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**Up-to-date**

This month marks two years since the introduction of the new CMFC newsletter. Wow, its amazing how fast time flies, but when you look back we have also achieved a lot in that time.

The only official event that the club has hosted during March was the NEDAC Auction. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend due to commitments interstate but I hear that it was well attended and ran very well. Thanks to all those who helped out.

We have a big month coming up for April with the Golden Era running on the 13th, 14th and 15th. If you are not flying or helping on the days come out and have a look.

It's a great spectator event. Speaking of helpers. Without volunteers the even would not be happening. Thanks to all those that have volunteered some time to help



2 of our F/A18s taking off in formation at the Avalon air show

out throughout the weekend.

The regular pylon flying scheduled for the 1st April has been cancelled to al-

low greater practice time for those entering the Golden Era.

May will be a quiet month on the club calendar apart from 6th May which is when the regular pylon even will be held.

If you are interested in flying pylon it would be great to see you at one of the events or come and speak to someone at the field who does fly it such as Mike Savill or myself.

Nearly forgot the club fun fly this Saturday 31st March. More information for the fun fly is contained in this newsletter. Combat day will be held on the 22nd April. It would be great to see you out at the field for these events.

**Friendly Reminders**

Safety at the field is our highest priority for all our members and visitors to the club. I have been asked to remind members about a few things that seem to be slipping through the net at the moment.

Taxiing between the pits to the flight line is not allowed. Models must be

either be carried out or larger models may be taxied if restrained at the same time.

All models should be started whilst restrained in the pits before moving out to the flight line. If you need to start a model on the flight line it should be in the area between the windsock and the pits.

The model needs to be restrained appropriately either mechanically or by another member while starting.

If you are not using your transmitter please return it to the transmitter pound and remove your key from the board to allow any other member to use the frequency if they wish.

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A US F15 on take off. This aircraft achieved nearly a 60 degree climb after leaving the ground. Impressive!

“Safety at the field is our highest priority..”



A US F15 on touchdown at the air show

## Friendly Reminders cont.

At the club meeting this week it was decided that all members are to mark their frequency keys with the frequency they are operating on. This can be done in either a permanent manner or simply with a piece of masking tape and text. This has been introduced in an effort to reduce the risk of confusing operating frequencies with the use of the board. All members are to ensure this is executed as soon as practicable.

The club also has a rule contained in the flying field procedures that states ‘Other than during take off and landing, models must

not be flown within 30 metres of any person’. There are a few people that are ignoring this which does cause some annoyance and frustration to other members that are flying at the same time. This rule has also been included from a basic safety perspective to reduce the risk of accidents.

You might remember that when you joined and got your wings to get a club key there is a \$10 deposit for the key which was returnable on leaving the club with the return of the key. The costs of getting keys cut has increased significantly and as a result the key deposit is

now \$20. All of the club keys do remain the property of Constellation Model Flying Club and are required to be returned upon discontinuing as a club member. Members who paid a \$10 deposit will have that \$10 deposit returned on leaving, likewise with those who pay the \$20 deposit.

## For Sale

Unfortunately I wasn't able to get to the auction so I still have for sale 1 x Pro Glow Products on board glow driver. It is very easily programmable. These are excellent for engines hidden in cowls where you can't get a glow starter to and for 4 strokes to improve reliability at low throttle settings. It has a 'C' battery holder connected and a charge point. The unit connects to your receiver from the throttle output and your servo connects directly to this unit. It

was \$100 new, will sell for \$50 ono.

If you have something you wish to sell or are looking for something. Send me an email and I will be happy to include it in our club newsletter.

## Club Shirts

The last run of club shirts has been completed. If you have missed out and still want one you can contact the guys at Norwood Embroidery, 35 Beulah Rd, Norwood to get your shirt. They have the pattern for the club logo and can embroider it onto a shirt on your order.

## Flying Development

It gets spoken about every now and then that once a member get their wings they never have to speak to an instructor again for assistance and guidance in their flying or that instructors are no longer available to them. This is not true. If you have gotten your wings and are interested in further developing yourself, our instructors are more than happy to help you out in any way they can.

Also, it doesn't have to be an

instructor. If someone is involved in the type of flying you are interested in have a chat to them and I'm sure your fellow members would only be too happy to help you out with some tips and tricks.

There is no need to feel isolated or no one wants to help just because you have your wings. This is one easy way you can improve your flying.