

The Free Flighter
Journal of the NSWFFS Inc
September 2016



The Late Brian Alcock with
his biplanes at Richmond

NSW FREE FLIGHT SOCIETYS

Minutes of AGM 18th Sep 2015

Meeting opened at 8.45 pm with President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present:

Terry Bond, Barry Lee, Roy Summersby, Tahn Stowe, Wally Bolliger, Gary Pope, Mike Towell, Jim McFall, Phil Warren, Garry Goodwin, Donna Gray, Matt Hannaford, Geoff Potter. Goran Milosavljenic, Bill East, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Mee, John Pennells

Apologies:

Chris Birch

Minutes of the previous AGM:

These could not be found at the time, came to light later deep in the secretary's bag

Treasures Report:

Moved, Geoff Potter seconded Mike Towell, Carried

The annual report to Fair Trading was tabled and will be forwarded to the appropriate dept.

General Business:

The president thanked all the committee members for their work and assistance during the year and declared all positions vacant. There were two changes both Jim Christie and Than Stow had made it know that they were not standing this coming year. Matt Hannaford had put his name forward for vice president and Gary Pope was willing to be our treasure. The other positions remain the same.

President: Terry Bond

Vice President: Matt Hannaford

Secretary: Roy Summersby

Treasurer: Gary Pope

Registrar: Barry Lee

Public Officer: Gary Pope

Safety Officer: Mike Towell

Education Officer: Geoff Mee & Matt Hannaford

Face Book Officer: Donna Gray

Meeting closed 9.47pm

President

Terry Bond

Secretary

Roy Summersby

Minutes of General Meeting

8th July 2016

Meeting opened: 7.34pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Barry Lee, Terry Bond, , Ed Mahoney , Geoff Potter, Jim Mc Fall, Roy Summersby, Gary Pope, John Pennells, Tahn Stowe, Walter Bolliger, George Atkinson, John Corby, Reg & Lyn Towell

Apologies

, Neil Frazier, Michel Towell, Matt Hannaford, Donna Gray, Gary Goodwin, Jim Christie,

Visitors Brian Rule John Dodds

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved Ed Mahoney, sec John Corby

Business arising:

None

Correspondence In:

Fly Paper, MAAA Conference Letter of registration from Donna Gray as house manager.

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter June/July, Reply to Phil Mitchel,

Treasures Report

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Treasurers Report - 1 M a y - 3 0 J u n e 2 0 1 6

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| Opening Balance 1 M a y 2016 | |
| C B A | \$ 6,317.04 |
| S T G e o r g e | \$ 3,229.92 |
| S T G e o r g e - T e r m D e p o s i t | \$ 9,950.00 |
| | \$ 19,496.96 |
| Add : D E P O S I T S | \$ 5,514.23 |
| Less : P A Y M E N T S | \$ 1,848.79 |
| Closing Balance 30 June 2016 | |
| C B A | \$ 9,886.56 |
| S T G e o r g e | \$ 3,230.18 |
| S t G e o r g e D e p o s i t A c c o u n t | \$ 10,045.66 |
| | \$ 23,162.40 |

General Business

Our West Wyalong weekend has had to be postponed due to flooding of the western plains; this has made the field unsuitable for us to drive on. A new date has been set for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, October. Nat's badges and medals which would have been at West Wyalong will now be posted. Terry reported that he and I met the RAAF to find out what they need from us to make flying at Richmond legal. Terry will provide the details for members. Roy offered to fill the role as house manager, this was accepted. Tahn gave a report on the scale weekend, once again this was a huge success with 30 cars on the field, and we had six visitors from New Zealand. There are many great photos on the web sites. Moved Tahn, sec John Pennells that we apply to hold combined Nationals at West Wyalong in 2018. Over the next two months we will gauge what support we have before a submission is made. Roy reminded the meeting that he will stop sending out the paper copy of the Free Flighter at the end of this year (September).

