

To get this scene going again and honour our Father, who put his money where his mouth was, numerous times, the Green Family is supporting the National Air Races June 13-14th 2026.

Building has given way to almost ready to fly and reflecting Dad's ability to foresee and adopt new technology, the changes overleaf are to designed attract younger people and kick start the potential of air racing we saw way back in 1997. Now we're racing ARF's. Risky? Nope. Before promoting the concept I reviewed Seagull Models Cassutt, Texan and Nemesis products in RCM News magazine with repeated full throttle dives, from altitude, into a tight pylon turn.

The race that got myself and my Dad fired up about the potential for scale air racing was the final of the inaugural 1997 Adelaide Golden Era. Bruce DeChastel just had to finish the heat with no cuts and he had the event in the bag. Not so for Dad, Peter Goldsmith and myself who all had a chance to make the podium. We slugged it out for ten laps. Man was that a race. A fabulous spectacle too.

Jeremy Randle, with engine 5cc less than the rest, did the same as Bruce DeChastel and took out the \$1,000 1st prize at Sandown in 2015. Half the crowd were aero-



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modellers who came to see Australia's top competitors and models. Consistent cross-wind gusting to 35 kph all day, operating off a race track in between Armco railing, in front of 2,000 spectators in the grandstand. A well executed landing was applauded by the aeromodeling fraternity. The bumpy more exciting ones were cheered on by the rest.

In 2016 Neil Addicott came in first in a Winner take all Five Plane Final. Five planes racing is so much more fun than four. I would have loved to raced in that. Sounds dangerous? Nope. I trialled that concept with 60cc warbirds at Cobram in 2012. I tell you who really loved it. The crowd who paid to watch. At Cobram we charged ten bucks a head children free and the club netted a ten grand profit. From a two day competition. Yep. A two day competition. The previous year made seven grand. Nett. When I presented the idea at a club meeting in 2010, nay sayers thought



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AT-6 Texan

\$10 per adult was too much. I was not interested at \$5 and I told them to find someone else to run it. Turned out I was right. A tenner wasn't too much.

Four decades ago I was the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club Rep at VMAA meetings. Clubs used to promote themselves with RC airshows. Donating funds to charities was the norm. National and State competitions attracted higher numbers than they do now and it seems putting out the hand for hard earned VMAA / MAAA monies and doing precious little by way of promotion has become the status quo in Melbourne. Another great event was the VMAA Interclub trophy. The most enjoyable category was the novelty which has



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Golden Era

been incorporated along with a few other fun ideas to encourage modelers to get a few mates together and form a team.

It goes against the grain not to invite the public. Two hundred cars over two days is easily achievable and would not impact the grounds. Been there done that. At \$20 per car this would provide a meaningful budget put back into the event and donate some coin to the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Mum volunteered there for years. The name of the new club entity was chosen to attract media attention when we hand over a donation.

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