



Above, David Green was photographing warbirds at the field on a fine morning recently when a confused kangaroo hopped past. Thanks to quick reactions he captured this remarkable shot – not a scene you’re likely to see anywhere else.



F-16 at Wanaka. For more glimpses turn to page 5

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Coming Up

- BMAC General Club Meeting and auction - Saturday 21 April. See page 3 for more.
- Southern Region Electric Glider Competition, Round 2, Cooma, 20 May. See page 4.
- Float Flying, Waragamba Dam 26 and 27 May. See page 3.



Seen At the Field



Above, Peter Ederle's Texan has a 2080 mm wingspan and is a copy by an unknown Chinese manufacturer of the CMPPro Texan ARF, but sells for about half the price. It has a fibre-glass fuselage and wing centre-section, while the remainder of the airframe is conventional balsa and ply. Power comes from a 30cc DLE petrol engine, and, despite its size, the model has a take-off weight of under 7kg.



Photo: David Green.

Above, the E-Flite Pitts S12 'Beast' of associate member Neil Dykes came from a Western Australian seller. It's obviously the same as that of your editor (left), and both arrived at the field in the same week! Both run on 6S lipos.

Report on the Lake George Soaring League round of the Millennium Cup by Geoff Malone

Driving down onto Lake George at 8am on Sunday I was confronted with an inversion layer of cloud/fog that reduced visibility to about 50 metres. However, as I commenced preparation, participants started to arrive. Right on time at 9am the sky cleared to a perfect cloudless day with an Nth wind of 5 kph!

After briefing for the 15 entrants, flying commenced at 9.25. Conditions were reasonable with small pockets of light lift. By 10:30 the wind had increased to a NNW at about 12 kph and some good times started to be achieved.

Wilf Rath had the most notable flight of the day with a 6 minutes 18 seconds, having been taken down wind and losing orientation, but landing safely 1.3 kilometres across the lake from the take-off point. We

used the pickup car odometer as the tape measure for distance from the spot – for 0 points of course!

Flying continued till 12 midday with all flyers completing 6 rounds.

At the lunch break a vote was taken about continuing as the wind had increased to 18 kph. It was decided to call it a day and enjoy the BBQ lunch and espresso coffee provided by the club. Dropping the worst round for the day, trophies prepared by LGSL were presented to Rob Watson (1st), Norman Bloom (2nd) and Dave Wadeson (3rd).

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all who attended and assisted as it turned out to be a great day without any major incidents.



Above, Gary Grannall's Ag Wagon, an ARF by VQ, has a wing span of 1920 mm and is powered by 6S lipos.

Seen At the Field continued



Michael Leys' SIG 4-Star 120 was built by him from a kit and is powered by a Saito 125 4-stroke. Michael must like the way the 4-Star handles as he has two others 60 size.

36th SAM 1788 Old Timer Championships

Report by Grant Manwaring

The 36th SAM 1788 Championships were held at "Bogwood Farm", Canowindra over the Easter holiday weekend. The flyers numbered more than forty and came from Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland, NSW and the ACT, and competed in nine MAAA events and various sport events.

Thanks to the generosity of owners Paul and Kim Farthing many flyers stayed at "Bogwood" in an assortment of caravans and tents. Some set up camp in the shearing shed and adjacent quarters.

Geoff Malone and I flew in the events, while Mike Masters was on hand to oversee the social activities.

The first event was Old Timer Glider held on Thursday



afternoon with fifteen entries. The models are winch-launched to 250 metres with a six minute flight required. The winner was Col Collyer from Victoria, with Basil Healy from NSW second while I managed third place.

Over the next four days two events were flown each day.

Conditions were very hot, windy, dusty and dry. The conditions were quite trying for all flyers; also some haze made it difficult to see models at height.

Geoff Malone flew in two events, 1/2A Texaco and Texaco with mixed results.

I flew in all events, scoring a second in 38 Antique, third in Glider, fourth in 2cc Duration, fifth in Gordon Burford and sixth in Duration.

The overall winner or "Top Gun" award is based on a flyer competing in

all events and achieving the best cumulative score from these events. The Top Gun this year was Kevin Fryer from Victoria, while I was runner up – a pleasing result after five days of competition. And ... none of my models need to be repaired before their next outing!

Not Quite Sure What Old-Timers Are?

