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Viva El Presidente!

We have certainly started the year off at a fast pace with two comps down and one rescheduled due to bad weather. Our club Burford event will be rescheduled for late April or early May depending on the outcome of the club meeting on the 11th. The *Malmstrom* day was a great success with a number of our members flying as well as other clubs attending on the day. Thanks must go to George Car who not only organised the day but cooked pancakes and provided orange juice for breakfast at the field. There were a couple of rain showers but this certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm, there was very little carnage and most models flew extremely well. Congratulations to Mike Butcher who won the best on day and went home with the silver tea cup. Young Euan, the farmer's son help out on the day retrieving models and generally having fun and being involved, Euan is keen to get his own model and moves are afoot to help him achieve this. If anyone would like to contribute to the "buy Euan a motor" fund just let me know. A couple of us also took advantage of the paddock to trim free flight models in preparation for the SAM Champs in NSW being held over Easter.

Events News

By the time this issue of the Geezer goes out we will have also held our club 2cc, which is the second trial for this event. After next year's comp we will be able to apply to AWA for it to be included as a state event. Troy Latto kindly donated an old trophy from a previous RC event and it was re birthed with a new base and name plate by yours truly for the SAM 2cc club champion.



The newly repurposed 2cc trophy..

Dear Dorothy..

Congratulations to Rod McDonald who took out the Dorothy Buckley award for the 2013 contest year with 38 points, hot on his heels was myself in second place with 34 points followed by Greg McClure in third place with 27 points. Rod and I have been hand balling this award back and forth for a few years now. This award is for the greatest amount of accumulated points awarded for AWA state comps and dates back to 1947, we have managed to keep it in the WAMAC / SAM270 family for the past 8 years. A magnificent trophy with many respected names engraved on it.

Trophy Trouble

Whilst on the subject of trophies, please make sure when returning them at the next comp day that they are clean and in a fit state to present to the new recipient. It would be disrespectful to hand back a trophy covered in dust or not polished. Trophies are awarded as recognition of achievement and Individuals (at some cost) have donated these trophies to our club and they deserve to be well treated. *(Also try to engrave the trophy with your name and date you won it so you can enjoy a little immortality and keep the links to our past and present alive - ed).*

Ether Bunny

The club still has Ether for sale at \$30.00 per litre and is available from myself (Ian Dixon). It is packaged in 500mm poison bottles with a secure metal cap.

2014 – a SAM Odyssey

As mentioned last month four SAM270 members will be making the pilgrimage to NSW for the SAM1788 Champs. The models have been shipped so let's hope they all arrive in good shape so we can try our best to bring home some wins. Troy, Richard and myself spent most of Sunday afternoon wrapping models in bubble wrap and packing them into the crates. There are 40 models between the three of us, + models sent earlier by Kevin. I think between the four of us the total will be 46 models shipped across the country.

Social Media Geezers!

So our members back in Perth can keep up with how we are going whilst at the SAM Champs, I have set up a SAM270 Facebook page. For those who have access to Facebook, all you need to do is like the page. We will try to up load images and results at the end of each day. You will be able to make comments and keep track of how we are going and also see the fantastic venue that is Bog Wood, where the events are held. Any SAM270 member who would like administrative rights to the page just needs to let me know.

Dicko
El Presidente
WAMAC/SAM270

SAM270 2cc Duration – April 6 2014, Oakford International Aeromodelling Centre.

After the disappointment of the cancellation of the Burford duration two weeks previously, it was nice to arrive at our world class flying facility to a still day and clear skies.

Taking our cue from Mother Nature, models were quickly broken out and the sound of warming engines was soon wafting across the paddock. Several check/test flights were completed successfully but Hans suffered from radio issues and was an early withdrawal. It looked grim for your editor for a while too, as the MVVS Junior glow refused to do what it had done several times successfully in the past. Much head scratching, a donated prop nut from Hans and some wise counsel from Dicko had the Czech monstrosity singing away and soon it was time for our proxy Bovell (Ian Dixon) to call proceedings to order.



