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Apologies for the lateness of this month's mag – some family and work dramas have diverted my attention for the past couple of weeks.

Nice to see we managed to get a couple of comps off the ground last month. The weather gods shone down (ever so briefly) to enable us to run Nostalgia, Antique 38 and 1/2a Texaco. Unfortunately Texaco wasn't so lucky and had to be called off due to the increasing gusts. Hopefully we will get to fly all the postponed events at some point down the track.

Thanks to all the members who attended the AGM and for those that stepped up to fill committee positions. While our club is small and we don't have the assets of some of the other larger organizations, our participation rates are higher than most and we enjoy less political bickering than our larger cousins. Nevertheless – serving on the committee is a privilege and we hope we can serve the club as diligently and effectively as the previous incumbents. BIG thanks to outgoing President Ian Dixon for a solid 5 year stint in the role. Big shoes to fill and I hope I am worthy.

WAMAC/SAM270 Committee for 2016/2017

El Presidente – Troy Latto
Vice Presidente – Hans Van Leeuwen
Consigliere/Treasurer – Paul Baartz
Contest Capo – Greg McLure

As always I am looking for articles and bits and pieces for The Geezer so please feel free to send me anything. I also have everything left over from Dick Gibbs estate. I advertised it pretty heavily with only one vague nibble so unless anybody wants any or all of it, it will all go in the bin. Email below if you want anything – deadline for disposal is July 31.

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WAMAC FEE STRUCTURE 2016/2017

Full members: \$140.00
Associate Members: \$40.00

Cash or Cheque payable to WAMAC. See Paul Baartz. You won't be able to fly after July 31 without proof of renewal.

Contest reports from the CD (Greg McLure)



Antique 38 lineup – lovely weather for once!

NOSTALGIA was held on 19th June and the weather dawned windy and cloudy. Five intrepid (foolish) pilots decided to give it a go and it was soon discovered that a low level jet-stream had established itself over the flying field. This meant that no matter how high you went the only way to get back to the field was to dive at high speed to low levels subsequently there were no maxes recorded.

A side competition also developed to see who could do the most interesting aerobatics on the way up (under power). Despite some good efforts Paul won this very convincingly with his model, surprisingly all models survived.

Results:

1. Greg McLure	Ollie	773
2. Ian Dixon	Calypso Major	668
3. Rod McDonald	Zoot Suit	616
4. Paul Baartz	Spacer	437
5. Hans VanLeeuwen	Lucky Lindy	

ANTIQUÉ '38 was held on 26th June. At Last – some good weather and a good turn-out to take advantage of it. One by One the old sparkies barked into life. I may never get my hearing back.



The field looked a treat – thanks Hans and the mowing team for sorting out the weeds!



Kevin Hooper preps his gorgeous Flamingo.

Early on was the most difficult with a strong wind at height and no lift, this did not seem to worry Dicko however as he went on to record a perfect score and win the event.

Results:

1. Ian Dixon
2. Rod McDonald
3. Paul Baartz
4. Ray Silberiesen
5. Hans VanLeeuwen
6. Greg McLure
7. Kevin Hooper

1/2A TEXACO was held immediately after the Antique '38 event in improving weather conditions. Hans made a strong start but in his second round flight lost sight of his model and with help from Fred Tower got it to ground but well down-wind and luckily they found the model.

Leroy had a bit of fun (revenge) with most on the other competitors but Rod managed to fight off his attentions and went on to record a perfect score and win the event.

Results:

1. Rod McDonald
2. Greg McLure
3. Ian Dixon
4. Hans VanLeeuwen
5. Kevin Hooper
6. Chris Edwards

The three events were SAM270 events. Next event: Burford on July 17!



JUST A MINUTE!

WAMAC. Minutes of general meeting held on:10th June 2016

Held at: 20 Granville Way, Willetton

Meeting started at: 8.21pm with president Troy Latto in the chair

Members present: T.Latto, P.Baartz, I.Dixon, H.VanLeeuwen, R.Rowson, G.McLure, R.McDonald, A.Bentley

Apologies: B.Slyns-Daniels, G.Cooke, R.Silbereisen

Visitors:

Correspondence inwards: Several newsletters, Email from K.Fryer of SAM600 outlining plans for voting on changes to RC and Electric OT rules

Correspondence outwards: Geezer and several newsletters to mailing list.

Treasurers report: Balance at bank: \$16,674.34. 18 members and 8 associates

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

Business arising:

General Business: The contest calendar was discussed particularly with regards to events scheduled and not held due to unfavorable weather and or shortage of entrants.

After much discussion it was decided to re-schedule these events as follows:

- Nostalgia and Vintage Glider on 19th June
- 1/2A Texaco and '38 Antique on 26th June
- State Nostalgia on 3rd July
- 2cc duration on 7th August

Competition results: no comps conducted over last month (see General Business)

Meeting Closed at:9.08pm

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Minutes of the WAMAC Annual General Meeting held on 10th June 2016 At 20 Granville Way Willetton.

