

The Free Flighter
Journal of the NSWFFS Inc
July 2017



MAAA Hall of Fame
presented to Barry at Richmond in
front of a big gathering

Minutes General Meeting
May 19th 2017

Present - Tahn, Gary P, Gary G, Phil, John, Barry & Ed

Apologies - Mike, Reg, Wally, Terry, Roy, George & Bob

Previous minutes accepted

Treasurers report accepted

Correspondence in - AFFS Reply regarding W.W. roof fund donation

National Model Center documentation from Tahn

2018 AFFS Champs draft timetable

General Business-

Register SCC for 2018 world cup event

SCC to be part of 2018 Nats events

Scale Weekend dinner venue , contact Charlie re use of field

Kit & Book sales ongoing - Well Done Roy !

Roy has update on W.W.Roof Fund figures

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Editorial Jul 2017

Hi team, as I write this I am about to leave town to participate in the 2017 Free Flight World Champs. Today's date is 10 Jul and I leave in a couple of hours, so don't expect anything too long. Last weekend was a real corker. Our scale day was an exceptional success; thanks to Tahn for his organisation and work. Day one produced about 30 vehicles and day two, another 28. I am sure you will see a report on the day but I was impressed by the standard of aircraft and flying.

The standard of building and flying in my opinion was excruciatingly high. My building ability is not that flash and I certainly would like to be able to produce scale aircraft of that quality. (Or any model aircraft for that matter).

The scramble was a real surprise with ten starters on their marks in early fog. The fog was not lifting despite a substantial delay. Early long flights in two cases saw one lost with the other not found for a loss of flight seconds. Not sure if Michael eventually found his model. A comment made during the scramble was that it was almost like old times; unfortunately most of the flyers were suffering 'old timers' as well. Congratulations to the Miles family especially Ashton for his starting and running.

Congratulations also to Barry Lee who was presented with his Hall of Fame Plaque for services to modelling over the past 60 or so years. This presentation will be repeated when a member of the MAAA executive is available.

We should also start to think about our next AGM and the new committee. Nominations will be due prior to the meeting in September.

Sorry team, must rush, am due to depart shortly.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS



RICHMOND FREE FLIGHT SCALE RALLY 2017

RESULTS.

F4A.

	Points
1st Phil Mitchell. Handley Page 0/400.	1417
2nd Stan Mauger (NZ) Auster C4.	1396
3rd Roy Summersby. Sopwith Swallow.	1375
4th Don Spray. (NZ) Curtis Robin.	1329
5th Ricky Bould. (NZ) Comper Swift.	1313
6th Phil Warren. Tiger Moth.	1310
7th Robert Craine. Kitty Hawk P40E.	1194

Points



Reg Jude Trophy Rubber Scale.

1st Phil Warren. Gypsy Comper Swift.	1477
2nd Mike Mulholland. (NZ) Tiger Moth.	1402
3rd Ricky Bould. (NZ) Tiger Moth.	1320
4th Don Spray. (NZ) DH Puss Moth.	1239
5th George Fay (NZ) Folkerts SK3.	1158

1/2 Hour POWER SCRAMBLE

Phil Mitchell	1395
Aaron Booth	1278
Peter Scott	1113
John Miles	1020
Ricky Bould	960
Mark Godfrey	907
Ashton Miles (jnr)	891
Tahn Stowe	805
Stan Mauger	716
Michael Towell	120

Special Awards

“MOST CONSISTENT” Robert Craine. Kitty Hawk P40E

“PEOPLES’ CHOICE” Don Spray. DH Puss Moth.

“SPECTACULAR ARRIVAL” Terry Bond. Corby Starlet & GB Racer.

