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KIT REVIEW REVELL MiG-21 (1/32nd Scale)

This is not a new kit, but it is one that bears attention. Revell have produced a good representation of a MiG 21 PF. The kit is erroneously labelled MiG 21 PF/PFM, but the kit components are not for a PFM. Instead, we have parts to build an early and late series PF. The differences include a different opening canopy.

ferent opening canopy.

We chose to build the standard PF early series and in doing so, used the standard canopy supplied in the kit. This caused problems, but more about that later.

The sheer size of the MiG 21 in 1/32nd scale is impressive. One is impressed by the small frontal area, and the seemingly small wings in relation to the fuselege.

Artern Mikoyan designed the impressive range of fighters such as the MiG-17, MiG-19, MiG-21, MiG-23 and 25 fighters that have been a thorn in the side of Nato Nations for

The MiG is synonymous with Soviet airpower and was both feared and respected in two wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam

Mikoyan was schooled at the Zhukovsky Military Academy, graduating in 1936. He went to the Soviet design bureau led by Ing. N. Polikarpov, who designed the Polikarpov I-15 and I-16 stubby little fighters that found fame in China and Spain before World War II.

He then assisted M. Gurevitch, chief deputy designer. Mikoyan and Gurevitch designed the MiG-1, (initials of Mi and G come from their names), and this was the first MiG to be accepted for service. Many of them were built as MiG-3s.

Post-war, Mikoyan studied German jets and in 1946, the first MiG jet, the MiG-9, flew on a Soviet-built BMW 003. A year later, the MiG-15, most famous of the line, flew for the first time.

The MiG-15 caused consternation in the Altied ranks when it was first sighted over Korea.

Development came rapidly — the MiG-17 appeared and then the superionic MiG-19.

The need for a short range intercepter to cover specific areas in the defence of Russia, brought the first MiG-21 designated YE-5. A parallel design, the YE-2 had a delta wing. After flight testing, the delta version was chosen for production, resulting in the machine we know today.

Development went through numerous production senes, including PF, PF(SPS), PFS, PFM, PMMS, R, MF, RF and the U, US, UM two seaters.

Versions have been sold to Algeria, Cube, Red China, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Finland, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, North Koree, Rumania, Syria, UAR, Yugoslavia and North Vietnem.

Photographs are few and far between, but it is believed that the USAF has tested at least one captured MiG-21 against the nation's best.

THE MODEL

Our Revell kit is English-made so the instruction sheet says we can build either a PF or PFM version, Actually, the kit will build either an early or late series PF and the decal sheet shows markings for VVS (Series Air Force) or North Vistnam.

(Soviet Air Force) or North Vietnam. We chose to build an early series PF utilising the early fin and rudder (provided).



Two of the six MiG-23MF ('Fishbed J') aircraft which visited Rheims, France in September 1971. This model has two short-barrel 23-mm cannon between nosewheel and ventral pylon. Note the three underwing and fuselege long-range fuel tanks. Photo: SIRPA-Air, Paris, France.

It is believed that later PFs had the tall perachute housing while the PFM had both the housing and a sideways opening canopy

On our model, we erred by painting the top of the fin dark bronze-green. Early wersion did not have this electronic equipment here. Missing also from our model tunce rectified after the photos were talked is the perachute housing.

We followed the instructions carefully, and found them generally adequate. The engine was assembled first, pointed Gunmetal, with silver and black details. The cockpit was assembled next, and the instrument panel assembled. Revell have tried a new way. The panel is transparent, and transfers of the instruments and panel are placed behind and in front. The resultant "sandwich" is most realistic.

The rest of the assembly was quite straightforward, except that we found the canopy mounting arms rather fragile. The canopy fit is not good at the front, and some filling was necessary at the front

with 'Green Stuff' (Squadron brand). We later cracked the canopy accidentally. It would appear that others have had trouble too, for a large hobbyshop reports that the canopy has been stolen from several kits! Obviously others have clamaged canopies and replaced them quickly by stealing. Surely these people can write to the Manufacturer and sit for a replacement? Reveil will replace damaged parts, and most people will say it was 'found damaged', even if it wasn't. We can't condone it, but it does

We decided to detach the rear fuselogs to allow inspection of the engine, but regretted it later. The resultant gap at the fuseloge joint is highly visible and unattractive. We recommend sealing and the engine can be mounted on a scratch-built stand separately.

The finished model was masked and sprayed using Humbrol "Silver Plata" and a Badger Airbrush. When thoroughly dry, the model was masked with paper masks and adding 10 "Gunmetal" drops of paint to the

silver, we sprayed the other aluminium penels to give a realistic scale effect.

A number of serials have not been installed yet, but these will be put on by drilling holes and inserting fine nylon line and trimming to length.

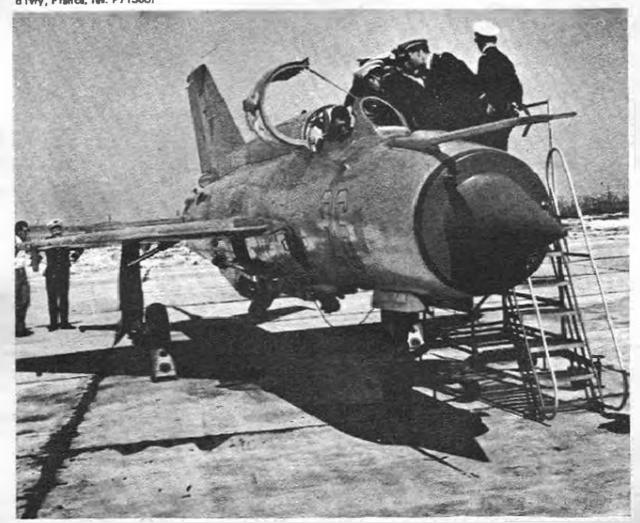
For our photo, we tried to follow Peter Stroethoff's instructions in Photography for the Scalemodeller' I Reed Publishers, available from Compact Publications, PO Box.

31, Roseville 2069 for \$4.951, We flecked grey cardboard with 'tyre marks' with watercolour grey, then glued a white strip or two down on this. A single 100W lamp was used plus electronic flash, We've at lot to learn about model photography, but we were pleased with the results.

To sum up, this fort is a pleasing representation of the MiG 21, and there is little difficulty in building it. An airbrush is useful, but the job could be done with Spra'namel or or other pressure pack spray silver.

Alternatively, rub'n'buff or Lique-Plate can be used. These two are time absorbing

French Air Force personnel examining a MiG-21MF at Rheims; they commented favourably on the aircraft's general flying capabilities. The air intake blank and cockpit canopy prop are of note. (Photo: ECP-Armees, Fort d'Ivry, France, ref. F71360)







A MiG-21 MPF (Fishbed-F Mk 1) of the V-VS (Soviet Air Force).

Flight of MiG-21s

MiG-21 REVELL KIT REVIEW (Cont'd)

but the results are well worthwhile, At 1/32nd scale, the MiG 21 can be compared with the contemporary Phantom F-4 and Mirage III kits. The variety of markings available is considerable, and details can be obtained from Profile 238, also available from Compact Publications, PO Box 31, Roseville NSW 2069.

Study of the Profile reveals a complexity of variants and the Revell kit can be used as the basis for all the later models. To build a MiG F, a special canopy extension would have to be moulded to go behind the regular clear canopy. The spine extension is thinner

too.

To produce the MiG-21MF ('Fishbed J') from the centre page reproductions, the kit should be built with the 'parachute tail', and variations include offset instrumentation probe instead of theocentral one, an additional small strake below the pressure relief opening (which can be out open), and other additions such as two 30mm cannon be neath fuselage and rear vision mirror, above canopy The canopy is also side opening, necessitating separation using an exacto razer saw.

Maybe no one would go to such lengths, but one would have to buy three kits to provide three auxiliary fuel tanks!

One small criticism, but one that can be

One small criticism, but one that can be corrected easily is that the Russian red star Insignta on the transfer sheets are not outlined in red outside the white. Also, the red on white stars were not that well in register. We would those in a second kit were better, so used them. We are working on the transfers by ruling outlines in red, using a draftsman's ruling pen charged with thinned red gnamel. The lines can then be ruled around the white.

Considering the paucity of information about the MiG-21, Revell have done a mervelous job in producing such an accurate outline. We would like to see a 1/72nd scale one now — how about it, Revell?

While we are at it, we're going to mention that we can expect some surprises from Revell around the end of the year. Expect a number of new releases with emphasis on arms and armour. It was inevitable — the only question is, why have Revell waited so long before beginning to enter this ever expanding branch of plastic modelling? Anyhow... we'll wait and see if our prediction comes true.

Text kits from Authentikit Plastic Models, PO Box 223, Roteville 2069. The Revell MiG-21, 1/32nd scale kit is also available from all good hobbyshops. We notice though that there meets to be a shortage of certain Revell kits, probably due to shipping delays of kits from overseas.

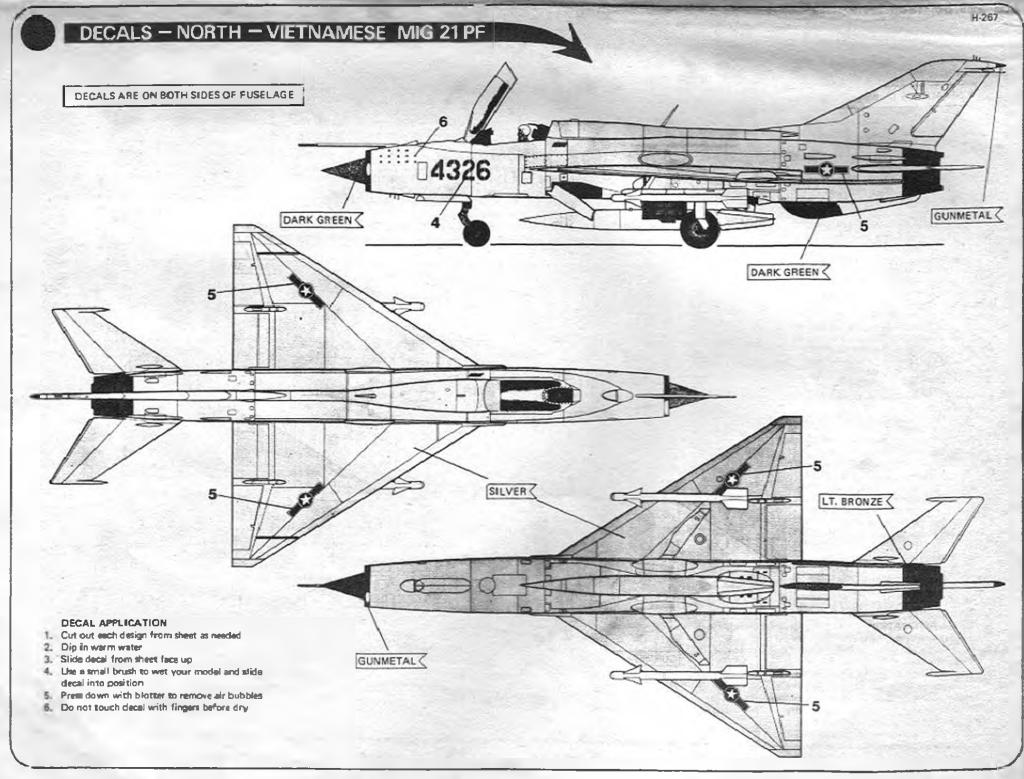


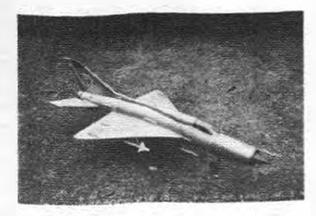


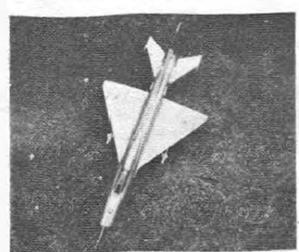
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Below: Revell instruction sheet shows North Vietnam merkings on MiG-21PF. Note absence of parachete bossing below rudder. See later version (above).











One of the MiG-21MF ('Fishbed J') aircraft which visited Rheims in September 1971. This version has provision for two me short-berrel 23-mm cannon under the fuselage between the nosewheel and the ventral pylon. (In the photographs, they one are below the suction-relief doors sheed of the wing.) Also note-worthy are the rear-view mirror and the deepened dorsal fairing aft of the cockpit. (Photo: SIRPA-Air, Paris, France, ref. 33184).

MiG-21 REVELL KIT REVIEW (Cont'd)



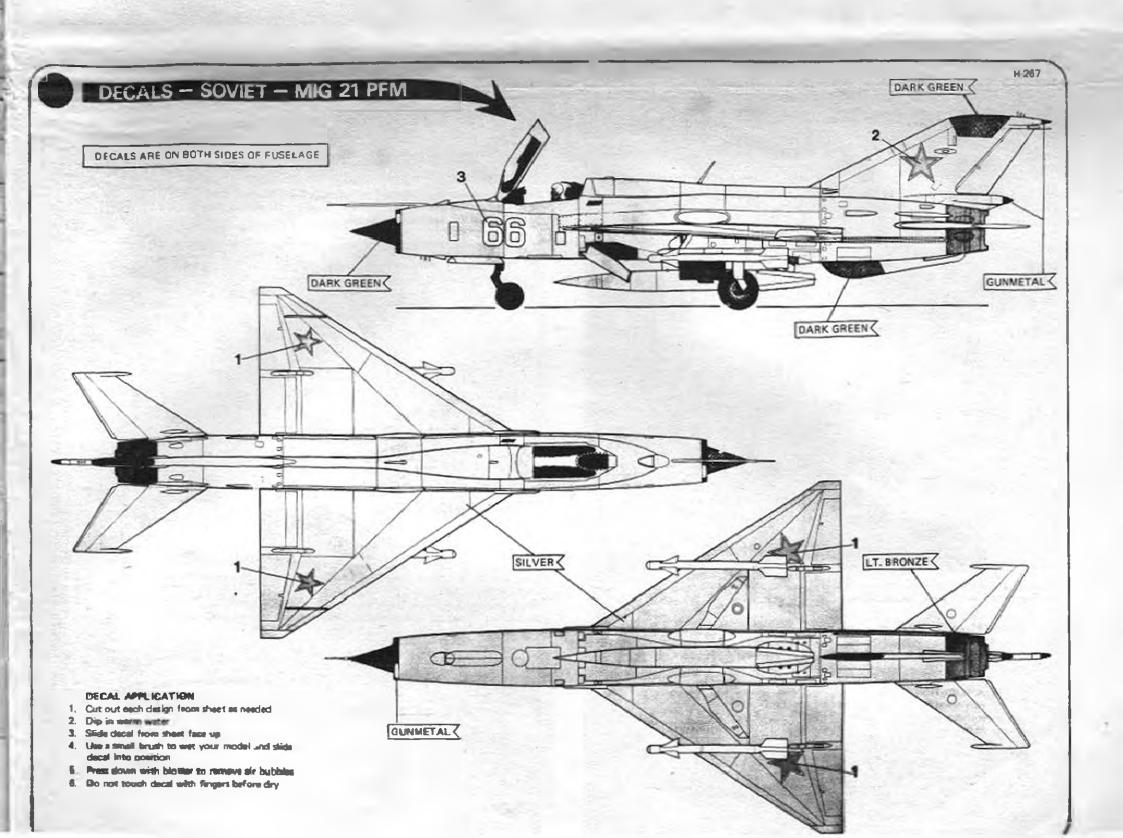
Our Polaroid shots were taken in case our posed photos were not ready in time. They show what can be done with natural background (in this case, a concrete path) and a simple Polaroid camera.

