

**LISMORE
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**MODEL
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NEWSLETTER

August 2017.



Bob Partridge with his electric Tiger Moth ARF.

An impressive semi scale representation of the venerable Moth.

Our next get together will be a general meeting.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th.

9.00A.M. Start.

News in brief

A great start to the month with a short but interesting general meeting. Members will have received the minutes by now and they show the club in a very good position. We appear to have the expected future 12 months regular expenses covered and a little to spare. Of course, with maintenance and upgrades to the main strip, the finances will need to be carefully watched. The new water tank and other purchases, courtesy of the Thomas George grant, are underway, including the new toilet and water pump. Small steps, but the club is moving forward quickly. Another working bee has the strip hollows filled and with Spring, and a growth period just around the corner, all is looking promising.



The pits, just after the August meeting. Everyone's keen to get airborne.

Lismore Aviation Expo

The club had the opportunity to display our models to the public at the recent Lismore Aero Club's. Although the expo had been postponed from its original date due to inclement weather, the new date saw about 10,000 visitors through the gate and a great day's entertainment had by all.

Stan's scale Decathlon drew quite a bit of attention.



Our members had some well presented planes on display and we spent almost all day answering questions from the many aviation enthusiasts and their children (and keeping inquisitive fingers at bay), as the crowds flowed through the hangar where we had set up. A nice, partly restored full size Cub provided an ideal backdrop to our display, and out front, on the apron, about 20 aircraft were on show.

Dave Crandon had his model equipped with all appropriate nav lights, much to the delight of the onlookers.



It was a good day out for those who could make it and we let a lot more people know about our club and our hobby.



On the August meeting day, a good turn out of members and great weather made for a nice flying session. One of those enjoying the day was Phil C. who had brought his Bristol Fighter out for a run.

Why wouldn't you smile with this beauty, and a perfect day in front of you.



This is a very nicely detailed scale model and looked to be a real delight in the air. No vices at all, but plenty of spectators when it was up. That's a fairly mean looking tailgunner!

The first electric glider meeting for the month was held in great conditions and a good roll up of pilots and planes made the sky look pretty busy at times. As usual, Sue Romer kept the lads honest as the official time keeper and scorer, and all of the participants seemed to be totally immersed in their efforts to get the best rounds.



Mystery plane

It might be easy to find this one on the internet but it may have a few scratching their heads. It's not a mock up, or a wine barrel attempting to devour a Tiger Moth, it's a genuine plane and one of them flew in Australia.



Last month's mystery plane was the Blackburn Firebrand, designed for the Royal Navy.



And Remember...

Eagles may soar, but bunnys don't get sucked into jet intakes!

Open for Business (John Roche)

On Monday LMFC borrowed a trailer and took possession of our new loo, thanks to the pushing and sliding of Warren Towns, Tony Evans and John Roche.



It does look a bit like Dr Who's Tardis, or even 2001 A Space Odyssey's monolith on the mound. You can compare the new with the old one which, it is believed, had its tank rotted out underneath.



It smells as sweet as it looks. The final location and base for the new one, and the resting place of the old dead one will be worked out at some future club meeting.

Please note that the new loo is ready and open for business, using a padlock with our SECRET pin number. It's an exclusive loo. It also has attachments for clearing out the tank, whenever it is up on a trailer being used for our Glider Fair.

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Water, water, every where,
Nor any drop to drink.

While we are surrounded by water or damp soil, our runways are bone dry and cracking open. Our new Duraplas tank was installed on Tuesday. Many Thanks to Garry Wilks for doing his professional best to set it up and attend to the pipes and taps.

We will shortly get a tanker load of water plus the new Davey pump and pipes/hose to enable us to focus on our Club's main aim of improving the runways, particularly at the crossways. Last year we paid almost \$400 to LCC for access to tap water, so in future we should now be able to save some money to boot.

