

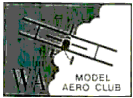


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EDITORS RANT..

It appears that last months appeal for reason as regards mouthing off without the full facts fell on deaf ears (or blind eyes). The current committee has dedicated itself and its resources to increasing and improving the profile of SAM270 in WA and has been transparent in its efforts to communicate intentions. This magazine was created to achieve both. If you are confused or unsure of what it is we are trying to achieve with SAM270, please re-read the back issues of The Geezer or contact myself or Ian Dixon directly to discuss or attend the monthly meetings to have your say. Please refrain from engaging in ill informed gossip and rumour mongering. Such behaviour only undermines our efforts.

Contest Scheduling

Due to poor weather and Alzheimer's, a couple of our SAM270 events have been rescheduled. Standard Duration which was to be held on April 10 was postponed due to the wind blowing its guts out on the appointed day. This event will now be held on June 12. Texaco has also been shunted to May 29 as we all forgot about Easter. This means we will have comps on consecutive Sundays in May as Burford will be flown on May 22. The rest of the calendar remains static. See page 4.

SAM Champs - Canowindra 2011

I have been in receipt of some pics taken at Canowindra this year and will dot them about the magazine over the coming months. It looks like they had another good turnout and were blessed with excellent weather. I'm looking forward to seeing the results as I believe there were a few surprises. It all whet's my appetite for 2012!!!

Newsflash!

Congratulations Rod "Big Mac" McDonald on being awarded the Dorothy Buckley trophy for 2010. Word has it that Dicko's wife Eva is looking to put a vase of flowers in the dust free patch on the mantle piece..



Newly crowned Dorothy Buckley trophy winner "Big Mac" sets the timer before heaving his Dixielander skywards

Troy Latto
Editor-that's-large

George Fuller Free Flight Duration/AWA Chuck Glider/AWA Power Scramble – Meckering, May 1, 2011.

This year, the WAFFS (WA Free Flight Society) decided to run not one but THREE events on Sunday May 1 at Guy Kelly's farm just outside Meckering: A George Fuller commemorative event, AWA Chuck Glider and AWA Power Scramble. Conditions were as near to ideal as one could wish for with a slight ESE breeze that puffed fitfully for most of the day and clear blue skies tinted with thermal haze. The paddock was showing the ravages of the drought, with the fine dusty top soil making engine cleaning more of a chore than usual.

George Fuller Duration

The first event run was the George Fuller Duration, a free flight power contest open to all aircraft designed by George Fuller, a prominent aeromodeller of the nostalgia era. All contestants settled on the popular "Dixielander" aircraft powered by 2.5cc Diesel or Glow engines. Contestants get a 10 second engine run and a 3 minute maximum flight time, with the best 3 out of 5 flight scores counting. Aircraft utilize a clockwork engine shutoff and dethermalizer (DT) to achieve timely engine and flight shutdown.



Dicko fuels up while his Minder, "sharp-eyes" Bovell, watches the competition with a critical gaze..

Eight competitors lined up for the 9am kickoff. SAM270 was ably represented in the persons of Rod "Big Mac" McDonald; Ian "Dicko" Dixon and Greg "Fish" McLure and Chris "Grizzly" Behr. Gary Dickens also put in an appearance but issues with his engine put him out of the game. Rob Bovell and Troy Latto assisted with time keeping duties. CD Mike Beilby ran a relaxed event, with competitors given 5 hours to complete the 5 official flights. As you would expect, much tuning, practicing and head scratching occurred in that 5 hours!

Notable happenings of the day: Mark Sherburn barrel rolling his Dixielander during a practice run before it violently lost its wings. Mark recovered to fly a spare aircraft in the rest of the event. Rod McDonald watched his aircraft spiral out of site after catching a massive thermal. The aircraft was eventually located 2km away after a 40 minute search by Greg McLure who was looking for his own (still unrecovered) aircraft! Chris Behr, recovering from illness, showed he hasn't lost his touch – his Dixielander proving very competitive after a centre section rebuild the previous night

In the end, Ian Dixon showed that consistency and patience will triumph as he ran out the winner by 2 seconds, beating Phil Letchford and Chris Behr in to second and third respectively. Nice work!



