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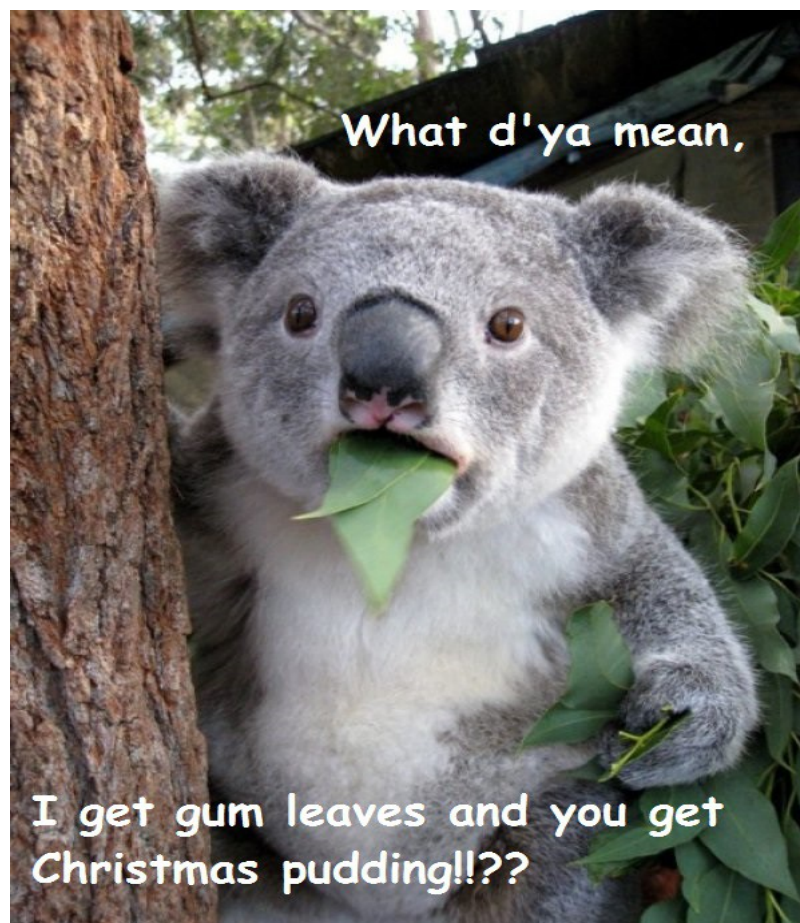