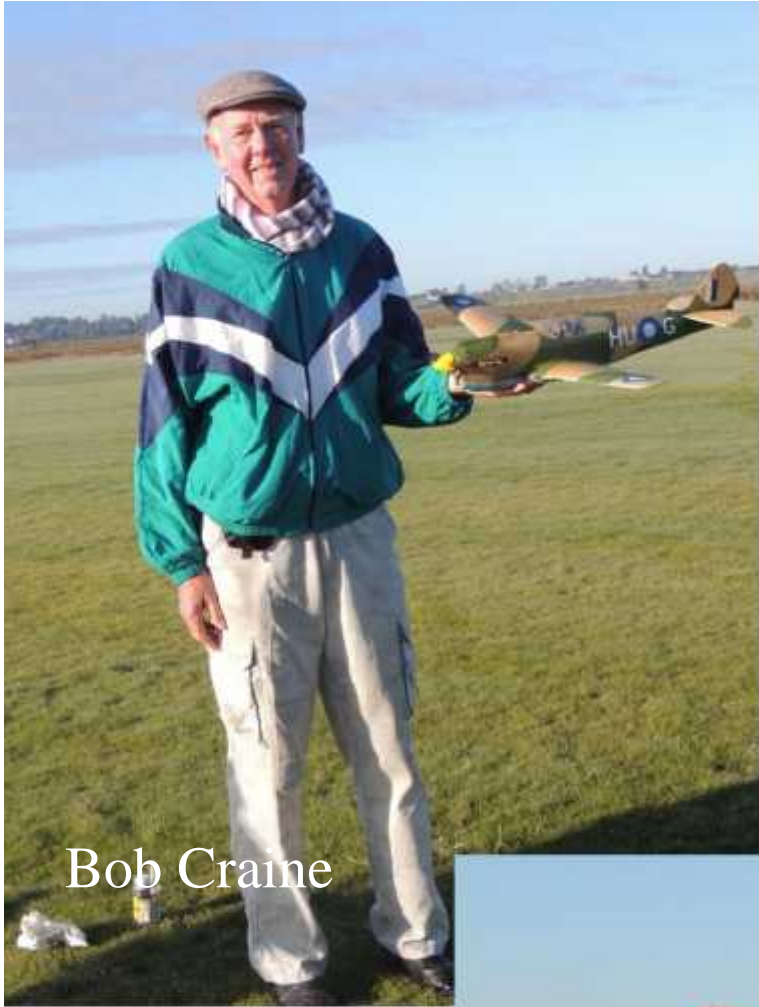
“NEXT TIME” Ashton Miles. (Junior). AH Carpet Special



Roy Summersby



Mike Mullholland from New Zealand



Bob Craine



Phil Warren



Phil Mitchell



Taylorcraft Auster C4

Next meeting

This will be held at 7.30 on the 21st July at the Rosehill Bowling club.

Hall of Fame

The front page tells it all. As we expected a big turn out of flyers and friends on the Sunday of the scale weekend, it was decided to present Barry Lee with his MAAA hall of fame award. Around fifty people saw a surprised Barry receive it from President Terry (he had no idea when it was going to be presented).

Normal procedure is that these awards are given by one of the MAAA executive, we checked with them, and all was OK. Barry can still receive it again in a more formal way if he wishes, but we thought it was too good an opportunity to miss. The only disappointment was that Margaret was not there to witness the presentation.

Scale Weekend

Once again, what a weekend we put on for our New Zealand friends. No wind at all, just a little ice on the ground for a few hours. We had to fly Sundays scramble in the light fog, as it didn't look like clearing, and it didn't until around 10.30am. Full results are in this newsletter.

Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership please get it done ASAP. Still only \$90 per year this covers everything, including your club fees. If you have a son or daughter under 18years they are free when you join.

Remember from 30th June last, you are not covered with insurance so no flying until the monies are payed.

MAAA Conference

Once again, a full report, elsewhere in this newsletter.

Malcolm Campbell

At the May MAAA Conference, we the NSWFFS, nominated Malcolm for the MAAA service medal. We felt that over the years his efforts in producing FFDU deserved this award. His reports, photos, etc are second to none. The magazine goes all around the world, and has kept Australian free flight in the worlds eyes. Congratulations Malcolm, you fully deserve it.

West Wyalong

The last trip to West Wyalong we installed new fly screens to all the windows, they will prove their worth in the coming summer months. We have also made a small start putting books on the shelves in the library room, There are plenty more books that need placing, when you want something to do.

The roof fund is going along very nicely and we hope to have the job done in September this year, again in this newsletter you will find the growing cylinders that show how much has been raised, and from where. You will notice a lot of funds have come from modelling goods that have been donated and sold on eBay.

MAAA Funds

At the last MAAA executive meeting, one of the NSW clubs was granted \$5500 towards improvements at West Wyalong. We were also granted \$3500 for promotion of Wings over West Wyalong. These funds along with NSWFFS funds will be wisely spent.

Cowra Oily Hand Day

This is really three days 25th, 26th, & 27th August. If you haven't been to one of these weekends, you are missing out. It is a huge social event, plenty of control line and sport free flight flying is to be had, as well as more talking that you can handle. I will have full details at the meeting. Breakfast and lunch's are available, along with tea and coffee.

