

Season Opener Fun Fly

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Commentary by Chris Brownhill:

With temperatures predicted to be in the minus 20 degree C range on New Year's morning, the prospects looked bleak for an extended flying session at Centennial Park that morning.

Doug Blackmore said it couldn't be much worse than skiing in cold temperatures, but on that count he was entirely wrong! Thirty seconds without gloves was enough to freeze the fingers and chill the soul.

Undaunted, at least five brave club members turned up to fly, and the Quick Start spray, electric starters, plus freshly charged glow drivers were required to make things work.

Doug got his LA .25 powered Buster into the air first, as Chris Hubbard had the prop fly off his Fancy Pants and lost the prop nut in the snow.



1st flight of this year's flying season - Doug Blackmore

Chris Brownhill got the honour of the second flight on Doug's Buster, with Chris Hubbard getting the third. (With only an ounce or so of fuel being used, the flights were gratefully short and sweet.)



Chris Hubbard looks for a prop nut

Paul Emmerson tried his electric powered Circus Clown, but the flights only lasted a couple of laps due to the severe cold.



Paul Emmerson ponders his frozen ESC

Yanek Zelewski, wise man that he was, left his model in his car, and said it seemed much colder than it had appeared when he left his home. (It was just bad enough being there, never mind flying in the deep frost!)

We retired to the local Timmy Hortons for the après-fly celebration with warm beverages, and the usual erudite conversation which always concludes such foolishness.