



THE GEEZER



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EDITORS RANT..

First up – thank you to everyone for the overwhelmingly positive response to the inaugural “Geezer”. It’s always good to get feedback and if it keeps going the way it is I will have to widen the doors in my house to get my swelled melon through them. You will notice the slight change to the masthead – The Geezer is now the official organ of WAMAC AND SAM270, a change to bring it in to line with our promotional effort over the coming months

Brown trousers brown out..

Had any spontaneous loss of control lately? Radio control that is, not bowel/bladder control – although I did almost complete that trifecta during round one of Texaco the other week. Seems my Spektrum AR500 in the Bomber decided it wanted a rest from all the thermalling and de-bound itself at 500 feet! After much arse-clenching, swearing and stirring of the stick, a power-on-reset of the tx mid-flight restored contact. This happened not once, but twice during the day and follows on from an incident at the SAM Champs which I put down to a low battery. Needless to say I am retiring that rx and reviewing my “all 2.4” policy. Hold on to your 36 meg sets gents – seems that all the bugs in 2.4 gig aren’t quite ironed out yet.

The Baartz Filez..

Word is Paul is starting to recover a little from his heart/skin problems and will grace the field with his luminous presence some time this month. Looking forward to seeing him more regularly as his health improves.

Troy “Zeek” Latto
Fat-bastard-at-large

Antique 38BC Files...



Rob Rowson debuts the “Sinbad Special” at the Meckering A38 in October.

ANTIQUE 38 BLOWOUT AT MECKERING – OCTOBER 10, 2010.

In what can only be described as “unseasonably hostile” conditions, 10 intrepid old timers – and their aircraft - made the journey to Meckering 2 hours East of Perth for the Antique 38. This was to be our third and final trial event before it officially joins the pantheon of AWA state competitions.

The day dawned under cloudy but comparatively wind free skies until the heavens opened mid morning and stayed that way for most of the day – bringing gusty WNW winds up to 25 knots along for the ride. Everyone assembled at Guy Kelly’s paddock to kick the ground and stare balefully at the heavens while the wind whistled around our ears. Mark Sherburn bravely put up his Dixielander free flight for a test run and spent the next 10 mins chasing it downwind after a short engine run. This did not bode well for the rest of the afternoon. After a lunch spent huddling behind cars, the bloody minded amongst us decided to try our luck.



Powerhouse, Dicko, Kev, Ang (lurking in the back of the ice cream van), Miss Fortune X, RC-1, Quaker Flash, Miss America and Rob Rowson’s arse. Question: Which of these is most likely to be jet propelled?

Troy Latto resumed his titanic struggle with the OK Super 60 powered RC-1 that refused to start no matter how much he swore at it. Eventually it burst in to life and he managed a short test flight but it was the last time the engine ran successfully for the day. This was probably just as well, considering how the RC1 only weighs 4lb and has a 1092 sq in wing area that would have seen it blowing toward Kalgoorlie as the wind really got up later in the afternoon.

Greg McLure and his perky little mills 1.3 powered Megow Flying Phantom braved the conditions and flew very well. Ian Dixon cranked up the Anderson Spitfire on the nose of the big Powerhouse and put in a couple of solid flights. His Forster powered Quaker Flash also had an outing and showed promise for future events.



Megow Flying Phantom. Powered by Mills – built by McLure..

Rob Rowson chose to keep the Diesel powered Miss America on the ground but was seen attempting to fly the 1920 "Sinbad Special" during a break in the showers. Gary Dicken's lovely E.D Diesel "Miss Fortune X" saw the light of day but wisely didn't fly – a very pretty model well built by Gary.



Gary and Miss Fortune X – did not suffer any on the day!

At the end of the day, only two pilots were able (read "game") to fly in the preposterously awkward conditions and record competition scores. It became a "penetration battle" as once the engine was shutoff at the allocated time, the combination of a light and draggy airframe and strong wind meant a ship-load of down elevator was required to prevent the aircraft from landing in a backyard in Alice Springs. Greg McLure was up and down in a flash, recording a 4 minute flight from a 3

minute engine run before declaring his day finished. Ian Dixon put the power house up with a 2 minute engine run resulting in a 4min 4 second flight and was treated to the spectacle of 5 creaky old blokes sprinting through the stubble to prevent his model "Tumbleweeding" across the paddock on landing – successfully I might add!



