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# EDITORS RANT..

Competition season is well under way – both SAM270 and AWA. So far we have completed Nostalgia,1/2a Texaco, Burford and Duration – all SAM270 events. This year some of us will fly each event at least four times within a nine month period. The inevitable weather delays will also make it a challenging year. Sometimes this 'Hobby' we do for fun can seem like job can't it? But, as the wise old owl once said: "A bad day modelling is better than ANY day working".

## Everything new is old again..

A new club year and a new committee! Welcome Ian Dixon to the president's chair for the second year running. Looking forward to consolidating the gains we have made in your first term. Paul Baartz once again holds the Fiscal future of the club in his able hands as Secretary/Treasurer and yours truly was reelected as Editor and VP once more – it seems you all like getting abused in print and I am happy to oblige. Rob Bovell, following on from a sterling year at the helm of the SAM270 & AWA competition calendar has returned for another round of events management. Much appreciated by all, Rob. Please give the new committee your support this year – they are serving you and your club.

## Time to find the bottom of your pockets

Our club fees have been set and are the same as last year: Seniors \$150, Pensioners \$130, Junior \$40, Associate membership \$30. Paul is taking cash, cheques and direct bank deposit. He will probably also take doubloons, shekels, bullion, diamonds and kruger rands but won't give you a receipt. Pay your fees NOW or you won't be able to fly at our world class Oakford facilities.

## My cup runneth over

Thanks to a couple of rescheduled events and a diligent and very welcome effort by Rob Bovell, we have no less than FOUR SAM270 reports and the completion of the Nats articles for 2012. Rob does an awesome job gathering stats, running events, organizing trophies, taking pictures and writing up the comp reports and I would struggle to do this magazine justice every month without his efforts. How about some of you relieve a bit of Rob's burden and offer to write up a couple of the remaining 2012 events for him?

Troy "Dammit" Latto Editor-that's-large



#### **Standard Duration**

Day three of the Nationals turned on the best weather of the three day schedule. Eight starters flew in this event, with five pilots managing to make it into the flyoff. The event was closely contested with only four seconds separating the first three places.



Rusty club icon Alan "Burkhalter" Trott trotted out his old 85% Bomber for its final outing under his command before entering the Cooke Stable..

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Pilot	model	Eng	Score	place
Paul Baartz	Playboy	OS 40H	900+393	1
lan Dixon	Bomber	OS 40H	900+392	2
Alan Trott	Bomber	OS40H	900+389	3
Rod McDonald	Foote Westerner	OS 40H	900+294	4
Ray Sherburn	Playboy	OS 40H	900+203	5
Kevin Hooper	Bomber	K&B 40	751	6
Hans Van Leeuwen	Bomber	OS 40H	645	7
Rob Bovell	Playboy Cabin	Leo 40	604	8
Greg McLure	DNF			



An example of a Foote's Westerner by a Western Footer – Rod McDonald..

A special thanks needs to go out to Angela and Gary Dickens for stepping into the CD role for this event.

## **R/C Old Timer Texaco**

The afternoon of day three saw a slight change of weather with the breeze freshening from the west and the air temperature dropping. Five pilots started the event with only two making it into the fly-off.



Dicko's Airborn captured landborn..

Dicko and Ray Sherburn launched into the fly off with Dicko managing to overcome Ray's home ground advantage and take out first place.



Another venerable piece of model aviation history – Ray Sherburn's Flaming-o has seen more competitions than most!

Pilot	model	Eng	Score	place
lan Dixon	Airborne	OS60fs	1800+942	1
Ray Sherburn	Flamingo	Mag61fs	1800+665	2
Alan Trott	Bomber	Mag61fs	1777	3
Rod McDonald	MG2	OS60fs	1514	4
Kevin Hooper	Miss America	OS60fs	1302	5
Hans Van Leeuwen	DNS			
Richard Sutherland	DNS			
Greg McLure	DNS			
Rob Bovell	DNS			

Overall, the R/C Old Timer events at the 64<sup>th</sup> Nationals were keenly and closely contested.Whilst some tasted success and others just had a good time, the camaraderie shown and the willingness of people to help out when required seems to embody what aero modelling is all about.

## Rob Bovell – CD

On behalf of all nats OT participants, thanks to Rob, Angela & "Winnie" Dickens and Paul B for organizing and running these events on behalf of the AWA and SAM270. A job well done! - ed



Scram!! Well – that's what is!!

