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Editorial

There has been a couple of interesting things come out of this AGM election.

- Our Constitution or rather the act it references is out of date by 31 years.
- Page 1 of our Constitution, the statement of purposes, still references the Croydon Aeromodellers Club as being our name.
- We were reminded us of how large the Committee is meant to be.
- Thanks to the pushback from a Junior's Mum, we found Juniors can vote.

Push back is a good thing, it keeps us honest and reminds us not to make assumptions.

Finally, I too would like to thank Tony for his endeavours as President over the past four years. He has done a lot of good work especially quietening our neighbours and their overzealous view of our activities.

Club meetings are cancelled until further notice, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has closed its facilities.

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Welcome all to our September newsletter for 2020



Welcome everyone and what an exciting last couple of weeks.

With the club having the first election what resulted in a tie and then went to a second election. I would like to thank everyone for taking part in the election process, thank you to Fernando, David Gibbs for running the election, David for being the returning Officer and to David Nichols for being the Scrutineer. I would like to thank Tony for everything he's done for YVA over the past few years as President, it would be great to have him

involved in running of the Club Memorial Day and Haydn and Frank Scale Rally.

Now as everyone is waiting on Sunday's announcements from the Victoria Premier to see when the restrictions will be eased so we can visit family, friends and the flying field. When the plan is given for us to get back to flying, if we can only have 10 at the field, we'll be running some type of booking system like before and we'll be notifying everyone in advance with clear instructions on how to book yourself in.

The new committee will be having their first committee meeting this coming week and will start planning for the year ahead.

Hopefully we can catch up soon at the field for a fly

Regards,

Daniel Wheeler

YVA President

A Note From the VP

By the time this note gets published in our newsletter, it will have been about one month since a few of us were officially elected into the YVA committee. I must admit that by accepting the nomination to the VP position I was looking forward to a smooth and easy social interaction with a group of friends focusing on getting as many people to the field as possible. That expectation of "smooth and easy" went out the window very quickly!

It has been a long while since I have been witness to an election for club committee positions where there was actually more than one candidate to a given position. To have two people actually actively pursue a position with the passion and the dedication that we saw is really gratifying. Moreover, the club will benefit from this enthusiasm. Like it or not, the two candidates have put themselves on the line and built up all our expectations in terms of what is to come. This is going to be a great year that will set the standard for club activity.

I honestly did not expect to find myself in the middle of this presidential race. However, the new position meant I had to. Fortunately, we had an opportunity that many others did not: a revote (and I did not say anything about Brexit or Trump!). The outcome was that our members came out in numbers to make sure their opinion was heard. And the result we have is the voice of the club. We have a few challenges in front of us that we need to sort out and the committee will get stuck into these as soon as possible.

I appreciate the fact that you probably had no other option but to elect me, because I was the only candidate for the VP position. Regardless, I really appreciate the opportunity given to me to hold this position and I hope I can be of assistance to all of the members.

Cheers,
Fernando

Dates to note!

- Sadly, we received an email on Sept 3rd from the Shire of Yarra Ranges stating that the Mooroolbark Community Centre will remain closed until at least 31st December 2020.

2020 Holy Cow award.

This year the Holy Cow award has been won by Tom Bloodworth. As you may recall, had a model fly away when he was distracted for a few seconds. His name will be added to the award and presented to him as soon as we come out of lock-up. One thing that may be worth a note. In the old days of single channel when flyaway models were far more prevalent, models used to carry their owners name and address/telephone number (if they had a phone) in a prominent position; might be worth it for Justin...

Back in the building rooms of our far-flung club members.

There's some really good stuff going on out there by our club members, two of whom have agreed to give an insight into their current builds.

Fernando Monge.

I have been an aeromodeller for a very long time. I started flying when I was 10 years old, but as the son of an aeromodeller, I had been around these things well before that. My father's first interest was always scale and then he moved into aerobatics simply because that was the only discipline that held competitions (back in the home country). Therefore, after flying my Carl Goldberg Junior Falcon to death and scratch building my fair share of Ugly Sticks and Super Kaos', the aerobatic scene had absorbed me. But, I have always had a warm spot for scale.

One thing strikes me as very strange here in Australia. Back in the day, I was my dad's ground crew and building team. My dad would show up with a kit and tell me to build it for him. Nowadays, I see the opposite. Where retired dads are building models for their children!

One of those models that I built for my dad back in the day was an F8F Bearcat. It was a 60 sized model and was equipped with a Veco 0.61. The model never flew as the motor it had was not powerful enough. It was semi-destroyed in multiple attempts to get the thing in the air. That was a frustration.



A couple of years ago I came across an ad for a 30cc sized Bearcat that caught my eye. I organised for an OS GT33 and the kit to come from South Australia. Here I had a chance to get back into the scale scene and put together one of my favourite models: the Grumman F8F Bearcat.



It only took me two years and a pandemic to start the project. It is an ARF, which will disappoint many of you hard-core scalers! Nevertheless, it is a beautiful model. David Gibbs helped me with 3D printing a scale model of the Pratt & Whitney motor, which I am now trying to fit inside the cowl.



I am doing everything in my power to get it under 7.0 kg. I found a Biela 4-blade propeller that suits it perfectly. The model has retracts (including the tail wheel), flaps and way too many servos!

Now all I need is a bit of relaxation in the lockdown measures to get this thing in the air!

Greg Lepp - Fokker DVII Iso project.

Being stuck in Isolation for a while I decided to build a 1/4 scale Balsa USA kit I had.

2200mm wing span about 11kg finished

I have a OS40 GF that I will be putting in it.

