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EDITORS RANT..

Best to get it out of the way as quick as possible - sorry about missing the March Geezer. A combination of international travel, work, illness and family pressures saw me run out of time to produce a magazine worthy of publication. I also suffered from a lack of publishable material and since I hesitate to plagiarize too many online sources, I thought it best to give it all a miss. Hopefully you will all forgive me and call off the contracts on my life.

Malmstrom Madness

All reports indicate that the Malmstrom mass launch went off in fine style (details in the text) with all attendees enjoying a day of fun and frivolity. These sorts of fun events tend to bring out our inner child and serve to remind us why we got in to this hobby in the first place – fun! Keeping with that theme, the combined HL/CL Glider, power scramble and Ebenezer championship events will be held on April 14 so why not dust off that old chunky, tune up that Mills or build an Ebenezer and come on down?

The Phantom Menace

The inaugural WA Phantom racing championships were run and won April 6. We had 15 entries and over 20 aircraft in attendance with most of the field getting in the air. Times were not as fast as our Eastern States brethren but these are early days and with some adjustments in engine tuning and propellers I am sure we will be able to give a good showing at Canowindra in 2014.

New Shirts.

As discussed at the last meeting, we have ordered a new batch of SAM shirts. These are the very attractive red shirts worn by the who's who of SAM270 and will be available for purchase at the next club meeting. The new shirts are now sporting a breast pocket specially designed so that stuff can fall out of it and puncture your wing at a critical moment. These outstanding shirts can be owned for only \$25.00. Some shirts were pre ordered by members but there are a few spares so don't hesitate or you'll miss out!

Strong Thermals!

Troy Latto
Editor

Vale Dick Gibbs



Dick tends his Buzzard Bombshell at Northam in 1983

It seems of late we hear at least once a month of the sad loss of yet another of our long time aero modeller friends.

Unfortunately we bid farewell to another of WAMACs long standing members last month with the passing of Richard (Dick) Gibbs. Dick was an outstanding aero modeller, and a true gentleman who devoted hundreds if not thousands of hours organising events, being the editor for Windsock and - when WA hosted the Australian nationals - became the editor of Nat-Sock. I personally met Dick when I was around 13-14 years of age when I joined WAMAC and became interested in free fight aircraft. Dick was one of the older guys who you could approach without hesitation and know he would be only too keen to assist you with any modelling issues.

Dick was also at the forefront of the SAM movement in Western Australia and was the driving force behind the first old timer comps we had in the early eighties in Northam. Dick organised the events, was the CD and provided all the trophies which he made himself from sections of the main spar of a full size tiger moth.

I have fond memories of Dick who would frequent Radio Model Supplies in Victoria Park for modelling supplies, as a junior employee there I would delight in his visits and friendly chats about all things modelling I particularly enjoyed his visits when he was building a scale control line Albatross.

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Dick would be excited as he pointed out the detail added to the magnificently crafted model with the Pièce de résistance being the exposed rocker gear on the scale motor being functional, powered by a servo motor and operated by a micro switch just below the surface of the fuselage skin

It was this very same model that was on display at Dick's memorial service - a model so well built it was still in great shape 35 years later. A fitting memorial to an outstanding modeller.

Dick would have been delighted with the number of his modelling mates that attended his memorial service along with his family and friends. Some wonderful stories of Dick's modelling adventures were included in his eulogy read by Fred Adler.

Dick will be remembered for his tireless generosity to aero modelling, his friendly, warm personality and the generous smile that was his trade mark. I'm sure I speak for many when I say my life is richer having known Dick Gibbs.

Ian Dixon
President, WAMAC

Malmstrom Mass Launch – March 24



This is Malmstrom country..

Congratulations to George Car for the organised Malmstrom mass launch on the 24th March.

We had 10 entries, perfect weather and a great bunch of fellow minded modellers on the day. George, sporting a Fez on his head, spent a lot of time at the BBQ cooking pancakes and making sure everyone was well fed, with litres of orange juice, tea and coffee to ensure all who attended enjoyed themselves.

