

The Free Flighter

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November 2019



Work in progress on the AB
field at West Wyalong

Minutes of General Meeting 20TH September 2019

Meeting opened: 7.39 pm at Dundas Sports Club. President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present: Roy Summersby, Reg Towel, Gary Goodwin, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Wally Bolliger, John Pennells, Geoff Potter, Michael Towell, Gary Pope

Apologies: Barry Lee, Bob Crane,

Guests: Lyn Towell,

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as a true record moved by Peter Scott, sec Gary Goodwin carried.

Business Arising:

Approval for flying at Richmond is now in place

Removal of rocks from the main flying field has begun

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Correspondence out:

Newsletter, Application to run the SSC as a World Cup 11th-12th April 2020

Correspondence in:

Fly Papers (3.) Application for CASA approval to use Richmond flying field was received. MAAA re NSW running the Nationals for the next five years. Bland Shire re Jeff Stien's assistance to NSWFFS. MAAA Vice President has given us pamphlets for promotion of aeromodelling.

Treasures Report:

Moved, Gary Pope sec John Pennells carried

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1st July to 31st August 2019

Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$30,427.69
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$5,479.92
Opening Total	\$35,907.61

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$12,592.40
C.B.A 2– Deposits	\$240.00
C.B.A 1- Payments	\$13,320.60
C.B.A – Payments	\$5,163.63

NSW FREE FLIGHT SOCIETIES

Minutes of AGM 20th Sep 2019

Meeting opened at 8.20pm with President Terry in the chair

Present: Reg Towell, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, Geoff Potter, Gary Pope, Gary Goodwin, John Pennells, Roy Summersby, Wally Bolliger, Terry Bond, Michel Towell

Apologies: Barry Lee, Bob Crane

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Moved Peter Scott, sec Gary Goodwin be accepted.

Treasures Report:

Moved,

The annual report was presented to the meeting in full detail. Fair Trading will receive a copy in the near future.

General Business:

The president thanked all the committee members for their work and assistance during the year and declared all positions vacant. Written nominations were received for all positions, these were elected.

President: Terry Bond

Vice President: Gary Pope

Secretary: Roy Summersby

Treasurer: Gary Goodwin

Registrar: Barry Lee

Public Officer: Gary Pope

Safety Officer: Mike Towell

Education Officer: Matt Hannaford

Face Book Officer: Donna Gray & Matt Hannaford

Meeting closed 9.43pm

President
Terry Bond

Secretary
Roy Summersby

General Business:

Wings over West Wyalong was discussed, Terry, Roy, Mike & Peter to organise. Organisers for WOWW in October will be Terry Bond, Peter Scott, Mike Towel,

Roy and Gary Goodwin gave a report on the rock removal which has just been done. This area is around 20 acres where the rocks were the worst. A map of the land was shown where rocks have been removed from and areas which should be done. Roy then went on to say in brief where most of our, and MAAAs money has been spent over the five years that we have owned the property. Roy stated that it was time to improve the free flight field as all we have done to date is the removal of some trees and the new entrance gates.

Roy moved and was, seconded by Gary Pope. That we spend up to \$10,000 on rock removal from our main flying field areas. This was carried unanimously.

The meeting was reminded that we have a Bowden competition in November, start building if you haven't one in your model box.

Roy has obtained modelling goods which will be sold on and profits going towards field improvements.

The president thanked the committee for their efforts over the last year and his annual report is in the September newsletter.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

President	Terry Bond	0417027579
Vice President	Gary Pope	0417268478
Secretary & Newsletter Editor	Roy Summersby	0413588720
Treasurer	Gary Goodwin	0414292050
Registrar	Barry Lee	0402329078



Editorial November 2019

Hi Team, another year almost over with Santa almost on his way. These days we need nothing just our wants need to be satisfied. I see Jacko has cornered the market on Redfin motors holding six in his inventory. I think he has also cornered the Schlosser market as well. Now he needs models to fly them in. Peter Norrie produced a .25 cu in copy of an Oliver Tiger last Friday. It was a piece of art as opposed to a miniature motor, twin ball races and many oo-aahs! The Bowden contest on Sunday should bring a few small ones out.