#### Auto response..

This one was heard while flying in Holland, tower is talking to a female helicopter pilot.. "What's your altitude?" "1000 feet" "What's your heading?" "175" "What's your speed?" "150 knots" "What's your bra size?" "36B......AAAHHHHH SHHIIITTTTT"

## SAM270 Nostalgia – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The first event on the SAM270 calendar for 2012 attracted 7 pilots and was held in cool but calm weather conditions.

Ian Dixon put in three solid flights, all of them maximums to take out first place. Troy Latto managed only one maximum on his way to second place. Rod McDonald also managed only one maximum to take out third place.



A still but misty Autumn morning for Nostalgia...

Hans Van Leeuwen's Lucky Lindy lived up to her name, when Hans managed to successfully fly around the back of the large tree that usually eats models and almost eked out enough air time to land in bounds. I reckon he was happy just to land safely. Greg McLure decided to change models after his first flight. All was well until he fuelled his reserve model and filled the fuselage with diesel fuel. This would have been alright except he flooded his electronics and decided to retire rather than risk flying a sodden model. Kevin Hooper brought out a 44' wingspan Tomboy powered with a PAW 1.5cc diesel. This model proved to be a real goer and with the large motor climbed like stink. However an unreliable shut off put paid to Kevin's day.

1	lan Dixon	200% Stomper	1260
2	Troy Latto	Lanzo Swayback	1192
3	Rod McDonald	Fubar	1039
4	Richard Sutherland	Ambition	515
5	Greg McLure	Dreamweaver	402
6	Hans Van Leeuwen	Lucky Lindy	154
7	Kevin Hooper	44" Tomboy	145



Bless 'em all, bless 'em all..the fat and the short and the tall..

Overall it was a good start to the competition year. As always a big thank you must go out to all the competitors and the other kind folk who came down to generally help out.

#### SAM 270 Half A Texaco and Burford Duration – Sunday 24/06/2012 - Oakford

A cold, calm and overcast morning greeted the seven pilots who turned out for Half A Texaco, the first event of our double header Sunday. Early conditions proved difficult with very few maximum flights achieved. However, as the morning progressed several pilots did manage to record maximum flight times of six minutes. As no one achieved more than two maximum flights there was no need for a fly off.



What we were playing for ...

Rod McDonald was flying a Spearhead Junior, which I was told was the very first Old Timer model he built. Rod and his model performed well enough to claim first place.

Kevin Hooper who continues to perform well in this event took out second place.

Gary Dickens only five seconds behind Kevin rounded out the placing's with third place.



Paul succeeds in getting his RC1 to Sit and Stay!

Michael Butcher battled with his Kerswap which is in need of a little more trimming. He was soon to discover the depth of knowledge available from the "experts" at the field, who freely gave opinions as to how he could improve his model.

Gary and Angela Dickens brought down their Camper Van and were able to provide a much appreciated cuppa to those in need of a little warmth.

Generally, not a bad morning of flying considering the trying conditions early on.

#### Rob Bovell

#### 1/2A Texaco results

1	Rod McDonald	Spearhead Jnr.	982
2	Kevin Hooper	Stardust Special	917
3	Gary Dickens	Anderson Pylon	912
4	Paul Baartz	RC-1	863
5	Troy Latto	Lil' Diamond	681
6	lan Dixon	50% Bomber	641
7	Michael Butcher	Kerswap	240

#### Burford

The second event of the day was Burford Duration. Five pilots turned out for this event and were treated to much better flying conditions. After much insistence from Troy Latto, who was on a very strict leave pass, we kicked off early. Fortunately there were no late arrivals to throw a spanner into Troy's Wedding Anniversary plans.



Hoops fiddles with his engine while Rod tries to remember why he's there. Richard enjoys the show..

Rod McDonald flew an unusual but well turned out model. A "B100M103", which during an early test flight showed lots of promise. However once the competition was up and running, he had problems getting his engine to run. This was traced to a loose back plate and was quickly remedied allowing Rod to get airborne.



Rod discovers what those backplate screws are for on his Taipan powered B100M103..

As four of the five flyers managed to achieve the required three maximums of five minutes, a fly off was required to sort out the final placings.