On your knees, boy..

True to form, the wind picked up and stayed in the 8 – 10 knot range for the rest of the day which occasionally made things interesting, however when the lift came through between 10:00 and 11:00am things really heated up. Brian Edwards, with a “Top Hat” powered by a tired OS1.5cc proved that persistence – and a little luck – pay off when he struggled to record more than 2 mins in the first 3 rounds only to max on his fourth flight! Perhaps removing the undercarriage helped a little...? A laconic Rod McDonald and his Stomper blazed a path early and his consistent performance (despite his self-deprecating grumbling) was rewarded with third place.

Ian Dixon’s MVVS powered “Creep” showed some excellent form once he trimmed it out and will be a solid contender in the same event in Canowindra. Perennial “Dark Horse” Rob Rowson and his Tyro powered “Zoot Suit” put in 3 Solid rounds and was a challenger for the flyoff before turning his one piece wing in to a two piece during a dutch rolling routine at the top of the climb. Bad luck Rob – but at least you got second place!

Greg McLure and his “Jasmine” annoyed everyone by not only getting a PAW 1.5 to scream like a banshee (despite it being over compressed) but actually finding lift and working it like a pro. A stewards inquiry was called for, as it was thought he must have had a ring-in, but all doping tests proved negative and we had to give him the trophy, dammit!

Several layers of skin were lost over the course of the day and the first aid box had a workout courtesy of Rob Rowson, Rod McDonald, Brian Edwards and Ian Dixon. It always seems to be the little engines that bite the hardest doesn’t it? Still – at least we didn’t have to take Greg to hospital this time.

After much ado, the scores after 3 rounds (4 flights, drop the worst) were tallied and the winners declared. Monsieur McLure, Rob Rowson and Rod McDonald stood on the winner’s podium to soak up the accolades. Well done chaps!



Rowson makes a grab for the trophy, distracting McLure long enough for McDonald to conduct a full inspection of the Jasmine..

Results:

Pilot	model/engine	total
Greg McClure	Jasmine/PAW 1.5	900
Rob Rowson	Zoot Zuit/Tyro	864
Rod McDonald	Stomper/Enya 1.5	852
Ian Dixon	Cree/MVVS 2cc Glo	812
Troy Latto	Zoot Suit/MVVS 2cc Glo	633
Brian Edwards	Top Hat/OS1.5 Glo	539
Hans Van L	Lucky Lindy/MVVS 2cc Diesel	0

Foot note:

Impromptu aerobatics seemed to be the order of the day and even though they didn’t garner any extra points, they were greatly appreciated by the peanut gallery. Rob’s “Dutch-rolling-wing-shedding freestyle” routine was the standout by far, but Troy’s “Half roll on climbout” was a worthy mention, as well as his “360 degree groundloop takeoff (with added Mclure frightener)” and “Full loop at 50 feet during climb”. These last two were performed while testing his “Guff” and “RC1” Antique 38 models. Troy remained stoic throughout and acted like they were “all part of the routine” but we saw the brown stain appearing in his gussets and on our paddock there is no place to hide...

Thanks to Ian Dixon for stepping in to the breach while Rob Bovell was playing shuffle board on the high seas. The next SAM270 event is Nostalgia on May 11 but there is Ebenezer and FF Scramble/chuck glider in the interim – plenty of fun to keep you interested!

Ed.

Malmstrom Madness in March!

The thing that intrigues me most about free flight modelling is the pure simplicity of the concept. You build a model, start the engine, launch it and sit back to enjoy the sight of a smoothly trimmed aircraft being taken at the whim of the elements. Its all so Zen one could almost say it's a religious experience. As we all know, however, its rarely that simple and the closest we get to religion is looking up to the heavens while the aircraft disappears after failing to DT, or muttering quiet blasphemies as we pick up the pieces of our lovingly crafted model after it loops and crashes to earth after launch. There is no denying that once you get the formula right, free flight is one of the most satisfying modelling disciplines and is certainly the most pure.