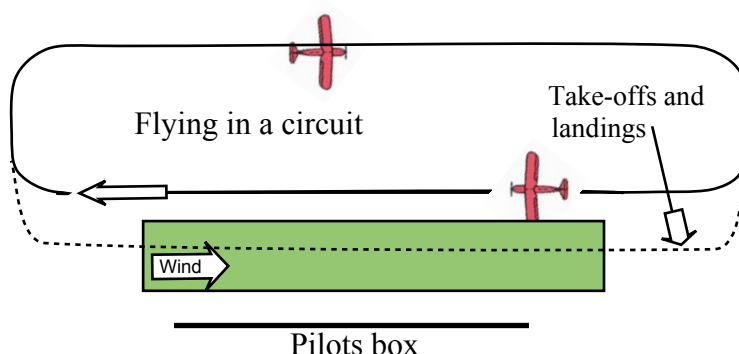
Here's a good start: watch your editor's most-popular YouTube video (7,500 views!) which shows one of the

classes of Old-Timer, one with plenty of action and noise. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EA5lcEAjx8>

Is it you?

Wingtips has heard that at least one member hasn't yet cottoned-on to an aspect of **flight-line safety**. **You don't fly in the opposite direction to other pilots**. See page 8 of the New Members Handbook, as shown below.



Float Flyers! Next Waragamba Fly-In

The event this year will be over the weekend of 26th and 27th of May, at the same place as last year. Flyers can start to arrive on Friday the 25th if they wish.

There will be more information in May Wingtips, or contact Ken Griffiths.

General Meeting at the Field

There will be a general meeting at the field at 9.30 am **Saturday 21 April** so the committee can keep members up to date, and to provide a forum to ask questions. Also there will be a sale of gear from a late member. Click below to see the catalogue

<https://tinyurl.com/BMAC-Siefken>

Featured Model of the Month – Gary Grannall's Piper Cub



Gary Grannall's 2.8 metre span Piper Cub was made from a kit by a modeller in Sydney who sold it to Gary. The engine is a 2-stroke petrol, and although the make is a mystery, its probably around 22cc. As you can see, the modeller made a convincing 3-cylinder dummy radial engine.

Southern Region Electric Glider Competition, Round 1

Report: Grant Manwaring

The first round of this series was flown on 11 March 2018 at the Lake George field. Ten flyers flew in the two classes, up to 2.6 metre wingspan and up to 4.0 metre wingspan.

Weather conditions were good, hot, light winds with thermal activity making an excellent flying day.

In the up to 2.6 metre class, the Radian glider was used by four flyers. The Radian is an excellent performer and took out first and second places. Bob Raadts flying a Radian would have placed much higher but for an out-landing no score. Wayne Harris also flew a Radian.

In the up to 4.0 metre class the models performed well, however all three flyers recorded out-landings during the rounds, resulting in a zero score for that flight. The landing area was generous by any standard.

For this event, the simple rules and two classes allow the smaller less complex models to be competitive in their class. Feedback from flyers was that they are happy with the rules as they stand, so we will review them on completion of the three rounds scheduled for this year.

Results for Up To 2.6 Metre class

1st	Grant Manwaring	30-01	-1 seconds
2nd	Norm Blom	27-52	-2.08 seconds
3rd	John Gallant	27-31	-2.29 seconds
4th	Bob Raadts	26-06	-3.54 seconds
5th	Brad Ryan	23-51	-6.09 seconds
6th	Wayne Harris	23-26	-6.34 seconds
7th	Frank Burns	Retired	

Results for Up To 4.0 Metre class

1st	Terry Lovett	24-20	-5.40 seconds
2nd	Geoff Malone	17-31	-12.29 seconds
3rd	Wilf Rath	14-30	-15.30 seconds

Trophies were presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class by Peter Campbell.

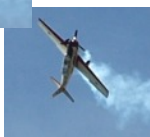
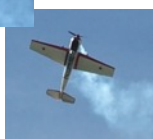
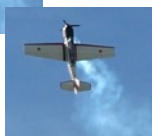
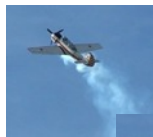
(The next round of this event will be at Cooma on Sunday 20 May 2018. I can provide an event flyer with directions to the Cooma Club flying field if required.)

Glimpses of Wanaka 2018

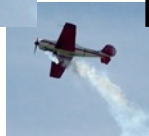
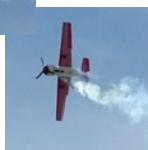
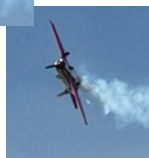
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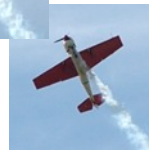
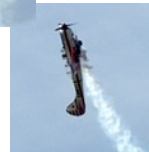
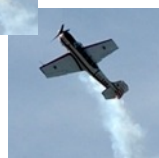
The seven aircraft above are part of the Yak 52 team. To see them in action click on the link at the bottom of the page.



Another amazing performance was Jurgis Kairys in his own-design Juka aircraft. View it in the other video.



The 10-photo sequence at left shows a Yak 52 performing what I take to be a Lomcovák. It is also in the Yak 52 video.



Yak 52 link: <https://youtu.be/JhsE1CJewm4>

Jurgis link: <https://youtu.be/mtMBWA01q88>