

## **State Titles** (Australian) **OT SA and OT VIC @ Monarto April 2008** **A Resounding Success**

Eighty odd kms from Adelaide the Monarto Field is a triumph of rare, long term political wisdom. The "NOISY AREA" set aside in the Dunstan Era, accommodates several differing codes all having the potential to annoy the neighbours. No residential development is allowed within two kilometres and no curfews apply. Adelaide Model Aerosport purchased the area ten years ago and finished paying for it last month, it has a sealed strip for JET ACTION, an event that attracts overseas fliers, this plus other big attractions is managed by Trevor Croser who cares for the field rather as Dave Myers cares for HADDON. Overall a situation devoutly to be wished in Victoria.

Seven of SAM 600 made the effort and in a sign of the times most paired up to do it, exception being Fred Stebbing who did the journey with Verna and was able to witness son Brian fly his diesel powered Rambler to success in Texaco. The Cohuna pair of Lyn Clifford and Rob Taylor pushed Lyn's hot diesel 'PUG' and Lyn; flying Robert's cast-off models took many places Day One. Snake Valley's Steve Gullock and Dave Samson were much in evidence throughout with Steve creating an incident with a spectacular collapse on the runway which had many thinking he was in serious trouble, not so, he tripped in a rabbit hole and came to Earth with a thud, the Earth shook!. Brian Laughton hoped to do well in Burford and didn't, whilst Barry Barton thought his chances in 1/2A were good; they weren't. Chris and Ida were across from Geelong with Chris's latest model; a PEEWEE. Chris must be Victoria's most energetic builder as everytime he comes out he sports another interesting model.. Stan Gurr, our valuable and highly skilled toolmaker took home an armful of trophies Day Two much to his surprise and delight.

Weather was good and got better toward Burford, the last event, with lift starting to pop.

It is to be hoped that this exercise in Inter-State co-operation continues as it has begun; in obvious success.

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