

The Veterans Meeting 3rd May 2014

They say (or someone does) that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive. All I can add to that is "crap". I drove 252 kms to Musswellbrook for the "Veterans" Meeting the Sunday



our Scale Day was postponed and it blew a gale for 2 solid days! I had packed 6 small diesel powered planes and a flying carpet for a weekend of nostalgic fun in a cloud of diesel fumes and didn't even take one out of the car. It was particularly disappointing as the flying carpet has yet to fly - here it is still pristine with an ED Baby .46cc ready to roar.

One or two people tried to fly, mainly they produced wreckage but there was one bright

spot - ex-WRCS member Francis Bennet turned up with a HEAP of goodies that had started life in a Model Shop in Grimsby UK but ended up in Australia. There were engines, kits, props, tanks, old R/C escapements and lots of odds & sods too! It was the perfect way to spend time on a windy day. Here are some of the kits - largely Keil Kraft from the early '70s and this is the crowd fossicking for bargains with Francis in the middle (in blue anorak).



I collected a few treasures like this Mills 1.3 diesel from about 1947 UN-RUN!



And an old AM 15 but then there were the kits

This is a KK Fairey Junior - the very first flying model I built in 1955, 16" span and rubber powered, it cost 3/9 (that's about 40c these days) and didn't actually fly very well but looked good in heavy yellow doped tissue.



A much better flyer was this, the KK Senator - a serious model of a 32" wingspan that I built in 1956 when I had broken my leg playing rugby!



This is mine hanging from the clothes line to make it look like it's flying! Notice the hand finished balsa prop (rough carved in the kit) and the trim tabs in the tailplane - they were my daft idea!

And finally I got this KK Outlaw with a huge 50" wingspan! This will be great with rudder only r/c and a small diesel - maybe the Mills?



So despite the weather it wasn't a waste of a trip! Next year the weather will be good - we hope!