Meeting Opened at 8.00pm with President Ian Dixon in the chair.

Members present: P.Baartz, H.VanLeeuwen, G.McLure, R.McDonald, I.Dixon, A.Bentley, R.Rowson, and T,Latto

Apologies: G.Cooke, W.Hannaart, B.Slyns-Daniels, Ray Silbereisen

Minutes of previous AGM were confirmed. Moved H.Vanleeuwen, seconded R.McDonald

Presidents Report: outlined successful aspects of the club especially contests and progress with making the paddock a bit better for flying.

Treasurers Report: Receipts for the year were \$3088.62 expenditure was \$2387.00 giving a positive balance for the year of \$701.62. 18 members and 8 associates.Report was received unanimously. Detailed report in the Geezer.

Election of office bearers:

President: Troy Latto elected unopposed,
Vice President: Hans VanLeeuwen elected unopposed
Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Baartz elected unopposed
AWA Delegates: H.VanLeeuwen, Rod McDonald
Contest Secretary: Greg McLure

Annual Fees were approved by meeting: Seniors and Pensioners \$140, Junior \$30 Associate membership \$40.
Moved H.VanLeeuwen, seconded R.McDonald and carried

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm.

**2016 SAM270 "PAUL BAARTZ SHIELD"
PROGRESS TABLE**

SAM number	Name	Club Points
27017	I Dixon	18
2706	R McDonald	17
27023	G McLure	13
2704	T Latto	6
27014	H Van Leeuwen	5
2701	P Baartz	2

Members will be added to this list as they score points

"Paul Baartz Shield" criteria

*SAM270 is running all club events. 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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Disposals..

Dick Gibbs Estate remains – lots of new/used bits and bobs plus MASSIVE amount of props. Make an offer or it's all going in the bin. Will post at buyers expense.



Dicko's Diary – conclusion..

Another ex-member of KAMS Garry Dickens who has always been involved with all aspects of modelling is now a very keen vintage modeller, he and I could not remember each other from the Goomalling weekends until I dragged out some old photos and he pointed to a young lad in one of the photos and it was him, it's interesting how aero modellers lives cross paths, sometimes with long passages of time in between. **Garry** would have been 14 and I would have been 16 and here we are now in our 50s and still flying mates.



A young Garry Dickens in orange windcheater looks into Dickos tent at Goomalling.



And forty years later we haven't changed a bit.

In 2009 Troy and I decided we would travel to Canowindra NSW for the SAM champs and try our luck. Two very large boxes were made under my pergola to carry our models the 4000km, hotel rooms were booked and airline tickets purchased, we were going. Our models were sent by truck from my business to a colleague in Victoria who had a warehouse and fork lift to unload the crates, Troy and I flew to Victoria stayed with my business colleague overnight, unpacked the models and loaded them into a hired van and drove the 8 hours to Canowindra NSW where we meet up with the guys who I had met at the 63rd Nationals. When we unloaded the crates from the back of the van it caused a bit of interest with many of the other modellers attending, when we lifted the lids they realised we were serious about the champs and had put in a great deal of preparation to be there.



Crates full of models for our first Canowindra challenge

The champs are held over four days they started with vintage f/f and allowed the dixer to fly as it was the 50th anniversary of the model, I had one that was already trimmed, unfortunately for Troy we hadn't trimmed his and this ended in disaster when we spread it all over the paddock on its first flight, I ended up in second place so all was not lost.

The second event was RC Tomboy, it was becoming apparent to Troy and myself that the thermals in Canowindra were nothing like we had experienced before, they were very strong and joked that if you threw a chair in the air it would probably max. The tomboy event was flown over the prescribed hour and on my last flight managed to get in strong lift which put me in first place. Now we really had the east coast guys talking the first two events and the bloody West Aussies have got a first and a second, mind you these were the only wins we archived over the four days but we learnt a lot saw a lot and met some great like-minded guys. It was a real boy's adventure we flew all day and drank all night only to greet the morning with fuzzy heads and determination. At these Champs they had a control line Phantom racing event, we watched with keen interest.

Troy and I came home excited and wiser and planned our next journey to the SAM Champs we agreed that it wasn't possible every year but thought we could talk the wife's into letting us go every other year. We made the journey again in 2011 the same way as previous with the exception of two more west Aussie club mates, Richard Southerland who travelled with us and Rob Rowson who travelled by road with his wife and caravan and would

meet us there. One again we were greeted by a bunch of great guys who made us very welcome.



Dicko, Robo, and Latto at Canowindra 2011

I was dogged by radio problem throughout the Champs but still managed a second place in Vintage F/F and took out the concourse award, Troy managed a third place in standard duration and the spirit of SAM award, Richard was 1st in 2cc duration and Rob tried hard but with a badly cut and stitched hand after feeding it through a prop couldn't place, I intend going again in 2014. We also flew in the control line events and with some determination had taught Troy to fly control line the day before the event. I wasn't all that successful in the control line events but Richard was and came home with first place in the vintage class.



