

Having missed the Tamworth event last year a sole Mexican journeyed North to join in O/T high jinks with like-minded fliers over two northern borders.

Dalby had moved their superb facility further along the Cecil Plains Road nearer to the Milne property "Day Break" and made the whole shebang even better than before – except for the ½ mile black-soil-track access. Friday night the traditional get-together dinner was interrupted near it's end by rain, causing consternation among the locals who advised the Mexican to get going into the on-field camping; he off, left the bitumen, got onto the notorious track, slid into the gutter and came to an embarrassing stop. After a wet, sleepless night in the vast sorghum field, Andrew Liddle arrived at 0700 to render assistance, the Mexican's van ended up completely in the gutter. Geordie Milne eventually towed the van onto the field after extricating other bogged vehicles which had suffered the same fate early Saturday morning.

New field abandoned, event shifted to old field for Burford and Duration; very flexible these Queenslanders, much local speculation at a lone RC1 in Duration amongst masses of Playboys.

Day Two back to new field after the indefatigable Geordie Milne had consolidated the track in. Texaco and 1/2A the tasks which 30 odd fliers had signed on to fly, the strong, cold, gusty S.E. winds determined otherwise. Two now camping on site, the second being Anthony French and Family. Anthony, son of John French, was a keen OT flier way back in Victoria. Anthony's son Benjamin is following in the OT tradition.

Day three with CONDO leading the doubting entry onto the field in marginal conditions, the Mexican followed with 2 max's in breezy but not gusty wind, weather moderated a little so some of the field plucked up enough courage to fly, many locals opted not to. By day's end ('38) only a handful of stalwarts remained. A very disappointing event for the organisers.

After several years of crippling drought it was heartening to note a bumper crop of sorghum had been successfully harvested by Peter Frith the landowner, covered dumps and silos were full throughout the region and a new ethanol producing plant will soon be operating at DALBY.

Tamworth, a scenic drive down the New England gave us some delightful conditions Day One for Burford and Duration, this with the superb motel accommodation at TAMWELL eased the angst about the whole expedition. Day Two Tamworth, 1/2A and Texaco in slowly deteriorating and colder conditions had the Mexican aiding Graham Mitchell and Robert Rutledge with their 1/2A planes, Graham made the fly-off. Too much wind for Texaco so pointed the Toyota South and headed home. We would like to acknowledge the hospitality of the Tebbit's and the enormous commitment of the DALBY CLUB in very trying conditions over their entire weekend

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