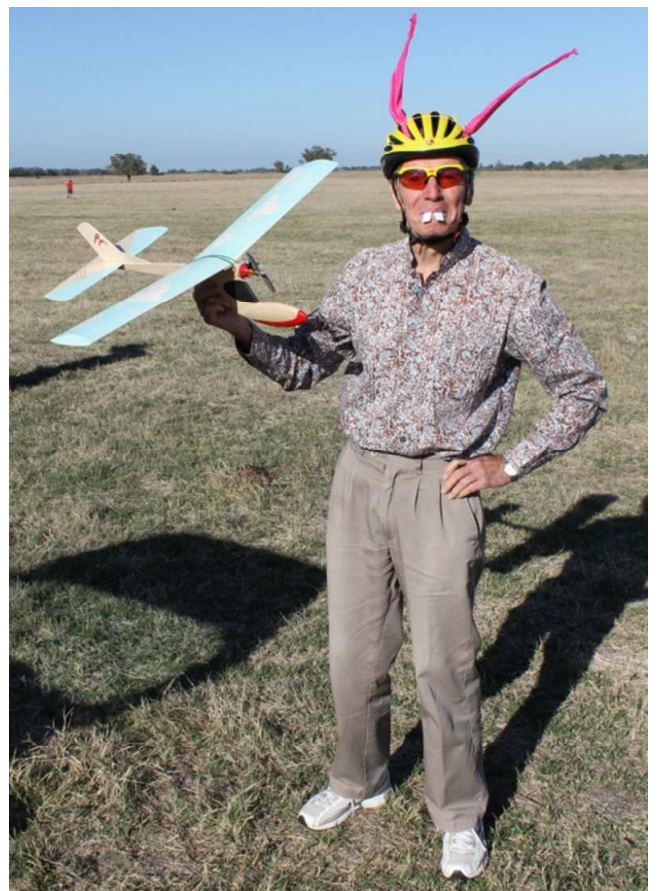
I know I enjoyed myself - and by the smiles and laughter on the faces of the rest of the flyers I'm certain they all did as well!

Those unorthodox looking models designed by Malmstrom flew very well and some looked bizarre in the air. I believe the day was a huge success and look forward to next year's event. There WILL be one next year won't there? George?

It would be a shame to have built all these models just for a one off event...



George Sported some interesting head gear..



But not half as interesting as this!!!

Thanks for a fun day and thanks for your efforts ensuring it was successful.

Ian Dixon

THE PHANTOM MENACE..



Inaugural Western Australian Phantom Racing challenge April 6 2013, Lumen Christie College

The most anticipated new event on the C/L calendar was held on a warm Autumn day on the grounds of Lumen Christie College in Gosnells. 10 entrants and over 20 models lined up for a day of racing and fun.

After a sausage sizzle lunch laid on by the our hosts at TARMAC – thanks heaps guys – CD Greg McLure called us all to order to get the racing under way. Four classes were flown and all pilots elected to use 35 foot lines. The rules used were the ones devised by David Owen and successfully applied at the SAM 1788 Champs at Canowindra. Our over enthusiastic CD ruffled a few feathers when a bit of overly enthusiastic jerking during the line test caused some breakages. Wise heads pulled him aside and explained it was more a gentle build up of pressure rather than a sharp tug. Fortunately spare lines were available and all effected parties got on with the job – albeit a little wiser!



Class 1 was flown first and soon the clatter of an ED Comp Special was heard as Ian Dixon prepared to show us all how it was done. His Phantom mk1 posted a solid first time and gave all the following competitors a yardstick mark.

Next up was Troy Latto with his Atom 1.8 powered mk1. The engine started strongly but the aircraft struggled to lift off through the long grass. A quick visit to the back of 1COW yielded two surplus tinfoil signs from Ian's glass business which made perfect takeoff mats. Troy's next attempt was more successful and he posted three solid heat times. More tuning and some experimentation with props will be in order.



We also suspect Troy will do better once he trains his inner ear to the nuances of control line flying. He staggered out of the circle after every heat with a gait that suggested he had just sailed non-stop around the world.

Rob Rowson campaigned a Comp Special powered Mk1 which performed a bit below par. Rob's engine didn't seem to want to come on song and he also struggled with maintaining a consistent flying line.

By far the standout performer in class 1 was Richard Sutherlands Comp Special powered MkII. After two heats which were below his usual performance standard, some tweaking on the flight line for heat 3 saw him post the fastest time of the day in this class. This aircraft still holds the record for class 1 on a national level and its distinctive in flight whine caused everyone to stop and watch.

Class 2 was the most hotly contested class flown. Most entrants flew the Mk2, but Ian Dixon stuck with the classic lines of the Mk1. There were several MVVS's, a smattering of Taipans and a couple of PAW's to vary the field.

Graeme Cooke campaigned two mustard coloured mk 2's with Taipan 1.5's. Hans van Leeuwen's grandson Mitch Cameron flew one and Graeme flew the other. Both had issues with getting the engines to start but once tuned and in the air both performed well. Mitch distinguished himself on the day by posting the slowest time with Graeme's second string Phantom but was somewhat mollified by the presentation of the "encouragement award" – a brand new CS 0.8 red fin diesel donated by visiting CS Agent Alex Finn. Thanks Alex and congrats Mitch!