#### **Burford results**

1 2	lan Dixon Troy Latto	Swiss Miss Spacer	900 + 320 900 + 257
3	Richard Sutherland	Ambition	900 + 244
4	Rod McDonald	B100M10	900 + 202
5	Kevin Hooper	Bomber	852



The old team back together..with a certain trophy from a recent expedition featuring prominently..

During the morning Kevin Hooper provided us with entertainment from Curtin Radio. He has now discovered that about three hours of interior lights and radio are about all his car battery can sustain. A quick check around turned up only one jumper lead, however the resourceful lot that Old Timers are some suitable wire was rustled up and Kevin was successfully jump started.



Q: How many SAM270 members does it take to start a car? A: five. Because it just does!

Overall, another great day of flying was had by all. I want to express my appreciation to all those who competed and those who helped ensure an early finish to what could have been along day for some of us.

#### Rob Bovell.

A personal thanks to all participants for taking in to account my marital status and testical retention requirements while flying in these two events. I live to fly – fully endowed - another day! - ed

## SAM270 Duration – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 - Oakford

Cool clear conditions welcomed the seven pilots who came down to the flying field to compete in this years club Duration event. Early flights showed that it was possible to achieve the maximum flight of seven minutes and most competitors managed at least one during the day. Two pilots managed to record three maximum flights and a fly off was required to decide first and second placings.



The early morning sun glints off Dicko's Stardust Special

Ian Dixon and Ray Sherburn took to the skies in the fly off with Ian managing out stay aloft the longest to take out first place and Ray was relegated to second place. Les Isitt rounded it out with third place.

Rod McDonald suffered a fly away during his first flight of the competition. It was believed to be a radio problem of some sort. The model was last seen spiralling in the direction of the farmers house. Rod searched for the model with Greg McLure helping out, but the model remains lost. (*stop press – Rod got the model back a couple of hours later courtesy of some local youths who found it near the farmhouse – ed*)



Ray, Dicko and Les all enjoy the fruits of a lovely Sunday morning and a hard fought competition.

Paul Baartz launched into his fourth and final attempt, only to discover his trim setting were out of whack, this resulted in a full power loop followed by a great barrel roll. To his credit Paul continued on with flight rather than call an attempt, which may have allowed him to get into the fly off.

If God had meant man to fly, he would have given him more money.

#### **Duration Results**

Ray SherburnPlayboyMag.es IsittBomberSaitPaul BaartzBomberSaitCevin HooperBomberASFGreg McLureBomberOS	SP 61 FS 1260 + 4   0 61 FS 1260 + 4   0 65 FS 1205   0 62 FS 1204   0 61 FS 1161   30 FS 885	420 5
0	G 61 FS 0	
Paul Baartz Bomber Sait Kevin Hooper Bomber ASF Greg McLure Bomber OS	o 62 FS 1204 P 61 FS 1161 30 FS 885	

As always a big thank you must go out to all the competitors and the other kind folk who came down to generally help out.

Rob Bovell



Greta and Paul Baartz enjoy some conviviality at the Duration event..



Paul took the opportunity to find some lift while everyone had their backs turned..



Who you lookin at??? "Winnie" Dickens stares down the camera man at half a Texaco..

## Presidents report WAMAC 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012



Yet another positive year has passed and WAMAC has forged ahead. It has been a busy contest year with a full calendar of events with interest in new disciplines. We have introduced electric 1/2A with great success and there has been some interest in exploring other electric events. There has also been some discussion among members in regards to introducing Vintage Glider into the calendar. We have recruited new members that have seen the joy in building and flying old-timer aircraft and have entered both club and state events. The old timer movement is still strong and growing in the west.

Unfortunately we lost one of our long standing members, Rick Rumble this year. Rick was always supportive of our competitions and flew in them when he could. He also called into the field and mow the grass in the paddock when he was passing by, a job that most members probably took for granted, in many ways he will certainly be missed.

The year was busy with the AWA 65<sup>th</sup> nationals being held in Perth and despite some initial upset regarding location all ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of our members. We were also represented at the SAM Champs in NSW by four members who flew well and came home with a number of trophies. As one of the members who made the trip I would like to thank the members who couldn't make it who gave us there support and assistance, models loaned to us for certain events and assistance with finishing models was done by other members so we could make as big an impact as possible, this was greatly appreciated.

Some further improvements have been made at the field this year with the introduction of a second pit area making it safer regarding wind direction, and the carpet helping to keep the sand down in the dry months. Thanks to Graham cook who was able to obtain large sections of carpet and a small crew who collected it and pegged it down at the field.