Mark Sherburn prepares his Dixielander for the aerobatic schedule..

AWA Chuck Glider

Run in conjunction with the George Fuller Duration event, the AWA chuck glider kicked off at 11:00am. Competitors were given an hour to complete 6 timed flights, with the three highest scoring flights being counted. Competitors have to nominate each official flight prior to launching and maximum flight time is 1 minute.



Dicko sets the button DT on his Len Surtees "Sting 24"

Ian Dixon debuted a Len Surtees designed "Sting 24" that showed great promise, however he struggled to get it trimmed in time to make an impact. Greg McLure rolled out a home brew glider with elliptical wings and carbon fibre fuselage that was a very smooth performer – he even managed a maximum score before it flew away (his second flyaway of the day). Happily, Phil Letchford found Greg's errant chucky while retrieving his Dixielander – but not in time for him to use it in the rest of the comp. Greg's backup "Hervat" vintage chucky was a nice flyer but lacked the performance of his number 1.



Troy Latto poses before heaving his 21" home brew in to the deck

Troy Latto's hard work on his chuck gliders was rewarded with some excellent flights. A few launching tips from Greg McLure saw him heave his home brewed 21" chuck gliders higher than ever and with solid transitions, some fortuitous lift and deft trimming he managed to take out the event.

AWA Power Scramble

Once a very popular event with modellers of all vintages and persuasions, power scramble has struggled to attract significant numbers for the past 4 years. Moving the event to City based clubs was tried in order to spur interest but this, sadly, did not work either. This year, it was hoped that taking scramble back to its free flight roots would result in a boost in numbers, however this did not eventuate as only 4 flyers fronted for this event.

Pilots have one hour to complete as many flights as possible. Models usually use small diesel engines and a clockwork dethermalizer to prevent them from wandering too far. Maximum single flight time is 2 minutes.

Ian Dixon rolled out his ever reliable Doonside Mills powered "Hatchet Man" scrambler which he had trimmed to perfection. The aircraft circled lazily at about 20 feet before DT'ing almost on top of a waiting Dicko. A few shouts of "HEADS!!" were required as the little Mills hauled it skyward over the pits. The Hatchet Man was designed in the 1970's and is a very simple and robust free flight model. Its available from the "Airborne" plan service.



Ed's "Hatchet Man" in a rare moment of operation..

Greg McLure's "Big Bug" was once again trotted out and proved to be a success. Greg struggled with engine performance for a while but managed to get things together long enough to put in several good flights. The big bug doesn't have a DT, so the careful measuring of fuel and tuning of the engine is required to prevent the aircraft straying too far from home!



Greg "fish" McLure and his "Big Bug" scrambler..

Adrian Dyson had a lovely little aircraft that pattered majestically around the skies- and around everyone's heads! Adrian put in some solid flights and looked well on his way to challenging for the Scramble crown before structural failure ended his day.



Adrian Dyson saunters back to the launch area..

Troy Latto had his usual trevails with scramble. His "Hatchet Man", untrimmed and untried, left-turned in to the deck on its first sortie, snapping the drive shaft in the "Curry Mills". A quick heart transplant of an Irvine Mills from his Tomboy saw him line up and start solidly but fade as the hour went on. No matter how much he tried, the Mills could not develop enough revs to get the aircraft in the air and he ended the day in a fog of diesel fumes and curses. Subsequent investigations in the hangar revealed a rotated cylinder causing the power loss.

For the third year running, Ian Dixon was the scramble king, running out the decisive winner from Greg McLure and Adrian Dyson.

Winners Circle..