Kevin Hooper nearly came unstuck with a blocked fuel line but the judicious application of some lung supplied compressed air soon had him racing. Your editor suffered with a tricky MVVS 2.0cc on his brand new mk 2 which refused to hand start and insisted on spinning the prop nut off when a starter was applied. Eventually he threw his hands up and flew a newly acquired mvvs 1.5 cc powered mk2 (ex Gary Dickens) for the last two heats.

Class 3 & 4 saw Ian Dixon go head to head with himself for the titles – there being no other entrants. He flew his Oliver Tiger Cub powered Mk1 Phantom in class 3 and just managed to record a time with his Moskito Powered Mk1 in class 4 before shearing the crankshaft and ending any hopes he may have had of really cranking up the speed.

Trophies were awarded to the class winners and medallions from AWA were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in class 1.

Results:

Class 1

Place	Pilot	Aircraft/engine	Speed (mph)
1	Richard Sutherland	Mk2/ED Comp Special	57.05
2	Ian Dixon	Mk1/ED Comp Special	49.7
3	Troy Latto	Mk1/Atom 1.8	42.35
4	Rob Rowson	Mk1/ED Comp Special	32.8

Class 2

Place	Pilot	Model/Engine	Speed (mph)
1	Ian Dixon	Mk1/MVVS 2cc	62.28
2	Adrian Dyson	Mk2/PAW 149	57.7
3	Graeme Cook	Mk2/Taipan 1.5	50.7
4	Kevin Hooper	Mk2/PAW 149	46.15
5	Kevin Cook	Mk2/Taipan 1.5	42.85
6	Troy Latto	Mk2/MVVS 1.5	41.68
7	Mitchell Cameron	Mk2/Taipan 1.5	40.0

Class 3

Place	Pilot	Model/engine	Speed (mph)
1	Ian Dixon	Mk1/CS Oliver Tiger Cub	49.18

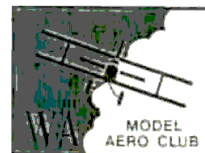
Class 4

Place	Pilot	Model/engine	Speed (mph)
1	Ian Dixon	Mk1/Moskito 1.7cc	53.95

Thanks to all who helped and/or participated to make the phantom challenge such a success!

Greg McLure (with Troy Latto)

JUST A MINUTE!!



WAMAC. Minutes of general meeting held on: 8th March 2013

Held at: 20 Granville Way, Willetton

Meeting started at: 8.00pm with president Ian Dixon in the chair.

Members present: I.Dixon, P.Baartz, H.VanLeeuwen, G.Cooke, R.Bovell, M.Butcher, L.Isitt, K.Hooper, R.Rowson, G.McLure, G.Car, T.Latto

Apologies: nil

Visitors: nil

Correspondence inwards: Duration Times, SAM 2001 newsletter, email from K.Fryer detailing proposed OT rule changes for submission to MAAA rules conference.

Correspondence outwards: nil

Treasurers report: Balance at bank: \$15,239.45 18 members and 11 associates.

Minutes of previous meeting: were unavailable, to be confirmed at next meeting.

Business arising: nil

General Business: Ian Dixon is pursuing purchase of Ether and appropriate storage bottles.

Discussion regarding club shirts, consensus was to purchase SAM 270 red shirts, orders being taken by secretary.

Several club members attended the funeral of Ken Wansborough.

Rob Rowson is organizing a model swap-meet to be held at WARMS facilities on 28th April.

Greg McLure confirmed that the Phantom event will be held at Lumen Christie on Saturday 6th April with a 1pm start.

Competition results:nil

Meeting Closed at: 8.24pm Next meeting 12th April.

MALMSTROM MADNESS!

Malmstrom Magic in March Report By George Car

Eight (well, OK, nine – Greg turned up shortly after the mass launch – with a ‘Bug’, which, though not a Malmstrom design, is certainly a model in the Malmstrom spirit) flyers turned up at the Gossage road field on the Sunday before Easter – and what a magnificent day it was. Warm, sunny, and hardly any drift, a was a perfect free flight day – with lots of small models flown.

Arriving a bit late (just how often can I use the excuse that the Mitchell Freeway was blocked?), I got on with the promised pancake cooking, while the more sensible sorts got their models out for a bit of trimming (!) Though all the models did fly, some had many rather wild flight patterns.....