The drawing below is from the kit and shows a late series MiG-21PF with parachute housing below rudder. Canopy is, however, the standard one. The sideways opening

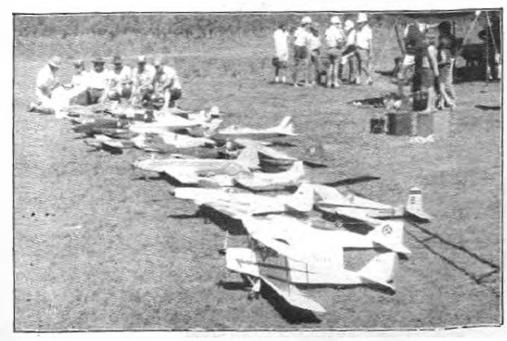
FOR REVIEW NEXT MONTH

The McDoneld—Douglas F-14 Eagle kit by Revell is being built by our reviewer and will be included in the November Modellars' Monthly.

MiG-21MF ('Fishbed J') canopy is seen above in the photo by SIRPA. This machine is also described in the Profile Publication No 238 available from Compect Publications PO Box 31 Roseville. (Visitors may see our model at 356A Pacific Highway, Lindfield (upstairs) afternoons only.



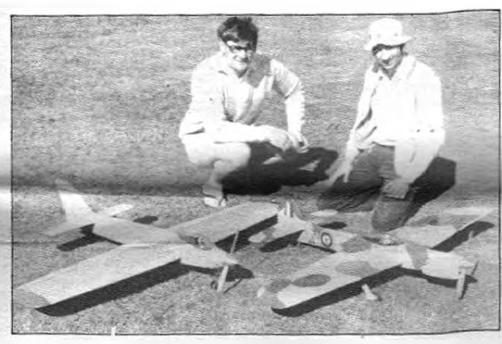
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Line up at MAAQ R/C Champs (Silver Anniversary) held at BARCS field, Zill mere. Photo: A. Gorrie.



Some young enthusiasts at the Control-line Chempionships.



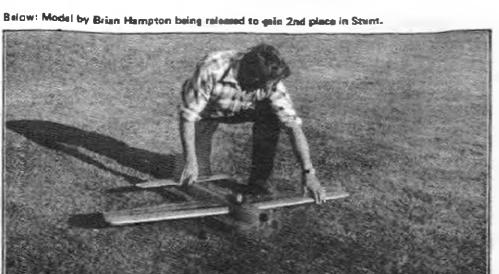
Above, left to right: Hish Hanna (4th) Richmond; Ron Walter (2nd) Thunderbirds. at C/line Silver Anniversary MAAO, held at Petrie Paper Mills Recreation Ground



Schooltsacher Seeney, Secretary of Reddirffe Circle Masters, ancouraging young lads in control-line. 2.5cc Spithres seem popular. (Modellers' Monthly will publish a series of Spitfire plans soon).



Peter Morandine of the Newtown MAA with twin-engine stunter resembling a



da Havilland 'Comet' England-Australia racer. Steek and functional.



Left, Jim Glenn, NMAA, came 3rd in Junior FAI Combat Champs with Firts Street

Below, Johnny Johnstone, BARCS winner of 1975 Silver Anniversary C/L Champa (Aerobetics). John directed successful MAACI demonstration at Clontarf Beach State School. (Photos: A. Gorrie).

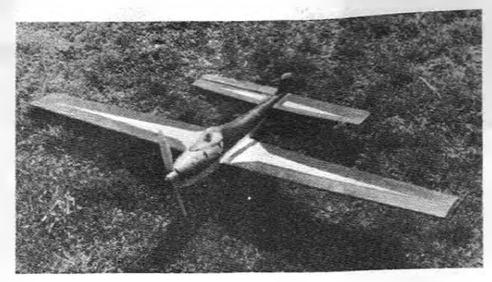


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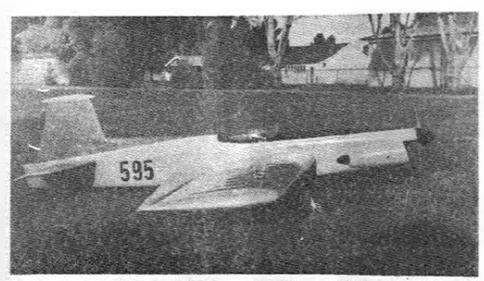
Winners of 1.9cc rat race L. Peilschmidt and M. Dislers with their PAW 149 powered model.



I. Dislers Taipan 3.5cc powered scale Great Lakes Trainer, Flies very well-

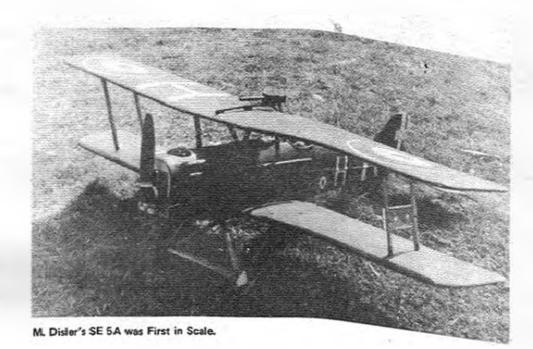


Winning FAI team racer by K. House/ A. Gangeli used an ETA 15.



J. McDougell's modified Super Mester gained him First Place in Sturnt, Aircraft used Merco 35.

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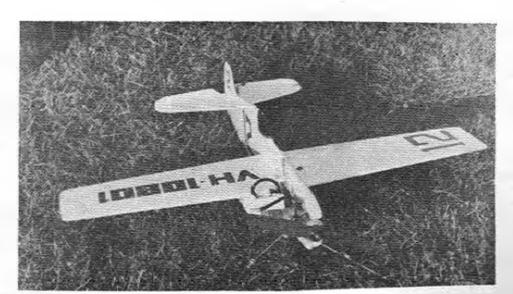




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Finalist in FAI Combat - A. Webb, M. Dislers and S. Peilschmidt.

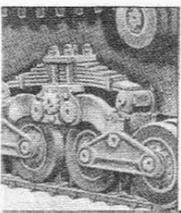


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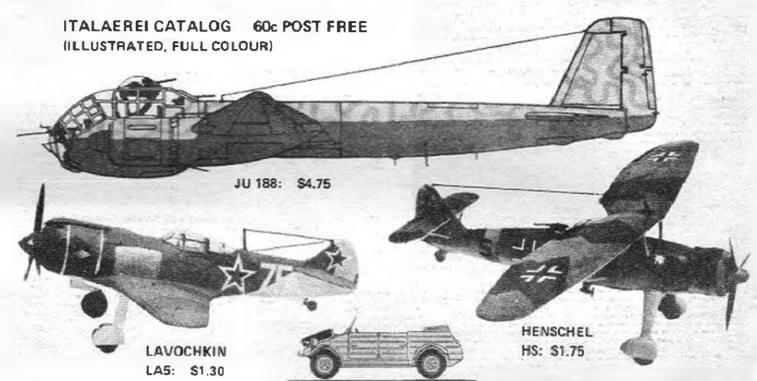






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By Ray Bennett

Sunday, 5 October, was the day and Garden Island Naval Dockyard the place for the show of radio controlled yachts and scale ships organised by the now year old Northern Mariners group at the request of the RAN.

The show was part of the official Navy Week 75 activities with the Northern Mariners providing some of the entertainment during the afternoon of the last day, Sunday, when the RAN Dockyard was open for public inspection.

The model boating show competed for the attention of visitors with a submarine diving and surfacing, the inspection of RAN ships and shore facilities, helicopter displays and flypasts of Naval aircraft.

It was pleasing to see that despite these other attractions, during the two 45 minute sessions allocated, the models draw a big proportion of the visitors, who were lined four and five deep along the banks of the South-East Pound, a semi-enclosed portion of the harbour, and where the action took place. A total of ten or more craft went through their pages.

Ron Adams and Bob Short sailed Ten Raters and Bruce Kennewell a Marbiehead. These yachts sailed a triangular course within the two-acre pound. All of the yachts performed well in the flukey but improving

southerlies of the day.

By good fortune, the weather did not deteriorate enough to prevent even the smallest of the scale boats from putting to see and navigating the entire water.

The day did see the "Commissioning" of the Bismark, Don Gilmartin's eleven foot long model of the well-known WW II pocket battleship. For this display, Bismark was crawed by Don's son Tony.

Very few of the spectators at first realised the Bismark was manned, and that her course was being navigated by her crew. Her interior is quite complex, having an optical system with periscopes for vision fore and aft, complete with compass, steering gun laying and fire control with repeaters and automatic reloading system, speed control and ballast pumping systems incorporated on the control panel

Valards, a 7 ft. long freighter, also by Don Gilmartin, was also cruising, as was Don Cherry's Zaphyr, both of which have by now logged many miles affoat. Bob Short's tub tug Carrius was also standing by, busily investigating ther full-size counterparts moored nearby in the dock.

Rick Mayes' well-made six foot HMAS Derwent added a further naval touch to the proceedings in pursuit of Bismark. Rick is a serving member of the RAN and is building, as time and circumstance permits, scale R/C versions of ships he has served in.

Scale power boats provided speed and variety to the day, Jack Reaney's PT 109 and another, PT 203, gave a performance which was realistic in the extreme. Both these boats are a credit to their builders. Ron Adams' scale cruiser turned in its usual faultless exhibition of precise control and manoguvre.

At the conclusion of the events, all of the models participating were lined up on the small pontoon used for launching and the public was invited to come aboard a lighter alongside for a closer look and to talk to the members if they wished. This invitation was eagerly accepted, to such an extent that a heavy list to port of the lighter was soon evident and the Naval Police were called upon to control the spectators.

Interest shown was extensive and not only casual. Many departed with a better appreciation of model boating.

Several points of interest emerged from the day's efforts, all of which contributed to the success of the show. These points may be worth noting.

The co-operation of the Navy was excallant and they were good hosts. Frequency clashes were avoided by the members' careful forethought in consulting the group's published list of frequencies in use when purchasing R/C gear and by checking with the controller of the day.

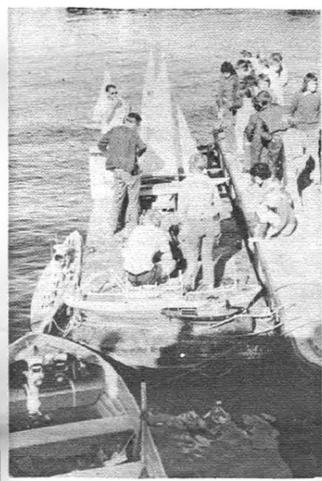
By separating the boats into compatible groups, accidents were avoided, receiver changes could be made and the onlookers' interest sustained by the introduction of new boats and the retirement of others throughout the programme. No single class performance exceeded 15 minutes. A commentary was broadcast, using a portable Tannoy, the commentary also being used to cue in the members' activities. Manoeuvring areas were separated from the course proper, which allowed some latitude to skippers in displaying their boats to the best advantage. But by far the one thing most essential is that spirit of interest and co-operation which is universally shared by all modellers and which was most evident at Navy Day 75.

The Northern Mariners are now looking forward to Navy Day '76 and the opportunity to again show their boats in action.

The next twelve months will see many new boats, both sail and scale, in the water. If you went to be part of the scale, get in touch through Sydney telephone numbers 499 3486 or 451 1470 and we will be only too happy to get you on course.



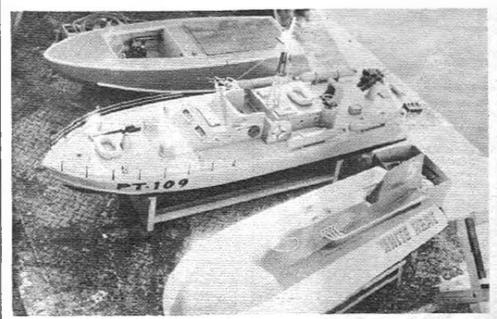
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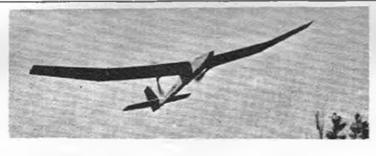
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EUROPEAN 'NAVIGA' MODEL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Barry Craven & David Leigh

This report comes direct from Welwyn Garden City, the site of a veritable Olympic Games of model boating.

Stanborough Lake is where it was held. large enough to accommodate three or four competitions at once. Welwyn is just outside London on the Northern railway in the Welwyn, Hatfield, Hertford area.

David Leigh and I were very well looked after by one of the Southern Area chaps by the name of Trevor Skinner. Accommodation was good and a free bus was provided to and from the lake.

The program started on 3 August with registrations. This involved a complicated set of forms, including photos of the entrants' boats in each class contested. Team leaders were assembled together and the competition discussed.

MONDAY 4 AUGUST, 10 am.