PS. Plenty of buy and sell, so bring your goods to sell, and take someone else's home.

World Free Flight Championships

In the next week four of our flyers will have left for Hungary, hoping to gain a place on the podium. This is a tall order, as there will be around 35 countries with about 100 in both F1A & B, a few less in F1C, around 70, as some countries can't, or do not fly F1C. For those of you that don't compete in free flight it is not very forgiving, for example drop one second in the rounds and you will finish around 50th place, no second heat, no pick the best out off so many rounds, just drop one second and you can go home and start thinking of the next world champs in two years time. We wish the boys all the luck they deserve as a lot of time and money goes into preparing and competing in a world championships.

Brian Alcock Biplane Day

On November the 12th at Richmond, we will be holding our first Brian Alcock biplane day. As most of you will remember Brian loved his biplanes, and it is fitting that we remember Brian by putting on a show that he would be proud of. If you haven't started building one, get going now on any sort of biplane. It can be as simple as an Ebenezer or a full scale Fokker, you decide, it is a fun day and to cap it off we will have a ½ hour scramble and scale rally. Why not build a FLY-BI by Dave Owen this is the model for this year at Cowra then you have a duel purpose plane, and its super simple, just a big Ebenezer.

NSW State Champs - F1A,B&C , Open Power & Open Rubber . June 3rd , 4th & 5th

A Personal Perspective from Gary Goodwin

A quick look at the weather forecast leading up to the weekend was promising , with sunshine and light winds predicted . Temps would be max of 20 deg down to around zero at night , so a log fire in the house was going to be a welcome sight at night ! Due to work and family commitments , I could only leave Sydney at lunch time on Saturday the 3rd , arriving at West Wyalong at 7.30pm . My main focus was F1B on Sunday the 4th , but I only had two flyable models left after the rigors of Fab Feb , SCC and AFFS ! Parts of my Long Vivchar model were still in the Ukraine , one of my standard Vivchar models was awaiting a new Black Magic Timer and my LDA Vivchar model was still being trimmed after a boom replacement ! At least I still had the old mechanical Vivchar model in one piece but that's all part of flying competition free flight , things get broken at times . After being disqualified at AFFS for a motor being .3 of a gram overweight , I double checked my motor weights on Saturday night and then got some sleep . Up at 5am Sunday and out to the ute to put the LDA model on top up charge , its really cold with frost and ice on everything ! The sunrise was glorious and the day was shaping to be good weather wise . After some breakfast and a cuppa we drove out into the paddock to the north of the house to release some helium balloons to check the drift . I had picked up a helium cylinder and some large red balloons prior to the comp to enable us to accurately check the drift at W.W. , as flight line placement is critical in some wind directions at this site . Fortunately the drift was in the best direction for the site ,and stayed that way all day, giving us at least 3kms of clear retrieval space ! We were ready to start the 4min first round by about 8am , and it was still very cold with little or no drift at all . It was great to see Vin and Leigh Morgan up from Victoria to keep us on our toes , Vin has a new six panel Andriukov model that is looking really potent ! As we only had four competitors and the weather was so good , we dispensed with the set round times and flew consecutive flights until done . Some 3min flights were landing within 50mtrs of their launch point !

Terry has his new Long Vivchars flying on rails at the moment , and has perfected his new VTO launch technique a la F1C with consistent results . Vin was telling me that the new Simplicity timers that can plot the flight on a computer graph , show no difference in height gain between a VTO and standard launch ! Possibly some cavitation of the props at the higher launch speed of a standard throw ? When speaking to the Chinese flyers at Lost Hills and SCC , they said you do get some advantage with a strong javelin style launch , but with extra risk of getting it wrong ! I can relate to that scenario , after trying to perfect this style of launch for some time now !! However my launches did not let me down at this comp , I fell into the trap that we all do at times , of trying for that bit too much on the glide . My LDA model got great height from the launch in the first round only to develop a slight stall at the 2min mark and eventually land 5secs short of 4mins!

A hard lesson learned , but I maxed my remaining four flights in some really beautiful air and T-Shirt conditions . In fact we were flying in some of the best conditions I had ever experienced for a comp .