There are a number of people that have been outstanding members over the past twelve month that have put a great deal into the club particularly the other committee members. Without this input it may not have been such a smooth year. I would personally like to thank Paul Baartz for his continued efforts as sectary/ treasurer, without his input my job would have been more difficult, Paul truly is the back bone of our club. Rob Bovell has tirelessly and selflessly been contest director for all of the club and state events over the past year as well as organising medallions etc. Garry and Angela Dickens have assisted Rob whenever it was needed during the running of events and this was greatly appreciated.

Troy Latto who has truly done a fantastic job in the production of our Geezer newsletter. Troy's efforts have made it possible for the rest of the old timer enthusiasts around the world to know something about WAMAC and SAM270. I receive many emails congratulating us on our Geezer, and to date we are in regular direct contact with all the SAM chapters in Australia as well as SAM 2001 in Italy, SAM 65 and SAM 1066 both in the United Kingdom as a result, it's certainly a job well done and the club is grateful to Troy for his efforts.

I look forward to continuing to support WAMAC in the coming year.

# JUST A MINUTE!!

**WAMAC.** Minutes of general meeting held on:  $8^{\text{th}}$  June 2012

Held at: 20 Granville Way, Willetton

**Meeting started at:** 8.11pm with VP Troy Latto in the chair.

Members present: T.Latto, P.Baartz, H.VanLeeuwen, B.Slynns-Daniels, K.Hooper, M.Butcher, D.Hope, G.McLure, D.Bentley, R.Bovell

Apologies: I.Dixon, G.Cooke, A.Trott

Visitors: nil

**Minutes of previous meeting:** were confirmed as circulated to members in Geezer

**Business arising:** 

#### **Correspondence inwards:**

from K.Hooper confirming Merredin availability for August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

AWA regarding fee structure for next financial year (no pensioner concession otherwise the same) I.Dixon regarding AGM and nominations.

## Correspondence outwards:

Geezer to mailing list. AGM notice to all members not on mailing list.

## **Treasurers report:**

Balance at bank: \$14,354.94 19 members and 8 associates.

**General Business:** Height clearance for events at Wanneroo, secretary will apply to AWA secretary. Some discussion regarding 'maximum times' in OT events.

## Competition results:

Club Nostalgia held on 27<sup>th</sup> May:

- 1. I.Dixon,
- 2. T.Latto,
- 3. R.McDonald,
- 4. R.Bovell
- 5. G.McLure,
- 6. H.VanLeeuwen,
- 7. K.Hooper

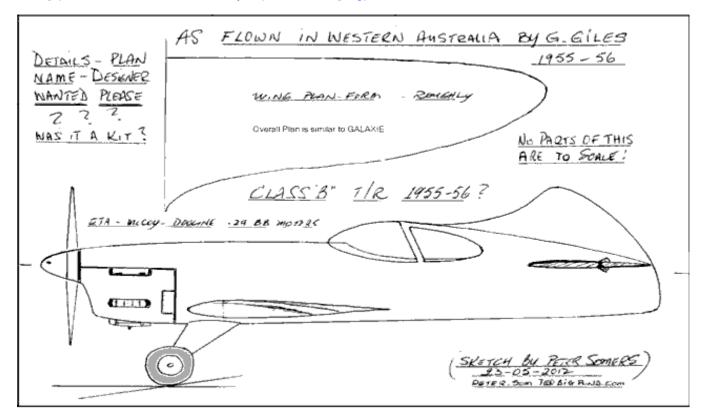
Meeting Closed at: 8.47pm

Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> July

lan (Dicko) Dixon

## PLANES OF FAME DEPT..

This Month we feature a C/L Team racer from 1955-56. It was submitted to The Geezer office by Peter Somers (erstwhile former editor of Windsock) who would like to know what it is and whether anyone has a proper plan for it as he would like to build one. If you can answer any of these questions please email The Geezer office at <a href="https://www.latto.com">https://www.latto.com</a> a proper plan for it as he would like to build one. If you can answer any of these questions please email The Geezer office at <a href="https://www.latto.com">https://www.latto.com</a> answer any of these questions please email The Geezer office at <a href="https://www.latto.com">https://www.latto.com</a>.



## DUMB AND DUMBER (OR DUFFH!)

The story of a brain fade at a critical juncture by Gary Eyre..



