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PRESIDENTS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

Hi Members, I hope you are enjoying our lovely spring weather, beautiful one day and blowing a gale next day.

I'm sure you all saw my email about members contacting the council, so I won't go there again but something else has popped up. Last year one of our models crashed onto the golf course and I thought it was past history, but a couple of weeks ago I was contacted by their O, H & S person who wanted to know if we had a written procedure of what to do if this happens again because they want a procedure for their staff. So, we have now drawn up a procedure.

The moral of this story is.....we don't want and can't afford to have any fly away models. If your model is out of sight or out of control KILL the motor so it will go down.

Remember the Park is now open to the public, enjoy your flying and keep away from the walkers.

Cheers. Shane.

INCIDENT REPORTING AT THE GOLF COURSE

There is a new procedure for reporting incidents at the golf course as outlined by this flyer created by our committee. There will be copies available in the club house for all members to review. This also includes the Driving range, which is significantly closer to us than the course itself.

This only pertains to, if a model crashes at the golf course, so this shouldn't have an impact on our flight operations at the field. Just remember to fly line of sight, fly within our boundaries, and most importantly, SET YOUR FAILSAFE!

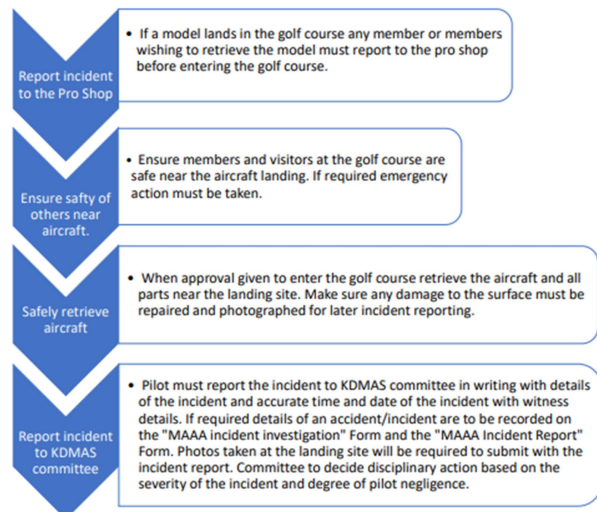
KDMAS Incident Handling Process - Golf Course Intrusion.

Purpose of this document is to establish an incident handling procedure in the event of a force landing in the golf range.

KDMAS Pilots's Responsibilities:

- Model aircraft are to remain clear of the golf course and to remain west of the tree line between the flying field and the golf course.
- Model aircraft must have "fail safe" activated to ensure the model will descend immediately if radio control signal is interrupted.

Aircraft Retrieval process – Golf Course Landing





THESE KIDS AND THEIR EDFs

On the 29th of September, GMAC hosted their annual EDF event, and I'm pleased to say, Keilor members showed their support for neighbouring clubs by bring a full fleet of aircraft, from nitro trainers, to giant scale EDFs, you name it, they were flying it. Apart from local GMAC flyers Keilor members made up a bulk of the days participants. Whenever you glanced at the flight line, there was guaranteed to be a Keilorian putting on a show for crowd.

It was an amazing day of flying with everyone getting in multiple flights, and Keilor members hanging around until dusk for some beautiful flights in the twilight. Some were braver than others with Matt, Haimi, and Hayden taking planes up for maiden flights in front of a packed pit area, all of which brought them home to much fanfare. Richard and Haimi were representing the IC crew, with Richards' Stearman and Corsair being a favourite amongst many pilots.

We would like to thank GMAC for having us, and for putting on this event. Members from GMAC hold us Keilorians in high regard, and we were honoured to be flying the flag for Keilor.



From L-R: Haimi, Chris, Hayden, Michael, Richard, Andrew and Matt, all smiles after their day of flying at GMAC.



MORE PHOTOS FROM GMAC



COPYCATS:

Michael and Hayden and their identical hangers showing everyone that flying is better with friends.

OKAY SON:

“Who said you’re too small to take off on grass.”

Hayden’s Habu 50mm and Chris’s Habu 70mm put on a show for GMAC



IT’S QUIET, TOO QUIET:

Haimi saw a few people nodding off in the pits, and decided to wake them up with some nitro music



CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF:

Richards Stearman gets ready to take to the skies



ITS NOT THE SIZE IT'S HOW YOU USE IT:

Andrews Lippisch proving that size isn't always important



BOYS AND THEIR TOYS:

Our own EDF guru Matt, with GMACs EDF guru Vas, showing off their toys for the camera.



THE GOLDEN HOUR:

Michaels Piper Cherokee giving its passengers a beautiful twilight flight.