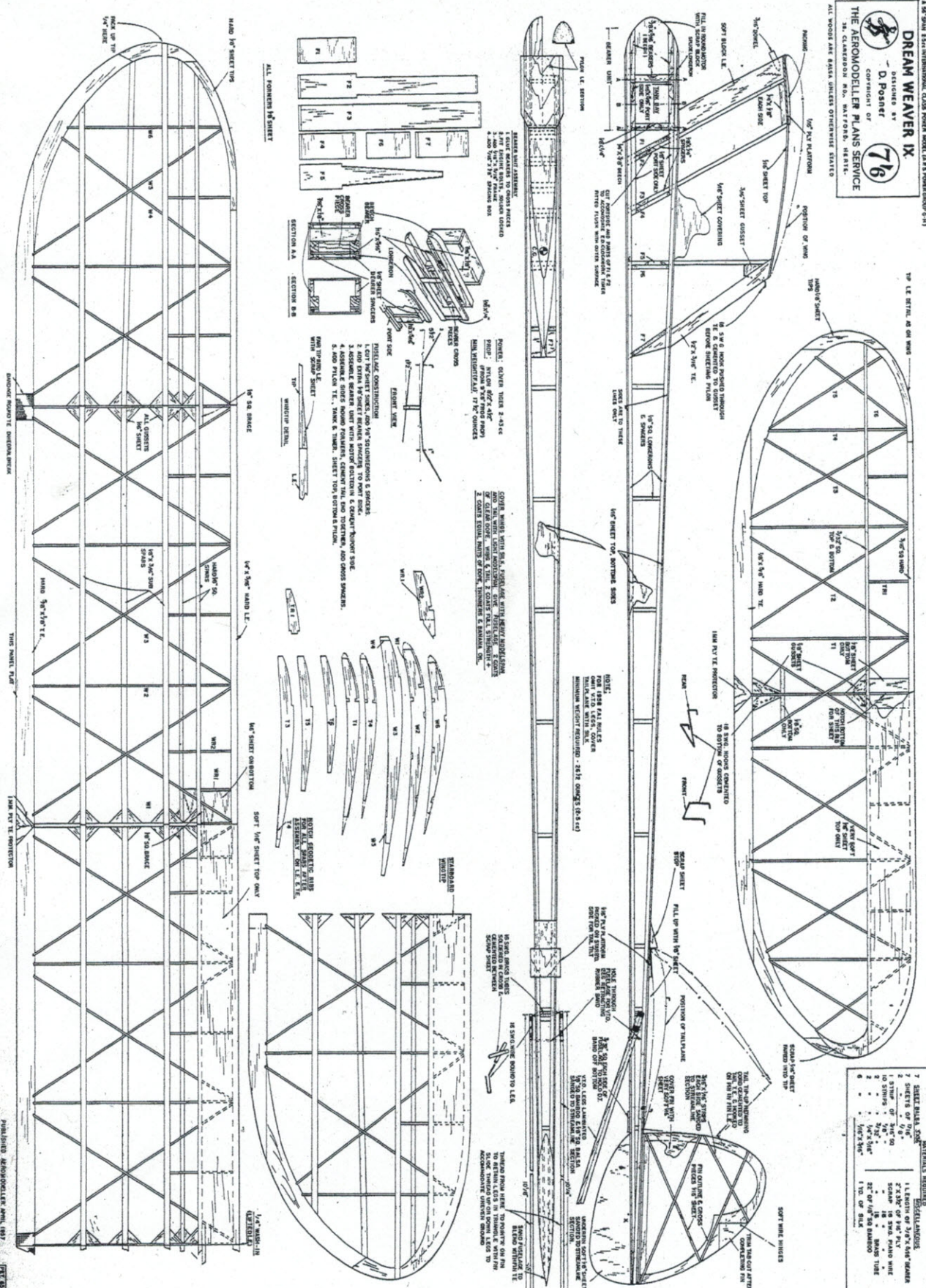
Please send your email address to Barry Lee. ASAP

Meeting closed 8.25pm NOTE these minutes are for members only.

Dave Posner's Mk IX Dream Weaver

2nd place in the 1956 World Championships.

