

# The Thermaleer

Dalby by Barry Barton

Arriving back in Victoria to overcast skies, cold wind and rain after two glorious flying days at the Dalby Field, conditions made us ponder Trevor Carey's suggestion that all Victorian O/T fliers should migrate to Queensland to benefit from their conditions.

The Barton's and The Gullock's made the Dalby event with Steve going on to complete the double by taking in the subsequent Tamworth event one weekend later. This small SAM 600 representation was unable to make the impression that Brian Laughton made at Cano:.

Basil Healy, the Grand Olde Man of 1788 was, in part, responsible for instigating the Long March North by sending down maps and other details to titillate the flying appetite of the competition - starved blow-out Vics who thought the one thousand, eight hundred kilometer journey to Dalby well worth the effort despite the fearful roads North of Goondiwindi.

Dalby Field is unique in Oz having been on the same property for forty seven years. The Frith Familes "TAUNTON" Station is around three and a half thousand acres on the Cecil Plains and boasts the very best facilities experienced in journeys around OZ which includes WA, Darwin and many other fields. Alice Springs set-up is the only one that comes any way close to DALBY. The local Council has put in seven thousand dollars towards the magnificent infrastructure whilst, (wouldn't you know it), the State Controlling body, MAAQ, has refused financial aid! A typically short-sighted and narrow minded attitude.

The history of the Club boasted now-deceased stalwarts such as Col Summers and Barry Dent who put much into the Club, the torch is now being carried by locals Jim McCotter, Jim Hardy, the young Family Little plus even younger but deeply involved "Geordie" whose constant attention to the smooth running of the on-site facilities was outstanding.

Next year the Dalby Field will be on the same property but removed three kilometers to even better facilities which will undoubtedly bring the location up to World Class standard. With a current Bank Account of over \$10,000 and Assets valued at \$40,000, plus the very evident level of enthusiasm and commitment it is difficult to visualize the Dalby Club becoming other than Australia's Premier Aeromodelling Venue. With a Club slogan of "IF WE BUILD THEY WILL COME" how can it be otherwise?

IMAGINE this impossibility in the future CANO-DALBY-TAMWORTH on consecutive weekends, what a feast of flying that would be.

Flying proper began on Sunday with Arnold Broese opening his campaign with a clear win in Duration but he couldn't maintain the impetus he had at CANO. Jim Hardy; Top Gun at CANO also couldn't match that performance over the six events flown. It fell to Basil Healy to lead in the large field in Texaco with his LANZO STICK a model he has refined over the years, it ain't pretty but it surely can fly. Steve Gullock, the Legendary flier from far-flung Snake Valley made history (at least for himself) in Texaco by finishing third and beating Paul Farthing into 6th place by 152 points, a stunning victory!

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Day Two of flying had perfect 1/2A weather with 17 entries and no numerical superiority of any particular model here, KERSWAPS figured well but the STARDUSTS didn't, must be something about the DALBY air. Greg Martin 1st with Kerswap and Penny flying Rob Smith's BOMBER second.

Burford is an event evoking much interest around the traps with several models on the slipways and general curiosity as to which model will evolve as THE one for the event, but intricate-to-build-and-fit-out models, such as Paul Farthing's PENCIL are still setting the standard - and winning.

With Antique and Climb and Glide to squeeze into Day Three after a One Day loss it was fortunate that Antique had very few entered and here Steve Gullock came away with his second third place to make his weekend worthwhile.

Climb and Glide is a QL invention and it's popularity is on the increase with yet another innovation about to take off; the 90 secs C&G is proving vastly popular with modellers of all ilks in QL, with many types of models taking part.

A very relaxed weekend which may attract even more modellers next time around for in truth we know of no other Club that puts so much into running an event. The on-field organization could benefit from the use of the score sheets and highlighters used in Vic and NSW as the QL system seems a trifle cumbersome. None-the-less Victorian O>T fliers will ignore Trevor Carey's invite and opt to stay in the deep South \coastal regions where flying is always a challenge and a continual never-ending search for perfection.

