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AERO SPORTS
NEW SOUTH WALES INC.



Formation flypast at Warbirds Downunder 2013 recently held at Temora, NSW.

CAC Mustang representing a P51K of 3 Sqn RAAF, Spitfire Mk XVI in the 453 Sqn RAAF markings it wore during WW2, Spitfire Mk VIII (Grey Nurse) representing the aircraft of Wng Cdr Bobby Gibbs, F/A-18 Hornet RAAF, Gloster Meteor painted as the aircraft flown by Sgt George Hale during the Korean war and CAC Sabre Mk 32, owned by the RAAF but restored by the Temora Aviation Museum

Photo via Rob Masters (WPMAC)



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Diary Notes

Next MASNSW Meeting

Friday 12th December 2013, 8:00pm at Garden Terrace Room, Workers
Parramatta, 163-165 George Street, Parramatta.

Following MASNSW Meeting

Friday 14th February 2013, 8:00pm at Garden Terrace Room, Workers
Parramatta, 163-165 George Street, Parramatta (Note - no meeting in January).

Newsletter #362 (January/February 2014) deadline for submissions
Tuesday 14th January 2014 (Note - there is no January Newsletter)

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Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc

MINUTES

Business Meeting
Workers Parramatta
8th November 2013

Meeting Opened 8.00pm

Attendance: S Norrie NSWAS, B Thrift CVRCMAC, K Barnes PRCAC, D Lewis MAS Cootamundra, R Masters WPMAC, D Lacey SSME, W Swan UMAC, D Costelloe QFS, M Stone HSL, G Atkinson WRCS,

Visitors: G Hoy CMAC, J Rolfe NSWAS, E Ashley CVRCMAC, S Murray PRCAC

Apologies: B Bishop CMAC

Minutes: Motion that the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October as distributed via Newsletter 360 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: WRCS **Seconded:** UMAC **Carried**

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence: (N.B. Items of correspondence with one * are for information, items with two ** require a decision.)

Correspondence In:

From MAAA:

- M 1.1 Executive minutes September
- * M 1.2 Amendment to MOP 019 Public Displays
- M 1.4 MAAA newsletter 4/2013
- * M 1.5 Advice on Special Finance meeting
- * M 1.6 Minutes from Special Finance meeting
- * M 1.7 Details of heavy model inspectors and renewal process

From other than MAAA:

- C 2.1 L Ellis, FATMAC, request for pilot log books
- C 2.2 R Exler, TARMAC, Public Display approval advice
- C 2.3 G Hoy, CMAC, advice of pending change in office bearers'
- C 2.4 B Porman, WRCS, change in postal address for WRCS
- C 2.5 G Matherson, SMFC Risk Assessment for Public Display at Nowra
- C 2.6 G Matherson, SMFC Cancellation of display due to fire risks
- C 2.7 A Cain, LMMAC, details for club meeting President and VP MAS NSW attending
- C 2.8 D Riley LMFC, general enquiry on insurance and proximity of fields
- C 2.9 G Harrod, COMSOA enquiry as to field registration process.



* C 2.10 Advice of final inspection for Cootamundra building works

C 2.20 Received completed Large Model Permits to fly forms from the following:
W Dand CKSMAC, J Kauts IMAC, M Tulk RAAFMAC, P Goff RAAFMAC,

Late Permits

C 2.21 Received Cancelled Large Model Permits to fly forms from the following:

C 2.22 Newsletters Received:
MASA

Late Correspondence:

Correspondence Out:

To MAAA:

To other than MAAA:

C 2.8 Advice to D Riley as requested

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Motion that the inward correspondence is accepted and the outward correspondence be adopted.

Moved: PRCAC **Seconded:** WPMAC **Carried**

Reports

Treasurer Bob Bishop

Business Arising from the Treasurers Report:

Motion that the Treasurers report be accepted and accounts be approved for payment.

Moved: CVRCMAC **Seconded:** SSME **Carried**

Other Reports:

President

Bob Carpenter

During this past month the Vice President and I attended a club meeting at the Lake Macquarie Miniature Aircraft Club (LMMAC); this was at the request of the Club's President and we were most welcomed. This was a great opportunity to answer questions from the club members concerning all the usual questions regarding the MAAA MOP's, Insurance, Clubs' responsibilities and what is happening in MAS NSW. We also took the opportunity to fly with them. It was interesting that before any aircraft can fly at their field it has to undergo an inspection. Both Tim and I were flying my Great Planes Ugly Stik and the aircraft passed the inspection. This showed a good system that works for their club.

