

Soaring on Sunday. August 17th

We really did. My dictionary says that “soar” means to rise or fly to a great height, to glide high in the air. We did. The weather, once the frost was gone was calm and warm.

Phil Mitchell and Noeline were out to show the birds how it was done and spent the morning with various towline models floating high above the field. Eventually an immature sea eagle came out to demonstrate its wonderful flying skills. It only had one flight and that was out of sight, so I think Phil won.

The contest calendar didn't show a C/D. There was no incentive to compete so everyone just went out and did their best to improve their flight performances. There were no timekeepers anyway.

Peter Braid and Adam misread the calendar and came to fly Combined %. As well as the usual cat gliders they brought two large rubber models, one called Dennises Nemesis and the other a Fat Cat.

Jim Christie would of blown us all away. His 47 “Upstairs Maid” and his 41 Korda “Stickler both flew well while his “Gollywock” as always disappeared into the overhead haze. One day Jim is going to build a Yagi then he can find that elusive model that hides in the bottom of the drainage ditches that are appearing across the field.

John Corby flew his “Pinnocchio”. It's rocket-like climb almost better than that of his “Gollywock”. John is still trying to sort out his hybrid Cox .09 power model. It has a U.S. “orbiter” fuselage, and wing from an English design. It has a nasty habit of sometimes D/T ing as it is released. Rather spectacular to say the least.

Les Esquilant from the Central Coast had some cat gliders, which aren't tamed yet. He left the tail of his “Gollywock” at home, but he did fly a neat Kamla Designed P 30 with a neat pop-up wing d/t. 1000 turns and it disappeared into the tall grass nearby. The next model, nearing completion will have a tracker in it. P 30s have a habit of disappearing don't they Terry.

Rob came to the field with young Michael to fill orders from the model shop.

After the next A.G.M. he will hand over the shop to Peter. Rob has done a good job acquiring stock and supplying orders for those hard to get aeromodelling items.

I flew a 32 design rubber model called a “Squirrel”. How many out there have a model that was designed the year they were born? The model performs much better than I do. I also had a 39 rubber model called “La Goon”. It had twin fins and a single legged retracting u/c. It climbs well on 14 strands of 1/8 rubber but the plan calls for 24 strands. I've tried 20 strands but the glide is like the proverbial brick and I'm not game to put more than 500 turns in so it's back to a lighter motor.

Next contest day clashes with the Cowra Oily Hand Day on the 30th and 31st August so some of us will have to get our jollies from the Friday flying so Gotch and No Doc flying scale will have to wait.

Sorry Chris. (designated c/d)

Dave Hegarty.