

To all Soarers

Firstly a little personal background, the Wednesday fliers know me but rarely am I at the field on Sundays. My entry into R/C flying was a common one - through my son Philip aged 11, four years ago. My first attempt at building was a Brolga glider – probably the heaviest version ever to get airborne but it taught Philip thermal at the Field and slope soaring at Dobroyd Point. He progressed to an EPP slope soarer, a Picojet and numerous other models. After a good year I decided to have a go and found it all a lot harder than anticipated so I have recent sympathies with beginners.

At the Annual General Meeting a decision was made for a moratorium to ban Lithium Polymer batteries at our field. This was not made lightly but considering the numerous stories and warnings in the international magazines there are some very definite safety issues at stake

Barry has been busy with the housekeeping and the internet site will be shortly updated with our various rules of conduct. Please take time to read them. The beginner or new members' paperwork has also been rewritten to assist in sidestepping those initial pitfalls.

We will be trialling “a buddy cable” system for instruction. We have 2 cables: a JR and a Hitec, firstly we will have to “train the trainers” then introduce the system for beginners. Please be patient, it is very successful with other clubs.

Now something for all members, we have purchased a R/C Simulator – the Aerofly Professional with Game Controller. It is a top of the range piece of kit from beginner to aerobatics, huge choice of aircraft, even 2 player mode and combat. My thoughts are to put one computer-savvy member in charge as we all have problems with computers! Any volunteers?

The initial consensus for hiring is : \$5 per week with a maximum of 2 weeks if somebody is on the waiting list to hire. A deposit of \$50 is required. The rule can easily be modified to suit the usage. At least one member is already talking about a knockout combat comp!

For those of you who have not used a simulator it is a huge benefit and no rebuilding, just press ‘reset’!!

It was also mentioned “in the pits” an evening meeting (every 3 months) could be worthwhile with topics such as:

- Building by Bazza
- Electrifying Ellis
- Gliding Gorringer
- Combat Caroline
- Soaring Smithy

The possibilities are endless!!

All feedback to [pjlsmith@smartchat.net.au](mailto:pjlsmith@smartchat.net.au) By the way my photo is on the web site holding “a small slope soarer that also bungees well”. Those who don’t know me please say ‘hello’.

Safe Flying

Peter