Scramble Place getters: Adrian Dyson (3rd) Ian Dixon (1st) Greg McLure (2nd).



Chucky place getters: Ian Dixon (3rd), Troy Latto (1st), Greg McLure (2nd)



Dicko with the scramble trophy



Smug fat bastard with the Chuck Glider Trophy

Many thanks to Mike Beilby for running all three events and the helpers and retrievers for valuable time spent in pursuit of the Dixielanders and spotting/timing for competitors. Special thanks to Georgia Latto for the majority of the pics used in this report.

Troy Latto
SAM2704

Results:

George Fuller Duration:

1st	Ian Dixon	614
2nd	Phil Letchford	613
3rd	Chris Behr	589
4th	Adrian Dyson	559
5th	Greg McLure	360
6th	Mark Sherburn	337
7th	Rod McDonald	287
8th	Gary Dickens	0

AWA Chuck Glider

1 st	Troy Latto	109
2 nd	Greg McLure	98
3 rd	Ian Dixon	75

AWA Power Scramble

1 st	Ian Dixon	708
2 nd	Greg McLure	685
3 rd	Adrian Dyson	340
4 th	Troy Latto	279

EXECUTIVE PAGES

WAMAC general meeting: 8th April 2011
Held at: The home of Dicko 23 Milne St Bicton
Meeting started at: 8.05 pm
Members present: Ian Dixon, Troy Latto, Rod Mc Donald, Kevin Hooper, Rob Bovell.
Apologies: Paul Baartz, Graeme Cooke
Visitors: Nill
Confirm that the minutes as recorded from previous meeting were correct. **Moved** Kevin Hooper
Seconded Rob Bovell
Membership numbers: 24 members total, 18 full and 6 Associate.

Correspondence incoming:

Wanneroo Aero modellers approving our request to use their field for both club and state 38 antique events. They are also happy to fire up the BBQ on the day.
From Pino SAM 2001 (Italy) with the answer to Troy's mystery model as published in Geezer. *The unknown model of page 2 is a Red Ripper. A not beautiful model that flies very well. Regards. Pino*

Correspondence outgoing: Geezer news letter to members and interested people. A SAM270 promotional article sent to windsock for publication.

Treasures report:

Balance B/F	\$13695.03
Shirt sales	\$50.00
Club Fees	\$140.00
Total	\$13885.02
Less medallions	\$179.00
New Balance	\$13808.02

General Business:

65th Nationals Perth 2012 13th – 20th April Old timer events to be held on the last 3 days of the nationals to give Canowindra contestants as much time as possible to get back.

WED 18th

9.00am– 12.00pm Standard Duration 12.30pm– 3.30pm 1/2A Texaco

Thursday 19th April

9.00am– 12.00pm Burford 12.30pm– 3.30pm 38 Antique

Friday 20th April

9.00am– 12.00pm Duration 12.30pm– 3.30pm Texaco

PRESENTATION DINNER 7.30pm

Rob Bovell has organised medallions for the SAM270 events, the cost is \$8.00 each this means we will need an average of 8 entries at \$3.00 per entrant to break even for the events. The 1/2A comp had 7 entries and the short fall of three dollars was taken from petty cash to reimburse Rob for money spent. The medallions for the rest of the club calendar have been purchased and a cheque was drawn to pay the supplier. A special thank you to Rob for organising this and doing a sterling job at the 1/2A Texaco event.

It has been brought to the attention of the executive committee that there is some misunderstanding with a few members regarding the SAM270 membership fee. If you have a concern please discuss it with the executive so any concerns can be made clear. At no time has any additional fees been asked for from WAMAC members. The only additional fees being asked for, is from **NON** WAMAC members. The amount is \$30.00 which will give them both affiliated membership to WAMAC and membership to SAM270. This will enable them to be eligible for SAM270 Champion of Champion points at the end of the year and trophies at the individual comps. If for some reason the person does not want to pay the membership fee they are still very welcome to fly in the events but will not be eligible for champion points or being presented with a trophy if they place in the individual event.