Malmstrom Men! The variation in design and ease of construction makes this a popular event.

In saying this, I think George Car has hit upon a winning formula with the Malmstrom Day. Simple yet quirky designs that are easy (mostly) to build, simple (mostly) to trim and easy (mostly) to fly have made this event very popular. A determined and experienced modeller can have one of these together in a couple of hours and a novice can do the same in a couple of days. Ray Malmstrom was an educator as well as an aerospace engineer/enthusiast and his designs were created in such a way that they would appeal to his students and be easy to build. While most use small diesels and glows, the advent of micro electric gear has opened up the Malmstrom design world to a whole new stream of modellers and we will probably see the event grow in participation accordingly.

While we could have wished for a sunnier day (Perth chose our Malmstrom day to break its 6 month drought) the wind was still and the passing showers didn't dampen our enthusiasm. It was a return to a traditional paddock meet, with cars parked in line, boots open to the elements and chairs lined up for spectators to take in the spectacle.



Paddock modelling has its drawbacks - especially when you share said paddock with a herd of cows..

The range of models was broad, with everything from "Mimi's", "Sky Gypsies", "Push-ups", electric conversions and rubber models were all on display and in the air. The still conditions made for easier trimming and Ian Dixon spent a lot of time with young Euan introducing him to the joys of free-flight. Gary Dickens and his "Sky Gypsy" showed why he was last year's winner of the "Stainless Cup" as his little model chugged nicely through the air during practice. George managed to get his rubber model circling well; Chris Edwards and his 150% push up were stymied by a poor cg position and he couldn't remove enough nose weight from the model to get it flying – still, we did envy the \$250 "Eagle" book he picked up at a flea market for \$10! (bargain of the century!!)

By the time the "Mass Launch" was at hand, the wind and the rain was starting to make a greater impact and the "Mass Launch" turned in to a "Mass Crash" with only two of the seven participants getting in to the air at the anointed hour. Ian Dixon and Mike Butcher were the most consistent of the i.c brigade but it was Mike's amazing little "Mimi" that brought the most smiles to his – and everyone else's – face. He was crowned the winner of the "Stainless Tea Cup" for 2014 – and quite deservedly!



Judge Angela Dickens presents a chuffed Mike Butcher with the Malmstrom "Stainless Tea Cup" for 2014.

Thanks to George for the catering and organization and to Dicko for the shelter from the elements.- ed

Ebenezer Time!



3 *Ebenezer day is coming on April 20 – are you ready?*

2014 SAM270 "PAUL BAARTZ SHIELD" PROGRESS TABLE

SAM No.	Name	Club Points
SAM27023	G McLure	7
SAM2703	R Rowson	4
SAM27012	G Dickens	4
SAM27017	I Dixon	3
SAM2706	R McDonald	3
SAM2704	T Latto	2
SAM27021	K Hooper	1
SAM27027	M Butcher	1
SAM27022	R Sherburn	
SAM2701	P Baartz	
SAM27024	R Sutherland	
SAM27031	G Car	
SAM27014	H Van Leeuwen	1
SAM27025	L Isitt	
SAM27028	R Silbereisen	
SAM27030	P Everitt	
SAM27013	A Trott	
SAM27015	G Cook	
SAM27016	J Voak	
SAM27019	R Bovell	
SAM2702	P Spencer	
SAM2707	D Bentley	
SAM2709	G Sayers	
SAM27010	G Eyres	
SAM27011	R Hoogenkamp	
SAM27020	C Behr	
SAM27026	B Slyn-Daniels	
SAM27029	C Edwards	

"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!

BOUND FOR GLORY..



Boxes be packed..



Boxes be ready to ship to Sydney!

WAMAC. Minutes of general meeting held on: 14th
February 2014

Held at: 20 Granville Way, Willetton

Meeting started at: 8.10pm with President Ian Dixon in the chair.