Recreantly approved for our vintage rules by the AFFS



Editorial September 2016

Hi Team, unfortunately our oldest and possibly the MAAA's oldest active aeromodeller, Brian Alcock passed away on 4 Aug 2016. Brian was born in Sydney in 1921 and was actively flying in his 94th year. Some years ago Roy Summersby visited Brian at his home and quizzed him about his hobby and history. Roy's account of his visit is reprinted in this Free Flighter. One of Brian's last wishes was to have his ashes spread on the field at Richmond and he had discussed this with Charlie. I can remember the day when he spoke to Charlie; I thought it was a bit unusual as I had not seen him purposefully approach Charlie before. It took a while before we found out about that conversation but it told us (other flyers) that Brian thought a long way ahead.

On a possibly sombre but happy note we will commemorate Brian's life and times with a celebration on the field sometime in the future when his family give us a date. I will advise accordingly.

Our next AGM will be held 9 Sep. It has been brought forward a week so that most of our executive (who hope to make the WC team) can attend the FF trials in Dalby Queensland. A number of our members are trying to qualify to fly in the World Champs in Hungary next year and they need the points to make the team. The teams for F1B and C are still in a state of flux and positions could change dramatically if they miss the trial.

There will be two more competitions for members to get enough points to attend the next world champs. Dalby Queensland (starting 14 Sep 2016) is the next competition followed by our state champs at West Wyalong in October (1-3 Oct 2016). The competition between members in the 'C' team is hotting up with perhaps four flyers able take positions two and three if their numbers come in. The 'B' team is also in a state of flux and positions could easily change. Keep an eye out for the NSWFFS members who make the team. Preliminary results will be published mid November.

I called for nominations for our executive in the May Free Flighter; unfortunately to date I have only received one nomination for each position. At this time I must also thank the current committee for the work that has been done over the past year; Roy Summersby, Gary Pope, Barry Lee, Matt Hanaford, Michael Towell, Phil Warren, Geoff Mee plus all the others who have helped in various competitions and special events. Just some to mention; Tahn Stowe, Donna Gray, Jim Christie, John Corby, and too many more.

At last meeting I mentioned that Roy and I had visited RAAF Richmond and discussed safety issues. Air traffic control at RAAF Richmond maintains control over air space between 8am and 6pm seven (7) days a week. Any flying during this period must be reported to the control tower. We now have instructions in this newsletter on how to contact the tower and the method of reporting.

You may have heard that it rained at West Wyalong. It surely did; in Jun 2016 I think WW received 163mm rain in June beating a record set in 1974. That means the paddocks were so wet that we could not hold those contests that were programmed. Our newest club from West Wyalong got bogged trying to fly and had to be towed off the field. That tells us that we need to improve our road works to a degree that we can visit all fields despite wet weather. Our property manager has this in hand and we have recently had some donations to commence road improvements.

I recently had a look at our web page. It really needs an update. I have looked at it very recently and it appears corrupted. It is time to make this a proper and informative device for our members especially now that we intend to send and retain our Free Flighter by email. At our next meeting I will be actively asking for suggestions to repair and modify our web page. There were suggestions about a year or so ago but I take the blame here, and did not follow up. We need a web page which

is easily readable and understandable by all of our modellers. We need to include a calendar, photos, and results of competitions and an archive of our free Flighter magazines. That is a start. This will either be on a volunteer basis or more likely a commercial purchase! We then need two web page managers who can cooperatively update and manage any additions to the page. We need action here!

Later this year or even early next year we will program a demonstration or contest event on a field at Hinton. Gary Goodwin is in charge of this event and the farmer who owns the land is keen to have us visit. The Northern Area Contest Modellers occasionally fly on this site and it could be utilised a lot better. It is a 6 x 4km flat plain with a few fences but the paddocks are quite large. This field is a bit closer to some who live on the north coast and as far north as Tamworth

Roy is continuing to provide updates on the progress at our field at West Wyalong. The next working bee will be a tidy up of some trees which are in flight paths. This has already been organised but dates are to be advised.

It has been a while since anybody has advertised any item for sale in our magazine. I am also surprised that we have such an amazing pool of talent within our ranks that they do not advertise their skills. Expressions of assistance could also be advertised in our magazine. For example; I know Ed Mahoney would like to be a large model inspector. Think about it, I am sure we can provide that service, or at least information.

At our last meeting we discussed the proposal to hold a Combined Nationals at West Wyalong in 2018. We will be seeking support from all state secretaries and interest groups to determine viability. It would be great to have that national reunion feeling again.