Final registration, stand judging of the

R/C scale competitors for F2a and F2b.
I arrived today and met up with David Leigh and was also introduced to Trevor Skinner. The evening's entertainment was a Civic Reception for team representatives. David was presented with a plaque by the Lord Mayor of Hatfield and Naviga officials welcomed the competitors.

This meeting ajourned to a grog and fish and chips night and we were introduced to members and friends of the British team. TUESDAY, 9 am.

Opening ceremony, very much like an Olympic Games opening, with a line-up of 19 countries and their National flags. Australia being guests only, did not raise our flag. David took one with him and was disappointed that we couldn't even hang it from a fence.

The competitions on this day were as follows:

A, 8, EX, F1 and F3

A Hydro water screw

В Hydro air screw

EX Straight runners, functional design.

F1 Speed triangle F3 Steering, 1C and Electric. The F1 class was 5.0 cc David run a

3.5 as he didn't bring his O.P.S. 29. His engine was home-made to his own specifications

WEDNESDAY, 8am.

The results of an extraordinary meeting of the Naviga General Assembly (AGM) held الفعد

this morning will be made public later.

The competitions today were A, B, EX. F1, F2b and F3, F2b being scale steering for boats over 1500 cm. F1 today was 2.5cc and 15 cc. David ran his new OPS powered 15 cc. boat. Owing to unfamiliarity with the rules we had a bad run

The second round of 5.0 cc was run also, and David managed a run of 24.8 secs. THURSDAY, 8 am.

Held today were the second rounds of 2.5 cc and 15 cc.

David managed this time to put in an 18.25 sec. run after a wipe out on the first run. In practice he did 15.2 secs, that moming. The pressure of competition does tell. FRIDAY, 8 am.

Record runs for A, B, F1 and F3.

The weather was windy, the water rough. David's 10 cc boat managed a flip on the second attempt and was forced out. He was incredibly fast. If he had put in a good run he would have stetla record. No records were broken by a large margin. Rod Burman set a new (over 1 kg. electric) record. SATURDAY, 8 am.

FSR Multi boat for 15 cc and 35 cc.

There are no 3.5 or 6.5 multi races in Naviga rules. I am unashamed to say that this is the sort of racing that interests me most.

Considering that these chaps have had a long time to get good and fast, they were very slow. You can go fast in multi-racing and still be stable. I believe a team of our best boats could have beaten them estily.

The direction of travel was anti-clockwise and the duration of the races was 30 mins.

David ran a 6.5 cc Super-Tigre powered boat in 35 multi ashis OPS was not trimmed for multi. The Germans dominated these races; they were a fraction faster than David's boat so achieved more laps. Germany again won the 35 cc class. There boats were astounding in their size and shape, just about anything will run with a petrol motor in it.

The day ended with a display of scale ships after dark setting off a display of flares and fireworks. These boats were beautiful scale models and the insides of these models were an engineer's dream.

SATURDAY, 8 am.

Closing ceremony and medal presentation. Australia was presented with a certificate of entry. David presented Jim King (MPBA International Secretary) and M. Maurice Frank (Naviga President) with a boomerang and pennant.

Medais were presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd. They were like Olympic medals, gold, silver and bronze, on a red, white and blue ribbon.

After this ceremony there was an invitation multi race run on British rules over 2 hours. As the ceremony went longer than scheduled, the duration was changed to one hour, clockwise direction. Competitors were from each country, with more from Britain to fill the gaps.

David again ran his 6.5 Super Tigre, but this time we were able to get her tuned and went like a jet.

Count down, and the British team was off, with us immediately behind. (I say "we", because I was pit-mechanic and observer for David). We were doing better than we thought after 15 minutes. At 25 minutes ! suggested that our fuel may be low and to come in to refuel. David agreed and we prepared for it but the boat ran out of fuel on the far side of the huge course.

The rescue boat was very quick and we were on the water again very quickly. We were equal first with John Melville and Bill lzard. We made up the lost laps in fine style and pulled ahead again. By the next fuel stop we were three laps ahead. We came in for fuel but had trouble keeping the angine running and had to restart. We made it quickly and had to make up the laps again.

We forged shead again and 20 minutes from the finish we stopped for some unknown reason not 20 yards from the pit. After restarting we thought we were behind but were told by our timekeeper that we were still ahead but had to catch and pass Melville. David put in some very classy driving to catch Melville only to see him stop for the first time (he had huge tanks).

Bill Izard was circulating steadily with big tanks too, but we managed to lead him 11/2 laps at the finish.

David's win was an extremely good parformance against the best in the world.

One thing I noticed was that the foreign use the same hoats ante did used in Naviga racing; why, I don't know as they were definitely faster. David won a hull donated by G. Pollard of M.R.H., Eastbourne.

SUM-UP AND RESULTS

The best part of the whole show was the announcement by M. Frank that Navige was now International, it being formerly European only. The official designation will be Naviga International. This was organised by Jim King, the new first Executive of the Naviga Praesidium on behalf of Australia.

I sincerely hope that Australia will honour this by attending Championships reasonably often. The next Championship is to be held in Russia in 1977, then in Stutgert, Germany, in 1979.

8. Leigh D.

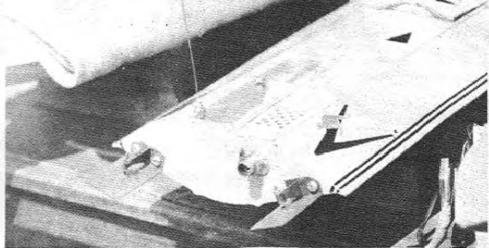
(3.5 oc motor)

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3.	Spitzenberger H.		20.2					
FIV	√ 5.0 cc		9					
1.	Billes P.	Austria						
1.	Billes P.	Austria	18.4 sec					
2	Reichert K.	B.A.D.						
3.	Stewart D.	Gt Brit.	21.8 sec					

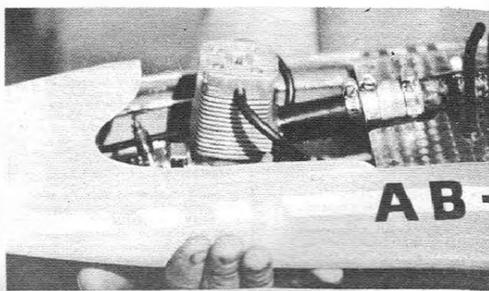
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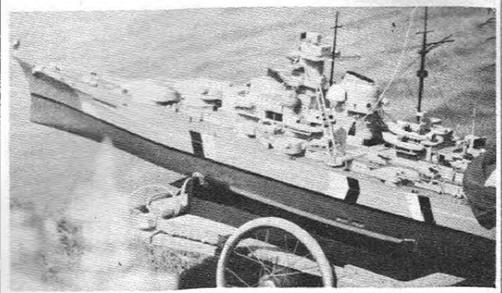
Rear of David Leigh's 60 boat - OPS Speed 60, Futaba Radio.



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Although I am besically the methanic in all the events in which I fly I will be the first to admit that the pilot is a most important. part of a racing team.

It is a fact that no matter how good a mechanic you are or how fast and consistent. your model may be, you cannot win a race your model may be, you cannot win a race without a good pilot. Only when there is a sound understanding between pilot and mechanic can you ever hope to do well.

The pilot's function is to take off and guide the model SAFELY through traffic; ensure good fast landings and ensure that the model completes the race. In my opinion, this is a most important function and makes a pilot a vital cog in a racing team. At this stage I must point out that an inexperienced pilot is not only a hezard to himself but also to everyone alse who is close to the flying circle.

The pilot should have a sound knowledge of flying techniques. He should at all times be in complete control of the model in any weather conditions. He should have quick reflexes. He should be able to fly the model. so that he can look ahead of the model and foresee any dangers before they actually appear. He should study other pilots and make a note of their styles so that he can overcome any peculiarities which their perticular style may bring about. He should be able to whip a model to ensure line tension. on take-offs. He should practice level flying, take-offs and lendings until he can perform these duties mechanically without thinking of what to do. In this way he will automatically correct the model when unexpected problems occur.

The correct technique of piloting a model during a race is to be able to welk in as small a circle as possible, in an upright stance with the back as straight as possible. By flying in this manner the pilot utilises. the least space in the centre which in turn allows everyone enough room to move. This will avoid collisions between the pilots and will eliminate the harassing of each other in the can tra.

A pilot should at all times guide the model not allow the model to do all work. Not only will this slow the model down but it will lead to all sorts of problems as a model cannot think for itself.

When I say assist the model, I do not mean whipping as we all know this is illegal. The priot must maintain an equal balance of all forces acting on the model, namely lift into wind, line tension, airspeed, acceleration and

deceleration, to ensure that the model remains in level flight during the duration of the race.

At the start of a race, a pilot has to be crouching at the dge of the pilot circle but crouching at the edge of the pilot circle but should be well prepared for the release. As soon as the model is released he should move forward and in towards the centre of the circle to maintain line tension to prevent the model turning into the flying circle, Take-off should always be in a slow climb. This will also allow any althorns models to pessioverhead safely.

Once the pilot has moved to the centre he should settle the model into an imaginary. groovs at the regulation flying height and maintain this height. He should now be welking upright in as small a circle as possmodel gradually by raising the handle up to your chin or forehead, but do this gradually so that the climb is gradual, This will maintain the model airspeed. Once over the other model bring the handle back down to your chest but once again slowly and resume flying at the regulation height once more.

When a pitstop is required the pilot must ensure that he is well clear of the other models before activeting the shut-off. As soon as the shut-off has been operated the priot should get the model down to about 2 feet in altitude and whip the model around to the mechanic. The model should be grounded smoothly so that the mechanic can catch the model safety. A point to remember here it to keep the model off the ground until you have passed over any models which are already being pitted. This will prevent the hookup of the other models' lines and subsequent

All these operations during a race should be controlled and smooth. The only way to achieve this is to go out and get as many flying hours practice as possible.

Beginners need a for of practice because unfortunately the experienced pilots are all very willy and are quite efficient in the art of hindering, blocking and generally making use to their own advantage of any other pilot's weeknesses.

Although the racing rules specifically state that at no time whatsoever may a pilot carry out any manoguve or action which may hinder or prevent the pilot of a faster model from overtaking, this rule is being blatantly contravened by pilots . being blatantly contravened by pilots. This action is dangerous and is definitely retarding the improvement of the more inexperienced pilots, who are unable to cope with the unhappy situations which this type of flying produces. Often the result is a prang and the newcomer involved may lose all confidence and eventually give up piloting. Our Contest Directors could well take note of this rule and penalise pilots who persist in this pastime. This would help to gradicate blocking and make for cleaner and more realistic races.

The purpose of this article was to provide some idea on how a pilot can improve his technique and become more proficient. As in all phases of team racing the pilot's part requires painstaking perseverence and hard work, so when you go out practising, make a point of giving this aspect as much attention as you give to all the other items which you intended sorting out.

If you have a good pilot, half your troublet are over and you can worry about going faster. At least you know you will finish every race in which you take part.

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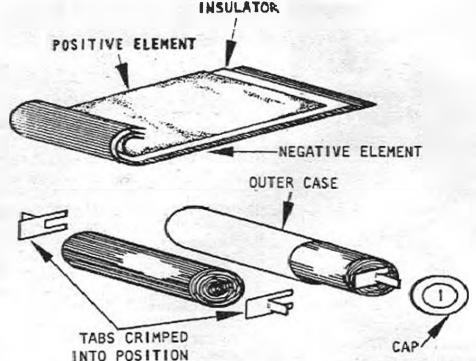
BATTERY HINTS

By EK-Lotictrol

Beginning with this issue we are going to discuss methods of preventative maintenance or in other words, some things you can do to prevent a crash. In alphabetical order, we begin with batteries. Old 'bugaboo' betteries. Those items most likely to be eternally shrouded with superstition and mystery. Unfortunately for all of us, the batteries are the heart of the system so let us determind how they work, how we should care for them, and how to know when they are sick and need to go to the hospital iservice centrel.

To begin this discussion, let's consider that the airborne bettery is really four separate cells in series and the transmitter bettery is actually eight cells in series. If your system is equipped for dry cell operation, the difference will most likely be a 9 volt dry cell in the transmitter, at only a few systems were provided with eight pencell dry battery transmitters and four cells in the receiver.

The first problem that you are faced with is knowing when to change dry cells or when to charge the Nicads as the case may be. Considering dry cells, you should change the airborne batteries when the voltage drops to 4.2 volts when checked with the system on. Likewise, the transmitter battery should be changed when the voltage is 7.5 volts, also checked with system on. You can make this voltage check with any decent voltmeter. In the transmitter you must remove the back and touch the leads directly to the battery posts. The airborne battery voltage can be checked by touching the voltmeter leads to the red (for positive) and green (for common or negative) leadout wires of an extra aileron extension cable which is in turn plugged into any extra channel.



Each Nicad cell is capable of providing approximately 1.25 volts for a given amount of time as detarmined by the current drain as follows:

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- RED (+)

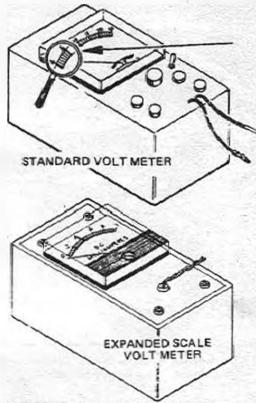
Cut off short

Be careful not to short out these wires or contacts and DO NOT stick pins in wiring or plug ends.

NICAD batteries are a different breed of cat. Before we go into their characteristics let's consider their construction. As illustratThe actual rate per hour shown was determined in our laboratory and must be applied when these betteries are used in EK Logictrol systems. Now let's figure out howlong we can run our EK Logictrol radios All our NICAD equipped batteries are shipped with 450 mah or larger batteries and draw about 90-110 mah current, so it logically follows that our transmitter should last about four hours. There is no way we can arrive at a similar figure for the airborne Ni cad system because it is influenced by such things as the number of servos, control linkage drag, and number of commands. (experience indicates 3 hours of flight time can be expected when using four servos.)

What we need to know then, is when it is time to quit flyingand recharge our batteries. The answer is to get an EK expended scale volumeter. (ESV).

