

Celebrating model aircraft competition flying, then and now

From the 1970s through mid 1980s. Most model aircraft clubs in Melbourne held annual RC airshows. Proceeds from gate takings were often split between a local charity and funding improvements at the field. This does not happen now. Short five minute demonstrations of a multitude of disciplines, all in one day, ties in with VMAA's sporting club emphasis.



FAI F4C Scale



FAI F3J Gliding



FAI F3D Racing



IMAC



FAI F3A Aerobatics



FAI F3C Helicopter



FAI F5B



Scale Air Race



Drones



Musical Planes



Jets



Helis then and now



Classic Pattern



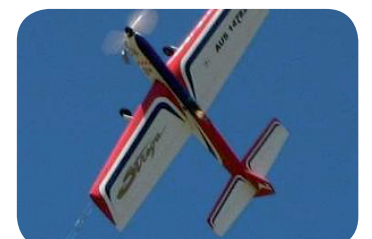
Old Timer



Scale Glider Tows



Free Flight



Control Line



Flying skills that inspired club members to improve began with simple fun competitions were all the go when I started flying in 1971.

Competing in F3a aerobatics back then the model was placed on the strip

in the take off position. When the Time Keeper started the stopwatch you had to start and tune the engine then leave the engine idling as you walked back to stand in front of the judges. The flight had to be completed within ten minutes. An

engine that coughed and spluttered when you opened the throttle was not cause for a downgrade, but it left the impression that you were not an expert.

Not moving your body about as the model flew past was also part of that

image. That discipline pays dividends for sport fliers too. In a nut shell flying the manouvere schedule was all about keeping the wings level, coping with wind and countering crosswind drift with rudder. Stephen Green Aus 5932.