## RESULTS

### TEXACO

1st	B. Healy	LANZO ST.	1800	1322
2nd	M.Rankin	BOMBER	1800	1181
3rd	S. Gullock	BOMBER	1800	1148
4th	C. Martin	CUMULUS	1800	1089
5th	P. Cutler	BOMBER	1800	1054
5th	P. Farthing	BOMBER	1800	996
7th	B. Barton	ANDERSON	1800	993
8th	P. Doolan	BOMBER	1800	980
9th	G. de Chastel	BOMBER	1800	917
10th	A. Broese	BOMBER	1800	890
11th	W. Hathaway	BOMBER	1800	841
12th	B. Victor	BOMBER	1800	755
13th	D. Brown	R.BREAKER	1800	747
14th	B. Mitchell	BOMBER	1800	630
15th	A. Coggins	BOMBER	1800	195
16th	D.Slattery	BOMBER	1800	88
17th	J. Hardy	BOMBER	1800	21
18th	J. Urry	BOMBER	1696	
19th	T. Carey	PRIVATEER	1689	
20th	D. Paton	DALLAIR	1557	

21st	J. McCotter	SERAM	1512
22nd	G. Black	TURNER SP.	1397
23rd	M. Walsh	POWERHOUSE	1123
24th	F. Blades	BOMBER	---

## DURATION

1st	A. Broese	P. BOY	1260	1288
2nd	G. Mitchell	P. BOY	1260	1284
3rd	A. Coggins	P. BOY	1260	1013
4th	W. Hathaway	P. BOY	1260	890
5th	D. Slattery	P. BOY	1260	842
6th	M. Rankin	P. BOY	1260	775
7th	J. Hardy	P. BOY	1260	657
8th	G. de Chastel	P. BOY	1260	585
9th	D. Brown	BOMBER	1260	489
10th	L. Tebbit	P. BOY	1260	231
11th	B. Healy	F.MERCHANT	1250	
12th	P. Doolan	P. BOY	1246	
13th	B. Paton	P. BOY	1238	
14th	P. Farthing	P. BOY	1237	
15th	S. Gullock	P. BOY	1203	
16th	B. Barton	R.C. 1	1175	
17th	P. Nightingale	ZIPPER	993	
18th	P. Cutler	ALBATROS	989	
19th	T. Carey	F.MERCHANT	926	
20th	G. Martin	STANDBY	761	
21st	M. Walsh	R.HOUND	159	
22nd	F. Blades	BOMBER	DNF	
23rd	B. Victor	BOMBER	DNF	

## 1/2A TEXACO

1st	G. Martin	KERSWAP	720	951
2nd	P. Farthing	BOMBER	780	915
3rd	M. Walsh	KERSWAP	720	780
4th	D. Brown	STARDUST	720	605
5th	A. Broese	P. BOY	720	585
6th	B. Victor	P. BOY	720	574
Equal	T. Urry	D. WEAVER		
7 <sup>th</sup>	G. Mitchell	STARDUST	720	527
8th	B. Barton	STARDUST	720	515
9th	P. Doolan	UNKNOWN	720	464
10th	J. Hardy	L. DIAMOND	720	365
11th	W. Hathaway	UNKNOWN	720	358
12th	D. Paton	M.G.	720	294
13th	F. Blades	LANZO ST.	720	255
14th	D. Slattery	KERSWAP	720	248
15th	S. Gullock	BOMBER	720	221
16th	B. Healy	LANZO ST.	681	

17th K. Urry UNKNOWN 566

### **GORDON BURFORD**

1st	P. Farthing	PENCIL	600	672
2nd	J. Urry	D.WEAVER	600	556
3rd	G. Mitchell	CRESCENDO	600	552
4th	B. Victor	SPACER	600	536
5th	D. Brown	CRESCENDO	600	529
6th	P. Doolan	UNKNOWN	600	520
7th	S. Gullock	L.DIAMOND	600	449
8th	D. Slattery	UNKNOWN	600	324
9th	J. Hardy	SWAYBACK	600	
10th	B. Healy	UNKNOWN	561	
11th	A. Coggins	UNKNOWN	537	
12th	B. Barton	DIXIELANDER	472	
13th	D. Paton	M.G.2	449	

### **ANTIQUE TEXACO**

1st	D. Paton	CALIF.CHIEF	1200	628
2nd	M. Walsh	POWERHOUSE	1200	569
3rd	S. Gullock	POLLY	1200	376
4th	D. Slattery	CLIPPER	1196	
5th	G. Martin	FLAMINGO	1094	
6th	B. Healy	R.C. 1	1054	
7th	T. Carey	POWERHOUSE	993	
8th	F. Blades	UNKNOWN	18	
9th	P. Farthing	UNKNOWN	DNF	
10th	J. Hardy	UNKNOWN	DNF	