Coming events included our Friday flyers Christmas party 29 November and the Sunday Christmas party 8 December. I will speak to our usual assistants re the Friday party because I will not be there. I have an appointment at Stuarts Point some 6 hours north during that week but I should be back for the Sunday party. I will have the organization in place for the Friday party soonest.

Our World Champs team did not fare well in 2019. Despite rigorous preparations by all members and the biggest contingent ever we were defeated by some of the most trying and difficult conditions. In the lead up competitions all our flyers performed well with Shannon Tolme winning F1C in the Kotuko Cup in the ten-minute flyoff. All F1 participants did fairly well, unfortunately, performance in the early comps did not mean success in the big one. It should be noted that many of the well-known aces from previous years also missed out. The next Australian qualifying period starts at the end of November 2019. I am sure that there will be a strong line up of competition flyers ready to qualify for a position in the next World Champs team.

There will be a Nationals next year and the dates are 29 April to 6 May 2020 to be held at West Wyalong. I have already sent a suggested program to the coordinator Tyson Dodd, Secretary MAAA. We are currently looking at the sealing off the circle for control line flying and have received a reasonable quote. We can discuss this at our next meeting on Friday night at the Dundas Sports club.

Roy spent 5 days at WW supervising the clearing of rocks on the property and the removal went very well. A local contractor was employed and he used a grader to push the rocks into rows then removed them with a front-end loader.

During the recent WoWW I inspected the area previously cleared of rocks and was surprised how clean the area was. Most of the dangerous surface rocks have been cleared away and the area is now much safer for landing aircraft than previous. Various tree stumps and miscellaneous timber has also been stacked for future clearance. Work never stops at WW and we hope to continue improvements.

That's all folks, see you at the meeting, remember that free flighters keep them up longer.

