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Front Cover: Jerilderie sunrise
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JANUARY

18	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
22	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
24/25/26	TAPANAPPA SLOPE WEEKEND	TAPANAPPA	SSL

FEBRUARY

8	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
10	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
15	RES/OPEN GLIDER	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
19	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
22	ELEC THERMAL / RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

MARCH

1	SCALE AEROTOW	SSL PARK MILANG	SS
6/7/8	F3J INTERNATIONAL	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
10	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
15	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
19	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL

APRIL

5	GLIDER CLASSIC	SANDERSON	ORAM
14	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
16	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
19	SCALE AEROTOW	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
26	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

MAY

3	ELEC THERMAL / RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
12	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
15	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
17	"FLYIN HOBBIES" FUNFLY	STRATHALBYN	SMAC
17	RES GLIDER	BAROSSA VALLEY	BVMAC
24	OPEN/RES	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
31	SCALE AEROTOW	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL

JUNE

6/7/8	LSF JERILDERIE	JERILDERIE	LSF
14	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
16	AGM	TBA	SSL
21	SCALE AEROTOW	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
25	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
28	RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

Indoor is on the 4th Thursday this month

JULY

5	OPEN/RES	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
12	ELEC THERMAL	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
14	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
16	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
19	SCALE AEROTOW	WASLEYS	NSL
26	2M CHALLENGE	STRATHALBYN	SSL

AUGUST

11	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
16	OPEN / RES	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
20	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
21/22/23	SCALE AEROTOW	LAMEROO	SSL
30	ELEC THERMAL / RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

SEPTEMBER

8	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
13	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
17	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL

OCTOBER

3/4	STATE THERMAL CHAMPS	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
13	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
15	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
24/25	MILDURA OPEN THERMAL	WENTWORTH	SUNRAYSLIA
25	ELEC THERMAL / RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

NOVEMBER

1	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
8	SCALE AEROTOW	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
10	CLUB MEETING	BRUNSWICK	SSL
15	OPEN / RES	SSL PARK MILANG	SSL
19	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL
29	2M CHALLENGE	VICTORIA PARK	SSL

DECEMBER

6	ELEC THERMAL / RADIANT	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
8	THEO IKENHARG MEMORIAL FUN FLY	VICTORIA PARK	SSL
17	INDOOR FLYING	ETSA PARK	SSL

Presidents Report - Mark Stone

This year has passed very quickly and a number of tasks I was hoping to have completed have slipped by. Next year's work load is looking more manageable at the moment and I should be able to put more time towards the club if re-elected.

Financially, 2008/2009 has been a solid year for the club. Indoor flying at ETSA Park (thanks Al) has provided a good stream of funds and the return from Stefan Cross, our share farmer, has once again been excellent. Special thanks to John Blanchard for looking after the treasury over the past year, along with chief communications officer role.

Victoria Park is now attracting new members to the club. Robert Gunn has again put a great deal of effort into promoting SSL in the Parklands amongst the regular flyers.

I would also like to thank Robert and BELPERIO & CLARK Solicitors for allowing us to use their offices for meetings and for the AGM.

The 2009 F3J Open International went well with a good turnout. Thanks to those who were involved with the organising including Simon Morris for putting the PA systems together, Terry Clayton, and Barb Stacey for providing cake and beverages. Special thanks to Mike O'Reilly for getting the momentum going for the event and enticing Joe Wurts to the right side of the Tasman.

The club is looking to again run the F3B Open International in 2010. This will require more planing to execute than this year's F3J event. Planning has started, but much is still to be done.

Greg Potter has done well in organising the Open Thermal, RES and 2m events this year including encouraging club members to be involved to events run by other clubs.

The Electric Thermal Glider events in Victoria Park have also had some good attendances over the past year. Thanks go to Mal Pring for organising the events. The Radian flyers have also been flying in this event, proving you don't have to have the latest technology to do well. The Radian Challenge has been popular with many new flyers coming out for the event. Thanks to Greg Potter for organising and to Mike O'Reilly for sponsoring the event.

Scale gliding. The infamous Chris "Why did they put that on a Tram" Carpenter sets the scene for this casual and relaxed group of flyers. Our only scale event this year at Milang was well attended. Come down and have a look and the Lameroo event is well worth attending on 28/29/30 of August.

Mark Stone
President
Southern Soaring League



Jerilderie “Newbie” - Robert Gunn

“A Stepp Upp +” you all said and proceeded to tell me war stories of how you used to have one, or how you started in competitions with one. A further embellishment was “I still have one in a box not even built”. Being a Jerilderie first timer and not having a very good track record for keeping planes in one piece, my rejoinder was “name, address, phone number”. Some of you know me for my role as a helper at the Milang F3B and F3J and I intended to make my debut at the much talked about Jerilderie event in the same role, except limiting my help to my fellow SSL members. It was suggested that I would regret not entering and having a go at competing. So accordingly I was offered a position in team 13 with John Blanchard, Mark Stone and Manny Stouppos and following instructions, I entered as a Novice.