Teaching Troy to fly control line at the champs the day before the comp.

Straight after the 2011 champs in Canowindra in fact only 1 week after was the 2012, 65th nationals in Perth, I managed to be involved with the organising committee and managed to have all the vintage events on the last 3 days so it gave us chance to get back from Canowindra, our models shipped back unpacked and made ready. It worked a treat, all made it back safely and I flew in all the vintage events and placed in all 5. After the first SAM champs in 2009 Paul Baartz who singly has promoted vintage modelling in Western Australia became ill and had to step aside from club matters, it was at this time Troy and I took hold of the reins, in fear that SAM 270 might lose its momentum. We decided that we would have our own newsletter and Troy has been the editor from day one. As a result of his hard work our Geezer newsletter now goes internationally and has exposed our vintage group to many modellers overseas, there is hardly a month goes by that I don't receive an email thanking us for the newsletter that someone else had forwarded to them and could they be included on our mailing list. An example of this is when I built a vintage glider designed by Richard Twomey; it was his leprechaun, a monster

of a thing. I saw my first leprechaun at the age of 14 and was taken by the size of it. On publishing pictures and a small written article in the Geezer it somehow found its way to the designer Dick Twomey who now lives in Mauritius, Dick emailed me to say hello and wish me well with the model. Dick and I have corresponded since. I have never enjoyed aero modelling as I am currently doing so now, I guess with age comes a degree of financial stability and so affordability, I'm am spoilt with a 36m2 brick and tile workshop, have a very understanding and supporting wife, great like-minded aero modelling friends to fly and compete with. I have won the State champion of champion's trophy 4 times and still can't believe it. The first time I saw this trophy was in the 70's when Doug Murray had brought it along to a club meeting and spoke about it. It's a magnificent silver Pegasus atop of a silver stand, as a 14 year old I thought it was something out of my reach.

Sadly last year my father decided to call it a day and is no longer an active modeller. Peter Everett the person who taught me to fly control line 42 years ago is still an active modeller and occasionally joins us to fly electric RC old timers at our field in Oakford. Without his and my father's support, dedication and encouragement this wonderful journey wouldn't have begun. I am also grateful for that gift from Oliver Hartley who wouldn't have realised at the time what he was starting. I have been acting secretary / treasurer and president of WAMAC and SAM270 for the past 3 years and hope to continue with the development of the club for years to come. I enjoyed my time whilst a member and committee member at KAMS and will no doubt in years to come return. I love to build and fly vintage aircraft wether radio controlled, free flight and now again control line. And whilst this interest continues I will be there at all the comps and events to enjoy the friendship of other like-minded modellers.



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2016 Old Timer Contest Calendar
2016 F/F Contest Calendar

Feb 28th	Standard Duration Burford Duration	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 11.00 am
March 7th March 27th	Combined Open Combined Open	Meckering 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
April 3rd	Maelstrom Mass Launch Ebenezer Mass Launch HLG/CLG State Championships Power Scramble State Championships	Mitchells Farm 9:00am Mitchells Farm 9:00am Mitchells Farm 9:00am Mitchells Farm 9.00 am
April 10th	Nostalgia Vintage Glider	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 11.00 am
April 17th April 24th May 1st	1/2A Texaco Combined Open P30 State Champs / Roy Farren Combined Open / Free Flight Cup	Oakford 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
May 8th May 22nd	Mothers Day fly at your own risk OT Duration	
30th May– 1st June	2cc Duration Trial event F1A, F1B and F1C State Championships (TT)	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 11.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
June 5th	SLOP State Championships Mike Beilby Cup	Meckering 9.00 am
June 19th	Combined Open / Free Flight Cup Rubber State Championships Wamac Cup Open Glider	Meckering 9.00 am
June 12th	1/2A Electric Texaco OT Texaco	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 11.00 am
June 26th 28th June	'38 Antique Escargot Trophy WAMAC Cup	Oakford 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
July 3rd July 10th	Combined Open / Free Flight Cup Nostalgia (State) Open Power State Championships Combined Open / Free Flight Cup	Oakford 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
July 17th July 24 th July 31st	Burford (State) OT Duration (State) Fuller, Nostalgia and F1Q Combined Open / Free Flight Cup	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 9.00 am Meckering 9.00 am
13 – 14 August	F1A, F1B and F1C State Championship FIA Team trials F1A, F1B and F1C (TT) Combined Open / Free Flight Cup	Meckering 9.00 am
August 21st August 28th	OT Standard Duration (State) 1/2A Electric Texaco (State)	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 9.00 am
Sept 4th Sept 11th	Fathers Day fly at your own risk Texaco (State)	Oakford 9.00 am
September 18th October 9th October 30th	1/2A Texaco (State) 38 Antique (State) Oakford 9.00 am Tomboy Rally	Oakford 9.00 am Oakford 9.00 am

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Baarty feels the cold at Antique 38..



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