Our first 2018 meeting will be notified by Email

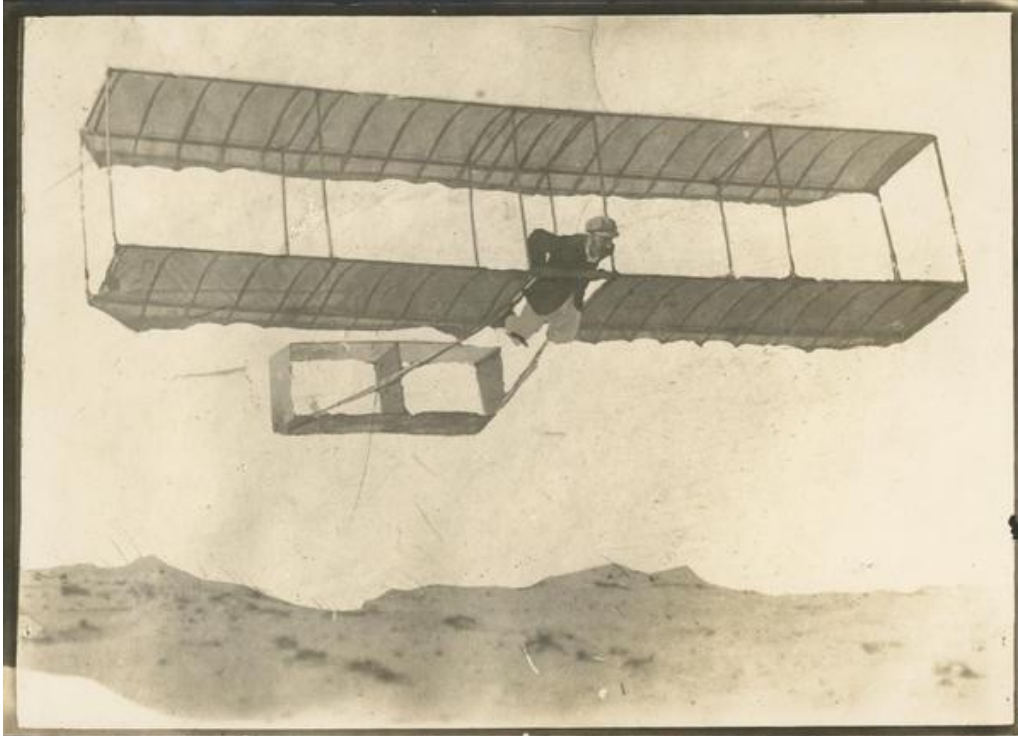
News in brief

Another Christmas is upon us and it's hoped that the season will be a safe and fulfilling time for all of the members and their families.

The past year has seen much improvement at our field after the early devastation of the floods, and things look good for the future. Our facilities are getting better and the natural growth and appearance of the runway goes from strength to strength. Available equipment and technological advances have given all modellers the opportunity to expand their hobby and enjoy more time in the sky with a variety of different aircraft with myriad features, from video and still photography to satellite assistance, something that was barely imaginable only a short time back. Let's continue to do it safely and in good spirit and, hopefully, grow the club in membership and participation.



This month in 1909....



George Taylor makes the first manned glider flight in Australia in a glider of his own design. He eventually makes a total of 29 flights at Narrabeen Beach in New South Wales.

Update on the Witch.

Well, Halloween has past and the Witch, built by the two Stans, has undergone some improvements. Test pilot Craig Thomas reported that the old girl was a bit of a handful the first time out so Stan L. carried out a bit of rectifying surgery.





The initial flight was in a nasty wind and Craig had to fight hard to get things under control.

A bit of cosmetic touch up and a few secret mods and she's now ready to have another crack at going aloft on her broom. Watch for her at the field.



Sitting, gazing into the bin, perhaps looking for gingerbread, or Hansel and Gretel.

Mystery Plane

November's Sagitta glider didn't fool the glider spotters for long. A few other members though, asked how a glider got put in and why the mystery plane didn't have a prop.

The Alsema Sagitta. A 1960 glider from Holland. It was quickly recognised by Col P. and Nigel V. Both glider guiders of course.

The picture gives the plane a deceptively swept back look to the wing.



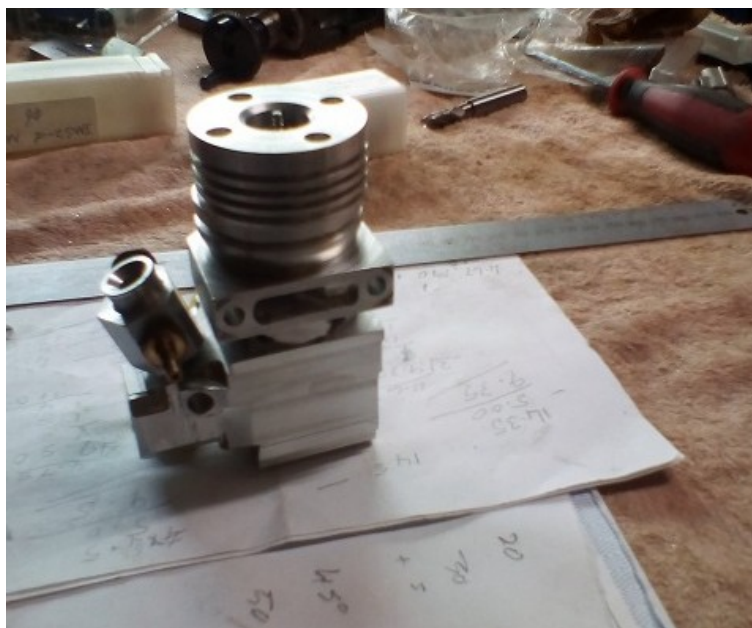
OK, this one doesn't have a prop either. It's an unusual, and very old design, generally seen around Australian skies in Summer.

There doesn't appear to be any original photos of this aircraft and I have blanked out the pilot's face so as not to give away any clues.

