

ROY ROBERTSON & SAM SOUTHERN REGION 1986 (1987) ①

In June 1984 enthusiasm in Victoria for Old Timer flying was in its infancy. A small hard working group of aeromodellers (Roy Robertson, Dennis Parker, Dave Reynolds, Monty Tyrrell and Norm Garrett) organised a meeting of 16 Victorian members of S.A.M. and formed the Southern Region.

Roy, Dennis and Dave travelled considerably throughout Victoria so as to obtain a suitable site for the first meet. This travelling was followed by a few newsletters to the interested modellers and culminated in the first Old Timer fly-in at the Laverton Air Force Base in November 1984.

Roy was the solitary person to organise the fly-in. He was not only the instigator; he liased with the R.A.A.F. Model club and provided the trophies and small medallions for every contestant, out of his own pocket.

This fly-in proved to be very successful with some 20 models exhibited, so much so that Roy arranged with the P.D.A.R.C.S. club to hold a S.A.M. Seminar at their field to show off the Old Timers to all modellers.

Sadly, shortly before Christmas 1984, Roy suffered a fatal heart attack.

The S.A.M. Seminar went ahead on January 27 1985, with 30 models displayed and flown for over 150 spectators. The Concours d'Elegance was won by David Reynolds "Powerhouse". Two small competitions were held so that the people could see how simple the competition was. Duration was won by Graham McDonald with a Fox Eagle powered "Miss America" and Precision Antique taken out by David Reynolds with his enya 60 F/S "Powerhouse".

As a tribute to Selwyn Roy Robertson the members of the S.A.M. Southern Region and the P.D.A.R.C.S. decided that future Seminars would be called the " Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy".

At each "Trophy" day Roy's last model, a Red Zephyr with Ohlson Gold Seal spark ign, is flown in honour at the start of the competition. It is now owned and maintained by his good friend Les Dole.

The competition , as decided by the members of the Southern Region , was to be split between the two main aspects of the Old Timer classes. These being Duration and Texaco , the scores obtained by the contestants for each class were to be added together and the winner decided by the highest total points. This allowed the contestants name to be added to the Memorial Sheild. The rules used were as per S.A.M. Australia Rules book and to be eligible for the sheild the contestant had to be a member of S.A.M.

The Hobby Hangar donated a Buzzard Bombshell kit to raise funds for the trophy shield and the innaugral trophies and since have sponsored the Con Cor's D'Elegance trophy at all Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy days.

Therefore the first named Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy was held in January 1986 and the results were as follows:

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Concours d'Elegance	Ted Hall	Ehling 37	Enya 46 F/S
Texaco	Ted Hall		
Duration	Les Dole	Goon	H.P. 49 F/S
OVERALL TROPHY	Ted Hall		
No. of Contestants	15 + 17 respectively.		

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Due to inclement weather on the second day this event was split. Texaco Jan. 27th and Duration July 12th. The results were:

Concours d'Eleg	Graham Sinclair	Flying Quaker	Enya 46F/S
Texaco	John Quigley	Miss Model Craftsman	McCoy
Duration	Andrew Kennedy	M.G.	Frog 500
OVERALL	John Quigley		
No. of contestants	28 + 23 respectively.		