Members present: I.Dixon, P.Baartz, G.Cooke, K.Hooper, R.Bovell, G.McLure, T.Latto, R.Rowson, G.Car, A.Bentley, G.Dickens

Apologies: nil

Visitors:

Correspondence inwards: Duration Times, Bank statement from Bankwest

Correspondence outwards: Various newsletters to mailing list, minutes of December meeting to club members.

Treasurers report: Balance at bank: \$15,583.39
20 members and 10 associates

Minutes of previous meeting: were confirmed as circulated to members.

Business arising: nil

General Business: some discussion of flying field and contest calendar. Decided to cancel March meeting therefore next meeting is 11th April. Resolved to continue using medallions for competition place getters.

Competition results: no comps held over past month, weather too hot.

Next comp. 1/2A Texaco on 9th March.

Meeting Closed at: at 8.22pm

Next meeting on 11th April.

Murphy's Toast..

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-down. He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened round at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Fr Flannagan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Fr Flannagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor."

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top."

"No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that."
"Well," Fr Flannagan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc."

An investigation of some rigour is conducted, not only by priests of the archdiocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however. It reads:"
""It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of the phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we declared no miracle. For it was possibly the result of Murphy buttering the toast on the wrong side."

MESSAGE LEFT ON THE BRITISH ARMY ANSWERPHONE:

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C. If your enquiry concerns a situation which can be resolved by a warship, some bunting, flags, a damn good cocktail party and a first class marching band, please write, well in advance, to the First Sea Lord, The Royal Navy, Whitehall, London SW1.

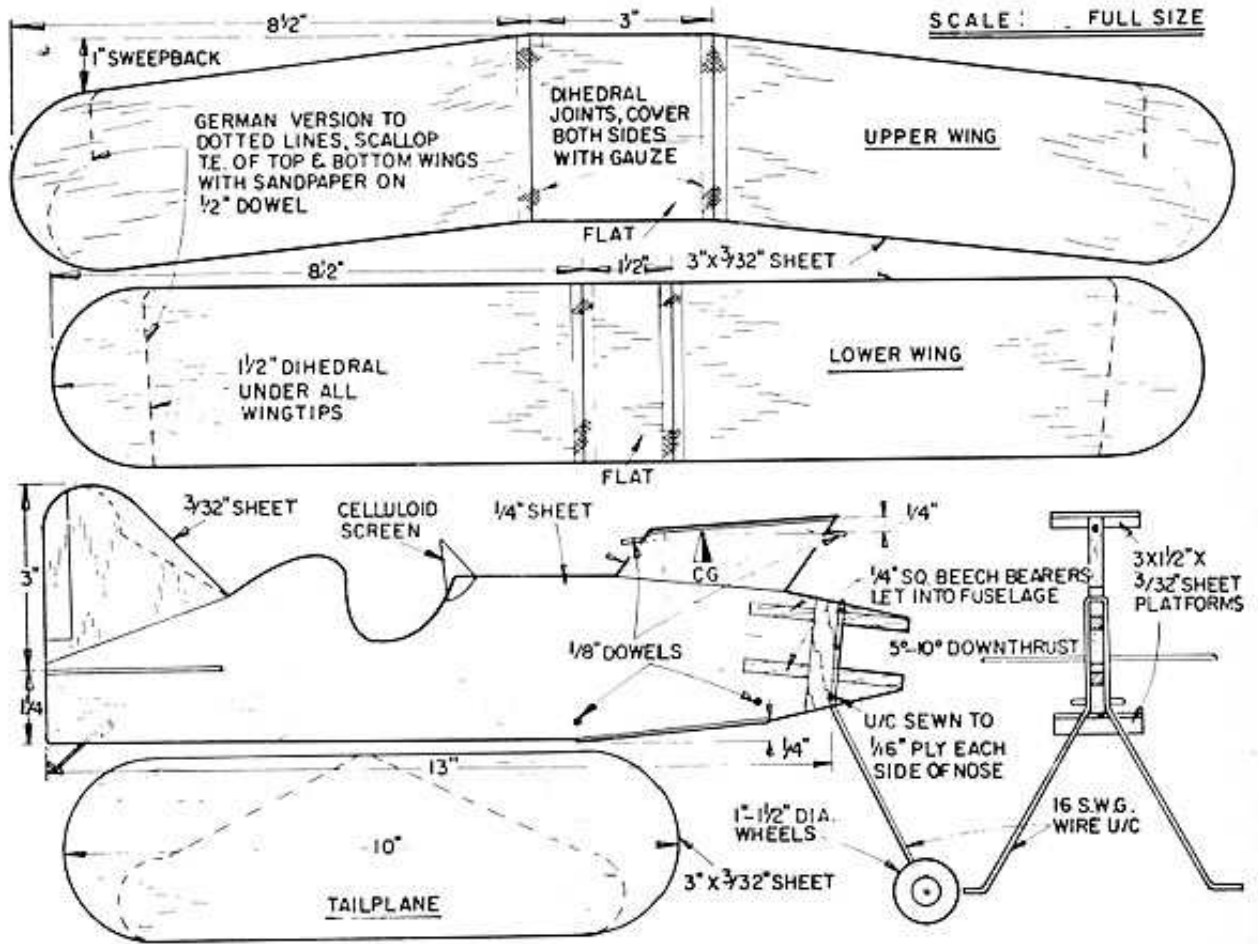
This CFI and his Student are holding on the runway for departing cross traffic when suddenly a deer runs out of the nearby woods, stops in the middle of the runway, and just stands there looking at them.

