

GOLD COAST MODEL FLYING CLUB

NEWSLETTER June 2019

CLUB SECURITY

The club's new security system is finally up and running. There has been a few teething issues which have now been resolved. We now have low cost 24 hour video and alarm monitoring. Members may hear the alarm from time to time, this is normal as the alarm system is very sensitive and can be triggered by normal activities. The monitoring service people are able to distinguish between motion alarms and tampering alarms and the system should reset quite quickly. The cost of setting up the Alarm System and Monitoring has been greatly reduced by the help and input of some club members. A big thank you must go to Habib Talajouy, Richard Stevens and Wayne Homan

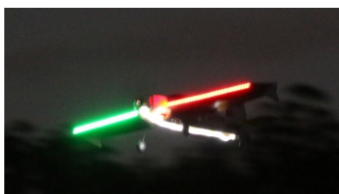
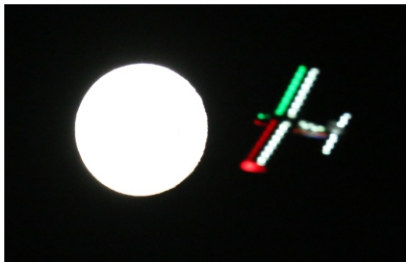
NEW LEASE

The new lease with SEQ Water is now in place. It is a 5 year lease which expires in April 2024. This is a big improvement over 1 and 3 year leases we've had in the past. Although the vegetation management plan has now expired, we have an ongoing commitment to keep looking after the plantation for a bit longer until we have the required number of trees thriving. We will be planting 50 more seedlings later in the year to make up the numbers. We have a great relationship working with SEQ Water and it is very important that it stays that way. As a club we have to seek approval for any changes or additions to the field. We can't cut down any trees without specific approval and have to maintain all the assets and the grounds in good order.

INAUGURAL TWILIGHT FUN FLY

By Peter Rieksts

For some time there has been a bit of a movement for a night fun fly at the GCMFC. By agreement with the owners of our flying field, Seqwater, we were only permitted to fly in daylight hours. However, at a meeting with Seqwater at our field, when this subject was brought up, they were quite amenable for the GCMFC to do limited night flying. Subsequently the club has sorted out the ground rules for our night fun flies. Pretty much these centred around safety and noise, which we adhered to in our normal operations. Rod chose the Thursday before Good Friday for our first go. At first it wasn't quite obvious why, as it got dark it was. The full moon rose, and made for a fantastic sight and added to the enjoyment of the evening. Seqwater sent their ranger, Mitch Thomas, who is tasked with looking after our flying field and its surrounds, to observe. Mitch quickly determined that we were operating to the agreed ground rules. Plus that we were there to enjoy another facet of flying in our great sport. As a result, Mitch was very happy with what was going on.



For a first night fly, the six people who had a go was pretty good. Interestingly there were more members watching the proceedings. They no doubt wanted to see what was involved with setting up a night flying model, plus how the flying went.

The majority of fliers had never had a go at night flying, so there was some apprehension. But as the sun set and got darker, the flyers found their "night vision" so to speak. All coped well with the night.

Initially it was very dark and black when the sun set. But the night flying models were such that their orientation was not an issue. One person did comment that possibly depth perception could be an issue. However there were no incidents or crashes as such. Probably as we're used to the surrounds as pilots, being in the dark, or wasn't flying in the dark!

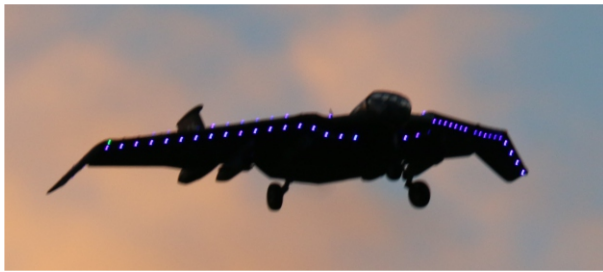
They all seemed to perceive where the main strip was. Rod had turned up with 3 night flyers, so showed the way so to speak. Their first model was a Multiplex Fun Cub. A very easy to fly model, just what to try out night flying with. And it went superbly well. But the other 2 were flying wings, showing Rod's interest in pylon racing. Whilst these would have been expected to be a handful at night, Rod flew them as well, and fast, as if it was full daylight. Great effort from Rod all round.

One very interesting arrival was that of the Star Ship Enterprise. Yes Captain Kirk, Scotty and the crew of the SS Enterprise was there by the invitation of our club member, Tom Cloutier. Tom had found this model on the internet in the form of a drone.

As it had lights looked to be a good candidate for night flying. And it was. To add to the ambience, Tom had the Star Trek theme playing on a mini boom box when he flew the Enterprise. (As an aside, I was so impressed by this, I now have one myself. Look our Klingons!). Tom also had probably the most bright night flyer there. It was a plane called the Fly Beam from HobbyKing.