It is simply an expanded portion of the whole scale and allows us to determine when the Nicads are about to lose their charge. As design, you can plug it into the charging jack on your airborne battery and with the receiver switch off you will read the bettery voltage under a 250 mah load, so plug it in only long enough to read the meter (few seconds). Your freshly charged battery will 'peg' the needle and as the charge is depleted the meter will creep toward the mark which represents 4.4 volts. It is time to quit flying and racharge when the needle gets to about



.6 (4.6) on the scale. This reading is about 10 minutes of flight time remaining.

Now you say, 'Great for the airborne, but what about the transmitter?'

If you have a recent EK transmitter then the mater you see on the front of it is also an ESV and mid scale is time to quit! If you're not sure whether your transmitter has an ESV, then remove the back and look at the mater. If a small PC board with two pots on it is part of the mater, then you do have an ESV.

The final -step for our battery discussion is a deep cycle recharge. Begin by charging the entire system for at least 24 hours. After disconnecting the chargers, extend the transmitter antenna iso you don't overheat the output transistor with this prolonged operational and turn it on. Next you must connect the ESV to the airborne Nicad pack charger cable and check to see if the needle is Pagged' at the high and of the scale. Now record the time and occasionally monitor the ESV mater readings.

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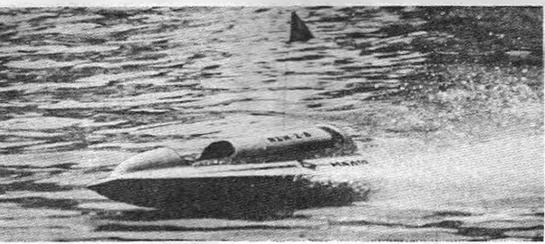
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3. Varah R.	G.B.	17.2
7 Leigh D.	Aust	18.25
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3. Burman R.	G.B.	25.6
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2. Schneider E.	B.A.D.	20.3
3. Bordier C.	France	21.6
F3E - ELECTRICS	TEERING	
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- I.C. STEERING 1. Jordanov V. Belgium 142.7 pts Best time went to J. Abraham, Holland -

39.4 secs. FSR 15.0 cc - MULTI BOAT - 30 MINS. 1. Hackmeister H. B.R.D. 56 laps 8.A.D. Spitzenberger H. 53 laps 8.A.O. 3. Klawitter J. 51 laps Leigh D. Aust 36 laps

F.S.R. 35 cc - PETROL IGNITION ONLY 1. Tremp H.J. D.D.R. 52 laps Leppers C. Holland 42 laps Grassman W. B.D.R. 43 laps

OVERSEAS BOATING NEWS

Georgio Merlotti was unable to attend the Championships owing to illness in the family. This was unfortunate because he has been unable to win one European Championship this year.

From all reports, he is very good and very levy boaters can get near him Factory assistance from OPS could be a factor in his superlority. His new boat 'Silak' is very fact with the best of 40 and 60 engines. Trim appears very critical and experience is needed to bring out the best of this hull. The hull appears to be basically a 'Balu' which was designed by Auro Inglesi some years ago.

An enterprising petrol enthusiast could well fit a 1 hp O & R in one with success. 'Skuai' (pronounced : 'Skwii') dominates speed in all countries. They go well with

geared OPS 29s as well as 10 oc motors. I saw none of these boats used in multiracing. They are highly unstable in rough

water, contrary to what many think. There were two bosts which tooked very much like 'Mentas', one in speed, one in multi. Both went very well but suffered

from engine trouble. There were a couple of boats from France with home-made origines, one of interest was a square head 60 designed on the OPS principleyery reliable and a fast combination much desired nowadays. It will be in production shortly.

David Leigh's 3.5 cc Dilan Special caused a stir and induced meny interested enquiries. Resolutionary design schnurle ported, reer exhaust like OPS, rear fuel industion, one of the motors sported a drum valve like the OS 40 SR. He hopes to do well in America when he attends the World Multi Racing Chempionships and the American IMPBA Nationals. * ISee Stop Press News: David Leigh Wins US Title).

Webra speed 61 with piped timing is the newest motor out, very powerful, it has the RPM to go with it. The top boats in the championships used them and Webra backed them with speres.

The very fact that a pipe is provided shows that every effort is being made to improve their product; the only prohibiting

factor is the price. The pipe is silenced and is effective, though slight modification needs to be done to bring it under 90 dbs.

There were no air-cooled OPS speed 60s at the Champs so I take it that water-cooling Is necessary, if this is so, why don't the manufacturers provide this, a s buying a cool clamp is a deer do. It can herdly be called a 'Maring' without a water-cooled

There are a number of props available in England, some of which look interesting, one being the range from Austro-Webra glass filled nylon, Graupner design, in 5mm and 4 mm. A good thing is that the thread bosses are the same size, handy for those men who like using a dog. Groupner ought to consider this point; usual sizes are available from 35 mm to 50 mm.

Agnew of Model Propulsion Systems have metal props which look good; their principle is to increase the diameter and reduce the pitch. They could need balancing

Mantua of Italy have a metal propialso, again to Graupner design; the filnish is as moulded. Though vary good, they are moulded in stainless steel. These props were only available in Italy.

For those interested in a genred 2.5 cc. I saw no Kosmic mounts used in any of the European boats nor the British ones. Perhaps they are becoming like everything else, too expensive? (or perhaps not good enough)

All the engines were mounted off bearers, with home-made gear mounts. A few were mounted on their sides effectively. OPS pipes now have a silencer on the end.

This is a person statement only (comments are very necessary), A great number of pipes were used at Welwyn and found to be very noisy on the meter. They appear to be using a straight pipe with a clear through tailpipe. The can is apparently filled with expanded aluminium. The frequency of the exhaust rate is not broken. This is necessary, as with out it an exhaust is not quiet. I hope OPS does more research as their pipe is well made.

While we are on the subject of silencers, David Leigh surprised everyone at Walwyn by having a quiet boat. They were surprised at the size of his silencer. They use more chembers than we, yet don't manage to quieten the motor. If David is agreeable, will publish his designs in 'Airborne & R/C Models' and Modellers' Monthly.

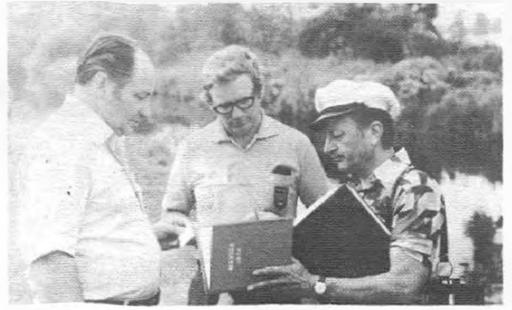
For the scale buff, Agnew have two offshore drive outflits - Zip struit, as used on Surfury' and a 'Z' drive unit. Just the job for an inboard-outboard model of an offshore boat. Pricey, but well made units, to suit 40 and 60 engines.

They have a very nice small tunnel boat for motors up to 6.5 cc.

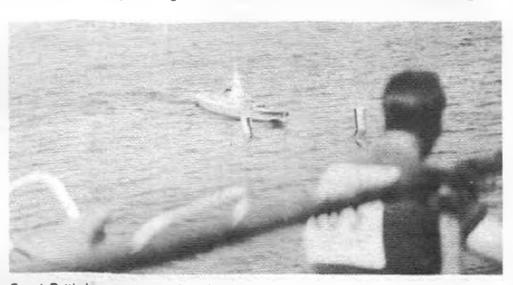
Graheme Pollard of M.R.H. Eastbourne seems to keep up with trends, but has other people do his testing of prototypes. The hulls of note that he produces are: Silak, Opus, Isotope 19; the others are only just.

Anybody looking for a good 6.5 cc motor should try the G40 Super Tigra pylon motor. So much is thought of OS and HP that the Super Tigre motor is ignored.

I have not received very many photos back yet, so I will submit some later. In the meantime the ones here should give you an idea what things were like 'over there!' Barry Craven.



David Leigh accepting the Navige Rule book from M. Frank (left) and an official of Navige



French Battleship competing in Scale Steering.

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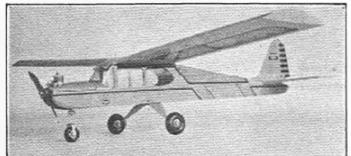
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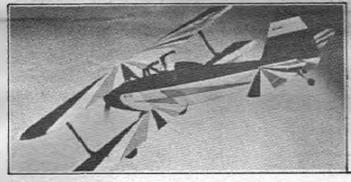
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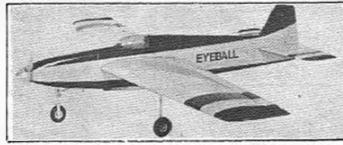


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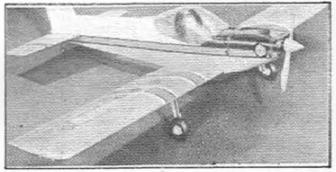
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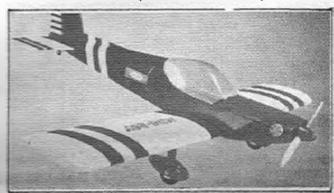


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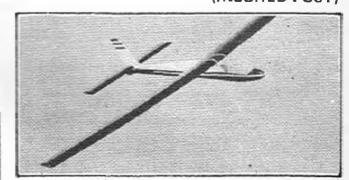
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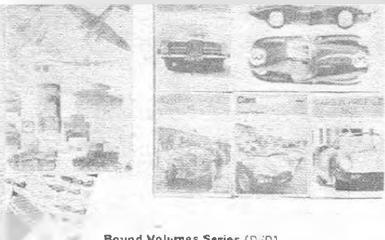


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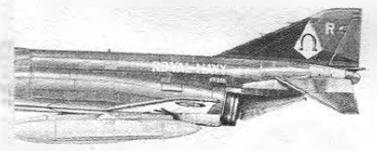
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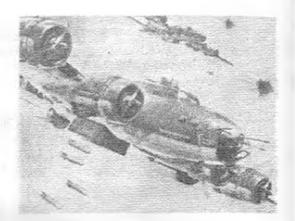
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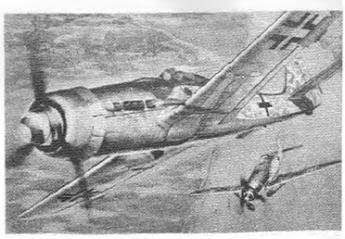
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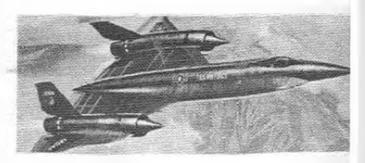
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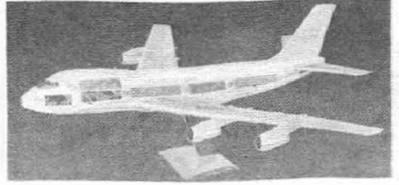


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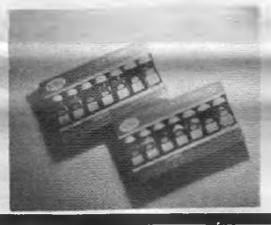
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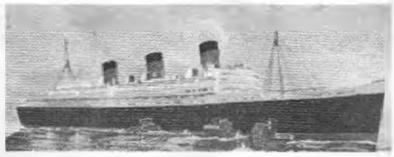
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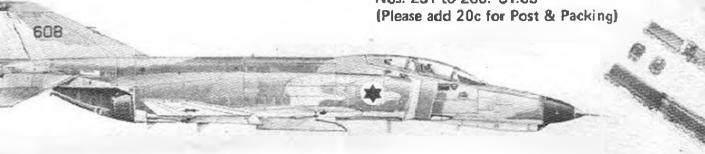
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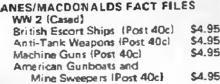
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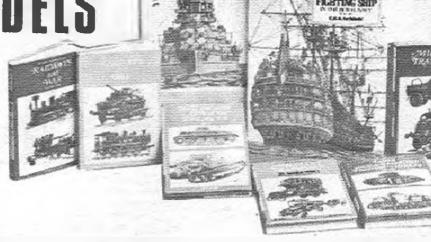


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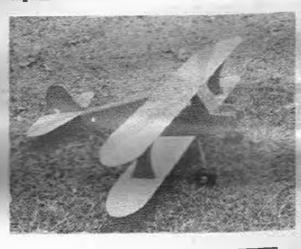
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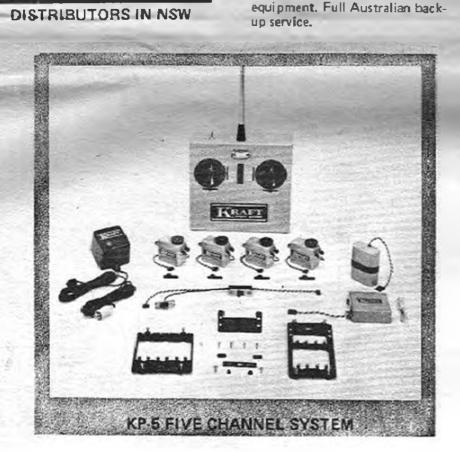
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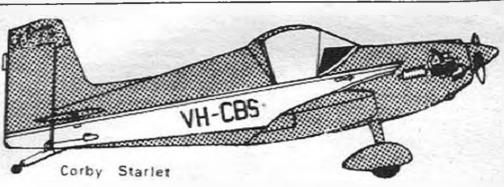
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MARS

There's a story ghat's been going round Campbelltown for a year or two about a chap named Fisher.

The story goes that Fisher, who made his abode in Campbelltown about 1856 to grow sheep for General Macarthur, was coming home from the pub one cole and wet and windy Nonember reening, History tells us sess in fact the 9th of Manamer — the pere cause the pub closed at 10 pm and the police were very strict about it in those

Anyway, Fisher set out on his horse for home. The track he took passed between a big mown field and the railway line, and it was at this point that the destardly dead that is remembered to this day, occurred

It started at a low buzz and just a spot in the sky. The horse pricked its ears, but continued unperturbed on its way. Gradually the spot grew bigger and bigger and it seemed to be coming straight for Fisher. The horse broke into a trot but still it kept coming bigrin and bigger. The horse bolted, throwing Fisher onto the Railway Track, just as the Campbell town Express was passing. killing poor Fisher instantly.

From the Police report of that day, which we know to be true because it was straight from the horse's mouth, that object in the sky was undoubtedly something controlled by the men from MARS.