The Executive is pleased to attend all clubs and we will be trying to get more of these visits in the coming year. If you would like us to come along and talk with you please drop us a line and we will work out a suitable time to suit all our calendars.



You will notice in the Registrars report that we have a quite significant increase in membership this year. We are actually at 97% of last year's total figure. Included in this number is a large increase in new members that have not been affiliated before. My view of this increase is that the direction MAS NSW is taking is starting to show benefits. I welcome all these new members.

On the 3rd November I participated (by Telecon) in the MAAA Special Finance Meeting to discuss and accept the MAAA final audited accounts. The timing of this meeting is to allow for the end of the financial year and all auditing. It is appropriate to mention that the Budget that was set for last year was underspent but the actual figure was 99.2% of that set. This shows that the budgetary process works very well.

On the 30th November I will be attending the MAAA six monthly Presidents meeting in Melbourne. This is a new initiative by the MAAA Executive and will consist of a full day of agenda items to ensure that all the Presidents are fully up to date with what is happening within MAAA and it also gives an opportunity for all the Presidents to discuss the good and bad points from their respective associations. I will report on this at the next monthly meeting.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members the very best for the coming Christmas season, and the holiday period. We want to see you all back again next year hoping that you all enjoy lots of safe flying.

Secretary

Tim Nolan

It is that time of the season for all heavy model inspectors to apply for reappointment. The details and the forms are located on the MAAA website in MOP008

If you are seeking reappointment you should be advised it will require the ratification of the MAS NSW Executive, in considering these reappointments it is planned to publish a list of Inspectors and their clubs on the MAS NSW website so that members can easily locate an inspector close to them. Additionally, The Executive is looking at the number of aircraft you have inspected and/or constructed over the past three years as an indicator of your currency and involvement/commitment to the role.

All forms for reappointment will need to be returned to the Secretary before the end of April 2014 so they can be processed before the end of the financial year.

Gas Turbine endorsements are conditional on renewal of your FW or RW rating and will be included upon renewal.

Registrar

Dave Lewis

Current Year		New to System	Last Year (Nov 2012)
Seniors (Includes Pensioners)	2186	161	2054
Juniors	92	24	98
No. of Clubs	85		86
Total Membership	2278	185	2152

Note total membership peaked in May AGM at 2394



Chief Flying Instructor

Bob Carpenter

The next Instructors course and Workshop will be conducted in conjunction with a trial course in Melbourne on the weekend of the 22/23rd Feb 2014.

As we have a few people who would like to participate in an Instructors course but we do not have enough to run a complete course I would like to know if any members are interested in joining me at the course to be conducted in Melbourne. I will be driving down and it would be great to have a "Road Trip" with a few other modellers. If you are interested please contact me before the beginning of February

State Flying Field secretary / PRO Steve Norrie

Your State Flying Field at Cootamundra is looking absolutely great; feedback from those visiting continues to be positive.

Our St John's Wort problem has been taken care of by nature. A tiny beetle called Chrydolina has turned up in the affected area and is eating the plants, there are literally thousands of these little blighters all over the back paddock. We have had the council out to check on the beetles and they have taken some of them to other parts of town in an effort to control the Wort there as well.

The large tank used for the watering system is required to have a foot valve installed so that water cannot flow back into the drinking water tank, this will be installed at no charge by the supplier. The next booking is on the 22nd to 24th November for the F5B selection trials. For bookings email stateflyingfield@masnsw.org or Phone 0418874740

CASA Liaison Officer

Tim Nolan

With the recent changes to MOP019 Public Displays that have been published on the MAAA website you will see that it is now a requirement to complete a Risk Assessment and submit it with your application. There is a template and guidelines on the MAAA website for the information of any Display Directors. If you have any questions then please drop me a line and I will try and assist.

Other reports:

Brief reports were also received from B Swan on the Victorian Helicopter Championships and also from K Barnes on the PRCAC visit to Cootamundra. Both of these will appear as separate article in the newsletter.