I travelled from Adelaide with Greg Potter and Trevor Schultz who, as it turned out, were to be esteemed company, as they took out first and second in the advanced section. We arrived in Jerilderie on Thursday evening, and were out at the field the next morning as soon as the fog lifted. Immediately on arriving I was heartened by the warm greetings from all that were at the field, the friendly banter between the old mates and welcome to me the new flyer. Up until this weekend I had not had a lot of success with the Stepp so when it was my turn to fly we launched and then I was given some sound coaching to bring me closer to managing the plane. Friday, the practise day, was a good day, weather wise, and so we were able to string together a lot of launches.

I must admit to major nerves on Saturday morning but I survived my first flight with at least some time on record and continued on through the day improving on my flying and

getting better results. By the end of the competition I had flown 8 rounds and achieved invaluable experience, a score, plus an opportunity at least to post some of my results for LSF Level 1.

In one of the heats I flew, I created much hilarity and probably for those that know me, amazement, as I had managed to fly behind the race track finish post without hitting it!

The evenings were equally as interesting as whoever we ate with or drank with had advice to give, tales to tell and experiences to share. I was enviously listening as they compared ideas on repairing or building from scratch, the heady discussions on aerodynamics, carbon fibre and the evolution of the moulded planes being flown now.

I recommend the flying experience, the interesting gathering of flyers with their various interests and peccadilloes and the people of Jerilderie that welcomed us. They were summed up by the assistant Mayor who said they have watched us come there for 32 years and still do not understand what we do. I would also like to echo the winners’ sentiments by saying thanks to my team mates for the line retrievals, timing, thermal spotting and all the tasks that add to making the contest enjoyable.

My last word is to Greg Roper who has that unbuilt Stepp Upp in a box, “I don’t need it”.



Jerilderie 2009 - Greg Potter

For those who did not get to Jerilderie this year it was a typical comp with long delays due to fog, low cloud and rain.

We managed to complete 7 full rounds on which the final scores were based.

The place getters were

1. Carl Strautins (Icon)
2. Joe Wurts (Explorer)
3. Mike O'Reilly (Pike Perfect ET)

Also in the top 20 were

- Darrel Blow (5th)
Jamie Nancarrow (=9th)
Nick Chabrel (14th)
Greg Potter (20th)

There were 4 flyers on equal points in 9th place.

Scores were extremely close. To give you some idea, 2 flyers scored 5 perfect scores each out of 7 flights, Darrel made all 7 landings inside 1m.

I think 27 were inside 95% of the winning score and something like 48 were inside 90%. The top 20 were well inside 98.5%



Trevor and I took out the top 2 places in Advanced.

The team of Mike O'Reilly, Brad Willman, Jamie Nancarrow, Brett Anthony and Simon Morris won the team prize.

The flying conditions on the practice days were perfect.

Saturday morning saw delays due to rain during the afternoon.

Sunday morning was delayed until about 1:30pm due to fog and then low cloud.

Monday saw no flying at all due to the low cloud that persisted until about 1pm again.

The winds on Sat and Sun were relatively light which saw many of the new large light models win out, these included several Pike Perfect Extended Tip models, Explorers and Aspires.

There were many Supras, Pike Superiors, home built Europhias, Icons, Estrellas, Experiiece Pros and lots of standard Pike Perfects.

There were many first timers (including Robert Gunn and Mark Stone) and novices at the event which bodes well for the future.

The 5 man teams worked well.

Changes for next year include 150m winch lines and 200m spot landing points inside the first 2m (as per F3J). If we'd had 150m winch lines this year we may have been able to fly more rounds in the low cloud conditions.

If you have not been before, or you have not been for a while, put it in your calendar for the June holiday weekend next year.





Jerilderie 2009





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Photos by Trevor Schultz



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Barossa Aerotow - "Crash" Carpenter

Many thanks to Ross Felix, who took what I can only say as absolutely brilliant shots of both the Aerotow and the Radian challenge on Sunday the 28th of June at the Barossa Valley Model Aero Club.

The Barossa Aerotow was a little windy in the morning and the poor old Park Zone Radian Foamies coped very well indeed as they had no ballast and I would say that the wind was at least 20 knots.

During Aerotow we saw Martin Simons PWS 102 finally take to the air albeit after a rather nasty fight with the towline that actually saw the model nearly meet its demise. The line cut through one half of Martin's PWS 102 tailplane. Thankfully Martin's flying prowess paid off and it was landed with no casualty to the pilot or Martin's trousers for that matter.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for yours truly. Yes I managed to find the only landing beacon on the full size grass strip within 100 metres and haplessly cleaned up the Wilga undercarriage as well as ripping the carby off its phenolic block and damaging that cute little black intake snorkel on the 3W 120. I hope they are cheap (ha) otherwise I will make a glass one me thinks.