Ever since, on the same day, Fisher's ghose returns to that field at Campbelltown, which is now actually just near the thriving metropolis of Minto, to hunt down that adversary in the sky, and slay it.

Today, enother group of men from MARS the Macquerie Aircraft Radio Signallers, in conjunction with the Campbelltown Council, put on an Air Pageant to give Fisher's chost something to see. The Fisher's Ghost Festival runs for over a week. This year it commences with a gala procession on Set., 1st November and finishes on the 9th with the Air Pageont. Last year, it is estimated it attracted over 3000 spectators and it is estimated that double that number will be along this year.

The air show kicks off at 11 am and con-

tinues non-stop till 3 pm.

From the kids' point of view the Minty bombers are the star attraction. This year we have enlarged the squedron of specially fitted

Minty carrying aircraft and put it under the control of a new squadron leader. This is because last year one flight of aircraft miscalculated the wind drive and the Minties landed in the hanger area. If you have ever seen a couple of hundred kids converging on your model you'll understand.

From the mums' point of view the dog fights are the greatest. There were some unconfirmed reports of money changing hands when the aircraft with the rad streamer was the only one intact at the end of the meles. This year we have two extra squadron of combat ready fighters.

As a relief from the tedium there will be hot air belloons, gliders, and aerobetics.

The dade on for the Airport strack, which we think it is the real high point of the show. This year we will I me two complete enemy Airport attacks by three wings of fighters and bombers. An equivalent of the

there will be the Flying Whales, Seucers, Tandem Aircraft and maybe a 'flying' Wheelberrow.

This Air Show attracts the top flyers in the country and as the pilots can fly only on invitation from the MARS Club it has become quite a prestigeous affair. These bilots will take part in the air races which are run in two classes - Biplane and Unlimited. These reces are run over a special short course, which accentuates the pilots' skill rather than the ultimate speed of the aircraft. Because of the short course, it as been decided to ban aircraft with speeds in excess of 750 mph.

For those that like a more leasurely pace there are the safiplianes and scale models. So remember 9th November 1975 at Redfern Road, Minto.

REPORT ON HEATHCOTE **GLIDING DAY**

Sunday 14 September wasn't the best glidling weather you could get, but 19 diders turned out. Heathcote Souring League elected to run FAI rules for this event and Eddy Meister was Contest Director, helped by H.S. L. members.

The deed calm conditions that existed in the morning produced some beautiful flights. I think Ross Woodcock's flight was the one to watch. Ross saunched his Ajex 2 into a slight westerly breeze and used his E.K. towhook release to adventage by going right off the top of the launch. He headed about % mile west looking for wave lift and managed to sustain height by flying left to right, returning to the flying field with just enough height to clear the telegraph wires and then land 3 ft from the spot for a 6.1 minute max. Mick Bluett also managed to put in a 6 minute max, with FISHERS GHOST AIR PAGEANT - 9th NOV spot. Nev Sinnett also came in with high

> By 12,30pm the wind had swung around and was coming from the north east and turning south east with rain. We commenced to fly FAI distance between two pylons. There was some very good flying in this event but it needed quite a few skilled. people to run it. With 3 models turning the nowite together it got a little confusing to callers and flag officials, resulting in a few re-flies. I personally prefer the goal and return course around three pylons with spot.

Next was the speed event and the wind was 15 to 18 knots south east. Loads of lead appeared out of tool boxes, Ross Woodcock put 12 ozs. on. Nev Sinnett loaded bricks and Frank Curtis loaded skill. Frank turned in the fastest time of 1.38, Mick Bluett 1.48, Nev Sinnett 1.42 and Ross Woodcock 1.43, Final placings were: 1st Nev Sinnett - 2nd Ross Woodcock -3rd Mick Bluett. The flying standard set by all the competitors was very high.

Nice trophies and a big thanks to Heathcote Souring League and Eddy Meister closed the day.

- Barry Bowerman, E.K. Logictrol Australia.

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1976 QUEENSLAND CONTEST CALENDAR

announced later)

Feb 29	MAAQ Postal Contest (Open sail-
	planel
Mar 7	Open Power & Coup d'Hiver
April 4	Wakefield and Check Glider.
May 30	FAI Power and Power Scramble.
July 4	Scale - Stand off scale and A2
Aug 1	Open Sailplane & Open rubber.
Sept 5	A1 Sailplane, Class I power
•	and Chuck Glider, Scramble
Oct 3	MAAQ Postal Contest (Open sail-

olune) Presentation of Trophies. Date

and place to be decided later.

STOLEN!

Feb 1

Modellers, be on the look-out for stolen property - two Futaba 2-Channel transmitters, a toolbox and tools of obviously modelling flavour, speed bost propellers, etc., and a Yashica 35 mm camera fitted with a

The numbers of these items are recorded and have been circulated - the thief will no doubt be traced if he tries to sell the items.

Barry Craven and Andrew Young were attending the Victorian Power Boat Champs when the theft occurred. The articles were golen from Barry's car which had been

This points to the fact that we should be active careful where security is concerned. Don't leave valuables in an unattended car. If you do, try not to be away from the car for too long, Park (if possible), where you con see VOUIT COT.

We are not accusing modellers, but anyone could wetch you park and then steel from you.

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MAAQ NEWS

SCOUT INTEREST

As a result of visits to a Scout den at Inela where Arthur Gorrie has been teaching young lads to build quick, cheap gliders and control-line, an invitation was extended to participate in a scouting display in a Brisbana park. Arthur is always keen on any participation of this nature at the young level and as space was restricted a small static display was created and Arthur Gorrie, Jim Genn and Ian Gorrie flew for a period of approx. two hours continuously. The scouts and the administrators were pleased and more and more scouting groups are displaying interest in aeromodelling. Arthur has been to many examinations for aeromodelling badges and will show films or talk on aeromodelling at any group within restonable distance of Brisbane. Good publicity on TV resulted. CLONTARF SCHOOL

Following a direct request to Arthur Gorrie, a display at MAAQ level was given by members of Redcliffe Circle Masters and Thunderbirds MAC under the guidance of Johnny Johnson, recent winner of the Control-Line Stunt event. John is a member of BARCS, a radio control society. Thanks John and percopeting fliens INALA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

Arthur Gorrie and crew were bettling a send trap at Inala Opportunity school, on the same afternoon. Jim Genn, Marshall Butterworth and Arthur Gorrie gave value despite the risks.

It all gets aeromodelling to people other than secomodellers. You can't convert Christions to Christianity.

BRISBANE HOBBY EXHIBITION The Brisbane City Hall will once again be taken over by Hobbies from 10th to 15th November 1975, Boats, trains, planes, rocks and minerals, stamps, amateur wine making, matchbox covers, fish, birds, paintings, wood parkings and be eve it or not, a full-sized seroplane entered by the Ultra Light Soor Aircraft Association. The Historical Society is also likely to have a display. A model of a hovercraft and a hovercycle - a motor cycle hovercraft complete with anchor. Brakes are not much good on this kind of machinal (Wonder how you stop them?)

The proceeds are going to the Children's Hospitals Appeal, a deserving cause and a Schools competition is being planned in conjunction with the exhibition.

NEWS SPLASH

Ron de Chastel recently flew across Branble Bay to commemorate Blanct's crossing the English Channel, Made the front page of the Sunday Mail - the principal newspaper in Queensland.

BLERIOT FLIES AGAIN!

News of interesting events filter down to Modellers' Monthly slowly sometimes, and we applicate for the lateness of this report. However, Anniversary events seem to be oppular worldwide.

We've seen articles describing an English Channel crossing with a model helicopter and R/C Spitfire, how we have Ron de Chartel's achievement in Queensland.

On 26 July 1975, to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of Louis Blerrot's crossing of the English Channel in a Bleriot XI, Ron de Chastel duplicated the feet in miniature in a re-enactment.

Fion's scale Bleriot XI is 54" span, HP40 powered, Kraft KP7 Radio and 3 channels in the aircraft, and was built from the MRM kit. The model is the same one seen at the 28th Australian Nationals.

The plan was to fly the Blariot across Bramble Bay, part of Moreton Bay, Queenstand. The only modification was to instal a larger fuel tank but in all other respects the model was as it is normally flown

Timed to fly at 19.8 mph, the model should have done the crossing in 22 minutes. At 1 pm on a bright sunny day, the two boats provided by John Stavens were prepered, the Bleriot gasted up, and engine and geer checked.

There was a slight tail wind, and it was found that the boats had to do 30 kts to keep up I The flight was uneventful, and flying at about 150 feet above the boats, the Bleriot crossed in 11 minutes.

When landing on the sendy beach, the Bleriot's wheels caught in the sand and tipped the model on its nose! (Nothing like true-to-scale landings! Blariot did that too!

Much favourable publicity for aeromodelling was gained by the flight, and the Brisbene newspapers took up the flight. Congratulations, Ron, on a memorable

incidentally, we'd like to know who ! "

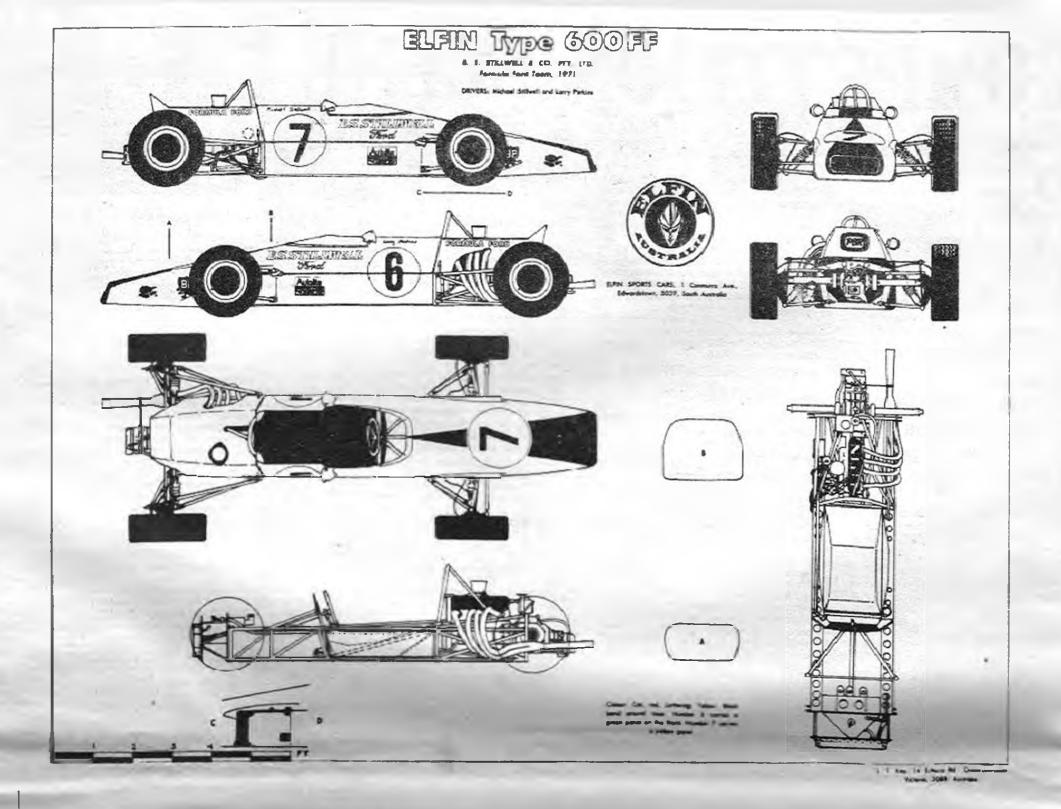
ANSWERS TO READERS

For Ian Sutherland, Ipswich, Ailerons could be fitted to the model and you would not have to decrease the wing

Alan Taylor, East Mackey.

Haven't a plen of the Carnel at the moment, but it is one of our proposed projects. If you are a beginner, suggest you avoid it like the plague. Cannot help with the other details, as they have not been decided yet.

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LEARNING TO FLY RADIO CONTROL MODELS?

WHY NOT FLY A GLIDER?

For the newcomer to radio control flying, it must be a little bewildering - which radio outfit, what type of mode I, which engine, and of course, how much?

Ponder awhile on R/C glidars, then look at the advantages:

- 1. No noise therefore no complaints.
- 2. No mess therefore no cleaning up. Cheaper - no engine (\$45), no fuel tank or wheels (\$10), no fuel, better-
- 4. Crash damage usually less than that of a power model.
- 5. Practice a lot more landings

ies, etc.

- and compare them with the disadvantages:
- Usually necessary to purchase a launching outfit.
- 2. Wings are usually slower to build be-

cause they are longer.

Now let's look at the model atself. The first and probably the most common question is 'which type do I build?'

A thermal soarer is better than a slope scarer for the following reasons:

- 1. Thermal soarers usually fly slower
- than slope soarers. 2. Height of about 400 ft is usually attained from a launch, giving the learner a reasonable time to remain
- 3. The pilot can fly with the model either making large gentle turns around himself or fly a zig-zag pattern in front, thus maintaining a
- reasonable amount of orientation. 4. There is no fear of turning the wrong way and flying into the hill, as in slope soaring.
- A well-trimmed thermal soarer is easier to land on a smooth flying field than a slope source on the top of a ridge.
- 6. A well-trimmed thermal soarer will land almost 'hands off', thus minimising landing damage.
- 7. A polyhedral wing is more stable and more efficient in turns than an ordinary Vee dihedral.
- 8. Polyhedral wing (dihedral on outer panels also) thermal soarers will "sort themselves out' if all control surfaces are released to neutral when a learner gets the model into an awkward situation.

The next question then, is 'Which partieular thermal model do I build?' Any thermal model less than 60" wing

soan will probably be a little difficult to

By R. HARRIS, Sec., Phoenix MAC.

large, especially when coming in to fand (thase long wingtips of ten get in the way). There are so many models within this size range available as kits or plans that it is im-possible to nominate any particular model, and all are provan models. For those with some building experience, it will be far cheaper to purchase plans and build from scratch (a great material - that scratch) and for the newcomers, a kit would be more practical, though somewhat dearer. There are several lower-priced Australianmade kits available, e.g., Aeroflyte, Trident).

Controls should be limited to rudder and elevator - two functions are enough for the learner - he can progress to ailerons, spoilers etc., when he has gained more exper-

The choice of radio is up to the individual but any reputable brand that can be repaired in the same State by a reputable. agent would be a good deal.

