

# Wingtips

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## Coming Up

For members with free time during the week, there will be a **working bee** to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance around the club house, particularly to finish off the drains and path at the back. It will be on **Thursday 20th September** from 9:00 am. Come for an hour or for the whole morning. Bring gloves and other protective clothing, shovels, mattocks etc and wheelbarrows.



# Annual General Meeting



The AGM, held last Wednesday, was well-attended, and all the necessary committee positions were filled. New faces are: Treasurer, James Roberts; Safety Officer (weekends), Craig Sheehan, and Assistant Safety Officer (weekdays): David Green. The remaining positions (President, Vice President etc, etc) were filled by the present office-bearers.

Four award-winners were selected for the three awards. Encouragement Awards went to Darren McLean (shown above receiving his award from President Graham Parkins) and Ron Richens. The Heracles Trophy went to Ken Griffiths (above right) for his scratch-built Alenia C-27 Spartan (right), which was Wingtips' Featured Model of the Month in June 2018. Clubman of the Year was Peter Ederle whom, the Committee noted, has been active helping less-experienced members as well as being test pilot – always a nerve-wracking task.



## Reminder about Spinning Propellers

Despite the noise of the engine, it's remarkable how the propeller becomes invisible when it's spinning and how easily fingers stray into it.

And not just model aircraft – accidents in which a

person walks into a spinning propeller or tail rotor of a full size aircraft are surprisingly common. (See CASA's Advisory Circular AC 91-240(0): "Hazards arising out of ground running of engines, propellers and rotors".)

Be aware!



## Seen At the Field



Left and below left: Michael Leys has a 3 cylinder Saito 90 radial, an engine that screams out for a model. His choice is a SIG Cadet Senior, made up of a wing from a crashed model and a new fuselage. And the colour? He's forgotten why, but years ago, he bought several metres of black Solartex ...



Below, Merv Wright's VQ Hornet, equipped with a 12-blade FMS electric ducted fan motor, seen on its maiden flight. Even with current supplied by a 4S lipo, it took the full length of the runway to achieve flying speed, but once aloft, it flew well.



Above, some of the models seen at CMAC's recent scale rally. Others can be seen on pages 4 and 5.





Above, the handsome Beechcraft Model 17 "Staggerwing" is a Top Flite ARF, owned by David Bolstad of WRCS at Belrose. Few full-size biplanes had retracts, and the ones on this model were custom made by Robart. Power is a 30cc DLE.



Above and above right the Gee Bee R2 of Bruce Watson of RAAFMAC is quarter scale. Power is a DLE 35 petrol. It was scratch-built from plans by the



Canadian designer Adrian Page. Pilot Snoopy was made from florist's foam covered with fibreglass cloth. The paint work was done by hand. (The full-size machine was a handful to fly and killed several pilots in the 1930s!)



Right, BMAC member Paul Sanders with his Bristol M1 (above), that was seen in July 2018 Wingtips, flew when the wind dropped a little.

See more photos from the CMAC Rally overleaf.







CMAC Rally continued.  
Left, this ultralight flew remarkably well in the unfavourable conditions. It's an Aerosport, or "Aerolite", 103, which was scratch built by Colin Buckley of WRCS of Belrose. The engine is a 26cc XYZ.



Above right, the Curtiss Jenny is an ARF by Green's Models, owned and flown by Jamie Aquilina of Cootamundra. It is seen landing on page 1. The engine

is a 52cc Turnigy. The full-size aircraft was a trainer used by the US and Canada during and after WWI.

### *Featured Model of the Month*



Gary Grannall's **Stinson Reliant** is surely an example of aviation eye-candy! An ARF by Seagull, it's powered by a DLE 20. It flies very well, needing only some down elevator to be mixed with flap to be perfect. (It's common for high-wing planes to need down-elevator with flap.) Gary bought it from a West Australian seller via Gumtree.

The full-size Reliant was sold to civilian operators, and to the military of various countries during World War 2.