The Barossa Club is to be thanks for putting on another great day. Their BBQ is to be envied and the hospitality shown to all flyers is first class. The strip was beautifully mown and if only I could have landed on that instead of



the landing beacon, then I might have had more than just one flight.

I think you will find the pictures tell the story here and thanks to Ross Felix, I think he has nailed it. Great shots Ross.

With the wind what it was a small group headed off to Trail Hill for a wee bit of slope soaring and I hope to have some pictures of that shortly. No report of "BR" from John Copeland so he must have had his hat on tight. Oh by the way BR is Beanie Rash J See the pictures you will understand why he is the king of Smurfs!!!

Thanks go to Paul Clift for his unselfish act of towing

while missing out on a chance to tow up his own Nimbus, but I heard he managed to whip it out at the slope (the Nimbus that is) and get in a few flights, while John Copeland's Fox struggled with the lift not quite being on the slope face. But fun was had by one and all.

So there you have it, another great Scale Aerotow from the SA team. Send us your stories so we can keep abreast of what is happening in your neck of the woods.

The link is below is for Ross Felix's pictures keep an eye out for the very pretty Slingsby!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/rossfelix/sets/72157620668422976/>

Jakarta–The Last Post.

I will be returning to Adelaide on 1st August, ending what started out as a 3 year assignment with Santos in Jakarta, but that has ultimately lasted 5 ½ years. I have several fears about returning:

- That after the chaos of Jakarta I will find life in Adelaide a little dull.
- That I will attempt to wear T shirts every day and fairly quickly die of pneumonia.
- That I will find it difficult to accept that I cannot fly every day due to adverse weather conditions.
- That I will find it difficult to retrieve my own parachute.
- That I will find it boring to fly without the challenge of dodging full size training aircraft appearing out of the blue below my glider, or setting up a landing approach and then weaving through power models and helicopters doing circuits and patterns to complete it.
- That I will attempt to bribe a policeman or a customs official.

Have I enjoyed my aeromodelling time in Jakarta? Very much so. My fellow club members have been fantastic – great fun and great enthusiasts. And I hope some of them will visit us in Adelaide in



the future. While I have raised the profile of glider flying significantly, F3C aerobatic helicopter and F3A pattern remain the big events. I think the picture taken last Sunday at the JAC field at Halim shows this mix. My gliders now have a front row seat, but the seating (and tables) is still dominated by the helis and pattern planes. In fact at one stage, when the caretaker started keeping goats and chickens which kept walking over my gliders, I also demanded a table! But this was a busy day, a television crew was there filming and there was no room for gliders on the tables!

It has also been interesting to see the changes that have crept up on the club over the 5 year



period. First a housing estate crept up on our field, then a new golf course, and the jungle was cut down to make way. With the housing estate came rubbish blowing across the field, which is now kept under control by the caretaker and his wife. With the golf club came the President and Vice President playing golf on some Saturday mornings, and we were not allowed to fly until they had finished their 18 holes! The onset of development reminded me of the issues for some Adelaide clubs, although no one complains about the noise at Halim – it is tolerated.

See you in August.

Paul Moorfield paul.moorfield@santos.com

Victoria Park Report - Robert Gunn

SSL is looking very strong at Victoria Park. I went for a funfly with my Radian and Ember on Sunday 21 June, after not having been there for a couple of weeks due to practice for Jerilderie then, Jerilderie followed by what was supposed to be the 2 M RES which was cancelled due to weather. My competition planes were either left at home or in the car.

The popularity of the Radian as a beginners plane is very obvious. Of 20 plus flyers, there was about 8 of them on the field with some very good flying being evidenced. This plane has made a lot of us more confident and we all say that we wished it was around when we started to learn a couple of years ago. It was interesting to see flyers of a couple years experience really enjoying the effortless flying that the Radian gives. One flyer who is also a member of a helicopter club almost demonstrated helicopter hovering when he landed his Radian into a strong gust. Recently Mark, a soon to be member flew his Radian for something like an hour and 40 min. I think that is wonderful and he his only on his second model.

Don Berry made a timely arrival just as a newer flyer unveiled his recently purchased model, a formidable open electric, and with squadron leader Bob Tedstone absent –laid up with a bug he tells me, Don was spotted and asked for assistance to get it set up. They succeeded in having a reasonable test flight and the flyer said to me how thankful he was to have an experienced flyer



there to help, and he left with adjustments to make and programming to do.. Having said all of this I actually did not fly to much as I was busy catching up with all of the regulars and chatting (yeh I know) to many visitors we had.

A lot of the regular flyers asked about my experience at Jerilderie and I am pleased to say that we may have a couple of them join us at the Barossa Club for the Radian comp and the Scale tow.

So for those of you who have not been out to the Park for a while come on out and mingle, you will be very welcome and have some fun.

