

FRIDAY FLYING.

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Just had to write the date like that.

Today's weather wasn't that cold but a steady west wind tending south made flying hazardous and short d/ts were required to avoid that river graveyard where so many models lie mouldering in the maderia vine.

We said farewell to Andrew Barratt who is moving to Queensland. I'm sure our friends Des Slattery and Malcolm Campbell, John Lewis and others, will welcome Andrew. Andrew's girl friend lives in Coffs Harbour and flies radio better than he.

Terry has changed his flying routine. He set up two winding stooges and found the gremlins had invaded his electronic F1B model so he only had one very tentative flight and spent the morning helping others.

Roy frightened all the bird life away. I saw an echelon of Ibis winging eastward after he started the Nelson .41 in his open power model. He calls it "Dianne" Mk4 after you know who but that didn't stop the little Nankeen Kestrel fleeing afar to escape the raucous howl which echoed across the field. It frightened the resident fox so much that it ran across the adjoining road and was promptly flattened by a passing truck. Why was the chicken on the road??? He went to see his flat mate!!!

Roy flew a Rothwell powered "Big Brit" covered with polyester. The 1.5 diesel starts and runs really well. Roy flew a magnificent Civvy Boy last week but says the Nordec 60 isn't powerful so plans to put a McCoy 60in. I hope I'm there when it flies again.

Col Blake was there. Col has been a member and Director of the Sydney Society of Model Engineers for twenty odd years. He flies team race with Neil but has just built and flown a little Gee Bee Racer. Friend Neil has a Rearwin Speedster ready to fly.

Rob dropped in to talk about the Model Shop and its wares. When he gets over the flu we hope he and son Michael will be back on the field. I flew my battered Y Bar with Elfin 1.5. I had a Vintage "La Goon" but left the Esky full of rubber motors at home. I had a Pylonius vintage power model with a 2.5 Elfin as well but left it in the truck. We all enjoyed our morning and look forward to meeting again next Friday.

Dave Hegarty