Terry and Vin were both clear after five flights and decided to flyoff in very calm but cooling conditions . Terry managed to center into one of the bigger thermals of the day to take the win . The diameter of the thermals all day were not very big and it was hard to judge the right moment to launch . I think Terrys VTO launch pattern really paid off in this situation ? A standard or javelin launch can sometimes wander to the right of the launch point a bit too much , which is not an issue in big lift , but in these conditions can un-center the model from the main lift . Vins model seemed to suffer this fate during his flyoff flight ! Another highlight of the weekend was Roy flying the late great Stafford Screens open power model . A testament to one of the great power flyers of the past , the model flew on rails all day in Roys expert hands . A fitting tribute to an old friend taken from us too soon . All in all , a great weekend with lovely weather and friends , Long Live Free Flight !

Gary Goodwin



Roy Summersby with Stafford Screens Open Power Model at West Wyalong



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NSW State Champs A, B, C, O/P & O/R 3rd -5th June West Wyalong

After such a long flying program in May, we knew that this weekend would be short on numbers. For those that didn't make it, you missed what must have been the best few days that we have ever had a West Wyalong. Apart from being a bit cold in the mornings the weather was absolutely fabulous, I don't think a model went out of the field, not even in the fly offs.

Some early birds were there by Thursday night ready to get some practice in on Friday morning, the rest came along during Friday. We had five from Victoria and five from NSW flying free flight. We also had the pleasure of three NSW radio flyers with their giant scale models, all adding to a great and relaxed atmosphere. It was the first time for two of them to visit WW and they were surprised how good it was. After two solid days flying they became friends of WW and said they will be back.

Saturday after the light mist had lifted the competition was underway and saw max outs in both F1C and Open Rubber; conditions were such that we flew the fly offs that afternoon.

Sunday was much the same again Fly offs in both F1B and Open Power, fly offs held straight after the rounds were completed. One four minute round (the 2nd) was flown in the A, B, C events. I haven't the scores for the weekend but everyone was a winner, it was just the very best weekend flying you can have.

There were two highlights on the field. The first was, Roy who had brought along the late Stafford Screen's old number 24. This is an open power model with a Rossi 15 on pipe, when Roy forgets to set the engine setting on the old Seelig timer the model climbs out of sight, great stuff. The second thing worth a mention is that HOT scones, along with home made jam were delivered to the flight line by Matt Hannaford on the Quad bike. When we had had our fill, Matt took them over to RC strip where the boys there made short work of those that were left. Thank you Matt.



Hot Scones and Jam on the field

Contest Report – Richmond 21 May 2017

Your correspondent was slow out of the blocks and found the Scramble event well underway by the time he arrived. The four contestants did a fine job getting themselves organised & had a good contest. Bruce Hao's conveyance did not go the distance but did record 98 seconds before its untimely demise. Aaron Booth was back in town & scored a creditable 855 seconds. Next was Tahn Stowe's next generation Carpet with 1,163 seconds. Winner on the day was Andrew Heath with 1,229 seconds from a previous generation Carpet. All had a fine time & nobody pulled up lame.

At the conclusion of the Scramble we adjourned to base for some fun flying & jawboning. Team Miles had a lot of fun with a slightly enlarged yellow & black Baby Comet. Andrew Heath & Tahn Stowe gave encouragement to some of John Miles sons to have a go with their Carpets. The boys did so and did it well, learning some valuable Free Flight skills along the way.

Aaron & Bruce Booth had a lot of fun with a very well finished Red & Black Cessna 150 sporting RC and Electric power. Aaron had so much fun he flattened the battery ! In the mean time we persuaded Team Miles to fire up their very attractive Control Line 'East Cheam Specials'. They did a lovely job flying both of these OS10 powered specials at the same time in a quasi team race manner. Bravo !

Bruce had some guests arrive viz, Qiong Zhao, his partner Lynn and their son Joey. Qiong paid his membership fees and joined the society on the spot and promptly pulled out an RC Model Aircraft & RC Model car and had a lot of fun with both.

The weather was perfect - sunshine, blue skies and almost no wind. No models were lost & none (I think) were broken. It was smiles & laughs all around. There were no % Open contestants. We were all done & dusted by about 11 am. End Report.

Wings over West Wyalong 2017

Wings over West Wyalong Weekend
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October 2017

A weekend of fun flying for all. Fly from dawn to dusk.
Come and fly Friday afternoon if you want

Camp on the field in our camping ground and make use of the camp kitchen, showers and toilets. Cost \$10 per head per night. Electricity and water hook up for vans is available.

Fly anything at all, Pulse Jets; to Cox 010s (noise no problem)
FF, CL, RC, BIG and SMALL, bring them ALL to

New South Wales Free Flight Society's, **700 Acre, MULTI** purpose flying field.

