

**NEXT MEETING IS ON  
TUESDAY 8th MAY 2007**

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# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007



**Chris Hebbard with jet at Gloucester, lots of open space for safe flight but the field was too rough for landing on wheels**

**MEETINGSMEETINGSMEETINGSMEETINGSMEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th May 2007 at Tennis Cove, Eastern Valley Way, starting at 7.30 pm. The next meeting after that will be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Wednesday, 27th June 2007**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given to all Members that the Annual General Meeting of Warringah Radio Control Society Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 27th June 2007 at Tennis Cove, Eastern Valley Way, starting at 7.30 pm.

### POSITIONS VACANT

At the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 27 June 2007 all positions on the Committee will become vacant, so it is time for each and every Club Member to give serious consideration to joining the Committee in one of the following positions:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Registrar & Treasurer**

**3 Committee Members**

*Nominations must be in writing, forms are available from the Secretary, contact Brian Porman on 9488 9973*

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## THE TOP PHALANGES

In August 2005 Lee Spievack lost his fingertip to a spinning propeller on a gas powered model airplane leaving just a bit of the nail bed. At the recommendation of Alan Spievack (his brother and a former Harvard surgeon whose company promotes healing and tissue regeneration), he used an extract of pig bladder and applied it every two days. In four weeks the digit had its original length and in four months, it looked like a normal one. "It's a little hard, as if calloused, and there's a slight scar on the end", said Spievack. The nail continues to grow at twice the speed of his other nails. "All my fingers in this cold weather have cracked except that one," he said. There are other documented cases of top phalanges regeneration.



Lee Spievack shows off the middle finger of his right hand

## CHALLENGE QUIZ - ANSWERS

Here are the Answers to the Quiz published in the March Mag in which there are 27 common (and not-so-common) names of American and British aircraft from WWII buried in the letters, the aircraft names are vertical, horizontal, diagonal, spelled left to right, right to left or up or down.



ANSON  
BALTIMORE  
BATTLE  
BEAUFORT  
BOSTON  
BUFFALO  
CATALINA  
DAKOTA  
DAUNTLESS

FORTRESS  
FULMAR  
HALIFAX  
HELLCAT  
HUDSON  
INVADER  
LANCASTER  
LYSANDER  
MUSTANG

SKUA  
SPITFIRE  
STIRLING  
SWORDFISH  
TEMPEST  
TYPHOON  
WALRUS  
WELLINGTON  
WILDCAT

## SCALE DAY



### Sunday, 20 May 2007



Classes: Military,  
Civil, both Small  
and Large Scale.  
Scale helis welcome

Special manufacturer category is "Central Powers" and "AXIS". In other words any warplane that flew FOR THE OTHER SIDE IN EITHER WORLD WAR. Bring along your Fokkers, Taubes, Messerschmitt's, Stukas, Dorniers, Focke-Wulfs, Heinkels and less known stuff.

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

**Competition Director - Mark Rickard**

*If prevailing weather conditions make you uncertain as to whether the event is being held or postponed, please check the Website on the morning of the event.*

# GARIGAL CUP - April '07



pics by Brian Porman and Mike Minty  
There were 13 entrants (12 fixed wing and 1 helicopter) in the inaugural "Garigal Cup" held at a beautifully prepared Belrose flying field.

This contest was introduced with the aim of improving flying standards in the Club with a pre-requisite to entry being the holding of Gold Wing status.

The programme for the event is the entire Gold Wing test manoeuvres, all the pilots could choose to bring along and compete

with whatever craft they chose, and in fact there were a variety of models, tricycle undercarriages to taildraggers, from a pattern and bottom /mid wing planes to a warbird and even the heli. The competitors had to complete a total Gold Wing programme in each direction (left to right and then right to left) in 2 rounds.

The judging was done by 4 totally independent guest flyers from the Illawarra Club who



pride themselves at being at this time probably the best aerobatics club in NSW, all the judges compete in open competition and in fact Dave McFarlane is 3 times Australian champion.

The results surprised many people, the scoring was out of maximum 600 points and the



## WORTH A VISIT!

### Australia's Museum of Flight

489A Albatross Road,  
HMAS Albatross, Nowra.

Situated 8 km south west of Nowra and just outside the main gates of the Royal Australian Naval Air Station, HMAS Albatross

Genuine 1930s aircraft include 6 Tiger Moths; Gypsy Moth, the oldest flying plane in Australia; De Havilland 89A Dargon Rapide and Dragon luxury passenger planes; 2



Klemm pilot trainers; Stearman bi-planes and many more.

During the 1930s Aircraft flew over the North and South Poles and Mount Everest. Significant advances in aviation technology resulted in record breaking and racing aircraft and the 30's saw Australia produce more than its share of courageous pilots than would be expected from its small population.

The Museum is open seven days a week all year (except for Christmas, Boxing and New Years Days). Pre-booked guided tours are also available (for groups of twenty or more).

The museum's verandah overlooks the historic airfield at HMAS Albatross which has variously served the RAAF, the USAAC, the British Navy, the RNZAF and the RAN for more than half a century. Fundraiser airshows are also organised by the museum (in conjunction with the RAN) each April and October.

More info: <http://www.museum-of-flight.org.au/site/>



## COLUMN 9.9

(incl. GST)



Our wondering Pom is off again ... may be back in 6 months ... may not ... life is good.

By the way, I've worked out the only advantage of old age ... it takes a long time!