Becoming a proficient flier only requires practice, then more practice - but do be prepared for those crashes (we all have them) - and don't get despondent - there are plenty of coments available; put it back together again and fly it, and if you crash it, repair it again and flying it until you know it like the paim of your hand.

The next question - 'which launching method do l use'?

There are eight ways of launching thermal soarers.

- Hi-start (bunges a long elastic catapult and line).
- Hand towing frunning launch has disadvantages in colm weather for one has to run)
- Electric winch (excellent but expensive).
- Biby
- Bicycle winch (can be very efficient) Power pod (useful, but gets us back
- to smelly oily fuels).
- Aero towing (not for the beginner) Electric power (the coming styls,
- but now still expensive). Line and pulley launch.

Perhaps the two best methods for the beginner are the hi-start or bicycle winch. If the learner is in a club (which he should be, mainly for advice and assistance in building and flying) then a Club winch is probably available, if not a Hi-start should be pur-

THE IDEAL WAY TO BEGIN, control on line tension either by the amount of stretch in the rubber or by the operator on the bike. The pilot is then free to concentrate solely on flying the plane.

It is obvious that the write of this article prefers gliders to power models and I hope I have induced someone considering R/C flying to take up thermal soaring. But, whichever way you go - glider or power either join a club or seek advice and assistance in the building and flying of your

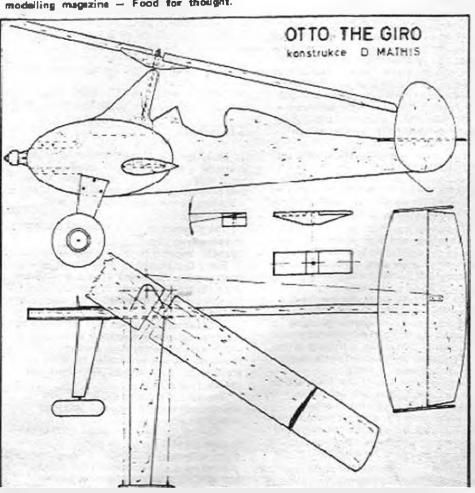
Model building/flying is a great sport/ hobby - you can work inside on bad days and get out in the fresh air on the good days. A COUPLE OF DON'TS

1. Don't try to get maximum height on

- early launches it comes with
- 2. Don't leave your landings till you are only a few feet from the ground — do
- circuits as do full size gliders Don't expect to find a thermal or
- thermals every flight.
- A COUPLE OF DO'S
 - Do keep practicing. Do read as much as you can on soaring - there are several books available and regular articles in some of the modelling magazines.

Good building & good flying. You will always remember your first flight, your first good landing, your first thermal and your first flight over five minutes.

Interesting control-line autogiro design from MODELAIR central European modelling magazine - Food for thought.



CLUB NEWS

(Continued from Page 19)

SAAA NEWS

CONSTELLATION CLUB NOTES

Our recent Aerobatics competition was won by Peter Koch of Moonta flying a Japanese Corsair, Second was Doug Saxby and third, Jim West, All were using Webra Speed motors.

Seems to be a lot of trainer kits around at the moment. Two good ones for about a .29 motor are the SIG "Kadet" and Trueline "Executive Senior", both of which seem to fly quite well. Maurice Regan, our publicity officer, has an "Apprentice" with O.S. .40 which flies very nicely.

Leo O'Reilly gave a very good display of helicopter flying at Woodstock recently. He also had his small Hughes 250 model 10.S. .25) but did not attempt to fly it.

They certainly get a good roll up of modellers at the Parklands for thermal gliders on Sunday mornings. Mal Pring was thera, catching thermals with his small O.D. model, The Graupner models, Cirrus, Hi Fly and Amigo, were very much in evidence. Gordon Burford had his faithful Cumulus, which he claimed still flies well without a rudder. It seems that exotic designs do not always win with thermal contests, as simple lightweight models are often best. Things that do seem to help are:

- 1. Good launches at maximum height.
- 2. Good trimming of the model.
- Ability to find and stay in a thermal.
 Good control for accurate spot landing.

Perhaps we may see the new South Australian combination flying soon; that is an AeroFlyte 'Gemini' powered by a Taipan ,40 schneurle motor. Somethings that are very hard to resist are scale biplanes. A

couple of our members are building the new SIG 'Skybolt' kit and the other model is the Pilot balsa 'Tiger Moth' which should be fly-

ing shortly.

The electric starter seems to be an essential item these days. One problem is plastic spinners which can get a bit chewed up by them. It would be good to see a plastic spinner, with an aluminium front for the

starter cone, on the market.

— Don Howis.

SOUTHERN SOARING LEAGUE NOTES

The good weather of the past few weeks has brought out the flider fliers in droves. A welcome sight has been the eige men new-corners, all flying well. A lot of new gliders are appearing along with the usual stock of Cirrus, Amigos and Tridents. It is noticeable that the Tridents with polyhedral fly better than those with dihedral. The latter have very poor rudder response and will not turn flatly. Of the newer gliders Derek Mills' Alpha looks very nice and should be a good match for the Cirrus. Doug Saxby's Aquila looks very impressive after the few flights that it has had so far and this will be the first of many of these models to be seen this year.

A number of Cirrus are running ailerons at the moment. Whether these are beneficial has yet to be determined as a fair amount of time is needed to find out the right amount of differential required. Also of interest is Roy Calnan's 12 footer powered by a Multiplex electric system. The twin motors really pull it up and long flights become much more a reality when you can switch the motors back on and go up again.

Murray Scott and Leo O'Reilly are still using their old floaters but rumour has it that some new models will appear for the Nats. The award for the ugliest model of the year must go to the Cumulus with polyhedral. It looks rotten but it turns much flatter than the original version.

A word of thanks to lan White for his efforts in building an ingenious new winch based on a closed loop and a trailing line. Apart from a few teething troubles it works well and should do sterling service this summer, and save lots of running.

a numming, - Mike O'Reilly

BATTERY HINTS

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Because the ESV for airborne packs is a 250 mah load, its needle should not drop to the 4.4 volt mark in less than 2 hours. As previously discussed, you can expect the transmitter to run at least 4 hours. If either is less than these times, repeat the cycle twice and if either battery is still unable to send your system to the service centre for a check-up.

It is safe to operate the transmitter when it only runs 2 hours. This meens the battery is approximately 50% capacity. Here at the factory we guarantee transmitter batteries for 2% hours minimum.

for 2½ hours minimum.

Well that's about it for batteries. If you have any questions, please write to us, C/-

WOODVILLE MODELLERS CLUB NEWS

Woodville M C official meeting will be held every fourth Friday instead of once a month. Official meeting nights for the remainder of this year will be 3 October, 31 October and 28 November. Meetings are due to start at 7.30 pm, and do not forget the Club Room is open every Friday night so let's see a few more of you along on meeting nights and off nights. Attendances have been poor lately and any helpful suggestions to improve attendances would be appreciated at the next meeting night.

Attendances at St Clairs over the last few fina Sundays have been good, showing that there is plenty of activity going on among the club members. There seems to be a bit of a ravival in large stunt models at the moment, and there has also been a lot of flying done with the ever popular 2.5cc Ratrace models, and with the occasional Goodyear and FAI Team Race model.

- Ken House, Sec.

YORKE PENINSULA AEROMODELLERS FIELD OPENING

Yorke Peninsula Aeromodellers extended an open invitation to SAAA members to the opening of their new flying field at the South Hummocks recreation ground on 14th September last.

There were events for everybody, as they catered for R.C. Gliders, Aerobatics, Pylon, Limbo, Spin Scale and C.L. flying.

ELIZABETH MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Don't forget our Annual Model Fly-In, coming up November 9th, The programme

will be similar to that of previous years with free flight, control line and radio events all held together at 'Minchinfield' Wasleys.

FORTHCOMING NEW ZEALAND NATS. NEWS

27th DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY.

R/C and F/F events are flown at Taonui Airfield just outside Feilding. C/L events are held at the Racecourse in Palmerston North. Camp site and single men's quarters will be at the Racecourse. Since this venue was last used the adjacent motor-racing circuit (Manfield) has come into regular use. It will be STRICT-LY out of bounds. The Committee of P.N.A. have asked us to make this perfectly clear, so at the risk of giving offence, KEEP OUT!

A Camp Commandant will be appointed to maintain cleanliness of all buildings and facilities put at our disposal and to ensure that we behave in such a manner that we are likely to have these premises offered to us again. His task is a thankless one and can be accomplished only with your complete co-operation. We can help to lighten his burden by doing exactly as he tells us. Remember, he will be relaying the wishes and instructions of the Palmerston North Jockey Club and we need that support.

Access to and from the Racecourse will be via the Taonui Road gates, as far as we are concerned this is the only way in or out. With one exception, we are making no effort to attract the public to our competitions. Anyone sufficiently interested to stop and look will be made most welcome by EVERY-ONE, but no effort will be made to attract

ontookers. This procedure is being adopted as we feel that Clubs and individual members make sufficient effort to attract new-corners to our ranks in the other fifty-one weeks of the year. This one is ours. The one exception will be the Pylon Racing Day. Pylon is almost certainly the biggest crowd-puller nowadays and in order to attract some revenue for the host club this event will be publicised and admission fees will be charged spectators.

Weather in the pest has generally been kind to us at Fellding. There was one notable exception but we won't dwell on that. Let's just hope we "strike it lucky this time.

In the past, free-flighters have had to contend with a particularly irrascible farmer at the down-wind and of the airtield. We are delighted to report that he has sold out to a human being. The new owner of the property is much more amenable to our recovery problems and no trouble is envisaged, providing we treat his fences, getes and stock with the respect to which he is entitled. By Christmas there may well be specific instructions regarding recovery routes and procedures. If so, these will be made known to you and will be rigidly enforced.

Snuffer-tubes on free flight models will be mandatory. Newcomers to the noble art of F/F will be able to obtain information on the installation and operation of s/t's from fellow club mambers.

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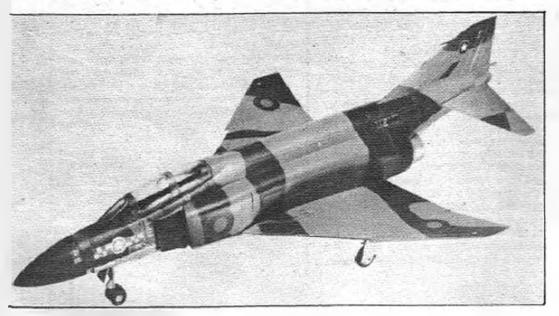
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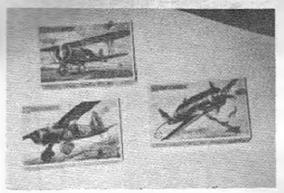
FROG NEW RELEASES

McDONELL PHANTOM F-4K or F-4M Orange Series F.262

Full colour painting guide, 63 detailed parts, display stand, pictorial assembly instructions, guns and rockets. Two alternative markings transfers are provided for either Phantom FGR2, No. 31 Sqn. Bruggen, RAF, Germany, 1973 and Phantom F 8 1, No 829 Sqn. Fleat Air Arm, RNAS Yeovilton 1969.

Designed and built in America, F-4Ks were ordered for the Royal Navy in 1964 and titted with arrester gear for landings on aircraft carriers. They operate from HMS Ark Royal as interceptor fighters. F-4Ms were ordered for the RAF as ground attack and reconnaissance planes. Maximum speed 1386 mph. Armament comprised of four Sparrow and four Sinewinder in sailes and an assortment of bombs and rockets.

F-4s were flown by the RAAF as an inter in measure before hthe F-111s were



LESNEY MATCHBOX Some recent releases from Lesney include the Boeing P-12, Westland Lysander and FW 190. We will review many of the new releases in later TRADE NEWS.

HOBBYSHOPS

Modellers seeking the best in new relesses, and good stocks of the old will no doubt be pleased to see that there are a number of suitable model shops around Sydney, Those recommended are: Fantastic Toy and Model Shop, 34 Angel Arcade, Ash St., Wynyard 2000 and at Liverpool, at 18 Westfield Shoppingtown. Fantastic usually has all new releases, and frequently carries 'specials' on older kits. Many a bargain can be found there.

Hobbyco can be found at 365 George Street, and is the oldest hobby shop in Sydney, (Remember when it was K-Dee Hobbies in the War years? Well then, you are as old as (1) Frank Murrell, Arthur Mullineaux and his able team can help with most modelling requirements.

Alas, Levinsons and Walther and Stephenson have long gone!

In the Eastern Suburbs, Bondi Model Centre handles most plastic lines. They are in the Royal Arcade, Bondi Junction, Peter Hiscoe also has a large range of radio, kits, engines etc.

In the South, there is Hobbylec, established in new premises at 695 Forest Road, Bexley South. Eric is ever-ready for a word

of advice, practical help, or just a word of local gossip.

In the South East, we have Aero Hobby Supplies, 362 Rocky Point Road, Ramsgate. Allan Kirton will look after your requirements in R/C, fibreglass, kits and other

In the West, at Parramatta, we have Bergs Hobbies, Cnr George and Church Sts. They carry good allround stocks of everything, and are particularly strong on rallway.

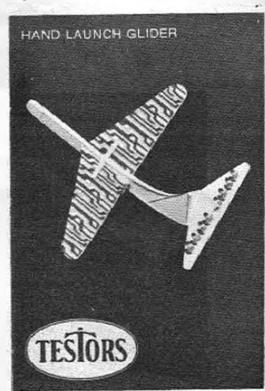
At Riverwood, we find Silvertone Hobbies at Unit 6, 2 Schofield Street. Bob Young is of course, the manufacturer of the Silvertone range of radio equipment and has started a school for the R/C beginner to teach the actual handling.

In the North, Superscale Books and Models have opened at 356A Pacific Hwy, Lindfield (upstairs). Superscale has many books on aviation, marine, railway, uniforms and modelling available, plus general hobby supplies and plastics. Open in the afternoons only at first, the hours of business at 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, No Saturday.

