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HI GUYS

I JOINED THE CLUB AROUND 1980  
PREVIOUSLY I BELONGED TO WINDSOR M A C  
I WAS MADE AN HONOURED MEMBER IN JULY 1997  
FOR "OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO THE PAC AS FIELD OFFICER & COMMITTEE MEMBER"  
I ALSO WROTE AS "JAKE" THE AUSTRALIAN COUSIN TO  
"JAKE" OF MODEL BUILDER MAGAZINE FOR THE CLUB NEWS  
LETTER.

THE CLUB WAS FOUNDED DURING THE 1970'S  
BY RON BLASHEE AND SON PETER. SOME YEARS AGO  
RON WROTE A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CLUB I THINK  
IT WAS ITS 20<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. AROUND THIS TIME AL SMITH  
AND STAN NEWEL WERE RECOGNISED AS HONOURED MEMBERS  
WHEN WE REALISED THEY HAD TAUGHT MORE YOUNG KIDS  
TO FLY RC/GLIDER AND C/LINE, THAN ANYONE ELSE.

I DON'T FLY MUCH THESE DAYS AS MY EYES  
ARE THE SAME AGE AS ME POOR BODS BUT I STILL  
ENJOY SITTING WITH THE OTHER GERIATRICS AND SWAPPING  
TALL TALES AND ~~THESE~~ TRUE.

BEST REGARDS

Ray Halsstead

RECENTLY RON BLASHEE FOUND A CUTTING FROM  
"AUSTRALIAN BOY" MAGAZINE DATED EARLY FIFTIES  
WHEN THE VMAA HAD TRIAL F/F COMP WON BY  
RAY HALSTEAD AHEAD OF JIM FULLERTON AND  
ALAN KING. THEY WERE THE GUYS TO BEAT JIM IS STILL  
WITH US. ALAN EARLY DIED AT AN EARLY AGE ALAN WAS  
THE FIRST AUST MODELLER TO WIN A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
WAKEFIELD COMP.

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