No Dicko's not smiling – he's showing the strain of holding on to the "House" in the 30 kt wind.



Miss America by Rob Rowson..

Looking forward to next year's A38!

Troy Latto

EXECUTIVE PAGES.

WAMAC general meeting: 8^h October 2010
Held at: The home of Ian Dixon, 23 Milne St Bicton
Meeting started at: 8.15pm With President Gary Dickens in the chair and Ian Dixon as acting Secretary
Members present: Troy Latto, Rob Rowson, Rod McDonald,

Apologies: Paul Baartz, Doug Hope, Graeme Cooke, Hans Van Leeuwen.

Visitors: Angela Dickens

Confirm that the minutes as recorded from previous meeting was correct. Moved T. Latto **Seconded** G Dickens **Carried**

Correspondence in: 2 x Cheques: 1 from Doug Hope and one from Gary Sayers.

Correspondence out: First copy of the Geezer to club Members.
Tomboy report to Ian Avery for Duration Times.

Treasures report:	Balance brought forward,	\$13,723.02
	2 x cheques received	\$260.00
	Sub Total	\$13,983.00
	Less paid to AWA	\$180.00
	Closing Balance	\$13,803.02

Business arising from previous meeting minutes:

*Troy presented a draft constitution as a starting point for discussion, it was pointed out that in some areas due to dwindling membership we could be unconstitutional in the way we have been operating. The focus is to amend the current constitution so this doesn't happen. A copy of the draft will be forwarded onto all members for their comments or input.

*Troy Latto has taken it upon himself to produce a club news letter and distribute it to the members via e-mail; this can be printed for the members who don't have an email address however it will not be distributed via Australia post due the cost. The first edition has already been distributed and was received gratefully by members. Troy was congratulated for his efforts and was encouraged to continue with the news letter. Anyone with articles, images of worthy material should send it to Troy so we can all enjoy. This will also be sent to SAM 1788 to keep them up to date with the WEST.

*It was discussed and a motion put forward to change the fuel allocation for next year's Tomboy event from 4cc down to 3cc to bring it in line with the rest of the world.

Moved: T Latto **Seconded:** G Dickens, **carried** unanimously.

* The paddock was confirmed for Meckering for the Antique 38 event and a map has been distributed via email to all members.

* Due to unfortunate weather the Frank Eiling 1/2A postal will be finalised at Meckering on the 10th October

* Garry Eyres from Quairading has been contacted and is looking forward to catching up with the club at Meckering.

* SAM270 shirts are now with Ian Dixon sizes available are 2XL and XL and are \$25.00 each.

General Business:

*As Antique 38 event has now run for 3 years we can apply for AWA state recognition. Suitable trophies will need to be sourced and it was suggested that something appropriate should be obtained. Ian Dixon has offered to supply 1 Perpetual Trophy for the state event and 1 Perpetual trophy for the club event. Garry Dickens will purchase a small trophy for this year's event to be presented on the day.

*A club champion trophy was discussed similar to the state Dorothy Buckley award. It was suggested that this was to be adopted next year. It will be on a point score bases for all club events only WAMAC or SAM270 members will be eligible and points will be awarded as follows.

1st Place will be awarded 4 points
2nd place will be awarded 3 points
3rd place will be awarded 2 points
All others who enter will be awarded 1 point

Contd..

The member with the greatest number of points accumulated at the end of the calendar year will be the winner. Troy Latto has a suitable shield that he has kindly donated as a perpetual trophy.

* Some discussion regarding SAM 270 operating within WAMAC should be promoted to the aero modelling community to try and draw new members. It was also suggested that we should have a SAM270 membership number.

Suggestions:

A membership to WAMAC automatically gives the member a membership to SAM 270 or if a person wants to join SAM they automatically receive a affiliated membership to WAMAC but only if they hold membership with another AWA affiliated club. As SAM 270 doesn't stand on its own this could be a solution, and a way of promoting vintage modelling. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting closed @ 10pm

The next meeting will be on Friday the 12th September 2010 at the home of Ian Dixon unless there is a more suitable venue.

DESTRUCTIVE LIVESTOCK ON THE FIELD..

As you are all aware, our paddock was at one time a stock feeding lot. While the farmer has moved the livestock on to greater –and presumably tastier – things, 1COW has been seen periodically in the pits on a Sunday morning.

