

The Thermaleer

Wonderfull Weekend at Wangaratta *by by Barry Barton*

4th. 5th, 6th October 2008 (ESGC)

Certainly not the immense gatherings of OT fliers who once met at Drages Airworld for a huge weekend of intense competition, but still a very dedicated group of builder-fliers who now congregated at Shanly Field for a comp: blessed with some very enjoyable rivalry – witness Condo's War Dance when he achieved a place by default in 1/2A

With five from 1788 and the very dedicated Dave Markwell from SA plus the last remnants of Victorias once large OT crowd, a viable event was put on in weather unheard of near the coast, without Cohuna's presence however it would have been rather thin.



1788 took home most of the trophies with Brian Laughton's Playboy plus Irvine stemming the tide. Brendan Taylor (ex Cohuna, now Strathmerton) also showed up well in Duration despite a long time off the sticks).

With the big herd of chopper cows finally shifted off the field in time for the last event, a respectable entry of eighteen contested Texaco in superb weather with abundant strong lift, Graham Mitchell caught a beauty to register a most popular win with his full size DALLAIRE.



Mention must be made of the strong camaraderie throughout, some differences of opinion were vented as usual, but most agreed that the long festering sore of “RULES” is finally being democratically sorted and not being driven by dubious commercial dictates.

Cohuna, the last TWO DAY for the calendar year, early Nov: at a field where we are seldom disappointed by the weather or the country style hospitality.
Nov: 30th a scheduled one day at Haddon where traditionally the best on-field “hamburgers” come from.

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