Local and Northern modellers will be able to got their supplies there. Stocks include balsa, accessories, McCoy engines, Svenson

kits, dope, fuel and paints.
In the deep South, a new hobbyshop is open in Campballtown. This is the Argyle Nawsagency and Model Shop, Shop 4, 3 Hoddle Avenue, Campbelltown, NSW. Supplying the free-flight areas of Wallongong to Liverpool, Argyla will have R/C supplies, balsa, accessories, kits and fuel, engines and R/C equipment.

In the future, we'll try to give pocket descriptions of interstate model shops write and tell us all about your shop. We'll pass it on in TRADE NEWS!



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EK-LOGICTROL STORY (Continued from Page 23)

The Logictrol III radio was introduced through ads in March 1968, RCM and at the early trade shows. This was a natural evolution for EK, but caused a revolution otherwise. The new Log III was a mini system which weighed less than 15 ounces, It had a smaller battery pack, smaller receiver, smaller servos, and significantly advanced circuitry. This new circuitry could be visibly appreciated in the "three wire" servos and "two wire' battery which permitted operation with one cell dead. It also included a truly double tuned RF front end. Along with this new system came the unimount, which ended the modellers' installation headache. All this and the two stick five-channel version was now SUS395.00. Public acceptance was so overwhelming that more manufacturing capacity became absolutely essential, and in June, 1968, RC de Mexico, S.A., was incorporated at Matamoros, Mexico. This step again expanded the overall facilities by more than 100%, and the business continued to grow.

The EK Logictrol Pro Series was introduced at the 1960 Toledo show and was an overwhelming success. It featured the first 'closed' stick with open stick performance. In addition to the protection now afforded the internal components, the modeller could adjust the 'feel' to suit his own individual taste. The quality and reliability contained in these systems was to great that the warranty period was extended to six months! At this time the 2 stick 5 channel radio was still only \$395.00

Advertising through the year featured a list of Factory Sales and Service Centres to minimise modellers' downtime, the US Scale R/C team of Joe Bridi, Maxey Hester, and Claude McCullough who all flew EK Logictrol radios, and best of all - a 5th Anniversary sale wherein the 2 stick, 5-channel version price dropped down to \$U\$369.95.

The 1970 flying season opened and along came the EK Logictrol Champion with its exclusive 'AMP-PAK' and servos. The 2 stick, 4 servo version was now an unheard of \$299.95(US) and EK was 'where the Best begins." Advertising again featured contest wins and highly successful EK Logictrol flyers such as Dan Carey, Maxey Hester end Edd Alexander.

In February 1971, EK Logictrol again startled the R/C world with its introduction of the World's Smallest Servo',

In the following months the Little Red Brick, more commonly known as LRB's, appeared on the scene. Kim and Van Johnson joined Maxey Hester in success

The list of service centres continued to grow in an effort to further reduce cost and down times to the individual set owners.

'Logictrol does it better' was the 1972 theme and our integrated circuit (made by Texas Instruments) was incorporated in all systems as the year progressed. This innovation drestically reduced the 'parts count' and reliability rose significantly. In addition, the IC and its method of employment permitted full power output with extremely low current drain. Quality was continually emphasised and service centres expanded as Reliability became the watchword.

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THE EK-LOGICTROL STORY

The 'E' of EK is Robert Elliatt, the president of our company. Bob was born and raised in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He graduated from Rensselaer Polyrechnic Institute at Troy, New York, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He served in the US Army during WW II and sew combat in the European Theatre of Operations. He was employed by General Electric for sixteen years and while there he worked in mechanicai dasign, electronic circuit design and Quality Control. Throughout this period of his life, Bob was an active modeller, attending many AMA Nationals and was the 1958 New England R/C Champion. While in Los Angeles for the Nationals, he secured a job at Autonetics and in the ensuing four years he developed considerable semi-conductor expertise. It was during this time frame that he perfected the amplifier which was used in the transmite servo. Following a short period of employment at the Bonner Company, he spent a year with Douglas Aircraft at Huntington Beach, California, where he

worked at predicting electronic failures for an engineering reliability program. During the several years previous to this time, Bob had devoted much of his valuable modelling time to a continuing development of much needed R/C circuits and servos.

These efforts were shown at Toledo, presented at DCRC symposiums and shared with the newborn industry. He finally got it all together while at Douglas and thus became the R/C modellers' envy with his fully presented and distributional section.

operational digital proportional radio.

The 'K' of EK is Gerry Krause, who is the Vice President of our company. Gerry was born and raised in Hudson, South Dakota. After high school graduation, Gerry enrolled at the University of South Dakota and began studies which would eventually lead to a degree in engineering. From there hawent to the Northrop Institute of Technology in Los Angeles and gained a certificate of Aeronautical Engineering. Uncle Sam called and Gerry answered, wherein the Army sent him to Huntsville, Alabama and engaged his service on telemetry equipment in the Honest John and Little John missile

Boulder, Colorado, and concluded his acadamic career with a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Florida was the next stop where Pratt and Whitney Aircraft employed him at basic design teyout of fueland hydraulic systems on jet engines. Following that assignment, Gerry worked in Abilene, Texas, as a system engineer in the construction of Atlas missile silos. He then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the employment of the Douglas Aircraft Company. While on loan to the Huntington Beach facility of the Douglas Company, Gerry was introduced to Bob by another R/C modeller. Bob says it took Gerry a week to talk him out of a prototype and the record shows Garry flew it in the AMA Nationals and was the 1964 Mid-America R/C Champion with

Logictrol 7 was the name selected for the first radios produced by the company which was formed in October 1964, and which has come to be known as EK Products, Inc. The first plant was a garage in Anaheim, California. The laboratory was a bedroom and office was the kitchen table. Four prototypes were flown in 1964, and the first deliveries of production units occurred in January 1965.

The May 1965 issue of R/C Modeler Magazine contained a picture which was made at the Toledo show of Bob, Gerry and the young company's product line. This line consisted of a single radio which was available in four separate versions. The June 1965

(US). The July RCM ad listed the new plant address in Westminster, California. This plant has 1200 square feet of floor space and five people were now employed. By December 1965, there were over 350 radios known as the Logictrol I in their owners' hands. These radios featured all silicon transistors, 1 or 2 stick configuration, polyurethane coating for vibration protection, transformeriess servos, tuned AF stage, tailsafe and overload protection, five or seven channels, and fast factory service.

These radios had won over two dozen trophies in major contests around the US through this short second.

through this short season! The March 1966 RCM ad introduced the Logictrol II which was first shown at the Los Angeles Model Airplane Trade Show (MATS) This new radio used SCS transistors in the decoder which allowed single deck receiver construction one half the size of previous models. Also featured were smaller transmitters with higher power output and lower overall parts count. This innovation set a trend through the industry, and the 2 stick 5 channel version was to be only \$US425.00! Major contest wins more than doubled in 1966, and 7 trophies were won at the NATS with Logictrol radios. These successes and increased business dictated a need for more space and in the spring of 1967, EK Logictrol moved to Euless, Texas, and occupied a new plant with 5,000 sq ft of floor

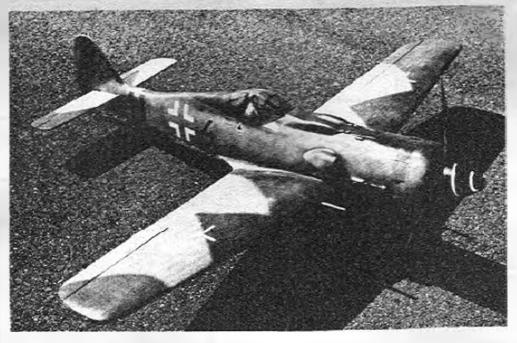
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We are delighted to be able to maintain our new size of 24 pages for MODELLERS' MONTHLY and trust that our readers will forgive the increase to 50c. We do not expect to increase this amount again for some time, but the way our economy is these days, it is inevitable that there will be another increase within a year. Look at it this way --24 pages, $17" \times 11"$ is the equivalent of a 48 page magazine - for

Our printers are highly efficient, and we are pleased to toss them a bouquet. They produce a Modellers' Monthly within five days of our delivering the finished artwork to them. We seem to have overcome the organisational problems with contributors and advertisers that have plagued us in the past, and now are reverting to truly monthly publication. We apologise for the combined issues recently but we had no alternative.

We still need your Club News, Secretaries and P. R. men, so keep 'em coming - let us know of your club's future events and report on competitions etc. You may have noticed plenty of MAAQ news in MM, well, that's because Arthur Gorrie is 'on the ball' he PUBLICISES his Association. Mr. AEROMODELLING, Queensland, deserves much praise for his energetic promotion of

our hobby. We are still lacking news from WEST-ERN AUSTRALIA. Where are you, fellers? Seceded already? Surely not. We'd like to include your news.

The Boating Clubs there are pushing their activities, why not the Aeromodelling Clubs? We will publish all you send, providit is up to date.

We would like to mention the forthcoming 29th Australian National Model Aircraft Championships to be held at Loxton, South Australia from 28 December

The South Australians are preparing for a bumper attendance. Make sure you are going this year too. (See details on page

We wish to announce the birth of a NEW publication on the Australian scene. For aviation enthusiasts, plastic modellers, historians, modellers generally, we are about to publish AUSTRALIAN AVIATION RE-PORTER — a 24 page newspaper on the same lines as Modellers' Monthly. The high caused us to make this move. We'll provide Australian and World news, plus camouflage and markings info, civil aviation, military aviation history and current news. New plastics releases will be covered.

We solicit readers' contributions - full size aircraft photos, photos of scale models, plastics etc. Plans, camouflage details, historical photos. Incidently, if readers have valuable historical pictures to send in, PLEASE register them and we will make copy prints and return the originals. If the negative holder is known, write a note with the photos. If not known, please say so - we'll try to trace the copyright holder.

AUSTRALIAN AVIATION REPORTER will pay \$15,00 per 1000 words. Photographs will be paid for at a price to be agreed between parties.

Much has been made of the friendliness and camaraderie in the aeromodelling movement, and in the main, this is true, Sometimes, however, human nature at its worst raises its ugly head - recent activity in the Trade includes ill-founded rumours concerning affiliations between dealers, and there has been backbiting about discount prices. All this is a storm in a teacup for there has been little damage done, it regular trader. We have seen people offended over nothing, and actions taken (punitatively) that border on the illegal, in breach of the new Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

We, at Modellers' Monthly, disassociate ourselves with any reports of this, and state plainly that we will publish whatever we are given in advertising unless it breaches any of the Acts governing fair trading.

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Readers wanting a direct reply to their enquiries are asked to send a stamped selfaddressed envelope.

Otherwise, brief replies will be made in

these journals.

Contributions should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope in case of rejection or to return original copy after publication.

The Publishers.

THE ILLAWARRA MODEL

On Sunday 8 February 1976 the South Coast area of NSW will be treated to their first ever Model Air Show. We intend that this show will be a big success.

The organising committee of the Illawarra Model Aero Club would like to ask all available, experienced flyers, with show-worthy models, to take part.

This is not a fun fly, but a show organised solely to portray our hobby to the money paying public. Profits will go to charity.

What we need in the way of models is anything different. The stars of the show will not be trainers lumbering around the sky alone nor Pattern models performing individual gyrations which seem meaningless to the average native. They will be big scale models, 'Fat Porters', 'Doghouses, or simply parachute drops. We are fortunate in having a keen pyrotechnic expert in the club, so there will be no shortage of audio and visual effects to go with some of the planned events. A static display of aeroplanes and boats is also planned.

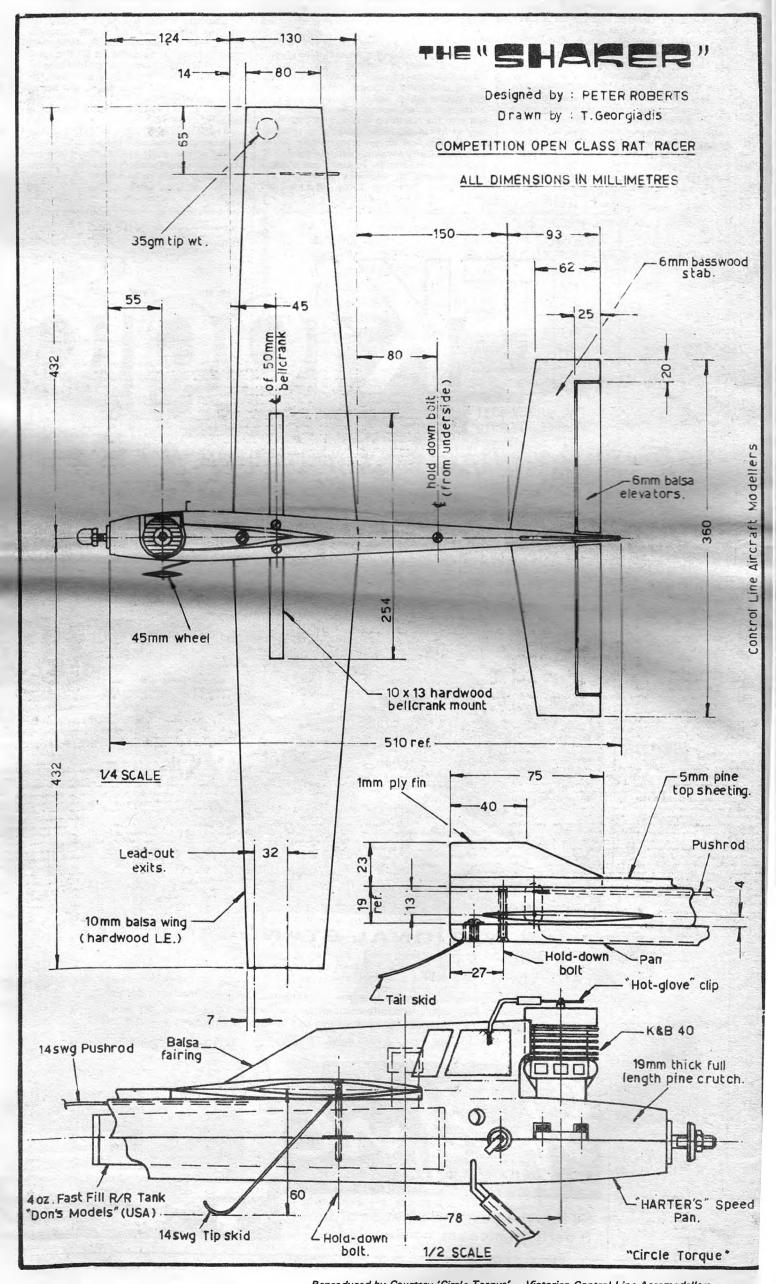
There is a lot more to Wollongong than the Port Kembla Steelworks. Our flying

field is situated centrally in very pleasant surroundings and overnight accommodation is near at hand. Below is the number to contact for more details, and in order for the programme to be drawn up, we need commitments from interested parties now.