This little story might be worth including in the Geezer..

A few years ago I built a 34"" model called Zero-Seven from a Model Flyer plan. Powered by Thunder Tiger 07 engine with 3 channels, it was a cute high wing design from David Boddington. I had quite a few flights, it would do loops, barrel-y rolls (rudder/elevator) and would handle windy conditions.

On the 15th August, 2009, I took the plane out to a farmer's paddock (my normal flying field for winter) started the engine and hand-launched the plane, as the grass was quite high. Off into the wild blue yonder, flying beautifully, turning left - nothing happened. Oops! Try turning right - nothing happened. Oh dear! Pull up - nothing. Push down

- nothing. Throttle back - nothing. Turn tranny off and on - showing full charge - still no response from any corrections to controls. Realizing that I had NOT turned on the rx I stood back and watched the plane climb into the clouds gradually turning to the south-east and slowly disappearing.

After a search out in the paddocks I thought it may have gone in to, I put a note in the local weekly newsletter in the forlorn hope somebody may have seen it.On the 25th August, a knock on my front door and a grinning farmer, Ross Stone, asked if I had lost a toy plane, and in the back seat of his Hilux sat the 07!He had been driving around his paddocks, checking sheep, and the plane was sitting in the middle of a paddock!

There had been quite a bit of rain in that time, but other than the servos and rx being u/s because of the rain, the plane and engine were o.k.

The engine still runs well,and I decided to build another fuselage as I am not sure how the glue held up

I still have not lived down the experience with the locals - "Lost any more planes, Gary?", but I deserve that. Perhaps some of the guys might like to share any similar experiences

Regards, Gary Eyre, Quairading

Gary – we have ALL done this at some point. I remember a similar event with a glider on a bungee at Yokine many years ago that ended in a shower of splinters and tears (I was an emotional child) – glad you got it back and thanks for sharing! – Ed

#### 2012 SAM270 "PAUL BAARTZ SHELD" PROORESS TABLE

SAM No.	Name	Points
SAM27017	l Dixon	13
SAM2706	R McDonald	8
SAM2704	T Latto	7
SAM27021	K Hooper	6
SAM27022	R Sherburn	3
SAM27024	R Sutherland	3
SAM27023	G McLure	2 2
SAM2701	P Baartz	2
SAM27025	L Isitt	2
SAM27012	G Dickens	2
SAM27014	H Van Leeuwen	1
SAM2703	R Rowson	0
SAM27013	A Trott	0
SAM27019	R Bovell	0
SAM27010	G Eyres	0
SAM27016	J Voak	0
SAM27026	B Slyns-Daniels	0
SAM27030	P Everitt	0
SAM2702	P Spencer	0
SAM2705	D Hope	0
SAM2707	D Bentley	0
SAM2708	D Gibbs	0
SAM2709	G Sayers	0
SAM27011	R Hoogenkamp	0
SAM27015	G Cook	0
SAM27020	C Behr	0

## "Paul Baartz Shield" criterium

SAM270 is presenting all club events for the 2012 flying season. Participation is open to <u>all</u> AWA affiliated pilots but <u>trophies and points will only be</u> <u>awarded to SAM270 members</u>. SAM270 membership is automatically awarded to new and rejoining 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.

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#### CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the second Friday of every month at Paul Baartz's place - **20 Granville Way**, **Willetton**. 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!

Start time

9.30am

9.30am

9.30am

## CONTEST CALENDAR FOR 2012

Date May 27<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> August 25<sup>th</sup> August 26<sup>th</sup> September 9<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> October 21<sup>st</sup> November 18<sup>th</sup> November 25<sup>th</sup> Nostalgia 1/2A Texaco and Burford Duration 38 Antique Burford Std Duration Texaco Duration 5td Duration 1/2A electric Trial Texaco 1/2A Texaco 38 Antique Tomboy Rally

Event

#### Oakford Oakford Oakford Wanneroo Oakford

Location

9.30am 9.30am Merredin 2.00pm Merredin 9.30am Oakford 9.30am Oakford 9.30am Oakford 9.30am Oakford 9.30am Oakford 9.30am 9.30am Wanneroo Oakford 9.30am

Note: The Nostalgia and electric O/T events marked in **BLUE** are **TRIAL** events for 2012 run by SAM270. Events marked in **RED** are **AWA State** events run by WAMAC. All other events are club events run by SAM270

