

MY JOURNEY TO BRONZE WINGS

By David Stevens



LEARNING TO FLY AN RC PLANE IS A BIT LIKE LEARNING TO DRIVE A CAR. IT CAN BE DAUNTING AT FIRST, REQUIRES A LOT OF PRACTICE AND THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IF YOU CRASH. HOWEVER, ONCE YOU'VE LEARNT THE BASICS IT IS VERY REWARDING AND THE SKY IS LITERALLY THE LIMIT IN TERMS OF HOW FAR YOU CAN GO WITHIN THE HOBBY.

There is the satisfaction of learning new manoeuvres, the enjoyment of building a kit, the fun of adding to your plane collection (some might say addiction) and the camaraderie of your local club.

If you are interested in competition there are many different types including fun fly events, scale, aerobatic, pylon racing and more.

I have driven RC cars competitively for many years but my forays into

RC planes always ended with a quick trip to the "scene of the accident" at my local park. After wasting a lot of money trying to teach myself to fly over the years, a friend suggested I visit my local flying field which is Doncaster Aeromodellers Club (DAC) www.dac.org.au.

I was surprised to learn that if I bought my own equipment and joined the club that a licenced instructor would teach me to fly for free.

David Stevens joined DAC only in January this year and has detailed his five-month journey to bronze wings in a special blog post that you can read on the [MAAA website](http://www.maaa.org.au)

Thank you to David to providing his fantastic story.

INTERESTED IN BUILDING A CONVAIR CV – 240M MODEL?

The Trans-Australia Airlines (TAA) Museum is looking for MAAA members to help build a Convair CV – 240.

TAA flew Convair aircraft in the 1950's and even flew Queen Elizabeth around when she visited Australia in 1956.

This large model is not required to fly, allowing the build to be less technical and difficult overall. The build will be a balsa wood construction and will be approximately 1/14 to scale.

The Trans-Australia Airlines Museum is the only aviation museum dedicated to the preservation of Australia's domestic aviation development. Primarily focusing on TAA and other Australian airlines, the collection is unique, and as such is recognised by QANTAS through its financial support.

If you would like to help the TAA museum continue preserving the great legacy of TAA and Australia's aviation history,

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