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## Radio Controlled Warbird Aircraft within Australia

### *Windy Weather*



Only the bravest (or gamest) pilots flew aircraft over the week-end 22nd and 23rd February, 2014.

The wind was up and it had no intentions of calming down.

Pilots, family and good friends enjoyed lots of laughter and jokes as they sat in groups under the shade of the pits areas, trees, caravans and tents.

***It was happy hour all day long.***

Although there wasn't much flying, it must be reported as one of the best week-ends ever. We enjoyed each other's company.

Three ladies were seen totally immersed in reading the novel '*Gone With the Wind*'. Nothing could distract them. One was sitting under a shady tree and the other two were under the awnings of the caravan and tent.



Unfortunately, the Black Widow owned by Steve Thomas of Toowoomba was badly damaged in transit to the Hervey Bay airfield.

The frames holding the aircraft inside his new trailer broke away and both the wings and fuselage will need extensive repair.

The noise coming from the marquee sounded like there was a dentist on site. But no! It was Steve dismantling the aircraft and cutting away several damaged sections of the wing panels.

Even though it brought tears to the eye to see such a fine aircraft damaged, Steve called out to the crowd that he will be holding demonstrations every two hours on how to repair broken aircraft using only two bottles of CA glue.

We are sure the Black Widow will be repaired as it is too good an aircraft to scrap.



For those pilots who put up a flight, several aircraft were damaged by heavy landings because of the strong turbulent winds.

Peter Love's FW 190 had an 'engine out' and quickly planted itself into the paddock. This one is a right-off.

We appreciate the efforts made by our members who came from Toowoomba and Gladstone for the week-end. Thanks.

Next time the weather conditions will be better.

A 'Thank You' to all is given by Ann Sharpe. She really appreciates the very nice 'get well' card and wishes you gave her. After the surgery on her right knee cap, she is now healing well and is able to slowly get around the house for a few minutes every hour.



## Next Event

The next event will be on Sunday 16th March, 2014 at TINGALPA (TMAC).

We look forward to seeing you there.