



PROPWASH PONDERINGS

March 2007

Question: What do the following words have in common?

Air-Tourer, Air-Tractor, Air-Trainer.

If you answered Air, then you are wrong. The correct answer is that they are all owned by John Knowles.

Speaking of the Air-Tourer, John had the plane at the field the other day, and had it set up in the restraints ready for a test fly. Unfortunately Bernie had a dead stick and skidded into the start-up area resulting in minor damage to the Air-Tourer. John assures me that he will have it up and running soon, and will definitely put it in the third restraint, not the second one next time.

Speaking of damage to aircraft, don't forget that people are more important than planes. If there is the chance that you might land in or near the pits for any reason, it would be better (and safer) to 'ditch' your plane a safe distance away. Easier to replace the plane than the people.

Speaking of people, it is with sadness that we say farewell to two guys who recently passed away. You can read more over the page on our loss.



Woody and his latest addition to his collection. This model is heavier than 7kg and requires a Heavy Model Permit. After modifications it went on its maiden voyage and flew quite nicely.

There have been several new members joining the club so don't forget to introduce yourself and say hello. It is always nice to welcome new people and to help and encourage them in our passion for model aircraft.

The next Club meeting is on the 20th of May at 9.30am. Please make an effort to be there and be involved in YOUR club.



Please submit any information for 'Propwash Ponderings' or 'Propwash' to kforsyth@grace.wa.edu.au



In Memoriam

Alf Rutland



It's with a saddened heart I have to tell you that Alf Rutland passed away on Saturday night after a long illness with Parkinson's. Alf was a founding member of the club if my memory serves me correctly. I will miss Alf's happy nature and smile. Great memories of times spent at the flying field will be always with me. Who would of thought an Old timer the Red Zephyr could wipe out a pattern machine like the Swallow, it did and I can still see the pattern plane raining down like confetti and Alf's Red Zephyr chugging along merrily after a mid air. Alf would always ask the tricky but important questions at Club meetings so the club was always on track and doing the best for the members. Alf was a great help in the club and he will be missed. Our sympathy and best wishes go out to Kate.



Larry Allen

I have known Alf for the past 5 years and found him to be a great chap who as an engineer was always looking at the detail and small print - especially when it came to taking out the club insurance and asset valuation each year! He would often ask the curly questions that no-one else would have thought about. My most vivid memory is of him coming out to the club field each week and tinkering with his plane on the bench for the best part of an hour or more trying to get it all together - quite often never actually starting the engine and flying but still having a great time just being there. In the end, I think he used to just enjoy coming out to the field to feel part of the club and be with the people that he had known all those years. I will also miss his smile and friendly nature and convey my best wishes to his wife and family.

Paul Dodge



In Memoriam

Little Bob

Some sad news unfortunately. Bob (real name Rufin Targiel) was from Margaret River and hence called Margaret River Bob or sometimes little Bob due to his small stature.

I only knew him for a short while but always found him to be a very kind, helpful person and will miss seeing him around.

Paul Dodge

