

BARRY DENT

To know Barry was a privilege.

Barry was not only a good friend, but he was an inspiration to myself and the aeromodelling community. His way with words, his happy personality and his knowledge of full size and model aircraft made Barry the interesting personality that he was.

His loss will leave a void in our lives. He was always such good company to be with.

Barry's love of aeromodelling started long ago. He was the true aeromodeller - building and flying, not to win fame or the biggest trophy, but often he had found a design he liked, so he would build it and prove to one and all flying that particular model was good fun.

A fine example is the "Twin Lizzie" on display here today. Barry flew this model at Maryborough last August and for the last few years at what he classed as the best flying weekend of the year - the Muswellbrook Veterans Gathering, that is held each May.

As a founding member of " Vintagents " / S A M Chapter 84, he produced the first newsletters, until the late Col Somers took over as Editor. Barry's main feature, which he wrote under the name of "*PageOne*" was a "must read".

| quote from the "December 04" edition:

Dearly beloved. We are gathered together somewhere to welcome the winter solstice while we still have three months of appalling weather before winter. This is to stir our souls and make us into proper Anglo-Celtic savages. This, I understand, is to allow us to face the future with optimism. This optimism allows us to make rash promises"

Such was Barry's way with words. Some said he may have sniffed too much glue!

Barry's complexion did not favour standing out in the hot summer sun, so he always protected himself with long sleeve shirts, a trade-mark hat and wraparound sunglasses.

Over the years, Barry had been a member of many aeromodelling clubs. The Brisbane Free Flight Society, PRAMS, Thunderbirds, Samford Valley Flyers, Vintagents and MACB, of which he was a foundation member, helping with his vast knowledge and happy nature.

He competed at many State, Interstate and National Championships, meeting and making lasting friendships.

There are few things in life that give us real joy and satisfaction, but having Barry Dent as my friend has made my life by far richer than I can hope to convey to you today.

So let me just say

"Goodbye, old friend"