President NSWFFS

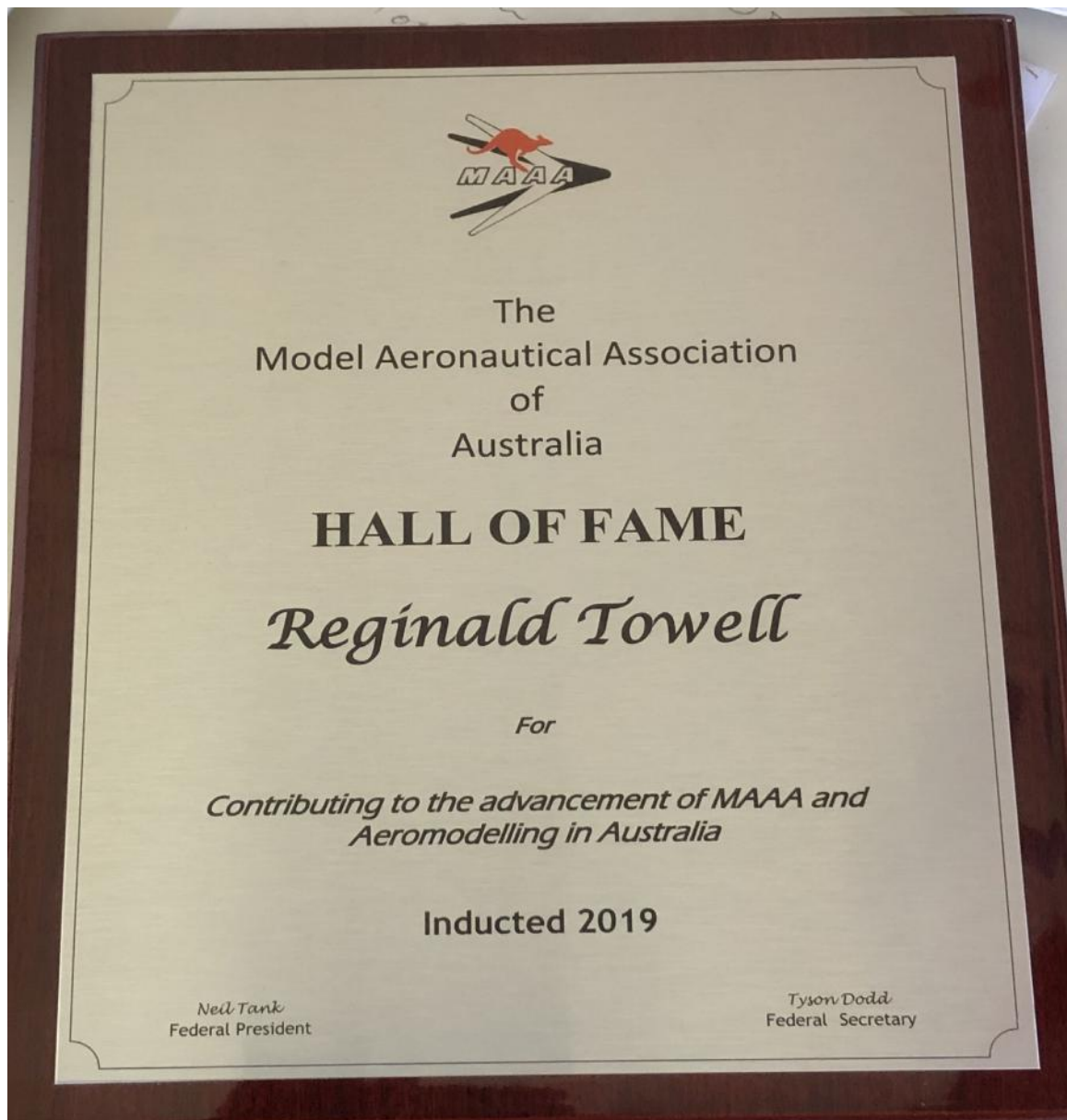
Terry Bond

Next Meeting 15th November

This will be on Friday the 15th November at the Dundas Sports Club 7.30pm. Most of us get there early about 6.00pm and have a beer and meal before the serious stuff, please feel free to join us. Make sure you check the updated contest calendar for next year.

Reg Towell

We NSWFFS nominated Reg Towell for the MAAA Hall of Fame. This was approved at the last MAAA conference and was presented to him at the Burford control line day at St Ive's showground. Friends came from far and wide, around 100 people were in attendance to witness MAAA Vice President Bruce Hoffman present Reg with his well deserved award. Congratulations Reg and Lyn.





Lyn & Reg Towell



Shannon Tolmie

Congratulations to Shannon on winning his first big F1C competition. Shannon beat a very large field of very good flyers to win the Sierra cup in USA last month, well done Shannon.

1. Shannon Tolmie (AUS) 2 . Katyba Serhiy (UKR) 3. Yury Shvedenkov (CAN)

West Wyalong

The big rock project which started with a trial run was inspected and approval was given to go ahead with the idea of clearing the worst areas. I spent last week down there supervising where to grade and where to place the unwanted rocks. About two thirds of the field on the northern side of the road has now been done and it is a vast improvement. What we need now is some good rains, so we get more grass coverage, this will no doubt happen in time, we just don't know when.

Positions Vacant

We are planning a working bee at West Wyalong. At this stage we plan to travel down on Thursday the 21st November, work on the Friday, Saturday and return home on the Sunday afternoon. We have positions vacant for, Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, Labourers, Stripers, Liberians, Cleaners, Chain Saw Men or women, Bonfire makers, Cooks and Gofers.

Depending on the personal, work will be allocated to those with expertise in their field.

Apply in the first instance by SMS or email to Roy 0413588720

Membership

At the time of writing, about 200 members of NSWFFS have renewed their fees. This is better than the MAAA average. If you haven't paid, you are NOT financial you are NOT insured and you can NOT fly at club fields. If you are one of these, please make contact with your club secretary and pay \$120 as soon as possible. If you are reading this and you are not a member of the NSWFFS but would like to be contact me, Roy Summersby roydi132@optusnet.com.au

Free Flight Down Under

Latest issue with all the info on the world champs is about to come out.