That's all folks remember that free flighters keep 'em up longer!

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

Extra Extra....Read all about it!!!!

At the back of this newsletter there is a notice about the weekend 29-30 Oct 2016 'Wings over West Wyalong'. I already have my copy but most do not.

It is a Silent Flight Achievement weekend sanctioned by LSF Australia..plus a weekend for flying anything RC, CL or free flight.

All contact details are on the notice as are the website details.

Don't hesitate to contact Roy Summersby or John Quigley for more information.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

Next Meeting 9th September

This meeting is our AGM and we have had to move it forward one week as Terry, Roy, Gary & Gary will be away in Queensland at their trials for the next world champs.

Cowra Oily Hand Weekend 26th/27th/28th August

This is a top weekend with plenty to do and see. For full details see me at the meeting or contact Andy Luckett 0263423054

Reminder Fees are now overdue

Yes it's that time of the year again. Most flyers join the club that they have been in for many years. That club then registers them through the NSWFFS, this system has worked quite well and of course you can still do this, just make sure that you tell your club to register you through NSWFFS.

This year there is an alternative. Now there is a club called Free Flight Club of New South Wales. The fees are the same, \$90 per year, paid direct to NSWFFS. You can still join your own club, and just pay their club component of the fees, in my case \$10 to Doonside. The reason behind this is, that it may make us eligible for a grant of \$5000 from the MAAA. This money can be spent on equipment or improvements to our flying field, which of course is the AB field at West Wyalong. At this stage we have spent the bulk of our funds some \$45,000 on improvements to the AB field, we, the current executive plan to keep our term deposit (\$10,000) in place, in case of unforeseen circumstances. There is still plenty that can, and will be done, to the property in time.

Next Newsletter---- Email Only

Will only be sent out by email, so make sure you have given your email address to Barry Lee, contact Barry on 96027419 or barrylee@internode.on.net

Wings over west Wyalong should be a big event

This weekend has the makings of a big weekend, with all types of models taking part. In addition to flying there will be a buy and sell of all model goods, engine displays, engine running for those that can't run them at home, bring the beast along and give it a run. See pamphlet in this newsletter.

2016 Nationals Badges

We have left over, a few 2016 National badges. If you didn't attend the Nationals, or if you would like one of these very nice badges to go into your collection, let me know. I will have them at the meeting and one can be yours for just \$5.00. They will become a collectors item in the not to distant future,(trust me).

Royal Flying Doctor

MAAA has bought badges which can be sold on, to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. How this works is we buy what ever we think we can sell at \$5.00ea.

The badges can be sold anywhere as it is a registered charity. We will discuss this at the meeting, maybe it would be a good move to sell them at West Wyalong to promote ourselves and the field.

Bookings at West Wyalong

Please make all future bookings at West Wyalong through the secretary Roy Summersby email roydi132@optusnet.com.au or leave a message SMS 0413588720. Some space in the house is still available for 1-2-3 Oct, 29-30 Oct, & New Year

West Wyalong update and the weather

What can we say? West Wyalong has had its wettest spell since 1974. Record rains in June 158mm, followed by 60mm in July and as I write this (August) it is still raining.

All the dams are full, even Lake Cowal the largest inland lake in NSW is at 75% (unheard of). The rains have been wide spread right across the western plains. Driving on the field has been impossible since we were there in early June. We postponed the NSW state champs to July 16th & 17th but once again they had to be cancelled, we will try for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd October. Maybe the rain will have stopped by then.

All this rain brings good news and bad news. The good news is when the sun does shine the grass will grow, and our field, along with the rest of the district, will look good. The bad news it is impossible for a car to drive on the field. In fact the rain was so heavy at times it has washed away some of the road into the property, this will have to be repaired before we fly in October. Some loads of road base and a bob cat will do the job as soon as it is dry enough.

The committee (ours) in its wisdom keeps \$10,000 in a trust fund for real emergencies. We are not sure what a real emergency is and hopefully, it will never come, but just in case, we will be prepared. Our road problem was discussed on a flying Friday morning at Richmond, and it was decided the road was not a real emergency, funds would come from elsewhere. Suddenly some cash donations were coming forth, we suddenly had \$300 towards the road repairs with promises of a little more to come. These flyers didn't want to be named they were just showing faith in our West Wyalong flying field. A couple of Fridays later, I believe we had just over \$500 donated to the road funds.