It was suggested that WAMAC should look into the purchase of a quantity of either as members are having difficulties in obtaining it. Ian Dixon will look into this and report back at the May Meeting.

Contest report SAM270 1/2A Texaco 27th March 2011 – WAMAC, Oakford

- 1 Richard Sutherland RC1 1080 + 338
- 2 Troy Latto Lil' Diamond 1080 + 275
- 3 Kevin Hooper Stardust Special 1076
- 4 Gary Dickens Anderson Pylon 1020
- 5 Rod McDonald Kerswap 855
- 6 Ian Dixon 50% Bomber 592
- 7 Rob Bovell Kerswap 494

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A reminder that SAM270 standard duration will be held at oakford on the 10th April starting at 9-30

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting 13/5/2011 at Paul Baartz residence

CONTEST CALENDAR FOR 2011

Date	Event	Type	Location	Start time
March 27	1/2A Texaco	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
May 22	Burford	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
May 29	Texaco	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
June 5	Open Duration	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
June 12	Std Duration	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
June 19th	38 Antique	SAM	Wanneroo	9.30am
July 3rd	Std Duration	AWA	Cardup	9.30am
July 31st	Burford	AWA	Cardup	9.30am
Aug 14th	Open Duration	AWA	Cardup	9.30am
Aug 28th	Tomboy Rally	SAM	Cardup	9.30am
Sept 25th	38 Antique	AWA	Wanneroo	9.30am
Oct 9th	Texaco	AWA	Cardup	9.30am
Oct 23rd	1/2A Texaco	AWA	Cardup	9.30am
Nov 6th	Nostalgia	Trial	Cardup	9.30am
Nov 20th	electric O/T event	Trial	Cardup	9.30am

Note: The Nostalgia and electric O/T events marked in **BLUE** are **TRIAL** events for 2011 run by SAM270. Events marked in **RED** are **AWA State** events run by WAMAC. All other events are club events run by SAM270

2011 SAM270 "PAUL BAARTZ SHIELD" PROGRESSIVE SCORES

SAM27024	R Sutherland	4
SAM2704	T Latto	3
SAM27021	K Hooper	2
SAM27012	G Dickens	1
SAM2706	R Mc Donald	1
SAM27017	I Dixon	1
SAM27019	R Bovell	1
SAM2701	Paul Baartz	-
SAM2702	P Spencer	-
SAM2703	R Rowson	-
SAM2705	D Hope	-
SAM2707	D Bentley	-
SAM2708	D Gibbs	-
SAM2709	G Sayers	-
SAM27010	G Eyre's	-
SAM27011	R Hoogenkamp	-
SAM27013	A Trott	-
SAM27014	H VanLeeuwen	-
SAM27015	G Cook	-
SAM27016	J Voak	-
SAM27018	R Rumble	-
SAM27020	C Behr	-
SAM27022	L Isitt	-
SAM27023	G McLure	-

"Paul Baartz Shield" criterion

SAM270 is presenting all club events for the 2011 flying season. Participation is open to **all** AWA affiliated pilots but **trophies and points will only be awarded to SAM270 members**. SAM270 membership is automatically awarded to new and re-joining WAMAC members and numbers will be allocated on a sequential basis. Once you are allocated a SAM number, its yours for life and it will not be re-allocated. An entry fee for each event will be charged to cover costs of trophies and engraving. Points are allocated thusly: First place 4 points; Second place 3 points; Third place 2 points; One point is awarded for flying in the event.

THE DECONSTRUCTION PAGE..

More from "Son of Sam" and prolific builder Ian Dixon this month. In article one, Dicko shares a new approach to fuel pinchoff for Burford models and in article two we show off his new Lanzo "Airborne"..