You can now get the best free flight magazine going around for just ten dollars. Yes that's right \$10 gets you a copy emailed to your home four times a year. Well worth it just for Malcolm's photos as well as keeping up with the current news on free flight. Malcolm also has a great many photos (some 500) from the world championships just held in USA.

To receive your copy of Free Flight Down Under, get in touch with their treasurer, Albert Fathers on 0451164158 or fathersplace@smartchat.net.au

Christmas Party's

First one is on Friday the 29th November. This is the early morning one where the Friday flyers provide the drinks and food.

The Sunday Christmas party is on the 8th December. This is a scramble and combined vintage day with the SAMs boys. Always a good day but it is a BYO food as we have no idea of the numbers that might turn up. We will have the B-B-Q and shade available for use.

Friends of West Wyalong

For all of you out there that are a friend of West Wyalong it is that time of the year to rejoin. All you have to do is place \$30 in into NSWFFS bank CBA BSB-062-293 A/C -00901281 don't forget to put your name as a reference so we know where the money came from.

Shop News

Klotz Oil	\$25 / Litre or \$13.50 500 mil
Nitomethane	\$25 / Litre
Ether	\$30 / Litre

Oily Hand Diesel Day – Cowra MAC - 23rd /24th /25th August 2019



Having lived in the Central West of NSW all my life I know that when we go into drought the countryside can be unattractive and the weather can be very nasty. Once again though we flew under the radar and the weekend turned out to be great on the whole for OHDD activities.

As usual we had attendees from Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and SA. This year there were sixty two registered flyers. Of these five were juniors. Some past attendees weren't on deck and we had five newbies come along. It is great to see modellers still get a kick out of slimer engines and building your own models from balsa and icky-sticky.

It should also be noted that there were approximately thirty non-flying visitors. These were comprised of family members and interested modellers who came to see what Oily Hand is all about.

From Cowra MAC we hope you all had as good a time as we did running the event for you. The club members have asked me to pass on their thanks for your civility and friendliness throughout the weekend and for leaving our field clean and in good shape.

I would like to add my thanks, as the MAAA nominated 'responsible' person, for the safe manner in which you all fly. It requires thoughtfulness & co-operation by participants to fly C/L, F/F and R/C all at the same time at the same field.

R6-B

We didn't get as many of these as expected. In fact only three stalwarts attempted this model. Dave Bailey, Warren Brown and Allan Wooster, who sent his down with Derek Butler as his proxy. Not to worry they were all fine models and flew well. In fact the comments around the field showed that they surprised many a punter with their performance.

The concours section for this model was taken out by Dave Bailey, with Warren Brown and Allan Wooster's models following up.

The event for the model was to climb on a set engine run and then achieve the longest glide time followed by a spot landing. Dave had by far the longest glide and Derek took out the spot landing with Allan's model.



Ringmaster



There were about two dozen of these, although not all of them made it to the concours judging. I know Mickey Towell was off somewhere else and his very nice example missed the judging. I took a special photo of his, just because I think Michael is great.

There were all sorts of Ringmasters from Graham Robinson's Microringmaster with a Cox TD .010 up front to a couple of twin engine Ringmasters. Dennis Percival had the most Ringmasters with I believe it was four. My little grandson Teddy was pretty keen to grab one Dennis had done for his granddaughters and line up in the photo shoot.

Winner of concours was Jeff Poulsen, followed by Warren Brown with Col Willoughby, Paul Armitage and Dave Bailey pulling up equal third. It is heartening to see such a high standard of building at Oily Hand.



Michael Towell and his Ringmaster – notice the lad's Ringmaster T shirt too

The David Owen Memorial Scramble

Because we have pruned back the number of events at Oily Hand we had the option of postponing scramble till Sunday morning as the breeze was up on Saturday evening. Sunday morning turned out cold with perfect air for scramble.

There were ten starters, but not all of them managed to stay the distance due to engine problems or model failure. Craig Thornton and Les Spaltman managed a mid-air much to everyone's delight.