Tower: Cessna XXX cleared for take-off.
Std: "What should I do? What should I do?"
Inst: "What do you think you should do?"
(think-think-think)
Std: "Maybe if I taxi toward him it'll scare him away."
Inst: "That's a good idea."
(Taxi toward deer, but deer is macho, and holds position.)
Tower: Cessna XXX cleared for take-off, runway NN.
Std: "What should I do? What should I do?"
Inst: "What do you think you should do?"
(think-think-think)
Std: "Maybe I should tell the tower."
Inst: "That's a good idea."
Std: "Cessna XXX, uh, there's a deer down here on the runway."
(long pause)
Tower: Roger XXX, hold your position. Deer on runway NN cleared for immediate departure.

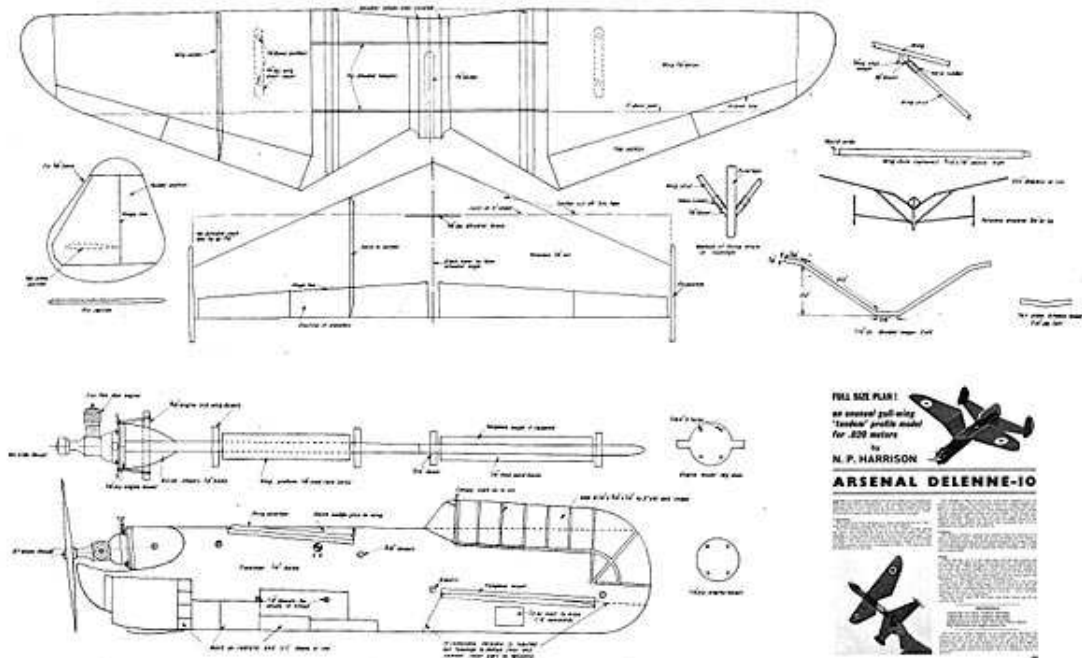
(Two seconds, and then--I presume by coincidence--the deer bolts from the runway, and runs back into the woods.)

