

GMAA Newsletter



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Photo courtesy Ronnie from runryder.com

BBQ at 12.00

Sat 24 September 2011

From the editor

I think everybody uses the internet at least occasionally to search for information and to solve those difficult problems. After a while we seem to gain the ability to cull out the rubbish and read the good information. However it's always good to hear another person's opinion about what is good and what is entertaining, and Stephen Henderson has sent in a list of podcasts which I have copied below. You will need paste the links into a browser. I have not yet worked out how to include live links in the newsletter.

I have my own favourite heli sites:-

www.runryder.com

A very good American site, which makes searches very easy and is very easy to navigate.

www.helifreak.com

A huge site with a wealth of tutorial information. Look for tutorials by Finless Bob.

www.archeli.com.au

A local site with interesting local information. Because it is smaller than the others, you tend to view a wider selection of information.

www.smacktalkrc.com

A good set of videos for set-up and skills. You have to pay about \$3.50 for a 1 hour video. Paying for video is almost against our religion these days.

Projects are always very interesting to all members. There is so much that happens and few hear the details. If you have a modelling project going, why not email some photos, or let me know and I will take some. My next project is to convert a Raptor 50 to flybarless, based on Jeff Sinnbeck's very simple design. I'm putting the Futaba GYC750 flybarless controller in it. Haven't started yet, but I'm looking forward to it.

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Stephen Henderson's Podcasts.

To view the podcasts, you will need to paste the links into a browser.

If you are looking for some RC inspiration or like hearing about all the latest products and events then the following podcasts and YouTube channels might be of interest. If, on the other hand, you already spend way too much time researching RC on the internet... look away now.

All Things That Fly – allthingsthatfly.com



A weekly show with RC fliers and vendors from across the USA. The show is primarily focused on electrics, with the panel members flying everything from the very small to the very large (110cc equiv.). All products and events are covered, as well as lots of great advice.

The Crash Cast – thecrashcast.com



If you can handle the Southern USA accents then this show has everything. The panel members build and fly glow and electric, foam and balsa, fixed-wing and heli. They also touch on lots of topics related to the hobby, like CNC and electronics.

RC Radio Network – www.rcradionetwork.com



This show is run by the owner of a large hobby store, so features lots of new products (and very strong Southern USA accents!). They also provide tips and coverage of the major RC events in the USA.

RC Model Reviews – www.rcmodelreviews.com and www.youtube.com/user/RCModelReviews



This YouTube channel is run by an expat Aussie in New Zealand. It features non-sponsored product reviews and lots of great tips from a very experienced modeller. He also has another channel (xjet) that contains quite a bit of craziness from his local club and some interesting pulse jets.

Flite Test - www.flitetest.com and www.youtube.com/user/flitetest



Sponsored by Hobby King, this weekly show features great tips and not-so-impartial product reviews. They also complete interesting challenges occasionally, such as the recent “flying cinder-block”.

Ringebu RC - www.youtube.com/user/rcgutt

Crazy Norwegians doing crazy things with RC planes. Strange... but strangely addictive!

Info evening with the cubs.

Felix, Shane and I went out to the 2nd Lara Scout Hall on Tuesday last week to show our models and demonstrate the computer simulators. Felix is an old hand at organising these things and it went very well. With the age group of 8-11 years there was a lot of energy in the group, and luckily there was other flying related activities organised at the same time to keep

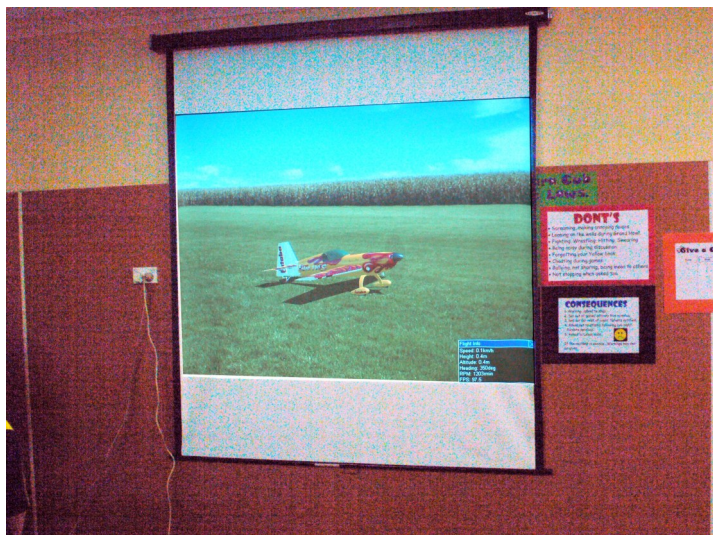
them all occupied. I was a cub and scout about 50 years ago, and I was surprised how similar the whole organisation still is. They even had a picture of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder, on the wall. The leaders and the kids appreciated our input, and they want to organise a Saturday to come to the Dog Rocks and observe the flying.



The cubs found the simulators very entertaining.



In the foreground is Felix's demonstration rig with a transmitter and 4 servos. On the left is Shane's turbine model, and the 2 helicopters on the right.



The simulator on the projector is very impressive.

General meeting Sat 22 Oct 11.00AM

At the Dog Rocks

BBQs are held each month.

The Venue -

Dog Rocks Flying Field

Dog Rocks Road

Fyansford

Next bbq at 12.00 midday

Saturday 24 September

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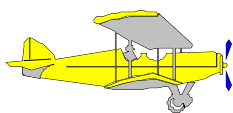
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