



TORQUE BACK

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President's Message

It is with regret that today, 29th March I have to inform the membership and friends of the passing of Ken Ward, our Secretary, who lost his battle with cancer.

Ken was a stickler for detail, a fine builder and repairer of models and a great administrator of the club's affairs.

He enjoyed the company and challenges of flying but did not get to fly his favourite model, a Lancaster bomber.

He will sadly be missed by all.



A happy Ken at last year's AGM

Barry Gerrard and HMAAC Committee

President's Corner

Well, another month of settled weather has passed on and has made for excellent flying conditions for everybody, especially those in training. Peter Ralph has had a busy month culminating in well deserved 'Silver Wings' for his student Jon Hall. His partner Catherine is taking up drone flying so Jon will not be alone. We have had some new members join recently but I do not have the details to hand.



I have recently had a conversation with Tracy Sparks (Property Officer) of Clarence Council re the status of our lease. I am informed that the lease extension for a further ten years was passed unanimously at a recent council meeting. However, due to an objection being made the lease is in a 'hold situation' until the objection has been dealt with at an appeal, the result of which should be to hand in a couple of weeks.

As most are aware there will be some changes to the committee this year at the AGM. I shall be stepping down as President after five years along with Damian (Vice President), Ken Ward, (Secretary) who has already resigned due to serious ill health and Garth Wilmot calling it time. Seven years ago the committee and subsequent committees had a vision to improve both the visual presentation of Kelly Field and modernise the administration and record keeping practices. Thanks to those members these goals have been achieved and should bode well for the club's future. Charlie Connor has taken on the role of Secretary and Phil Hubbard is standing in as a committee member until the AGM. The club will be looking for three new faces so between now and the AGM in June put your nomination forward if you feel you can contribute to the clubs ongoing future.

The TMAA will hold their AGM in May and HMAAC will follow holding our AGM in around mid June, date to be advised.

Happy and safe Covid free flying,

Barry

Editor's Notes

It was such a shock to hear of dear Ken's passing this morning.

Ken was such a constant help and support to me in my role as Editor of **Torque Back**. I deeply appreciated his ever cheerful friendship and encouragement and find it hard to grasp that he is no longer with us. My condolences go to Sue at this difficult time.



On club matters - our lovely Tasmanian Autumn weather has brought about a lot of activity at the club so we have a bumper pictorial issue this month, thanks once again to Peter Ralph.

Sue

Photos from Kelly Field over the last month

Taken by Peter Ralph



Note from Peter March 4th

Finally, after about 8 weeks of on and off trying have found camera settings to suit “new” \$50 lens.

Makes a nice change from big heavy lens which are tiring to use. Both lenses are Sigma and good quality but completely different camera settings needed.....

Obviously not the range of the big 500mm lens but get the model in reasonable range and good images possible.

Damian Blackwell's Super Chipmunk is a 3D Labprints design, printed in PLA+ and LW-PLA, 1600mm wingspan, 6S lipo powered and Callie graphics.





Damian`s 3D printed Fouga CM.170 Magister, a jet trainer from the 1950s.

Fouga Magister is a PlanePrint design 1380mm wingspan, printed in Silver and Orange Silk PLA+, 6S powered.

If test flight is completed successfully, work will begin on manufacturing what is sure to be an eye catching colour scheme.



Damian`s helicopter is an Align Trex 550X, 1275mm rotor diameter, 6S powered with a Micro Beast flybarless control system.



Jon Hall has been awarded Silver Wings.

A pleased Jon and a proud Kath.

The model he used was his E-Flite Maule M-7, pictured below.





Damian's Green and Black machine is an Extreme Flight Gamebird GB1, 1500mm wing span, 6S powered. Full size machine designed and build by Game Composites of the U.S.A.





Red Waco now belongs to Glenn Pearce and had a successful maiden flight.

After further refinement and tuning, it should turn out to be a very pleasant and realistic scale model, with real “presence” plus the advantage of a promising long life.

‘The plane is a Waco SRE originally purchased by Garth Wilmot but was extensively damaged in a crash. Ken Ward took it on as a repair project and did a fantastic job to restore it to near new condition. Ken generously passed it on to me to see it fly. Damien test flew it for me and following his and Peter Ralph’s advice I have now flown it successfully. It flies well, and has a real scale presence in flight.’ Glenn



Phil Murrell’s Stik model with an interesting colour scheme.

Makes a nice change from the usual single colour Ugly Stiks.



Test flight of Chris Morgan`s EFlite 25e purchased from Chris V.

Peter set it up with an on loan Spektrum R/X and control throws to suit Chris Morgan. Damian did the test flight and said model is very well mannered.



A few days later Chris had a fly via buddy box.

Quite a step up from the club trainer.

Phil Hubbard made a welcome return after a few months of 'retirement', bringing his ever reliable four stroke model out of 'retirement' with him. Both flew well.