Apart from the idea to get small free flight models built and flown for a bit of non-competitive fun, it was also an excuse to get a suitable, nearby field in use – we plan to use it more often, next is the State free flight Hand launched glider and scramble events, and on the same day, the Ebenezer mass launch. Steve Mitchell (the farmer) couldn't be more cooperative, and was delighted we had such good weather.



The mass launch went off at around the scheduled time, our judge agonised over just what criteria to use to award the prize, but in the end, I'm sure everyone did agree with the choice – Gary, whose model was certainly the best finished, with doped on, hand-cut tissue – a painstaking job. His model also spent a lot of time in the air (but then, he had sensibly fitted rudder control) and made some text-book landings, too. Hard to choose the winner, as Greg's model also had a couple of really long flights, on landing in the field across the road, another in the paddock on the other side of the canal with the (as Greg found out) electrified fence, while for sheer enthusiasm, I was sure Dicko would get the cup. However, I couldn't believe I hadn't won the cup – surely, judge, my model was unique – the only rubber powered one on the field – aw come on, judge.....



An outing to savour, I am sure that Ray Malmstrom would have approved! In addition there were two hardy souls who flew their models in the UK (in the rotten weather they were having), and also my old friend Andrew Cole in Ladysmith (near Wagga) built a model for the event, too.

Overall, a wonderful morning, hopefully the first of many.....

Those taking part:

Mike Butcher - Mimi
Ian Dixon – Martian and Mimi
Richard Sutherland - Bambinetta
Graham Cooke – Forray
Adrian Dyson - Martian
Gary Dickens - Skygipsy
Jamie Herder - Skyrida
George Car – Brigadyr
Greg McClure – “Bug”
Andrew Cole – Wagga Wagga, Australia
Martin Pike, Wales, UK – Aeronca 300
Mike Parker, UK – helicopter spaceship

George Car

DECONSTRUCTION PAGE

This month we have yet another from the Peter Everitt stable of models that use the devils power – a finely crafted 75% weathers Westerner from a Klarich kit..



Model is covered in "Hong Kong Kote" and looks a picture. Pete has promised me some specs and construction photo's which will feature in a future issue.

More Malmstrom madness..



Mike Butcher and his Mimi..



Graeme Cook and a Forray



Winners circle..

2012 SAM270 "PAUL BAARTZ SHIELD" PROGRESS TABLE

SAM No.	Name	Club Points
SAM27017	I Dixon	0
SAM2706	R McDonald	0
SAM2704	T Latto	0
SAM27021	K Hooper	0
SAM2701	P Baartz	0
SAM27012	G Dickens	0
SAM2703	R Rowson	0
SAM27022	R Sherburn	0
SAM27014	H Van Leeuwen	0
SAM27024	R Sutherland	0
SAM27023	G McLure	0
SAM27028	R Silbereisen	0
SAM27019	R Bovell	0
SAM27025	L Isitt	0
SAM27027	M Butcher	0
SAM27010	G Eyres	0
SAM27016	J Voak	0
SAM27026	B Slyn-Daniels	0
SAM27030	P Everitt	0
SAM27031	G Car	0
SAM2702	P Spencer	0
SAM2707	D Bentley	0
SAM2708	D Gibbs	0
SAM2709	G Sayers	0
SAM27011	R Hoogenkamp	0
SAM27013	A Trott	0
SAM27015	G Cook	0
SAM27020	C Behr	0
SAM27029	C Edwards	0

"Paul Baartz Shield" criteria

SAM270 is presenting all club events for the 2012 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, it's 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!

RANDOM PICTURE PAGE



A nice gaggle of Phantom's – Ian Dixon's Mk1's and Troy Latto's Mk2. Gary Dickens mk2 (now part of the Latto Hangar) at the extreme right.



George Car – The "Sheikh of Pancakes"