Plenty of room for everyone

\$20 registration fee paid before flying. You **MUST** have a current MAAA card.
Included in the registration is a ticket in the raffle for a new in box and tested AE 1.00cc engine, this will be drawn at dinner Saturday night.

The only organized events are

4.00pm Saturday Ebenezer mass launch

Lamb Spit Roast Saturday evening \$20 a head held at the rear of the club house.

8.00am Sunday ½ Hour Campbell scramble (must walk, no running)

Sausage sandwich, tea, coffee & drinks will be available

Report to CLAS re attendance at 2017 Annual MAAA Conference

Over the weekend of the 21st – 22nd May 2017 I attended the MAAA Annual conference held in Launceston, Tasmania as the CLAS delegate with Joan McIntyre (observer).

As is normally the case much of what was discussed referred to Radio Control matters; the 'Rules Conference' formed the early part of Saturday's discussions and all rule changes proposed were agreed to by the meeting. Those proposed changes (there were some Control Line related changes) had been submitted by the relevant committees well prior to the meeting after members involved in those individual disciplines had suggested the changes following their own discussions. As most delegates at the conference are not fully across many of the proposed changes it is usually a matter of just 'rubber stamping' the proposals made by those involved who know what is required.

Following the Rules conference the Annual Conference began in earnest and voting took place for the position of Vice President – this position being filled once again by Carl Bizon. Mr Brian Dowie – the current MAAA Treasurer withdrew his nomination for Treasurer and Mr Neil Tank (President) called for any delegate present to volunteer to hold the position for an interim period until the 2018 MAAA Conference. Mr Arthur Bablis (VMAAA) put himself forward and was nominated by two other members, he was subsequently placed into the role of Treasurer for the interim period mentioned.

Discussion occurred at this point regarding the protection of young persons (under 18 years) present at flying fields and also that of persons deemed as vulnerable. The MAAA currently has no policy in place regarding these issues however and at this stage reminds all clubs, individuals and state bodies to be aware of the duties we have to protect and keep safe this class of person.

The MAAA executive produced documents and budgets relating to the business of the MAAA and the discussions that continued for most of Saturday related to those items.

The problem that the MAAA is experiencing is similar to that which is affecting many other sporting organisations across the world; ie: how to encourage new members into our sport and how to prevent current members from leaving. Graphs were produced which indicated a reduction in numbers of members across the country. All State organisations with the exception of the ACT have experienced a continuing reducing number of members since 2008-2009. Some of the fall in numbers can be attributed to members being unable to continue with the sport due to ill health and motor vehicle drivers licences not being renewed due to age related issues etc, though many who did not renew were within the 20 – 30 year old age bracket. This can be attributed to members within this age group being married and having children then drifting away from the sport due to lack of time and family responsibilities.

The fees collected by the MAAA (which cover member insurances etc) are based on the membership number and due to the number of members falling the 'fee' which has not changed for a number of years was looking as though it would have to be increased, less the MAAA would have to outlay in the vicinity of \$250k to maintain the same fee this year. In past years the MAAA has also had to 'prop' up a shortfall however each year with a lower number of members this shortfall is increasing. Obviously the MAAA cannot continue to outlay this amount of money each year as the bank balance will eventually be zero.

Due to this shortfall a number of budget items had to be cut and/or reduced. Unfortunately one of the 'cuts' involved the grants offered to members involved in International events which have been 'halved' - now receiving in total \$1000 instead of the \$2000 previously. This cut also affects officials travelling overseas who have had their grant halved to \$750. Funding will be available at the discretion of the Executive for members attending other 'non' FAI World championship events.

The end result of the 'cuts' means that this year the fees collected by the MAAA from members will remain the same as the previous year.

The follow on effect of the cuts and the fall of member numbers resulted in much of the remainder of Saturday and Sunday discussing options the MAAA could implement to increase our membership.

It becomes the roles of the individual, clubs and State Associations to actively encourage new people into our sport. A suggestion was made that clubs should contact members who are not renewing to ascertain why and attempt if possible to keep them in the club. Perhaps Clubs could consider a reduction in fees for members who do not fly or only fly infrequently.

Examples were also cited where prospective members have been turned away at some clubs as the 'registrar' was not available to take a membership fee from persons at a club field. Other examples were given where some clubs had turned away members as the club stated that their 'member cap' had been reached and also of where new technology (UAV/Drones) were not welcome; though this relates more to RC clubs than C/L.

This opened up other discussions regarding 'direct' entry into the MAAA where immediate membership could be made, though problems regarding probation periods at some clubs for prospective members would need to be addressed.