It was difficult to work out who was doing best until the results had been tabulated. Those who looked to be struggling to get good flights did better than those who looked like they were cruising it in. The final wash up was that the trophy went upto Queensland this year with Jeff Poulsen.

- 1st Jeff Poulsen – 696 sec
- 2nd Chilton Miles – 648 sec junior participant
- 3rd Ed Holley – 530 sec

Plank Racing

Bit of controversy this year with rule interpretation on Cowra Plank. Along comes Greg Nelson with his 'flying wing' plank. When we looked at the published version of the rules they actually allowed this model even though it doesn't fit the Cowra Plank formula. Gentleman that he is, Greg took this ruling in the spirit of Oily Hand. He was disqualified from an outright win, but we gave him a bottle of plonk and a T shirt anyway because we just loved the performance of that F2D motored flatwing zooming around.

Cowra Plank

Greg Nelson 49.13 sec – beat that!

1st Steve Thomas – 59.50 sec

2nd Bob Fisher – 62.99 sec

3rd Warren Brown – 69.92 sec

Super Plank

1st Mike Comiskey – 57.64

2nd Jeff Poulsen -74.29

3rd Luke Dale -76.51 That was Luke's first go at plank racing, well done



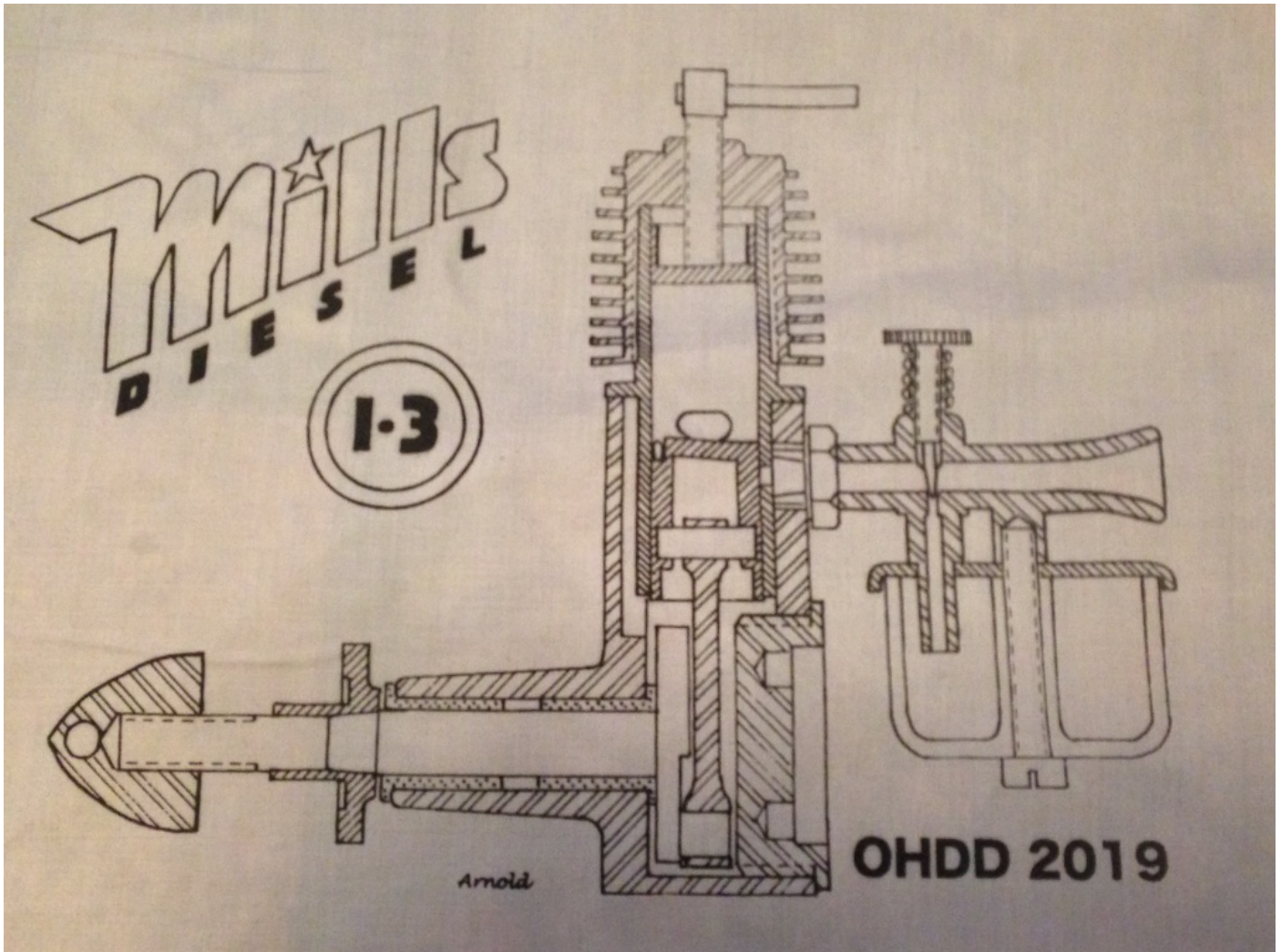
That Plank

Who Was Arnold anyway

As a bit of a novelty this year Derek Butler made us the Arnold quiz. This was to go along with the R6-B and the Mills 1.3 that powered the original which was the subject for the oily rag design. It was all about the Mills Brothers, the Mills 1.3 and Arnold Hardinge who designed the Mills line of engines.

Derek and I know some of you had a lot of fun with this and learned some interesting information.

Everyone who had a go got a Taipan prop courtesy of Derek. Aaron Booth and Peter Norrie both got 16/20 making them joint winners.



Oily Rag 2019

Pilot's Draw

The last Schlosser that Pete Jackson had left from Big Kev's collection went to Mark Godfrey. Mark is a long time Oily Hander and didn't own a Schlosser. So that was a good home for it to go to. All we need is to see it in a model next year 'eh Mark.

Who won the raffle?