**First Fatal Aircraft Accident**—On Sept. 17, 1908, at 5:14 p.m., the Wright Flyer, with Orville Wright and First Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge of the Army's Signal Corps First Field Artillery, took off from the parade ground at Fort Myer, Va., and circled the field four and a half times. Suddenly, a piece of one of the propeller blades broke off and the airplane plummeted to the ground from an altitude of about 75 feet. Orville survived ... Selfridge didn't.



judges were requested to apply the same criteria as utilised in open competitions. The judges were not otherwise requested to apply any other criteria and remained totally independent.



The youngest Gold Wings holder, Vaughan Oosthuizen (left - who also had the distinction to be the first in the air), set a high standard which couldn't be beaten by those following and he blitzed the field in both rounds with a total of 361 points, and collected the \$150 cheque and the

distinction of being the first name to be engraved onto the Perpetual Cup.

George Atkinson, and his helicopter, even though he could not carry out any part of the spins (which were worth a total of 40 points in each round, ie total 80 points), collected the second place \$100 with 329 points.

Peter Pappas (right), placed third with 319 points, collected the \$50 cheque



The blank cheques to be made out to the Hobby Shop of choice were being presented when Model Aero Products CEO, Peter Coles, a credible 5th, offered to add 50% in value to the cheques if the recipients shopped at MAP.

At the completion of the contest Val Pinczewski loaned his pattern plane to Dave McFarlane, who proceeded to give a breathtaking display of aerobatics which left everyone gobsmacked.

Some of the other competitors are pictured:



David Foster



Mark Rickard



Al Zuger



Harry Hubmann



authorities, such as when he barrel-rolled a Lancaster bomber (the only pilot to have pulled off this feat) and when he flew his Spitfire down Birmingham's Broad Street flying upside down and below the height of the Council House.

His amateur flying was subsidised by a rich father and some prudent investments, and after the war he returned to business.

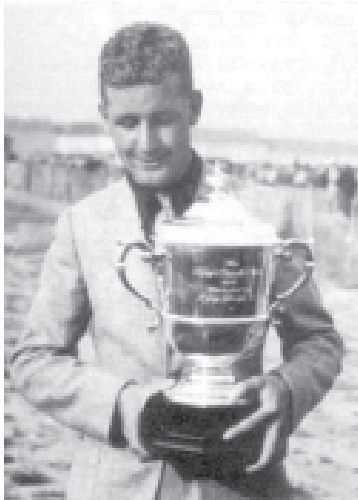
To mark the 70th

anniversary of the first flight of the R.J.Mitchell designed Spitfire, in March 2006, the then 93-year-old Henshaw flew over Southampton in a two-seater Spitfire, taking the controls once airborne.

Alex Henshaw was awarded the MBE for his wartime service., he died at the age of 94 on 24 February 2007.



# ALEXANDER ADOLPHUS DUMFRIES HENSHAW



Maybe if he hadn't been one of the most successful sports aviators before WWII, professional pilot **Alex Henshaw** may not have earned the title of "the last of the great amateurs".

Alex Henshaw was born in Peterborough, UK on 7 November 1912 and by 1939 he had won the Hawker-Siddeley Cup in 1933, the King's Cup in 1938 and had set a solo record for a flight from Gravesend to Cape Town and back in February 1939.

It was then that he saw and fell in love with the Mark1 Spitfire and he came to be involved in the evolution of the Spitfire in November 1939 when he joined Vickers, in June 1940 he moved to the Vickers plant at Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, where 320 Spitfires were produced each month, and he was appointed chief production test pilot for Spitfires and Lancasters.

Henshaw flew over 2360 Spitfires and Seafires himself, he survived a number of potentially fatal engine failures and continued flying the Spitfires until the end of production in 1948.

Alex Henshaw's remarkable personal history is too long to set out in detail (but which can be found easily on a Google search on the InterNet), from time to time Henshaw did scandalise the



Garry Welsh



Peter Coles



Val Pinczewski



Above: Ron Clark  
Below: Simon Press

There were a few minor issues to be ironed out for the future as there are to be two of these contests each year, **the next is in September on a date to be finalised with increased prizes - so get practicing!!**

Practitice/coaching days are to be announced.

A great day and congratulations to all entrants, and to the many members who attended to help out, thanks to the guest judges and to BP and GF for running the BBQ, and a special thanks to Chris Hebbard and Kerry Smith who took over as CD's on short notice from Tom Wolf.



# THE MARCH CAPTION

Last month's caption brought some responses from Members which are all very good (but not necessarily politically correct) ... SO WHAT!!

Anyway, here they are:

1. Foreign Aid has arrived!
2. Bloody hitchhikers, GET OFF THE ROAD!
3. Ladies and Gentlemen, keep your seatbelts fastened, we are about to experience some bumps!

If you have any alternative captions to the photos we publish, don't hesitate to share your humour with all the Members (the Editor reserves censorship rights!)



# A GREAT FIND!?!?

While at Mareeba Airport (see last month's report), Mike Minty saw a very pretty Auster Arrow out on the runway.

Mike thought it must be a copy of a Piper Cub (or vice versa?) and he took a few pictures in case he ever builds another Cub and decides to make it something different. Here is one of the pics:



# HELIS AT BELROSE

Pictorial report by Andrew Moss

On Sunday, 11 March a group of heli boys attended the field along with visitors. The photo below is of the hovering Raptor 50 Titan of



Hung Huynh in a low inverted while Bob Flint, Lawrence Chiu and Benjamin Burrell (visitor) of SSME Club look on (pictured left)

# LOST AND FOUND

A husband and wife are in bed together. She feels his hand rubbing against her shoulder. "Oh honey, that feels good.", she says.

His hand moves to her breast. "Gee, honey, that feels wonderful.", she says.

His hand moves to her leg. "Oh, honey, don't stop." she begs.

But he stops..... "Why did you stop?" she cries ???

"I found the remote..."