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The past year

Can you believe that Christmas is less than a month away? Where has the year gone? These seem to be there ever repeating questions everyone asks at this time of the year.

The time at the club went into a new transmitter pound, upgraded irrigation systems, improved driveway, a Golden Era event, the NEDAC auction and a myriad of new models, some lasting longer than others.

I had a bit of a read through the newsletters from the past year to catch up on the major events of the year. The common thread that seems to be slipping into most newsletters is

the importance of safety at the field. Our excellent safety record did not happen by accident. Policies have been instrumental in this success. The number of injuries is low but the number of close misses



A US B-52 Bomber doing a high pass at the International Airshow this year.

that are happening at the field is much higher. It is these close misses that can turn into a serious

injuries. If you are not familiar with the flying field procedures please take some time to go over them. There should be a copy in the club rooms. If you haven't read them for some time its also a good idea to go over them.

The Christmas party is happening this Saturday. If you haven't got a ticket for dinner, you have missed out. That doesn't mean you can't come, everyone is more than welcome. General flying will take place during the day up to about 2.00 pm where some special interest and fun events will take place followed by dinner provided by Golden Roast. Like I said if you don't have a ticket you are still more than welcome.

Club Meeting Roundup

We seem to be getting through the business at club meetings in less time lately. This has been great as it gives us more time for special presentations or fun activities. At the end of the Jan '08 meeting the will be a quiz night again. People seem to enjoy this, bring some questions along and small prizes to giveaway. The

February meeting will be for the NEDAC trophy. Please bring along a model to be judged by your fellow modelers in competition for the trophy. There will be no club meeting in December.

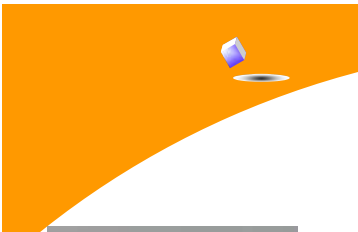
We were reminded at the meeting not to leave rubbish (empty cans etc) in the new transmitter

pound, please use the bins provided. If you crash your model please take the bits home with you, we don't have enough room in the wheelie bin for these. So, any rubbish you have please take it with you.

Last one, can everyone please clean up after themselves in the kitchen. This too is heading into a doom of uncleanness.

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Sukoi on a knife edge pass the the International Airshow this year.

Meeting Roundup Cont.

A motion was passed at the meeting to allow the flying of electric models only outside of the published flying times at the field as long as light allows. The original rule was constructed in the time of internal combustion engines only and was used to minimize sound issues with the neighbours. However, electrics don't have this problem. Internal combustion and jet engines are only to be flown inside of the published flying times. Flying times are 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday and 9.00 am to 6.00pm Sunday. During daylight savings flying can be extended to

8.00 pm subject to light conditions.

The transmitter pound has been completed and is now fully operational. Thanks to Ken Whenham for all his efforts in this project. There will now be a much smaller trolley that will have the first aid kit, fire extinguisher and windsock stored in the shed. These will need to be collected at the start of every flying day and placed next to the transmitter pound. The pole for the windsock will remain mounted on the field, just the sock itself will need to be removed.

The irrigation project has been completed. This one took some time and frustration to be completed but I think the effort put in will be well worth it. Thanks to Peter Leaney for the countless hours of effort he put into this project.

We now have an irrigated north-south runway and extended irrigated pits areas.

"Merry
Christmas and
Happy New
Year!"

Club Events

There was a club combat event held last month. Only 4 flyers attended and enjoyed the day greatly. Each of them was awarded equal first place.

Up and coming of the next couple of months is Old Timers on 2nd December, Pylon—13th January, Electric Day—20th February and Scale Day—3rd February.

Everyone is free to take part in or spectate at any of these events so feel free to come along if you are interested.

For Sale

For sale this month is some very fine models & engines:

1- Hangar 9 Funtana-X 100. This has been flown only a few times and has very minor damage. This is a great model for anyone wanting to get into 3D flying. Asking \$150. If you want the Enya 120 four-stroke engine on the front with it add \$200. No radio gear included.

1—CMPRO Giles -202, 140 size -1800mm wingspan. Is in excellent condition. \$230. There is a Thunder

Tiger 120 2 Stroke in it currently which is hardly run in. If you want this add \$200. No radio gear included.

1—MVVS 120 2 stroke, excellent condition with very little work but no muffler. \$200.

For any of these items please give Len Venus a call on 8264 4527.



Ken with his brilliant looking F-16 before a test flight this year. Unfortunately the test flight was not a success.

Christmas Greetings

I wish everyone one in the club a happy and safe Christmas. I hope Santa is good to you and brings you lots of very expensive modeling equipment.

If you are traveling take it easy on the roads. I hope to see you all next year.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.