ON THE COVER – YF-22 Raptor & YF-23 Grey Ghost



KINGS OF THE SKIES: An artist render of the YF-22 (Background), and YF-23 (Foreground) in flight

In March of 1981, the United States Air Force was looking across the Atlantic with a worried gaze, the cold war was in full swing, and their adversaries had just unveiled not one, but two of the most advanced fighters in the history of aviation, the MiG-29 and SU-27 “Flanker”. Both were considered superior to the aging F-15, and F-16, and the brand new F-18’s, were classed as inferior to their Russian counterparts. The USAF decided that they needed an advanced fighter of their own, and so the ‘Advanced Tactical Fighter’ program was born.

The two major players in the fight were the teams of; Lockheed, Boeing, and General Dynamics, with their YF-22 prototype, pit against the juggernauts of Northrop, and McDonnell Douglas, both of which had achieved great success individually throughout the 4th gen fighter race, their prototypes, the YF-23 Black widow II and Grey Ghost, were faster, had a better turn rate above Mach 1, had a full suite of never before seen avionics, and a radar cross section no



A TRUE LEGEND: Andrew's F-22, a truly awe inspiring scale flyer

bigger than a dinner plate. However, during their demonstrator flights, Northrop went first, they decided to play it safe and not show off the YF-23's Supermaneuverability aspects at slow speeds, seeing this, Lockheed instructed YF-22 test pilot, David L Ferguson, to not hold back, and he didn't. Wowing the Air Force chiefs, the decision was made, the YF-22, had become Americas Advanced Tactical Fighter.

Nowadays the Lockheed Martin F-22 is widely considered the best fighter aircraft to exist, whereas the YF-23's have found their home in Museums in Ohio and

California, the greatest plane, to never exist, sitting there as a reminder, that you don't succeed by playing it safe.

However, you can still see these two birds of prey dominating the skies above KDMAS, with our resident EDF specialist Andrew and his Freewing F-22 Raptor, and Chris's LX models YF-23 Black Widow II.



I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CHOSE THE RAPTOR: Just like the full scale version of the YF-23, Chris's Black Widow barely had a chance to prove its metal. A poor set up, pilot error and lack of experience led to the YF-23 having a very abrupt meeting with the ground. But she'll be back better than ever.

WANT YOUR AIRCRAFT ON THE COVER? – FIND CHRIS AT THE FIELD AND ASK TO ORGANISE A PHOTOSHOOT FOR YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!



WAIT, WHERE AM I GOING? – CRAIG SAVES THE DAY AND TAKES HOME SILVER!



THE BEST OF THE BEST: Craig's Extra NG Slick 580, on the flight line ready to put on a show!

On the weekend of the 8th of September the NSW iMac State championship was held at the Aeromodellers NSW state field in Cootamundra, with competitors coming from far and wide to participate in the weekend's proceedings. One of which was our very own iMac Champion Craig Brister who made the 6 hour long trek from Melbourne to Cootamundra, trailer in tow, and ready to give it his all, and he did not disappoint. Flying in the Sportsman class Craig came home in 2nd place, missing out on the top spot by 0.1% on the final scores!

Rank	Pilot	Final Score
1	John Manwaring (Yak 54)	7,437.8 60.8%
2	Craig Brister (Extra ng Slick 580)	7,345.1 60.7%
3	Adam Pogue ()	5,804.9 48.5%

IT DOESN'T GET ANY CLOSER THAN THIS:

After all was said and done, Craig was only 0.1% down on first place, and a whopping 12% ahead of 3rd!



However, without Craig, this event might not have gone ahead at all. Originally, the NSW state championship was to be held in Yenda, but due to the recent weather, the field was deemed not suitable for the event to take place. There were talks about postponing or cancelling the event all together. Craig put out the suggestion to event organisers to move the venue to another state field, and to his surprise, that is exactly what they did, electing to host the event in Cootamundra. Funnily enough, Craig didn't plan on going to the State Championship in Albury. While talking with him before his expedition north Craig told me. "Well, I guess that means, now I've got to go." And as a man of his word that's what he did. With 2nd nabbed, Craig arrived home, and immediately started preparations for the ASAA IMAC National championship.



IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME: An amazing turnout for the NSW state championships even with the last minute venue change

Craig, and fellow competitor Phil Daynes both competed at the ASAA IMAC Nationals over the weekend of the 27th-29th of October, with Craig and Phil pulling off a master class in the strong winds, with Craig snatching Bronze at the final scores! A full write up on the IMAC National Championship will be in the December KLARION.



“AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?” - EXTENDED FLYING HOURS AT THE FIELD



ONE MORE PACK: Sun to your back, winds at a standstill, evenings are sure to deliver at KDMAS

It's that time of the year again, when we all need to come up with a fresh batch of excuses for why we were late to dinner, of course I'm talking about the arrival of daylight savings and the extension of business hours for the Golf Course.

The main Gate will now be closed at 7:30PM, allowing us a few extra hours to take to the skies in the golden hours of the day. Some weekend flyers have already taken the opportunity to head down to the field after work midweek to get some flights in.

To ensure that no one gets locked in, it is best to try wrap up flying activities by 7PM, to ensure enough time to pack up, close up facilities and lock the gates, as the Golf course will not always check if anyone is still at the field before closing up for the night. We have already had one close call with members leaving, and pulling up to the gate, as they were locking it up.