West Wyalong 1st, 2nd, 3rd October

The forced postponement of the NSW State Champs for F1A, B, & C which were to be held on the 15th & 16th July will now be held on the October long weekend.

The programme of events will be as follows.

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| Saturday 1 st | F1B, Open Power | 7.00 am |
| Sunday 2 nd | F1A, F1C & Open Rubber | 7.00 am |
| Monday 3 rd | ½ hour Scramble, F1G, H, &, J | 7.00 am |
| | Combined Vintage | 7.30 am |

Vintage will be combined depending on numbers.

Fly Offs will be in the evenings if practical, CDs discretion.

If held the next morning they will start at 6.45 am.

Vintage and Open events 3 flights, other events 5 x 1 hour rounds.

Note, Daylight saving starts on Saturday night.

CDs NEEDED

If you can be a CD for one of the days please tell Terry.



Our Oldest Flyer

I recently visited our oldest modeller to see for myself just how a man in his 89th year can design, build, and fly a free flight model. I must confess that my real reason was to discover his secret. I want to be just like him when I grow up. I don't care if it is F1C, open rubber or a Vic Smeed Tomboy; the big thing is getting out there in the paddock and doing it.

The man I am writing about is our very own **Brian Alcock**. Brian was born in Sydney in 1921 and has lived in the Sydney area most of his life. Brian started aero modelling in 1932, and would you believe it, he showed me a rubber stick model that he built in 1935!!! Yes it has had a new set of wings, but that's all. The model is an Edwin Hamilton design from Model Airplane News.

Brian's profession was dentistry, which he started in 1938. War years saw Brian in the RAAF as a dentist. The RAAF let Brian come back to Civvy Street in 1946. Brian's first engine was a Frog 100 which he





bought in 1948 and still has it. He loves the old Frogs, he must do, as he has five of them. Two are in models and ready to fly. Brian has a variety of other engines including a couple of Super Tigres but his favourites are the old Frogs and the Cox 049s.

In 1983 Brian had a fire in his garage and 20 years of modelling went up in smoke, this put a stop to his building for

quite sometime. He is certainly back at it now. Last August he designed a one meter biplane, built it in September and in October was on the field at Richmond flying it.

In the late 1950s and early 60s Brian was in the winning circles with open power and what was then class 2 power, (up to 2.5cc) taking trophies at National and State competitions. Brian's models might not make the fly offs in open power any more, but they are a delight to watch taking off and landing on the turf at Richmond. Brian is also keen on electric free flight of which he has quite a number and flies regularly. Going back to the 1948 Frog 100s which he has in two models, these models were built in the 1960s, they are still in perfect flying condition, they just need a little diesel fuel, flick of the prop on the old Frog and they are airborne.



Maybe as the years roll on and time takes its toll on me , I will have to give up my Verbitsky, Fora and Cyclon engines, save up for a 1948 Frog 100 with the venturi on the wrong side of the crankcase and build a biplane. It's my ambition to be like Brian, design, build and fly models at 89. Good on you Brian.



Roy Summersby

Brian's membership card for the Ashfield Model Flying Club, dated 25 May 1932.

PS: I was also inspired some years back by Kurt Kuhl. He was flying alongside me in a FIC competition in East Germany. This man, in his eighties, was very frail but he was still flying a Rossi powered sheeted FIC model. No motor bikes here for retrieval but he did get a lot of help from his wife Hildegard. It was fantastic to see them on the field having a go and enjoying themselves.

WINGS OVER WEST WYALONG



Saturday 29th / Sunday 30th October 2016

Last Weekend in OCTOBER

On the AB field 1390 Clear Ridge Road West Wyalong

A fun flying weekend for all

Come and fly Friday afternoon if you want!

Fly anything at all,

Pulse Jets; to Cox 010s (noise no problem)

FF, CL, or RC, BIG and SMALL,

Bring them ALL to our 700 Acre multi-purpose field.

Plenty of parking and flying room for everyone!

