

NSMAC Newsletter 20th June 2010

Hi all.

The weather has certainly not been the best for flying over the weekend, with lots of the wet stuff and plenty of wind. Can't imagine anyone went to the field, but who knows? Do share any tales you may have by flicking an email to me.

Had a fly with the Trojan at Victor Eaves Park up in Orewa on Friday and had a good time even though the wind suited kite flying better. Great place to go with electrics during week days when the public isn't using the playing fields. Very handy bar and club rooms there too.

Looking for input from anyone with projects, interesting planes, experiences, problems and solutions etc for FLIGHT CORNER. Please send info and pictures to me and I'll put it in a newsletter. We need your input.

FLIGHT CORNER



This week I have the following update from John Laker re progress on his Dart Kitten.

As you can see the Kitten is coming on. The tail feathers are nearly finished, the engine run up today (first time in 10 years), and the radio gear and servos are about to be fitted.”

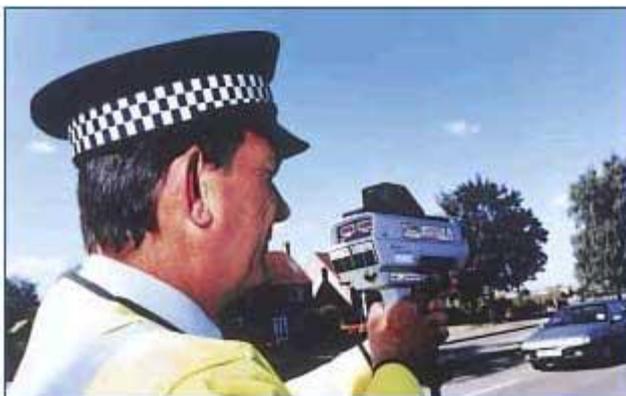
(haven't asked john how the Kitten engine sounded after all those years – presumably it just purrrrrrrrrred, hehe)



FLIGHT FUNNIES

Cops and radar –

Top this for a speeding ticket:-



Two Hunter traffic patrol officers from Newcastle LAC were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the F3 Freeway. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 800Kph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a Williamtown FA-18 fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over Wyong, approaching from the ocean.

Back at police headquarters the Local Area Commander fired off a stiff complaint to the RAAF Liaison officer at Williamtown.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAAF style:

'Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment.

Fortunately the pilot flying the Hornet recognised the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status, and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed.

Thank you for your enquiry.'

Have an excellent week. The forecast suggests reasonable weather with lighter winds Tuesday arvo and particularly Wednesday. Strong winds and rain seem to be on their way for Thursday, worsening Friday. They aren't always right, so the best outlook may still be through the window as usual 😊.

Stan