Tower: Cessna XXX cleared for departure, runway NN. Caution wake turbulence, departing deer.

- It had to be tough keeping that Cessna rolling straight for take-off...



Ebenezers for old Geezers! A couple of designs for you to get started on...



CONTEST CALENDAR FOR 2014

Date	Event	Location	Start time	CD
March 2	Combined Open (FF)	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
March 9	1/2a Texaco	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
March 16	WAFFS Free Flight Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
March 23	Burford Duration	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
March 30	Mad March Malmstrom	TBA	TBA	George Car
April 6	2cc Duration (Trial)	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
April 13	Open Rubber State Champs	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
April 13	SLOP State Champs	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
April 20	F/F Ebenezer Mass launch	TBA	TBA	George Car
May 4	Power Scramble (AWA)	TBA	TBA	George Car
May 4	HLG/CLG (AWA)	TBA	TBA	George Car
May 11	Nostalgia	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
May 18	P30 State Champs/F1G cup	Meckering	9:00am	Rod McDonald
May 18	Combined Open/FF Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Rod McDonald
May 25	1/2a Electric Texaco	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
May 31 – 2 June	F1A,F1B & F1C (AWA,TT)*	Meckering	9:00am	Phil Letchford
May 31 – 2 June	Combined open/FF Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Phil Letchford
June 8	OT Duration	Oakford	9:00am	Rob Bovell
June 22	Escargot /WAMAC Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Adrian Dyson
June 22	Combined Open/FF Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Adrian Dyson
June 29	38 Antique	Oakford	12:00pm	Rob Bovell
July 13	Nostalgia (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
July 20	Fuller/Nostalgia & F1Q	Meckering	9:00am	Paul Rossiter
July 20	Combined Open/ FF Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Paul Rossiter
July 27	Burford (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
August 10	Standard Duration	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
August 17 – 18	F1A,F1B & F1C (AWA TT)*	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
August 17 – 18	Combined Open/ FF Cup	Meckering	9:00am	Chris Behr
August 24	OT Texaco	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
September 7	OT Duration (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
September 21	Standard Duration(AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
October 5	Vintage Glider (Trial)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
October 19	1/2A Electric (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
October 26	Texaco (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
November 9	1/2a Texaco (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
November 16	38 Antique (AWA)	Oakford	9:00am	TBA
November 23	Tomboy rally	Oakford	9:00am	TBA

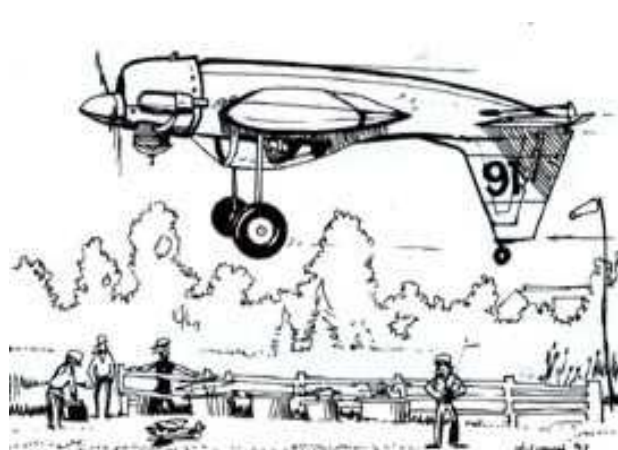
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Rob Rowson tends to his "Dullaire" during 1/2a Texaco

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