**Model engine displays including running, buy, sell & swap
meet of all model goods**

Facilities

Camp on the field in our camping ground and make use of the camp kitchen, showers and toilets male & female. Electricity and water hook up for vans. Sausage sandwich, tea, coffee & drinks will be available for purchase.

Cost

Camping - \$10 per head per night.

Flying - \$20 registration fee* paid before you fly and you MUST have and produce a current MAAA card.

***Registration fee includes a ticket in the raffle for a new in box DC Merlin motor, drawn at Saturday night dinner.**

Organized events

Saturday 4.00pm

Ebenezer mass launch

Saturday evening

Lamb Spit roast & vegies around the campfire Saturday evening - Cost \$20
Bring your own chair and drinks

Sunday 8.00am

1 / 2 Hour Campbell Scramble (must walk, no running)

NSWFFS SHOP GOODS

AT THIS TIME WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING

Contact Roy if you need any of these items.

He will bring to the flying field or to the meeting

New Item 3/32 Tygon tubing (lasts for ever)

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| Esaki light tissue | \$2.00 | Rock Maple bearers 3 sizes / 300long | \$4.50 |
| P30 props | \$6.00 | Clear Mylar 10 meters | \$10.00 |
| 3/64 prop shafts | .65 | Aluminised Mylar / meter | \$1.00 |
| 3/64 Nylon bearings | .65 | Rubber Lube 100ml Out of stock | \$4.00 |
| Teflon washers 1/8 X 0.032" hole | .45 | Ether 1 litre (you supply container) | \$24.00 |
| Brass washers 1/8 X 0.050" hole | .45 | Nitro Out of stock | \$22.50 |
| Dyna Grip Contact glue 50ml | \$2.00 | Castor Oil 1 Litre (out of stock) | \$10.00 |
| F1J Timers, suit most power models | \$75.00 | Some carbon spars (round & square) | |
| Out of stock more on order | | Diesel fuel tube 2.0m (bike valve) | \$7.50 |
| These timers have been checked and modified | | 3/32 Rubber 500grams | \$30.00 |
| by Jon Fletcher to eliminate skewing of spring | | Dremel chucks | \$7.00 |
| Texas Timers | \$70.00 | Cutting tools (Diamond wheels) | |
| Texas fuel cut offs (glo or diesel) | \$20.00 | 10 different sizes | \$20.00 |
| Pilots very lite | \$5.00 | Cutting tools (circler saw blades) | |
| Wheels very lite | \$5.00 | 6 different sizes | \$15.00 |
| | | Tygon fuel tubing 1 meter | \$3.00 |

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2016

| Date | Event | Venue | Time | C/D |
|-------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aug 27-28 | Cowra Oily Hand Weekend | Cowra | | |
| Sep 11 | ½ Hour Scramble + Tomboy Mass Launch. Fuller Day, Stomper, Dixielander, Zoot Suit. B-B-Q Lunch | Richmond | 7:00am – 1:00pm | John Corby |
| Sep 16 | Annual General Meeting | Harris Park | 7:30 pm | |
| Sep 18 | Combined % 5 flights | Richmond | 7.00am - 1.00pm | Matt Hannaford |
| Oct 1-2-3 | NSW State Champs F1G,H,J + Vintage Power, Rubber,& Glider , ½ hour scramble | W. Wyalong A.B.Field | 7.00am- 1.00pm | Roy Summersby |
| Oct 16 | Combined % Multiple Entries | Richmond | 7:00am – 1:00pm | Gary Pope |
| Oct 29 & 30 | Wings Over West Wyalong + Scale Rally all disciplines FUN FLY | W Wyalong | 7.00am- till dark | Plenty of room for everyone |
| Nov 18 | General Meeting | Harris Park | 7:30 pm | |
| Nov 27 | F1G, H J, (Combined) | Richmond | 7:00am – 1:00pm | Gary Pope |
| Dec 11 | ½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly. | Richmond BBQ Xmas | 7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO | Terry Bond FOOD |
| Notes | 1. All scrambles start as close to 2. Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome 3. BYO FOOD, DRINK & CHAIR to | 8.00 am as on A.B. Field ALL BBQs at | Possible at W Wyalong Richmond | Plenty of room |