Normally, 1COW does not pose much of a problem – it sits docilely near a patch of carpet and waits patiently for everyone to stop flying before wandering away. However a couple of week's back 1COW did pose a problem when it went mad and sat on Rob Rowson's flight box – crushing it beneath its immense body. Eventually the errant beast was driven off and the pieces of Rob's antique box were gathered and stowed but the seemingly out of character behaviour of this 1COW puzzled everyone. It was resolved by all observers not to take the presence of 1COW lightly in future and to keep all aircraft, flight equipment and other paraphernalia away from its substantial backside.

For those of you not familiar with this 1COW, I have attached a picture. Remember: If you see this beast sitting in the pits, **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING WITHIN ITS REACH!!**



1COW may not be as dangerous as a whole herd but it can turn nasty in an instant! Hide your flight box! You have been warned..

AWA O/T TEXACO 24 OCTOBER 2010

In what could be described as perfect spring conditions, the AWA O/T Texaco kicked off at WAMAC's Oakford Field with 9 stalwart competitors. CD Gary Dickens lay down the law, models were weighed, fuel allocations given and the first competitors chugged majestically in to the air at 10:00.

Some engine tuning was required to get the maximum run time out of the miserly fuel allocations – a few struggled to get the balance of prop, needle and carb just so and a lot of lean runs resulted. Those able to achieve the balance were rewarded with good thermalling conditions.

As the morning wore on, the air got warmer and the lift stronger but more difficult to find. The gentle Easterly gave way to a fitful Sou' wester and this had the effect of spreading out the thermals. 10 minutes is a long time in the air, especially when the engine stops after 2-3 mins run time. Troy Latto managed to find a wisp of lift that he was able to work from 80 feet up to 400 for his max in Round 1 before radio problems saw him fall away toward the final rounds. Glen Baldwin came close to the magic 3 max scores with one 10 minute flight and two flights of 9:30 and 9:50 – heartbreaking stuff. Dicko continued to show why he is the man to beat with a comprehensive win – 3 maximum scores in a row and a 13 minute flight in the flyoff to take out the event. Rusty club icon Alan "Trotsky" Trott, made it to the winners circle with a creditable second place (only 18 seconds behind Ian) and Rod McDonald rounded out the flyoff group with a solid third. Well done all!

The spread of aircraft types was pleasing to see. Chet Lanzo was represented by 4 Bombers, Dicko's Anderson Pylon is a treat to watch and Rod McDonald can always be relied upon to pull out a weird one – the MG 2 was certainly a standout. Rob Rowson re-engined the Miss America with an open rocker FS60 but couldn't get a reliable engine run or any decent air – a problem shared by Les Isitt with his Bomber. Ray Sherburn's venerable Flamingo showed its usual good form and Kevin Hooper was a welcome addition to the event. Glen Baldwin's OSFS40 powered 70% Bomber showed that you didn't need a 100 inch monster to be successful in Texaco and Alan Trott showed you didn't need 100% eyesight to be a canny pilot! Engines varied in size and manufacturer with four strokes dominating due to their ability to swing a larger/coarser pitch prop at lower revs for better economy. The OS open rocker FS60 being the preferred power plant for most competitors.

All up a great day and a successful State Texaco comp. Thanks to Gary and Angela Dickens for organizing and running the event. See you all at the 1/2 a Texaco on November 7.



Ian "Dicko" Dixon with his OSFS60 powered Anderson Pylon and another first place trophy for his collection!

When it pays to be direct..

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."- So I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....

Texaco photo's and results..



Alan "Trotsky" Trott with his second place 85% Bomber – Alan is the living embodiment of the adage "Old age and cunning will always overcome youth and skill"



Rod "Big Mac" McDonald with the third placed MG2 – sometimes there ain't no substitute for square inches..

