



# Propwash Ponderings

September 2007



Roy's new DA 50. A very nice purchase on Ebay. Where's mine?



Pit Area: The planes are in bloom in the beautiful spring weather.

## Upcoming Event

### 2007 Scale Fun Fly Rally

29th Sept - 1st October 2007 (Long W/end)

The scale rally is fast approaching. Help is needed from club members to man the Transmitter Pound and to provide salads for the Saturday evening dinner. Put your name on the list on the notice board in the clubhouse and plan to be there. It should be a great weekend if we all pull together and help each other out. In preparation for the weekend there will be a busy bee on Saturday 22nd September. There are a number of small jobs to do to make our field really well presented for the rally. See you there.



Woodies Catalina being flown by Roy.



A busy pit area one Sunday.

A reminder about visitors flying at our club. If the visitor is a member of another club (membership card sighted) they may fly after signing the visitors book. If the prospective

flyer is not a member of any club they may fly under the supervision of an instructor, but only on three occasions. It is expected that the non-member join the club after this period.



# FUN FLY SPECIAL SAFETY RULES & CONDITIONS

1. All pilots must sign the visitor's book with details of current MAAA membership.
2. If applicable, Large Model permits must be provided when signing in.
3. Pilots must adhere to instructions given to them by SWARMS designated Safety Officers.
4. No more than four planes are to be airborne at any one time.
5. Pilots are recommended to use the frequency scanner when they collect their radio from the Transmitter Pound to ensure their frequency is clear.
6. Pilots when returning the Transmitter to the Transmitter pound are to check that the Transmitter is switched off.
7. The runways are to be considered the minimum safe distance flight line. Flying behind the runways is not permitted. One warning will be given. Further infringements will result in the pilot being asked to land and the pilot will not be permitted to fly again.
8. On the flight line, communicate with the other pilots re your situation or intent to take off, land, dead stick or low pass. Try to avoid turns where the plane is pointed at the pits or spectator area, particularly during landing.
9. No low passes below 5 meters and only adjacent to the runway.
10. All planes to be restrained when starting in the designated areas. No starting of engines is allowed in the pits.

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ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA  
PEPPERMINT HILL FIELD

Date 9<sup>th</sup> September 07

The meeting opened at 10:15am.

PRESENT:- Roy Warren, Kerry Forsyth, Dave Pointon, Bill Wade, Larry Allen, Ken Grant, Brenda & Dennis Green, John Knowles, Rob Woodhead, Scott Pittick, Bernie Rowney, Ian Clapp, Terry McNab, Clint Richards, Paul Dodge, Anthony Amadio, Les Fenn, Graham Woodcock, Kevin Jones, Sarah Jones.

APOLOGIES: - Ian Hymphryson.

VISITORS: -

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved: Bill Wade                      Seconded: Ken Grant

Business Arising from the Minutes.

Insurance had been arranged with Elders saving the Club about \$700.

Bottle Brushes had been planted in memory of Alf Rutland, Margaret River Bob and Colin Earl.

Emergency numbers are on display.

Correspondence

Out: - To AWA re Large Model Inspections, Large Model Inspection forms and Training Manuals.

To the News Print Mill advising that we are still interested in dryer screens for our                      runways.

Reponses to enquires from our Web site with reference to join the club and starting                      aero modelling.

In: - Large Model Forms from AWA and details of the requirements for inspection and the confirmation the certificate and permits are only valid for three years.

Training manuals from AWA.

4.        Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Roy. Report accepted any bills approved for payment.

Moved: John Knowles                      Seconded: Bernie Rowney

5.        Safety

The issue of visitors flying at the club was discussed and the confusion and misunderstanding with reference to three visits and still being able to fly and covered by a member signing them in as a visitor and being covered by the members insurance. This is not correct. Only full paid members are allowed to fly. A visitor can fly providing the visitor has MAAA membership card showing that their insurance is current. No exceptions. The three visits is only applicable to a person coming out to see if the like the hobby and are given direct instruction by a qualified MAAA Instructor. Unless the person can show that they have current MAAA membership they cannot fly at any field let alone SWARMS. No Insurance No Fly.

Mobile phone have been seen it the pits. Mobile phones are not permitted in the pit area as it has been shown they can interfere with computer radios. Please be aware of this and take care to leave the mobile phone in the clubhouse or in the car. Not in the Pits.

6.        General Business

Some members are not on email so they don't get the Newsletter. The Editor will arrange to have the Newsletter posted to those members not on the internet.

As from the new financial year, a key register will begin to be maintained and the gate padlock will be changed. When you pay your fees, you will be issued with a new key and the padlock will be changed 30<sup>th</sup> June. The shed will be fitted with a padlock keyed the same as the gate so there will be only one key required.

The following is items discussed at a Committee Meeting 7.30pm 4<sup>th</sup> September 07

Summary of main points discussed.

Present: Kerry Forsyth, Roy Warren, John Knowles, Larry Allen, Scott Pittick

Next Club meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Forward Planning Details and Club Meeting notes

Eaton Child care to visit club on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Club to provide cordial and cake and or biscuits.

Paid up members list to placed on notice board. If you name is not there do not fly unless you have paid member receipt.