Grant Porritt won the Aeroflyte Spitfire and Taipan Tyro. Dallas Healy from our club donated it to Oily Hand and put in the hard yards selling tickets. Can't wait to see it flying at Oily Hand 2020.

That's it for now. Andy

Wings over West Wyalong October 2019

Some key loyalists arrived on Thursday 24 October to set up the field and accommodation. The weather report was dire. Wind speeds were expected to be in the sixties; that's kilometers per hour. The house was booked full and a forecast of 40 to attend was estimated. A very brave estimate!!! Many apologies were received and our estimate appeared to be a dream. Despite a dwindling attendance we soldiered on.

The winds picked up on Friday and became almost cyclonic but we did get 4mm of rain as a surprise. The dust storm reduced visibility on a couple of occasions to 25 metres. It was almost impossible to go outside the house on Friday. The green synthetic grass in the rear of the house had already been blown up and impossible to relay. Flying was impossible. Saturday was a bit better and about ten of our flyers went to Rob Walkers place to check his museum. Saturday night was the Bush Tucker night and plans to feed 40 people was in disarray. Ultimately, we fed 15 modelers in sumptuous elegance with roast lamb, the best spuds and pumpkin with peas beans onions and gravy.

The door prize was won by Harry Sokol and the raffle was won by Geoff Hungerford. A great deal of competition went into the raffle and the Hawker Tomtit kit was an excellent prize. Several members spent big bucks to try for a win.

The next day was as near to perfect as possible. Flyers were out at daybreak (or at least one was) and this encouraged others to put models to air. About ten flyers were seen to be enjoying themselves in the perfect weather. Rob Walker turned up again and he was offered a few old radio sets to be include in his museum, in exchange he offered a second-hand radial engine he had on his property to be mounted at our front gate. Some additional suggestions have been made about where to mount the radial.

Many thanks must go to the helpers on the weekend. The Towells, the Pennells, the Scotts and the rest who made the weekend a success. Let's hope next year will have a greater attendance.

Terry Bond