Coming up for completion soon is Bill Macs. Fire fly 46 engine. Bill used a few cold Winter evenings and some spare weekend time to produced this little gem on a small hobby lathe and an inexpensive Hare and Forbes mill.



After making the carby and slowly milling down the crankcase there are just a few small items left to make. Bill expects to have the 46 bench testing in the very near future.



Christmas meeting 2017.

We had a great Sunday for the Christmas get together. Good weather with just a gentle breeze puffing straight down the runway and a lightly clouded sky above. A happy group tucked into a BBQ brekky and got on with some fun flying, trying to complete a few basic manoeuvres and land at the mystery time. There were a good amount of bargains and give aways scattered around the shed, and a good spirit among the members.



Greg M. was an early entrant in the fun flying competition and got plenty of airtime with his foamy 3D.



Just a few of the models on the trade, sell or swap line.

Nigel V. did his usual excellent job of keeping the troops fed. Freshly cooked tomato, bacon and egg on a roll. No waiting and no fuss. Well done that man.



**And what would
Christmas be without the
Chrissy cake.
Don't worry James, we
won't tell your diabetes
nurse.**



Classifieds.

**For sale... Saito 56 4/stroke. Brand new, unused, going cheap. \$150
Contact Bill Mac or Garry H-S.**



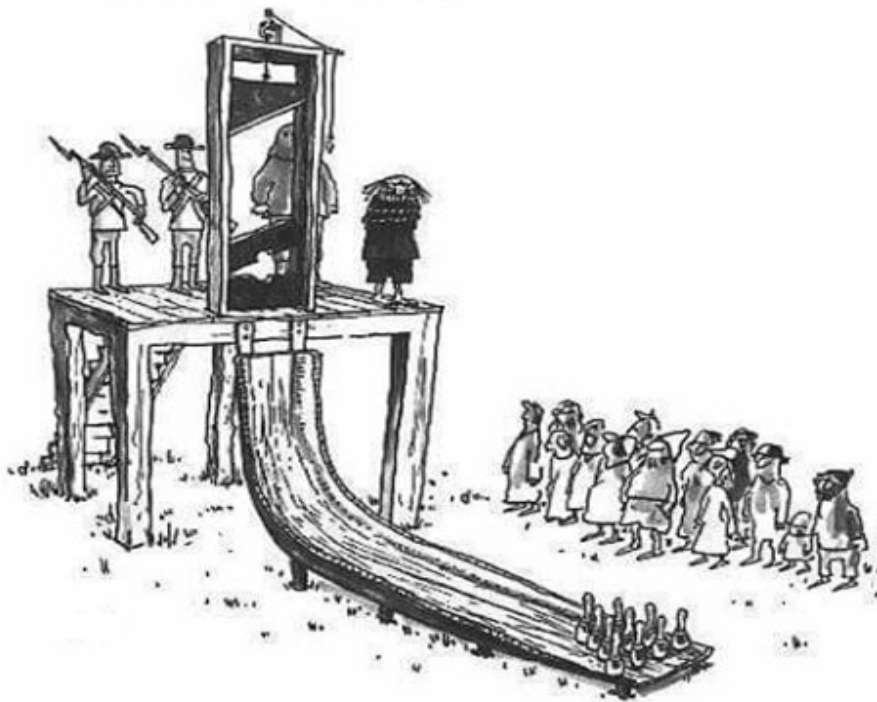
Lost... Has anyone found a manual for a Hitec 9 channel radio? The manual was accidentally left at the field a few weeks back. If so, please contact Neil C. or Garry H-S.



(Robert Hammond Pic)

Craig Thomas, entertaining the onlookers with his beautiful Yak aerobatic.

**Always try to add variety
to your hobby.**





(Around the table) Neil C., James S., Sue R., Bob P., (opposite) Rosemary P., and Jim R., with Garry H-S. taking the somewhat blurry picture.

This happy group gathered for an impromptu Christmas rendezvous at the Goonellabah tavern last tuesday. The “Tav” as the hotel is known, offers weekday dinner specials, and this night it was, appropriately, roast turkey and vegies for \$10 and optional Christmas pudding, of which we all partook. I think in 2018 the entire club should look at this kind of social evening, and not just for Christmas!



And Remember....

*Most of us rarely fail at anything.
We just find lots of ways of doing things incorrectly.*

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