The Northern Territory Association volunteered to run a trial 'direct' entry system and will report the results back to the MAAA by the 2018 conference. The basic plan is that members will be able to become a member of the MAAA/Club/Association 'on-line' though there will be options available for persons not able to use the computer/internet networks.

I was approached by a member of the 'Aeromodellers NSW' delegation who said they planned a multi discipline public display later in the year (No dates or location known as yet) and was asked if Control line would like to be involved. We have been invited to attend these displays previously and have done so; in the current climate it would be remiss of me to decline such an offer and when further details are known will disseminate the information to members seeking their involvement.

Similarly, Roy Summersby (NSWFFS delegate) mentioned that the FFS may also hold an advertised public display for Free flight, Control Line and some RC at their Richmond NSW free flight location. It is planned to have some trainer aircraft available for visitors to use. I'd hope that some of our members will also be involved in this display when dates are known. As part of the involvement of CLAS in this event we should be prepared to outlay some monies to aid in advertising and toward the 'free' sausage sizzle that is planned during the display.

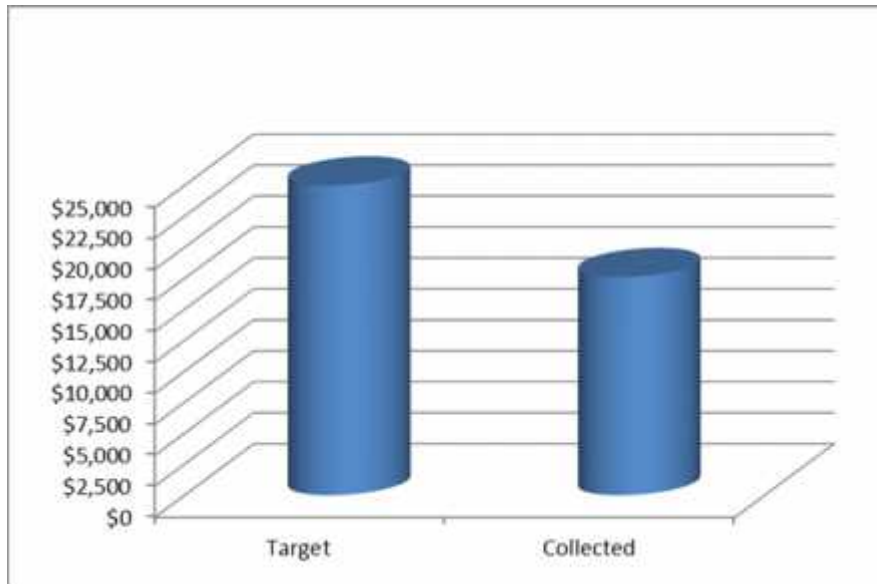
The meeting ended on Sunday afternoon – the date of the next Annual Conference will be held during May of 2018 at Adelaide.

Bruce Hoffmann

This report was written by Bruce and has been copied with his kind permission.

Roy Summersby

The New South Wales Free Flight Society
The Jo & Adrian Bryant Field
West Wyalong Roof Repair Fund - Status as at 14 July 2017



Target	Collected
Kevs Kits & Robert O	\$6,628
Brian Allcock Family	\$1,000
Roy Summersby	\$1,020
Rebels - Tom Tobin	\$100
Peter & Gail Scott	\$300
Terry Bond	\$844
D. Hanna	\$100
P. Greenhill	\$100
M.Simpson	\$25
Lynn & Reg Towell	\$200
Gary Pope	\$170
Leigh Morgan	\$100
Vin Morgan	\$400
Albert Fathers	\$100
John Corby	\$530
Shane McDonald	\$155
Shannon Tolmie	\$235
VFFS	\$250
Ted Burfien	\$100
Anon	\$2,000
AFFS	\$500
Craig Hemsworth	\$500
Gary Goodwin	\$1,000
Peter Jackson	\$20
Neil Young	\$164
Wally Boliger	\$10
Stan Hinds	\$350
BFFS	\$100
Geoff Potter	\$10
Tahn Stowe	\$200
Jim Christie	\$400
\$25,000	\$17,611

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2017 Revised 20th January

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Aug 6	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao
Aug 20	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 26-27	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 10	½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 15	Annual General Meeting Check	Newsletter	7:30 pm	
Sep 24	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 8	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 21-22	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W- Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 12	Brian Alcock Biplane Day 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Nov 17	General meeting Check	Newsletter	7.30	
Dec 1	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	
Dec 10	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