Happy flying, see you in the twilight.



BOOM GATE INSTALLATION AND ACCESS TO KDMAS

A bit of a serious topic here, as some of you know, there has been a boom gate installed on Farr Parkway just after the driving range. It is our understanding that KDMAS will be provided with a code for the gate, which will be provided to all members. The boom gate **WILL NOT** have an impact on our access to the club, and specifics are still being worked out about how the gate will be operated, and whether it'll be open during business hours.



Unfortunately this does mean that visitors might not have access to the club, but hopefully with the opening of Sydenham Park, the increased foot traffic will lead to more people finding out about the club, and joining up.

ON THAT NOTE! – SAFETY IN SYDENHAM PARK.

With the opening of Sydenham Park, pilots are to be vigilant about members of the public loitering on or around our field. Unlike us, some members of the public are unaware of the dangers associated with our hobby, and may unintentionally put themselves in harm's way by walking across the field. If you do see members of the Public around our field please stick to the CASA guideline of flying more than 30 metres away from anyone at all times if you are in the air, and when safe to do so, politely inform them that, for their safety they shouldn't be wandering off the path.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NEXT WORKING BEE –

Sunday 19/11/23 – 9:30AM START

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING –

Sunday 19/11/23 - POST WORKING BEE

“WINGS” ACHIVEMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Anthony Scerri –

BRONZE WINGS –

29/10/23

PILATUS PC-6 – ELEC

CONGRATULATIONS

ANTHONY!!



“See the best thing
about flying
foamies is...”



‘I sure am glad I
turned my hearing
aids off’





FOR SALE

CLASSIFIEDS

SELLER	ITEM	PRICE!
MATT 0425 731 536	WEATHERING AND PAINTING: Want your warbird looking truly scale and battle worn, or even just a touch up on a bit of hanger rash, Matt is offering his services to all Keilor members.	WEATHERING: \$50-\$75 PER PLANE DEPENDING ON SIZE



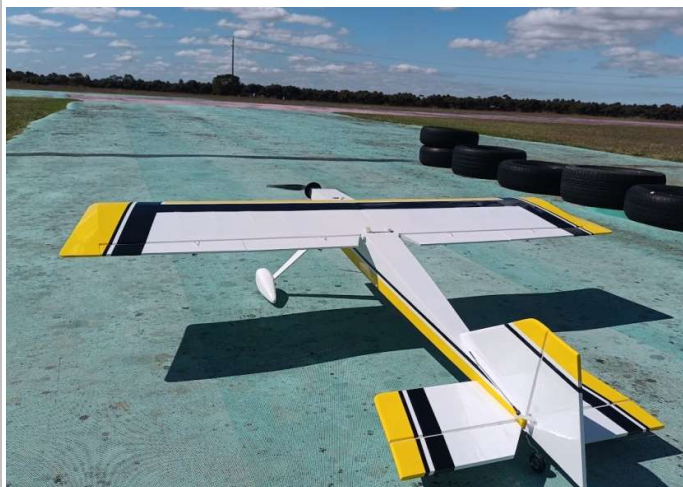
SELLER	ITEM	PRICE!
MATT 0425 731 536	Freewing AL37: Some minor nacelle repairs and full custom iron maiden graphics and cockpit lights.	PNP: \$500 BNF: \$550



IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL, OR A SERVICE TO OFFER (KEEP IT CLEAN GENTS). PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL To - KDMAS@y7mail.com – WITH IMAGES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM



PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD – OCTOBER 2023



GEOFF AND HIS STICK MAKE THE MOST OF A BEAUTIFUL DAY



MATT AND KEN TAKING A LOVELY SUNDAY STROLL... THEY MAY HAVE FOUND A PLANE ON THE WAY



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAMIEN ON THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF HIS HEALTHY BABY BIPE.



ANDYS SUKHOI PERFORMING A LOW SPEED HIGH ALPHA FLY BY.



STEVENS YAK OVER THE CANYON ON A CLOUDY AFTERNOON



YEP SHE'S A BEAUTY, PETER ADMIRING HIS YAK.



WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GET SHOTS LIKE THIS!



WHAT GOES UP, COMES DOWN VIOLENTLY



NICK FLYING THE ONLY WAY HE KNOWS.... INVERTED.



GOTTA GO FAST!



NAME A BETTER SIGHT THAN SEEING AN EXTRA HOVERING OVER THE RUNWAY, I'LL WAIT





FULL STEAM AHEAD ON THE CLUB ROOM RENOVATIONS WITH THE CABINETS, SHELVES AND PANTRY GOING IN THIS MONTH! JOHN HAS BEEN A BUSY MAN



THE FIELD HAS BEEN A BUZZ ALL MONTH WITH THE WEATHER IMPROVEMENTS, LOOKING FORWARD TO THOSE LATE SPRING DAYS