It was specially designed for night flying, and had lots and lots of various coloured LEDs all throughout the airframe. Tom said he was a bit apprehensive about his first ever night fly, but found that he very quickly got used to flying the Fly Beam at night. *Continued over the page*

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Another notable night flying model was from Rob Walton. His was a German scale like futuristic flying wing. It had rows of LEDs along the leading edge of the wing.

From the comments of all the fliers and the onlookers, the first GCMFC night fly was a resounding success. So much so that a number of people without a night flyer said they would be having a go at our next, or subsequent, night fly's. I know I will, as I've got my night flying model helicopter ready to go.

Finally our thanks need to go to Richard Bampton for organising a simple,

yet oh so delicious sausage sizzle. Nice treat for us all while we did our night flying. Richard also flew, putting up a spirited aerobatic display with his Night Visionair. This model too was quite bright, and is still available to buy. See our good friends at Modelflight.

Now if you hear of UFO sightings out our way, especially on full moon nights, maybe they were real after all.

See you at our next night fly. **(Saturday 15th June from 4.00pm)**

APRIL AIR RACING REPORT

Our Scanner racing on the 28th April was a huge success! We had 4 pilots from other clubs, 2 from Warwick, 2 from Tingalpa and five from our club. The guys from Warwick had come a long way to enjoy the racing and our hospitality. For Greg and Dennis from W.A.M. it was their first taste of pylon racing. They both had a few issues with the tight nature of the course, but they did the best they could and went home pleased that they came all that way. They also invited our pilots to come out to Morgan Park for their first event (in May).

Thanks to **Wayne Homan, David Hughes, Dexter Hutchison** and our new judges **Rick** and **Greg** we had 3 rounds finished by 10.30.

It was time for a break and. Everyone was ready for something to eat so **Bliss Bampton** fired up the barby and we had an early lunch (thanks Bliss) and then back into the racing.

Another 2 rounds and it was time to call it a day, time 11.45.

As usual there was a bit of carnage, and indication of how close the race can get once the red mist come down! The fastest race time on the day was 90 seconds for the 10 laps by **Rod Green**.

First Place on the day went to **Richard Brough** who was consistently fast all day.

Second place and close behind Richard was **Tony Schilling**.

Third place went to **Rob Lown** who flew fast and tight around the pylons to keep **Richard Bampton** out of the winners circle.

Our next Air Racing event will be on the Sunday 30th June.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

The club has been going mad with the sausage sizzles at Bunnings. We've had 2 in four weeks which has been really great for the clubs bank balance but a real drain on our volunteers. We had one scheduled for the Saturday 27th April which was huge, thanks to **Liz** and **Bliss Bampton, Wayne Homan, Barry Barnett, Karen** and **Maiya Stevens, Paul Dumsday, Jeanette** and **Rod Green**, and **Nick Wright**. The turnover was frenetic at times and we were down to just 10 snags more than once.

On Friday 24th May Phil got a call from Bunnings Nerang. They'd had a cancellation and wanted to know if we could manage to do a sizzle the next day.

Phil Wayne and Richard swung into action and with the help of **George Plebanowicz, Bliss** and **Harmony Bampton, Paul Dumsday**, and **Per Andresen**, the club managed to pull off the most lucrative sausage sizzle ever.

Our next scheduled Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on the Sunday the **18th August**. We need to give some of our regular volunteers a rest so if you can help out for a couple of hours or more please let someone on the committee know. These sausage sizzles are helping out in a big way towards paying for the big concreting job coming up later in the year!

NEXT EVENTS

GOLD COAST MODEL FLYING CLUB
1827 Nerang-Murwillumbah Rd Nummabah Valley
www.gcmfc.com.au

Twilight Fun Fly
Saturday June 15th
Starts at 4pm

BBQ from 4.30pm
Flying till 6.30pm
Field Closes 7.00pm

Last Twilight Fun Fly till September

Don't Miss It!!

GOLD COAST MODEL FLYING CLUB
RC Air Racing
1827 Nerang-Murwillumbah Rd Nummabah Valley

Sunday 30th June
5 rounds of racing for all classes

Sponsoring
SCANNER .46
plus
DURAFLY EFX

Race Rules:
Aircraft: Phoenix ARF Scanner
Engine: Any .46 size Glow engine in standard form.
No Modifications allowed. No Tuned Mufflers.
Props: 10mm APC or similar. No glass or carbon types.
Fuel: Glow fuel with 10% nitro will be provided.
Entry Fee: \$30.00

SCANNER .46
Aircraft: Durafly EFX or EFXtra
must use a 3 cell battery! It is recommended that pilots have at least 3 batteries with them on race day. Charging facilities are available on site (bring your own charger)
Entry Fee: \$10.00

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