A no servo load approach to engine fuel shut off

If you worry about the load on the servo, or the drain on the battery from a stalled servo used to squash the fuel tube on your Burford model, then have a look at this system I'm using.



The servo operates a secondary arm that is mounted on an aluminium plate. This then releases the L shaped wire and the spring loaded remote pinch off valve is actuated.

The remote pinch valves are available from Texas Timers www.texastimers.com



Also Texas timers have some great silicon fuel tube **SMALL 1/8th INCH FUEL LINE FOR GENERAL USE** that is resilient to diesel fuel and a must if you use this system. I have purchased a number of items from Hank at Texas Timers who has always been helpful and provides excellent service.

Lanzo Airborne

The Images below are the Lanzo "Airborne" 104inch span, silk covered and krylon paint trimmed fuselage. Plastic shrink covering to wings and tail surfaces.

All up weight 4.5 pounds powered by OS open rocker 60 / 4 stroke



Airborne sitting on the grass in Dicko's backyard..



Rear View. Easy to see the distinctive Lanzo layout..



Nice view of the Krylon trimming on the cowl and starboard fuselage.

Dicko
SAM27017

SAM Champs Canowindra 2011

A sneak peak at what the best and brightest are flying this year – and what Condo is doing as well. It looks like they had another year of perfect weather.



Condo looming over his Antique 38 model: Nice to see he's still colour coordinating his wardrobe with his model livery..



Condo and his "Spoofem" Burford model..



Antique 38 Winners circle (Mick Walsh holds the "Weathers Westerner" closer to its element)



"Can you get my plane down mister?" Fireman Farthing retrieves an errant model from the trees. At least he's using a ladder and not a rifle this year!



SAM Champs 2011 Texaco flyoff. Bombers Rule!!

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CLUB MEETINGS

Until Paul is feeling better, meetings will be held on the second Friday of every month at Dicko's place: **23 Milne St, Bicton**. Meetings kickoff at 8pm sharp, The waffle kicks off about 10 mins later. Bring yourself and a sense of humour. Tea and coffee will be provided. Stronger Beveridge's are at your own expense and will be gratefully consumed when you're not looking.

CLUB PLANZ LIBRARY

The club has a growing library of old timer and nostalgia plans for your delectation. The catalogue is available from Ian Dixon. The simple rule of the plans library is: If you borrow it, copy it and bring back the original! If you have a plan that you would like to donate to the library, see Ian and he will snatch it from your trembling hand!

Politically Incorrect Humour (Feel free to insert your own boom-tish after every punchline..)

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems. They imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil.

My mate's missus left him last Thursday, she said she was going out for a pint of milk & never come back! I asked him how he was coping and he said "Not bad, I've been using that powdered stuff."

The police came to my front door last night holding a picture of my wife. They said, "Is this your wife, sir?" Shocked, I answered, "Yes." They said, "I'm afraid it looks like she's been hit by a bus." I said, "I know, but she has a lovely personality."

Two Irishmen find a mirror in the road. The first one picks it up & says, "Blow me I know this face but I cant put a name to it." The second picks it up & says, "You daft bastard it's me!"

Paddy's in jail. The Guard looks in his cell and see's him hanging by his feet. "What are you doing?" he asks. "Hanging myself," Paddy replies. "It should be round your neck," says the guard. "I tried that," says Paddy, "but I couldn't breathe."

Two Irishmen are hammering floorboards down in a house. Paddy picks up a nail, realises it's upside down & throws it away. He carries on doing this until Murphy says, "Why are you throwing them away?" "Because they're upside down," says Paddy. "You daft prat," replies Murphy, "save 'em for the ceiling!!"

RANDOM PICTURE PAGE..



"Sharp Eyes" Bovell bird watching at Meckering..



Condo gets stomped by a bunch of marauding cane toads..



Condo's Pretty Lanzo "Swayback." Not as pretty as mine though...

Wishful thinking..

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....