

**NEXT MEETING IS ON  
TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2009**

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Warringah Radio Control  
Society Incorporated  
(Incorporated under the Association Incorporation Act 1984)



# **NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2009**

## **NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR and WEBMASTER APPOINTED**

Following the resignation of Tom Wolf as Newsletter Editor and of Andrew Wolf of Andrew's Computer Essentials & Services (A\*C\*E\*S) as the Webmaster, the February meeting appointed Clive Weatherhead to these positions.

The take-over will be gradual over the next couple of months, we all wish Clive all the best in these positions.

Tom had been appointed as a temporary Newsletter Editor 9 years ago when Mike Minty (who had done a stirring job for many years as editor) resigned to pursue his travel plans, and the temporary position became very permanent over the years. We hope you have enjoyed reading the Mag during the period of Tom's editorship. In its new format, the Mag will be primarily an e-newsletter, distributed to all members via their email address provided to the club, if you have changed any email details since the last time you notified the Registrar, please contact Ron Clark to update your details.

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**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10 March 2009 at Tennis Cove, Eastern Valley Way, starting at 7.30 pm. The next meeting after that will be on 14 April 2009.**

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# COMBAT DAY



**Sunday,  
15 March  
2009**



**Classes: Sport,  
Open, Stock.**



**THIS IS A FUN  
EVENT WITH  
SAFETY  
PARAMOUNT**



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## FROM THE WORKSHOP

Dennis Grech has been working on his Trojan and it is now ready to detail up. Grant Furzer helped Dennis to prime it successfully.



# HOBBIES 4 SALE

Buy, Sell & Trade Hobby Stuff. **Free!**

## NEW HOBBYIST SITE!!

[www.hobbies4sale.com](http://www.hobbies4sale.com)

David Grube is an R/C model boat hobbyist who has always suffered the frustration of not being able to find his hobby items easily on the web, and to help all hobbyist with friends has started a new web based hobbies classified market site which they hope will be of assistance to our members. You may use this site for FREE promotion and advertising of your goods for sale. So if you have hobby items that are excess to your needs and would like to sell them with no sale or listing fees, Hobbies4sale is a new website dedicated to all hobby enthusiasts. (There is the option to pay for featured ads if you want a higher level of exposure.)

Happy selling

## A SAD SIGN OF AGING

The other day, as I was watching TV, my wife who was doing some minor domestic maintenance came to me and said; "Darling, what I need is a really long screw". Without hesitation I went to the toolbox to look for one.



## COLUMN 9.9

(incl. GST)



You may recall the article about Keith Walsmley soloing for the first time in our November 2006 issue, well now he has earned his Bronze Wings at the age of 81+!! Congratulations Keith

Carolyn Sparkes recently had a nasty accident and broke her hip. She would like to thank everyone in the club who have been concerned and asking about her welfare, and sending their best wishes.

The classified part of the Website will soon be dedicated and linked across to the [Hobbies4Sale](http://Hobbies4Sale) site

# THE TALE OF THE ETIHAD A340-600



This is not a fresh story, but it is reported to be true. The brand spanking new Airbus 340-600 sat in its hangar in Toulouse, France without a single hour of airtime. Enter the flight crew of Abu Dhabi Aircraft Technologies (ADAT)

to conduct pre-delivery tests on the ground, such as engine runups, prior to delivery to Etihad Airways in Abu Dhabi.

The ADAT crew taxied the A340-600 to the run-up area.

Then they took all four engines to takeoff power with a virtually empty aircraft and not having read the run-up manuals, they had no clue just how light an empty A340-600 really is.

The takeoff warning horn was blaring away in the cockpit because they had all 4 engines at full power.



The aircraft computers thought they were trying to takeoff but it had not been configured properly (flaps/slats, etc.)

Then one of the ADAT crew decided to pull the circuit breaker on the Ground Proximity Sensor to silence the alarm. This fools the aircraft into thinking it is in the air.



The computers automatically released all the brakes and set the aircraft rocketing forward.

The ADAT crew had no idea that this is a safety feature so that pilots can't land with the brakes on.

Not one member of the seven-man crew was smart enough to throttle back the engines from their max power setting, so the \$200 million brand-new aircraft crashed into a blast barrier, totaling it.

The extent of injuries to the ADAT crew is not known

