

DUBBO'S OWN FLYING SAUCER

TO BE SEEN IN ACTION

INTER-TOWN TRIALS

WITH SLEEK

MODEL AEROPLANES

Dubbo's own flying saucer will probably be seen in action during a model plane flight exhibition in Dubbo late this month.

The saucer, which works off a small two-stroke engine, is the property of Max Whitton and will take part in a carnival flying day between the Narromine and Dubbo Model Aero Clubs.

Combat flying, team races and aerobatic events will highlight the contest between the two model plane-conscious towns. About 80 planes will be seen in action.

The only snag looming ahead for this colorful contest is a site for the carnival.

Barden Park, usual location for the club's events, has been ruled out by council's decision to allow the Hockey Association to play in the south-eastern section of the park.

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Hockey matches have been played in that section of the park for many years.

Council will offer the model aero club an alternative site for their hobby within the next few days.

The Secretary (Mr. N. Wilson) said his club would welcome any suitable location, but said

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tall grass would be detrimental to the performances of planes which could easily be damaged in landing on rough, uneven ground.

The club's flying saucer has made several successful flights in Dubbo, but is still a little shaky in flight.

Another unorthodox model likely to put on an exhibition at the carnival is a new Delta-wing model.

Speed is expected to be Dubbo's strong point in the carnival and the local club feel sure they will shade their Narromine rivals on the day.

Narromine began their club late in 1952, while Dubbo only got underway last August—with two models; now the town club has about 50.

And it hopes to have 100 by the time of its first anniversary.

Sleek club team racers, built specially for speed, should outpace the Narromine team, Mr. Wilson said today.

Mr. Whitton will start the fastest model with the aid of his special racing fuel, Mr. Wilson said. The mixture for his fuel consists of about five "concoctions" to boost the actual fuel.

Two-Stroke Engines

Engines used by club members are all on the principle of the two-stroke engine, even the diesel type.

Most of them are either Aus-

tralian or British, with the exception of one OS2 Japanese motor. This motor, however, is idle at the moment, as it was involved in a recent crash.

The Dubbo Club has staged several displays for various organisations and regular flying was held every Sunday afternoon at Barden Park during the summer months.

After the Narromine visit, Dubbo will hold a club event to find the fastest "B" Class team racer.

The best time for this event in Dubbo has been about 82 mph by one of Max Whitton's machines. The world record is 104.5 mph.

Engines used in this event are of the glow plug variety—midget two-stroke types—developing between 7000 and 13,000 revs per minute.

There are engine capacity restrictions in this event. They are from 2.45 ccs to 5 ccs.

The event should be keenly contested, as most of the members are speed enthusiasts.

The prize for the event will be a model kit donated by the Club Patron, Mr. J. Barnaby.

A meeting of club members will be held on Thursday night at Mr. V. Reynolds' Darling Street residence, to discuss the Narromine visit and the speed race.