

## BRMFC Annual Public Display

Peter Harrison – Winner of the Best Civilian Award 2010



Pictured is Peter Harrison with his 80" Gee Bee Y Super Sportster ARF Model, NR718Y, at BRMFC 2010 Annual Display winner of the Best Civilian Award on Sun 28 Mar 2010 at Yendon Field.

Peter recommends that more members make the effort and travel to the various country fly-ins during the year because, they are great fun, and that old Hangar Queen may just take the judges eye.

Peter reports that the model is now re-engined with a 150 S Saito 4-stroke, up from a 120 S Saito 4-Stroke which makes the model much faster and easier to fly.

- Prop 15 x 8 Scimitar
- On-board Glo energised just under 1/2 throttle
- Tx Hitec 36 MHz Eclipse 7, -30% Expo on all 3 surfaces
- Rx Hitec running on 6 volts
- Fuel 10% Addies home brew

The Gee Bee Y is touchy on landing due to the almost solid undercarriage and wheels. Model is several years old now, and because of a few hard hits it needs a little fibre glassing repair work to perform on the cracks in the spats.

## History.

Read more about the end NR718Y in 1933 in Chicago... the triple up rating in engine output just tore the covering straight off the Gee Bee Y causing a fiery death of the pilot, as might have been expected...

For further reading on the tragedy that took the life of the pilot of this plane, due to an error in judgement with the covering of the aircraft, when a major change to the engine size from the fabric-covered craft's original 220 horsepower (164 kW) Lycoming engine to a replacement 670 hp (500 kW) Wright Whirlwind caused the death of female pilot Florence Klingensmith on September 31, 1933 at the \$10,000 Frank Phillips Trophy Race at the Nationals Air Races in Chicago, Illinois, please google [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence\\_Klingensmith](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence_Klingensmith).