Final Results:

1. Ian Dixon.....Anderson Pylon.....1800+800
2. Alan Trott.....85% bomber..... 1800+772
3. Rod McDonald.....MG2.....1800+656
4. Glen Baldwin.....70% Bomber.....1720
5. Ray Sherburn.....Flamingo.....1629
6. Troy Latto.....85% Bomber.....1612
7. Rob Rowson.....Miss America.....1307
8. Kevin Hooper.....Playboy cabin.....1266
9. Les Isitt.....85% Bomber..... 398

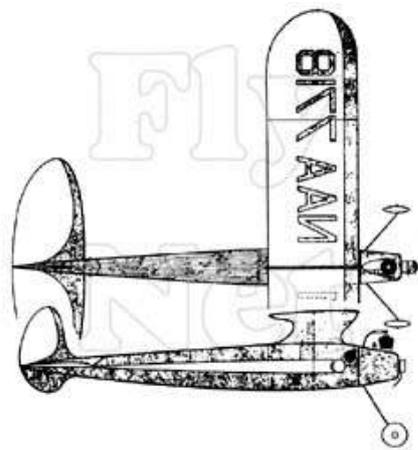
Top ten things you DON'T want to hear your doctor say during a prostate examination:

1. I'm sorry- I've run out of lubricant
2. I'm trying out a new type of glove sent to me by carborundum.
3. You look like the guy I caught in bed with my wife last week.
4. Hey nurse! Check this out!
5. My work experience trainee will take it from here..
6. What HAVE you been eating????
7. I just need to fetch my miners lamp and helmet..
8. "You take your right hand out , you put your left hand in and you shake it all about..."
9. This will hurt a lot...
10. You may feel me put both hands on your shoulders – if I do just breathe deep and try to relax!

THE DECONSTRUCTION PAGE..

The contents of the "Dicko" cave are a source of constant amazement – not only for the quantity but also the very high quality of its output. This month we feature his latest project – The Comet "Mercury" for Open Duration.

Comet Mercury



Original Specifications:

Model Name	Mercury (Comet)
Approv. Country	USA
Sam Type	OldTimer
Date yy/mm	39/00
Designer	Goldberg_Carl
Kitter	Comet Model A/P
Publisher	Comet
ProjSpan inch	42.00
Chord inch	7.00
Fuselage type	Pylon
Power	O&R 23

Source: <http://www.boundy39.com>

Specifications after its been "Dicko'd":

ProjSpan inch	80.00
Chord inch	13.00
Power	McCoy 60 (Spark)

Construction Progress:



Looks good from this angle..



..and from this angle..



Showing its best side..

"WTF????"

This was Snapped at the Dixon skunkworks by a clandestine operative. I will give a years free subscription to "The Geezer" to whoever can identify this new mystery ship...



Heavily Undercambered wing..



Very Lanzo -ish Tail..

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CLUB MEETINGS

Until Paul is feeling better, meetings will be held on the second Friday of every month at Dicko's place: **23 Milne St, Bicton**. Meetings kickoff at 8pm sharp, The waffle kicks off about 10 mins later. Bring yourself and a sense of humour. Tea and coffee will be provided. Stronger Beveridge's are at your own expense and will be gratefully consumed when you're not looking.

CLUB PLANZ LIBRARY

The club has a growing library of old timer and nostalgia plans for your delectation. The catalogue is available from Ian Dixon. The simple rule of the plans library is: If you borrow it, copy it and bring back the original! If you have a plan that you would like to donate to the library, see Ian and he will snatch it from your trembling hand!

CONTEST CALENDAR 2010

10/Oct 09:30 '38 Antique State Championship	Meckering
24/Oct 09:30 Texaco State Championship	Oakford
07/Nov 09:30 1/2A Texaco State Championship	Oakford
21/Nov 09:30 Open Duration State Championship	Oakford

Contact Gary Dickens for competition rules and details.

Don't mentchen ze var!!

A British Airways 747 landed at Berlin-Templehoff after a flight from New York. The aircraft pulled off the runway and stopped on taxiway 3. Ground control contacted them immediately "Speedbird 37 heavy, taxi out of the holding area". There was no response from Speedbird 37. "Speedbird 37, this is Templehoff ground. Did you copy my previous instructions?". There was a pause before the captain responded "Templehoff, Speedbird 37, just working out where terminal 2 is." Templehoff replied impatiently "Speedbird 37, take a left turn off taxiway 3 and follow the signs! Have you not been to Berlin before?" Speedbird 37 replies caustically: "Yes – Once. In 1944 – only it was night time and I didn't stop!"

Airside – By Georgia..



Irish Aspirations..

Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf. Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win lottery' 'What's dat?', says his mate. 'Send me lawn away to be cut'.

RANDOM PICTURE PAGE..



The Legend himself! Peter "Condo" Smith tunes up at The SAM champs - Canowindra 2010 (Brown pic)

Cheque>Please!

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah", I said "she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started.....