Electric had three flyers and again I was the lucky one with Cliff McIver coming second and Steve Gullock third.

It was the end of a great day with Pat Keely the winner of the Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy. Everybody had a great time and all models returned home in one piece with no crashes.

On behalf of SAM 600 I would like to thank P&DARCS for their hospitality, a fine lunch, their warm friendship and for putting on this event.

Report by Kevin Fryer Photographs by R. Barclay

#### **Results for SAM 600 Electric events.**

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	Contestant	Model	Rd.1	Rd. 2	Rnd.3	Fly Off	Total
1	K. Fryer	Cumulus	420	265	420	399	1239
2	C. McIver	Playboy	420	420		265	1105
3	S. Gullock	Bomber					DNF
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	Contestant	Model	Rd.1	Rd. 2	Rnd.3	Fly Off	Total
1	K. Fryer	Cumulus	600	600	600		1800
2	S. Gullock	Bomber	600	600	542		1742
3	D. Grant	Playboy	600	600			1200

#### Results for the Roy Robertson Memorial event.

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	Contestant	Model	Engine	cc/sec	Rnd.1	Rnd. 2	Fly Off	Total
1	P. Keely	Bomber	OS 56 4/st	26	360	360	397	1117
2	S. Gullock	Bomber	Enya 30	20	360	360	235	955
3	I. Robinson	Playboy	Saito 65	26	311	360		671

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	Contestant	Model	Engine	cc/sec	Rnd.1	Rnd. 2	Rnd. 3	Rnd. 4	Fly Off	Total
1	P. Keely	Airborne	OS 60 4/st	12	480	480	480		1134	2574
2	C. Collyer	Bomber	OS 40D	10	480	480	480		1129	2569
3	K. Fryer	Cumulus	Forster 99	20	416	480	480	480	1020	2460

## FOR SALE







#### Drive unit for electric powered control line model.

Axi 2826/13 F2B motor, Jeti Spin 66 ESC, Igor Burger active timer/accelerometer, Igor Burger carbon props, spinner and various motor mounts.

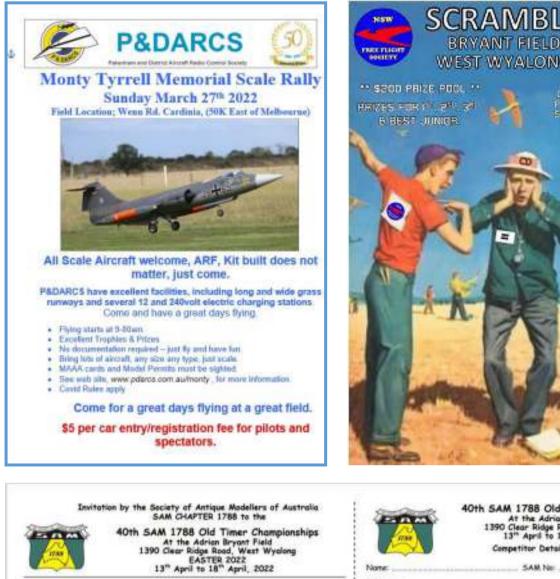
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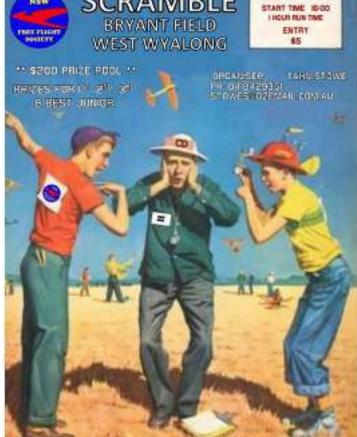
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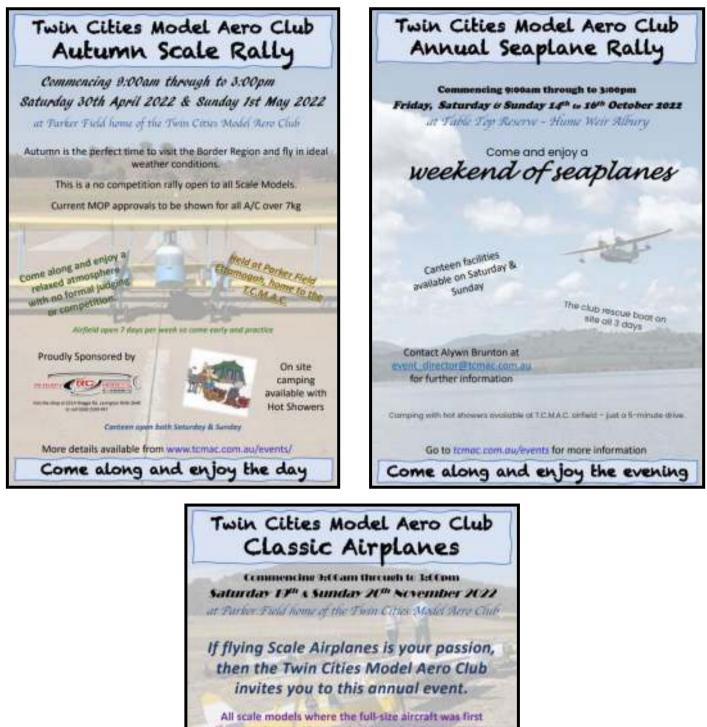
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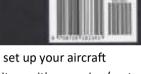
A Guide for Beginners and Improvers

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In short, this is the book I would like to have had when I took up aerobatics and first entered competitions. If like me, you have wanted to take up precision aerobatics but couldn't find any resources to help you, this is the book for you.

The book covers the basics of starting aerobatic flying, from when you have just gone solo, to helping you to get ready to take up the challenge of flying in aerobatic competitions. The book contains advice on how to set up your aircraft covering for example: centre of gravity position; engine/motor thrust lines; and control throws. It then takes you through the basics of aerobatic manoeuvres with both diagrams and words. Once over this initial phase, you will get much more detail about set up and trimming as well as how to fly large smooth manoeuvres ultimately taking account of the impact of the wind on the flight.

The book contains a chapter on mini training schedules that allow you to build up your skills before describing how to fly the entry level aerobatic competition schedule used in Great Britain. Finally, I have included references to how you can access the resources to help you to progress from a practical flying viewpoint.

Refer to the Amazon website for the price and details on how to obtain this book --

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