

SMAC newsletter January 2008

Hi everyone, and a Happy New Year. I trust you all enjoyed a festive, safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

I must say it is good to be home again after many weeks traveling in the northern winter, although honestly there is no place like home. Christmas in New York was very special, 'cold', but great. No one does Christmas like they do in New York. The sights and sounds of a NY Christmas were amazing. A treat I will never forget.

I enjoyed a few weeks in the Arizona desert, where I got to visit a friend's flying club, which was very much the same as ours. The people, the models, the rules, all very similar. The main difference between what I saw at their club and ours, was they have more cactus, than we do. Other than that, it could have been SMAC.

I did manage to visit most of the hobby stores in Phoenix, and I managed to grab a few goodies to bring home, including some hard to get bits and pieces. A nice new 80XI 3W engine was purchased for a future project on my drawing board. I'm so lucky. Thank you Santa.

More news of where that lovely engine is going to end up later on. It seems that the club has been dodging along nicely without any incidences since my last newsletter, although I understand that we have had some very hot weather around New Year. Certainly the field looks like it has!

So let's look forward to an exciting year of good flying, with new and challenging events. You will notice that I have included in this news letter two pic snips of aircraft. The challenge is for you to identify the aircraft they belong to. The first to name correctly what they are will receive a bottle of bubbly. E me at mgb600@ozemail.com.au with your guesses. You only need to identify one of the two. So get your thinking caps on!

I have few ideas for the coming year. The first of which is a club sponsored 'bacon and egg breakfast' meeting once a month. Say the third Sunday in the month, and would start early, around 8.00am. Followed by some SERIOUSLY GOOD flying! Your thoughts please!

Secondly I thought we could hold another fun fly day similar to the one we held last year, with a few new events. We will determine the dates, and whether it will be club only, or open to all, at the next meeting.

I believe the building projects are coming along. I know of three or four models that members are building. If you have a project underway please let me know. Send me some pics if you like, and I will include them in the newsletter for others to share.

I understand that few members are keen to start a 'supper get together' to discuss modeling matters, such as kit building etc. Anyone interested should let me know, so we can include you in the group.

The SMAC membership is steadily increasing with five recent additions, and two 'nearlys'. The excellent thing is, we are attracting more younger members.

RECENTLY SPIED ON THE RUNWAY

Phil Birt and his sweet looking RAMBLER 30.

Nick Braithwaite has gone 'scale' with a SUPER CHIPMONK.

Alexis Scott and an amazing 'out of the box' scale PIPER CUB (with twin petrol two stroke).

Alexis again with a lovely scale P-47 'Jug'.

Darren Garrett and his well presented SKYBOLT.

Speaking of P-47's, rumour has it that Bob Smart will be presenting one at the field, hopefully in the near future.

Our Prez keeps talking about the Hangar 9 SOPWITH CAMEL 60. he has finished.

When are we gonna see this??

Congratulations go to Darren Norman on receiving his Bronze wings. Well done Darren!

Want to have lots of fun without taking off ya daks?

When the wind's too strong at the field, grab a slope flyer, or a glider, and head off to Tapanappa in Deep Creek National Park.

The flying is so stressless and quiet, it wouldn't be too hard to nod off.

So, that rounds up the first newsletter of the year. Remember the newsletter is only as good as the input it receives. So E me with anything you may wish to include.

I hope that you don't get sick of my ramblings.

Take care, and happy landings.

Alan Turner
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