Our committee's promotion efforts will pack the field with spectators, but only you the modeller, can provide the entertainment.

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ELFIN TYPE 600

Just prior to Easter 1968 a new Elfin open-wheeler -racing car made its appearance at Calder Raceway. On its first outing with designer constructor Garrie Cooper at the wheel the Type 600 was placed second in its Formula 2 race.

At a time when everybody was looking toward monocoque construction and following in the footsteps of Lotus chief Colin Chapman, the Type 600 was unusual in returning to a space frame. Cooper had already been along the monocoque road with the successful Type 100, and he had decided that the disadvantages of the mono construction far outweighed the advantages of this type of car when put in the Australian environment. Upkeep and general repairs were much more expensive on the monocoque and tied down the limited work force available in construction. This was at a time when the only sponsors of motor sport in this country were the petrol and tyre companies and advertising space on the body of a racing car was unheard of.

In the same prototype car Garrie Cooper became the first resident Australian driver to win an international grand prix outside Australia or New Zcaland when he won the Singapore Grand Prix. The time was a race record and the Type 600 was firmly launched. The car was sold in Singapore.

John Walker won the Lucas Davison Formula Two series in a Type 600B. The 600A designation was used for the Formula 3 version of the car.

The 600C appeared in 1969. Spurred on by the previous year's win Garrie was prepared to have another crack at the Singapore Grand Prix and try to pick up the Japanese GP on the same trip. This led to the first Australian National Formula car built in Australia with an Australian engine, Into the Type 600 space frame Cooper dropped a Repco 2.5 litre 830 series engine. Unfortunately, the car left Australia without turning a wheel and the previous year's success story was not repeated. The car was sold in Hong Kong and returned to Elfin's for a complete overhaul. The potential of the vehicle was displayed in the Gold Star race at Mallala when Cooper in the borrowed car won the race from Leo Geoghegan in a Repco powered Lotus 39. This same car was bought by Malcolm Ramsay, and so returned to

the Australian Formula 1 fields.

In 1970 the 600B acquired a new body shape and detailed improvements. The Ramsay car was updated and John McCormack first appeared on the ANF1 scene in a 600C to the new specifications and fitted originally with his 2.5 Climax engine and later a series 740 Repco V8.

At the factory in Adelaide the ultimate development of the 600 series was taking shape. This was the car that the reputable NSW magazine Racing Car News described as the best built and finished Formula 1 car in the world. Certainly among the cars assembled for the 1970-71 Tasman series the Elfin 600D had nothing to fear on this score. Based on the well-proven 600 spaceframe the car differed from its predecessors in having the Repco 830 engine fitted as a stressed member of the spaceframe rather than being mounted in an engine bay in the chassis as previously.

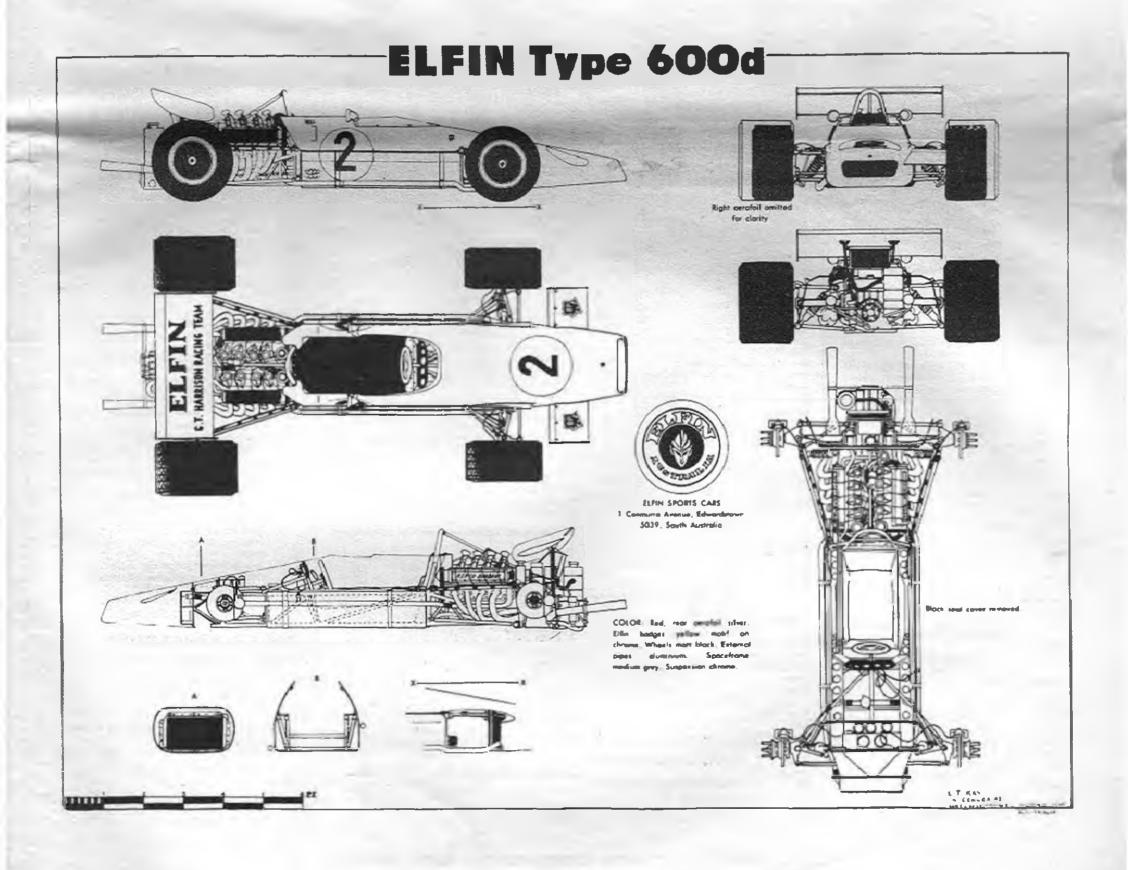
It was a magnificent car, but the Australian Formula was up for a change and development time ran out. In that last Gold Star season of the 2.5 litre formula the 600D was placed second

and managed a third. It was in first position when forced to retire at Mallala and third at Lakeside.

The Formula 2 Type 600 was developed to the E series and in the hands of drivers of the calibre of Henk Woelders, Maurie Quincey and John Walker were always in the front of the Formula.

Formula Ford made its appearance in 1970 and the Type 600FF made its appearance. The first Formula Ford was sold to Bob Stillwell for Richard Knight to drive and Elfin was first in the series. When Richard Knight went to Europe the Stillwell team expanded to a two car effort with Larry Perkins and Michael Stillwell at the helm. This is the team represented in the drawing.

The Elfin 600 series opened up an export market for Australian cars in the East and also paved the way for later exports of later series Elfins to the United States. The 600 also supplied the basis for the later Elfin 300C sports car and the successful Types 350 and 360 Australian Sports Car Championship winning for three years running.



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NOTE: 1. All C.L. events will be held at the Loxton Oval.

2. All F.F. events will be held at

the F.F. field (map to follow). 3. All radio events (other than R.C. Thermail will be held on the Loxton North Oval. R.C. Thermal will be flown on the

PROGRAMME Sunday, 28 Dec.

10 am-4pm Processing at the control centre - Loxton Oval. Briefing for all contestants -

Control Centre. Sub-committee meetings.

F.F. field

Monday, 29 Dec. Control Line

9am-10em Practice 10am Open Combat. 10am FAI Team Race

Free Flight 6am A2 Sailplane Radio Sam.

Multi Aerobatics (2 rounds) Expert & Novice.

Evening 8 pm **Rules Conference Loxton** Hotel/Motel.

Tuesday, 38 Dec. Control Line 9am-10am Practice 10am

2.5cc Rat Race (Junior & Senior) Stunt, Round 1.

10am Free Plight 6em

A1 Sailplane Junior Open Sailplane

Radio 8am Multi Aerobatics 12 roundel Expert & Novice.

Evening

Nationals Conference, Loxton Hotel/Motel.

Wednesday, 31 Dec. Control Line **Practice** 9 am-10am 10am Goodyear Free Flight

FAI Power 6am 2pm Radio

Indoor at the Control Centre Quarter Midget

8em Evening

Control Centre Peanut Scale Indoor H. L.G. New Year's Eve 'do'

Thursday, 1st Jan-Cantral Line 9am-10am

Practice FAI Combat Junior FAI Combat Static Scale Judging Scale Flying

2pm Free Flight 6am Radio

10am

Static Scale Judging and FAI and Class 2 Scale Flying (2 rounds)

Open Power (5 rounds)

Evening Night Scramble. Friday, 2nd Jan.

Control Line 9am-10am Practice 10am Stunt, Round 2. Combined Speed FAI Speed.

6am Wakefield (7 rounds) Radio 8am 2 pm

Free Flight

FAI Pylon R/C Thermal Glider(2 rounds) Evening 8em

Auction in Control Centre.

Saturday, 3rd Jan.

Control Line Final 2 rounds stunt. 9am Open Rat Race. 10am

Free Flight Hand Isunched glider 7am-9am Scramble

Radio Sam. Evening 7pm

RIC Thermal-glider (2 rounds)

Presentation Dinner -Berri Hotel/Motel. **ACCOMMODATION:**

Hotels and motels are filling fast. The two motels in Laxton, at which we had block booked, are now fully booked by aeromodellers. The S/C air-conditioned rooms in the hotel section of the Laxton Hotel/ motel are also fully booked, but we can still of fer standard rooms (single and twin, without air-conditioning) in the Hotel. We still have motel accommodation at Berri. which is close to the Radio practice field and very convenient for the Presentation Dinner. The Kingsway Roadhouse at Loxton offers motel type accommodation, which must be booked DIRECT, as we are NOT handling these bookings.

There are No on-site or over-night caravans available at Loxton, but other Riverland towns offer this facility. Bookings for these must be made direct to the caravan parks concerned — this also applies to holiday flats and cabins in the Riverland area (S.A. Govit Tourist Bureau booklet on The River Murray lists details, addresses, and costs etc., and is available from their offices in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.)

Caravan Parks in Loxton will not accept definite bookings, but will accept list of names, saying they will fit people in some-

We have booked the complete oval complex (Community Grounds) which includes 21 sites for caravans or tents with power. with additional space for sites without power. Male and female shower and toilet facilities are available for campers at oval. Cost of these sites is \$12 (incl. booking fee) for total period of Nats, or \$2 per night.

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Please send deposit of \$10 per room/unit. camp site, plus \$2 booking fee with your booking, or S5 per person for pavilion accommodation. Please make cheques etc. payable to '29th Nationals Committee'. Phone booking to be confirmed by payment of deposit as soon as possible.

If required we will accept names to pass on to caravan parks in Loxton, without fee, because of the situation which prevents SAAA from being able to accept responsibility for making sure these sites are avail-

Please book your accommodation early, as wa'd like to see you in Loxton for the Nats.

- 29th NATIONALS COMMITTEE.

RESULTS FREE FLIGHT 1975 CHAMPIONSHIPS: 27.7.75

Beaudesert field - weather fine, attendances

OPEN POWER C of C Score V. Stewarts, NMAA 401 J. Stewart Jnr., 8MAC J. Lewis, BMAC 200 (1) V. Richard Smith, Mt Isa 28 CHUCK GLIDER SCRAMBLE J. Stewart Jnr, BMAC 295 L. Thomes Jnr. BMAC 294 (2) J. Lewis, BMAC 224 K. Andrews, SMAC 97 V. Stewarts, NMAA 56 Van Smith, Mt Ise 50 A. Thomas, BMAC

C of C Results: J. Stewart Jrn V. Stewarts L. Thomas Jr.

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FOR JUNIOR CONTROL LINE FLIERS

By R. Harris, Sec., Phoenix MAC.

This article is aimed primarily at the junior

control-line model flier and builder. Some recent observations or juniors on the field have been that their models have

- Rudder held in place with band aids
- Wheels held on with PVA glue or a rubber band (I)
- Engine litted with INthrust.
- Engine held with one bolt and nut or two bolts with no nuts, or engine held with self-tapping screws (over size).
- 5. Tied loops an control lines, no binding or soldering.
- Undoped and unpainted models being flown (fuel soaks into bal sa unless it it is painted with enamels.)
- Wet glue on a model about to be released (give it time to dry!)
- The front half (leading edge forward) fall off on take-off!
- A 25zcc engine in a model designed for a 5cc, engine.
- Frayed or kinked control lines. These points induced me to list the following suggestions:

DON'T FLY NEAR **POWER LINES**

BUILDING -00-

- 1. Read all the instructions carefully then read again.
- Build according to the instructions.
- Check all the parts are in the kit.
- Build carefully and accurately. Take your time - never rush.
- Use the correct cement in the right place lapoxy coment for areas of great stress).
- Use plenty of cement better too much much than too little
- Fit everything carefully and accurately - especially undercarriage, bearers, fuel tank, wheels, engine, be-crank
- 9. Take care with the covering of the wrings - that's what keeps the models
- TO. Take core wish she doping and finish-
- Select a model that is within your building capabilities. 12. Seek advice and assistance from ex-
- perienced modellers don't be afraid to ask.

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FLYING -DO-

- 1. Carry out a check list before you leave home.
- 2. Check your engine will start and run before you leave.
- 3. Have your engine running well and tuned correctly before it is released to fly.
- Carry out a check list before the model is released...
- Develop good safety habits.
- Use control lines only in good order no kinks, broken strands etc.
- 7. Practice the various stunts and try to improve on each flight. Keep flying, crashing, repairing, flying
- again the same model. 9. Repair it correctly and repair it well, 10. Seek advice, assistance - learn from other model less' mistakes and
- ience. 11. Join a club or group and share the enjoyment and satisfaction of this wonderful sport/hobby.
 - Good building and good flying.

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