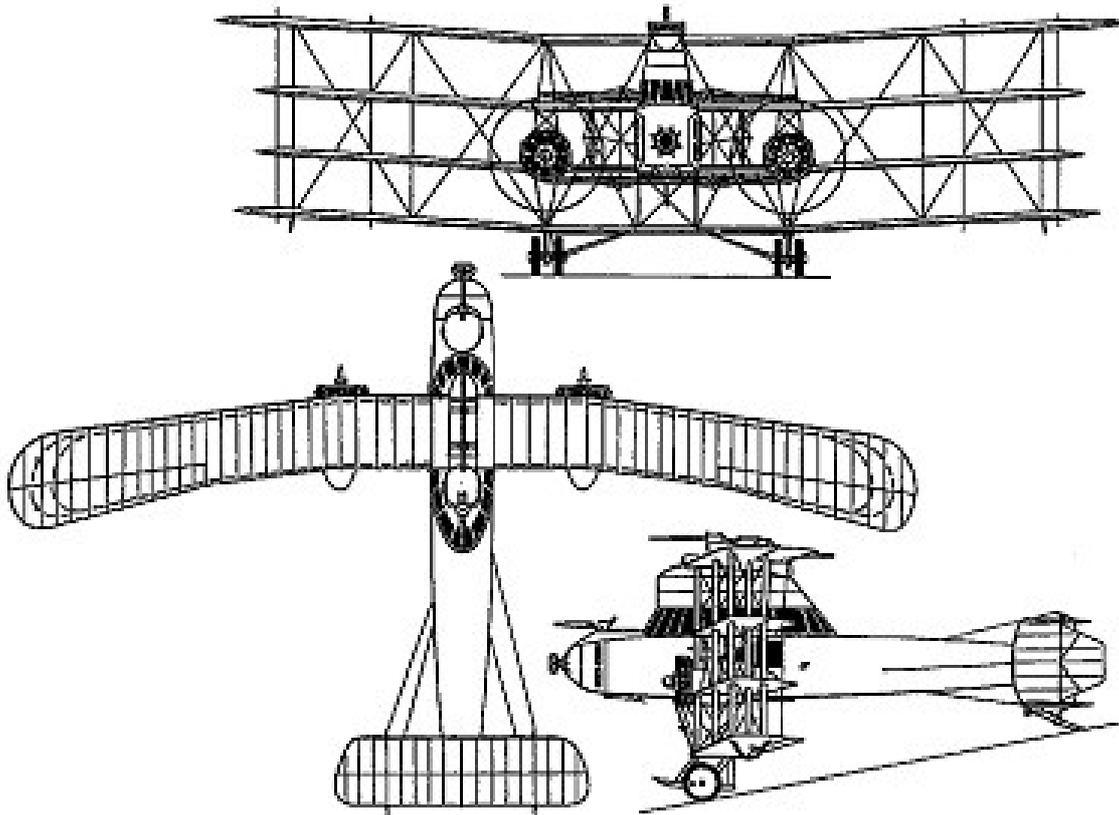


Thanks to John Roche for his article on the new facilities. Perhaps other members would like to contribute to our next newsletter. Any photos or articles, Anecdotes or items of interest. Please send anything.

An interesting scale subject

If any of you members out there are looking for a different scale subject, have a check of this, the Supermarine Nighthawk.

A three-bay quadruplane powered by two 100hp Anzani nine-cylinder radials, the P.B.31E carried a searchlight in the extreme nose. The intended armament comprised a one-and-a-half pounder Davis gun on a traversing mounting in a forward position level with the top wing, a 7.7mm machine gun being located in a second position immediately aft and a similar weapon occupying a forward fuselage position. Shortly after the start of flight trials, the shortcomings of the plane, intended to intercept zeppelins, were finally realised and on 23 July 1917, the first prototype was scrapped and the second incomplete prototype abandoned.



ATTENTION

The following motion will be put forward at the next general meeting of the LMFC. The motion will seek a seconder at the meeting and be discussed.

Motion:

That the LMFC club by laws be amended to include;

“That any member wishing to undertake any maintenance activities on behalf of LMFC do so only after seeking permission from the committee. The member acknowledges that they are responsible for the safety of work undertaken by the member and understand that it is to be done in a manner not endangering the health or safety of the member nor any other person.”



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