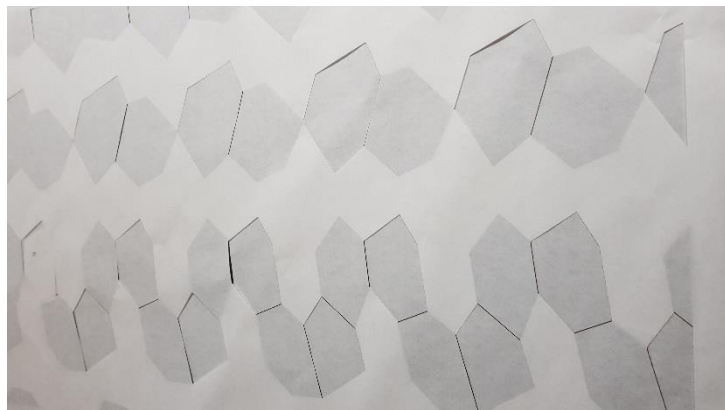
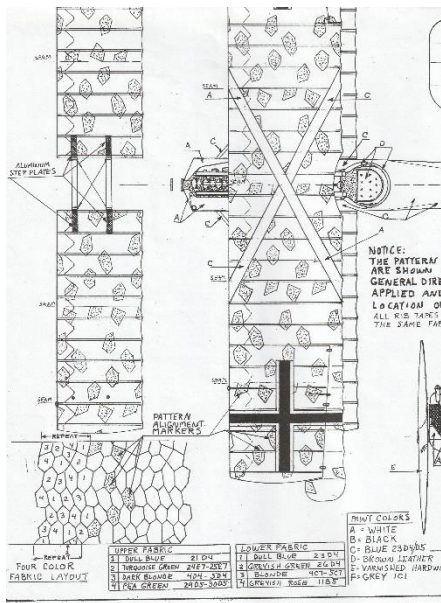


Found some files for a Spandau gun on the web, but they weren't quite right so I did some 3d drawings in fusion 360 and modified them... 3d printed and ready to install

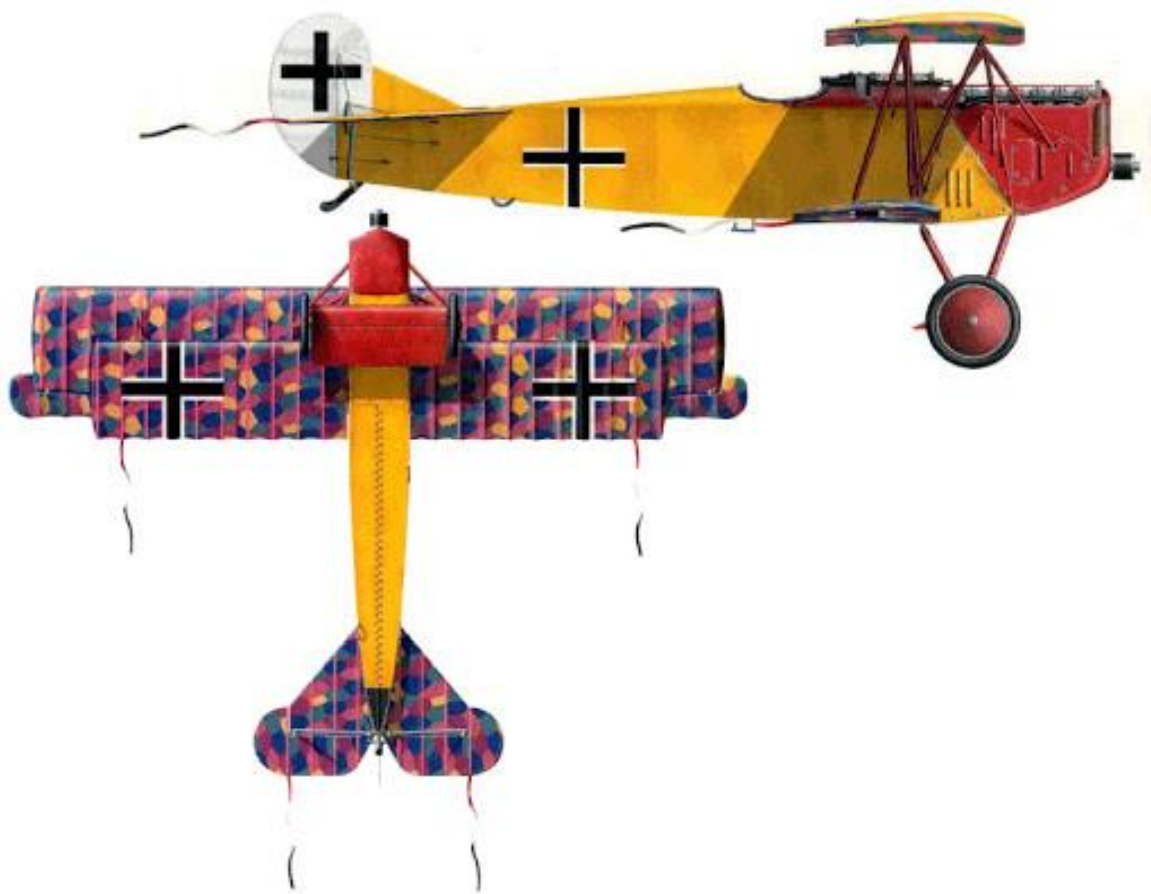


Lozenge

Just about all Fokker D7's have lozenge of some form or another, so I've set to work making 5 colour masks to paint the wings



This is the scheme I'm thinking of doing (But this may change)



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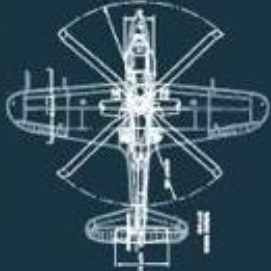

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