A plane crashed into the start up area and the incident to be reported at the next meeting confirming the clubs proactive approach and actions by installing safety fencing proved its worth. The committee recommends members to review the radio installations in their planes just to review how things are installed. Could the installation of the gear, receiver, and battery be improved? If a member is asked to review their installation or the way they are flying please do not take offence. The comment is only trying to minimise the risk to the member, other members and visitors to the club.

#### Work to be completed list. (Stays active until completed or cancelled)

Clubhouse after cleaned the bottom gap where the tin side meet the concrete is to be filled with expanding foam to help control the dust and spiders.

Trees to be pruned cut down preferably before Scale Rally. Ian C and Clint to organise.

Glass for cabinet to be purchased. Larry to organise (I have size details)

Mower to be serviced. Larry to bring mower home to service, clean and check for sticking controls. Now completed and mower back in service.

Insurance now finalised and transfered to Elders saving the club approximately \$700PA.

Next year the lock on the gate to be change, when members pay their fees they will be issued a new key. The Clubhouse to have a padlock installed and keyed the same as the gate.

Drain to be filled in with pipes and cross over for cars to be constructed. This will allow a car park to be established on the northern side of the clubroom. Work not completed before winter now behind schedule. Ian said he would organise to have it completed before the scale day.

Gate to be installed at western end where drain is to be installed. Fence and gate to be relocated from the other end.

Entrance gate to be installed in fence to allow pedestrian entry to clubhouse and pits area.

Entry gate to field to be expanded to a double gate.

Pits area new mating or concrete to be installed.

Another water tank to be installed when available.

#### Field purchase

Offer sent by Ian to MAAA further details on costing requested by MAAA (again). Details previously supplied. Peter forwarded details again and proposal is now before the MAAA Field Committee for a vote.

#### Scale Rally Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> October.

#### Planning notes for Scale Rally Weekend.

“Order fine weather with light winds from the west.”

Busy bee planned for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Clean up mow and roll, whipper snip, fill drain if possible. Entrance gate to be installed in fence to allow pedestrian entry to clubhouse and pits area. Fill drain with pipes and road base.

Drain to be filled in with pipes and cross over for cars to be constructed. This will allow a car park to be established on the northern side of the clubroom. Work not completed before winter now behind schedule. Ian said he would organise to have it completed before the scale day.

Friday before bring out generator, IHC tents, set up Transmitter pound. For Sale table. Road bunting and no parking signs to be installed.

On the Saturday morning, check if all items in place and setup ready for onslaught.

Last years poster to be revamped Paul to organise. Signs can then be distributed.

Saturday of fly in pilots briefing 9.00am and 1.00pm set an allocated time slot for specific flying groups if required.

When flying visitors arrive and sign in give them a docket for a free drink and chocolate or chips.

Kevin Jones and Ron Waller are to be asked if they can act as First Aid Officers on the main days. Anybody else in the club who has First Aid certificate who is available could help to share the time.

Roster for members to man frequency tent and sign in logbook.

Vest to be provided for all Club Officials on the Day. CD, Safety Officer, First Aid.

Crowd control all parking to be directed to behind the clubhouse on the northern side.

Pit area no parking on scale day only drop off and pick up only. Area to be kept clear for canteen volunteers and First Aid vehicles.

No parking signs to be made and installed. Bunting to be used to direct traffic to behind clubhouse. No parking on access road to be allowed at all. Scott to make signs and Roy will laminate.

Catering, buffet tea Saturday night BBQ packs or meat and sausages to be bought for lunch and evening meal. Sliced beef for hot beef buns easy to organise, crock-pot with meat and gravy simmering. Available all day. Have Hot Dogs available as well. Members to be asked to bring a salad plate and or sweets dish. Must confirm what they are bringing by busy bee weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

An urn would be a better proposal on the day. Proposal to club to buy a new one. Will be available for all functions.

Chip machines for the day. Roy said the power draw would be too high for the small generator. In addition, the safety aspect of

hot oil in the confined area of the club kitchen would be a concern.

Ian Hymphryson to be asked if he can provide the large generator again. Power and lights.

Larry to see if can get the Indian and Harley tents again.

Ice Cream, Hot Dog wagons were discussed but profits would go away from the club. Good idea but as our only major funds raiser we need to maximise club profits.

The club should start advertising now.

Should the club take advantage of any conventions if in town before the display? Like last year, a retiree's expo was held just prior to the Scale Rally.

Add for Winsock and contest calendar Larry to arrange when the poster updated.

Pilot briefing first thing in the morning and again at lunchtime on both days. This is to cover for late arrivals and anything that may come up in the morning.

Adds in Winsock to include a brief description what is on, what will be available in the canteen and times for the meals.

List to be reviewed and updated at each Committee Meeting and Club Meeting to ensure we have all things covered.

Get a commitment from Club members now for the weekend. Pencil it in now make sure that you the member are available to help on the day. Club committee to out line what specific tasks need to be done and get volunteers commitment now.

Committee Meeting closed 10.00pm

Additional for Scale Rally

The scanner should be set up in the Transmitter Pound and when a Tx is to be taken the scanner used to check the frequency is clear.

Kevin Jones will be available for First Aid on Saturday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:00 am

Next Meeting: TBA