

News from 'The Desk'

Hi again guys, not a heap to report this month. The weather, although not too bad this week, has been fairly awful for flying, so the photos this month are of the lucky few that can wake up, assess the day, and head off to the field. It was Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> August, and I had arranged with the President to do some serious flying on this day, and true enough it was a corker. Unknown to us though, a lot of other members had the same idea, so by early morning there were quite a few pilots also taking advantage of a perfect day. Ah! The joys of retirement.

The sun warmed breeze gently blowing, and the excellent company, all contributed to a great day. The photos you see are of some new pilots, and their planes, including a lovely Piper Cub flown for the first time, and owned and assembled by Linc Watters. It flew very nicely, not quite with the scale sound of a Cub, but she certainly flew scale like. A nice model. Let's hope we see a lot more of this bird at the club.

The highlight of the day was watching Alexis Scott, (FLY IN HOBBIES), flying his lovely scale 'Korean War' era helicopter. I know I'll be castigated for not knowing what model she is, but the people who do will recognize it from the tv show 'M.A.S.H'. If you get the chance, check it out. It certainly is a well built, (and flown), beautiful scale example of a rotary winged warbird.

NEWSFLASH!! I've just been informed that she is a 'BELL' chopper.

Other models spotted on the day were Russel's WASP trainer, (lovely graphics), that flew very well under the buddy box control of the able members there on the day, and my big Acro Star, (1.80 Magnum), there taking advantage of the calm weather to stooage around like big biplanes do. She's getting better every time I fly her, but that big four stroke engine definitely takes a while to deliver maximum power. It has now had well over twenty five flights, and gets better with every flight.

There is much talk that the builder's forum will be well attended next month, with many members now building something for the summer. Great news. There also is talk of a very large HiperBipe on it's way. Wow! that will be nice, and we can't wait to see that.

The Citabria is ready to paint, and if the first signs of warmer weather hold, I will have it for the next SMAC scale day in November. I am still struggling with a colour scheme, as there are so many to choose from. No doubt it will be settled soon.

The President is asking that any members who have not confirmed their attendance yet for the 'Social Nosh Up' at the Ashbourne pub on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, please contact him to book a seat. The more the merrier!

That's all for now,  
Happy Landings.  
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