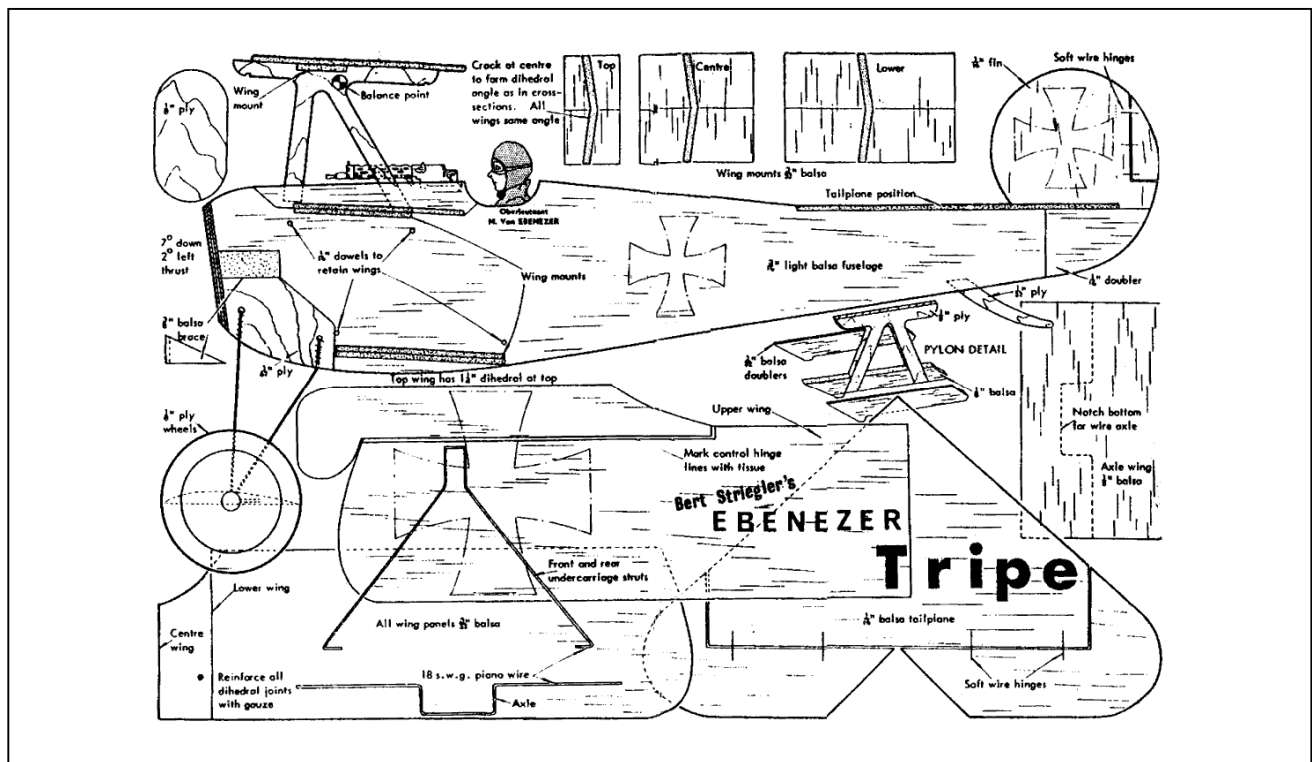
Cleanup on runway 07..

This guy was an excellent pilot, but not real good at making passengers feel at ease. For example, one time the airplane in front of him blew a tire on landing, scattering chunks of rubber all over the runway. He was asked to hold while the trucks came out to clean up. His announcement: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm afraid there will be a short delay before our arrival. They've closed the airport while they clean up what's left of the last airplane that landed there.

CONTEST CALENDAR FOR 2013

Date	Event	Location	Start time	CD
March 24	Mad March Marlstrom Launch Day	TBA	TBA	George Car
April 6th	C/L Phantom day	Lumen Christie	12 noon	Greg McLure
April 14th	F/F HLG (State)	Oakford	8.00am	George Car
April 14th	F/F Scramble(State)	Oakford	10.30am	George Car
April 14th	Ebenezer FF Mass Launch	Oakford	Noon	George Car
April 21st	1/2A Texaco	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
April 21st	Burford Duration	Oakford	11.30am	Rob Bovell
May 2nd	2cc Duration (trial)	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
May 26th	Nostalgia	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
June 9th	1/2A Electric	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
June 30th	OT Duration	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
July 14th	'38 Antique	Wanneroo	9.00am	Rob Bovell
July 28th	Nostalgia (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
August 11th	Burford (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
August 24th	Standard Duration	Merredin	3.00pm	Rob Bovell
August 25th	OT Texaco	Merredin	9.00am	Rob Bovell
September 8th	OT Duration (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
September 22nd	OT Standard Duration (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
September 22nd	Vintage Glider Trial event	TBA	TBA	TBA
October 6th	1/2A Electric (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
October 20th	Texaco (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
November 3rd	1/2A Texaco (State)	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell
November 17th	'38 Antique (State)	Wanneroo	9.00am	Rob Bovell
November 24th	Tomboy Rally	Oakford	9.00am	Rob Bovell

Note: Events marked in **BLUE** are **TRIAL** events for 2013 run by SAM270. Events marked in **RED** are **AWA State** events run by WAMAC. All other events are club events run by SAM270





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