Motion to accept Reports as received

Moved: QFS **Seconded:** WRCS **Carried**

Awards:

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Fixed Wing Power – Bronze Wings:

Erwin Bryant	LMMAC	76316
Robert Wilson	CMAC	49787
Carl Bower	HEMFC	76386 (wings required)
Benjamin Reardon	PRCAC	76402
Greg Cox	BAC	42281
Daniel Bridge	IMAC	76362
Steven Arnold	HMAS	76401
Barry Holcombe	WRCS	71239



Applications received for the approval of MAAA Fixed Wing Power – Gold Wings:

Martin Steel	CMAC	73707
Graham Abbiss	GCAC	73852

Applications received for approval for MAAA Fixed Wing Power Instructors:

Bruce Oliver	HRM	71460
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Applications received for Approval of Commercial Model Aircraft Flying Instructors:

No applications received

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Helicopter - Bronze Wings:

Andrew Beacroft	RFRCHC	73958
John Brasz	HMAS	69433
Nicholas Austin	BDMC	73657
Timothy Rochfort	HMAS	76446

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Helicopter - Gold Wings:

No applications received

Applications received for approval of MAAA Helicopter Instructors:

No applications received

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Glider – Bronze Wings:

No applications received

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Glider – Gold Wings:

Applications received and approved for MAAA Glider Instructors:

No applications received

Moved: CVRCMAC **Seconded:** UMAC **Carried**

MAAA Inspector Approvals:

Heavy Model FW 25 Inspector Approvals:

Nil received

Heavy Model RW 25 Inspector Approvals:

Nil received

Giant Model FW 50 Inspector Approvals:

Nil received

Giant Model RW 50 Inspector Approvals:

Nil received

Gas Turbine Inspector Approvals:

Nil received

MASNSW POINT SCORE COMPETITION AWARDS 2012:

NSW Pylon	Sports Pylon	Pitt Town	Oct 13
Camden Valley	Pattern	Camden	Oct 13



General Business:

The first item of General Business is:

The next Business Meeting and of MASNSW will be held at the Garden Terrace Room, Workers Parramatta, 163-165 George Street, Parramatta on the 13 December 2013. The meeting to commence at 8.00pm, (2000hrs). All Members, observers, and visitors are welcome.

We have received advice that the current venue may not be available after December 31 2013. The Blacktown Workers have a meeting later this month to decide what they are going to do about the Parramatta Workers, due to poor patronage they may decide to close the venue down. The meeting agreed that an alternate venue needs to be identified and enquiries made as to availability, it was agreed that the venue should be around or adjoining Parramatta as it is central for the membership. The Treasurer has been tasked with this job and to report back with some options for the December meeting.

The meeting also discussed the new MAAA online registration program and spoke about some of their concerns about having to disclose financial details to MAAA about Club fees etc. The Registrar also identified that there are a number of clubs that are still not even using email for registration or newsletters. There was discussion about the lack of workflow charts and training material to support the role out of the system which goes live in the next week. It was also identified about the delay in the updating of awards and certifications etc.

There being no further business before the meeting, the meeting was declared closed at: 9.50pm



MASNSW 2013-2014 Events Calendar

(Compiled 10/11/2013)

- Those Events marked with an * are MASNSW Point Score Events.
- Unless otherwise advised MASNSW Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every Month.

November 2013

17	Seaplanes over Penrith	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
* 16-17	Old Timers	Parkes	Grant Manwaring	02 6241 1320
23-24	Sportsman Pylon	Marulan	Jeremy Randle	0418 390 446
23-24	Pattern/Aerobatics NSW State Championships	Illawarra	Richard Knox	02 4446 1021
29-30/11 – 1/12	ASAA Aerobatic Australian Championships	Yenda ACT	Norm Frazer	0402 485 384

December 2013

1	Appin 2nd Annual Electric Fun Fly Day	Appin	Laurie	0438 327 044
1	Seaplanes over Penrith	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
7	F5J electric Glider Round 2 of Picton Cup	Appin	Peter Pine	0407 732 440
8	Electric Old Timer	Appin	Peter Henderson	0400 679 922
13	MASNSW General Meeting	Parramatta	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
15	Seaplanes over Penrith	Penrith	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440

January 2014

18-19	Seaplanes at Lake Wallace	Wallerawang	Dave Brown	02 6355 7298
25-26	Sailplane Expo – Open Thermal, F5J, DLG	Armidale	Hutton Oddy	0425 285 758
25	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Camden	Felix N.	0428 880 633

February 2014

14	MASNSW General Meeting	Parramatta	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
16	Blacktown Aeromodellers' Sydney Electric Fly – 2014	Doonside	John Kastelan	02 9671 2340
15-16	Banjo Patterson Rally	Orange	Chris Hansen	02 6361 8587
15-16	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Fletchers Lane	Felix N.	0428 880 633
22-23	NSWSAS – Scale Round 1	Camden	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288

March 2014

2	F5J Electric Glider - Lake George Soaring Field	ACT	Paul Osmond	0429 668 883
1-2	Hunter Valley Champs – Old Timers	Muswellbrook	Phillip Thichtener	0417 725 981
8-10	APA Masters – Patten/Aerobatics	Albury	Felix N.	0428 880 633
14-16	MASNSW Fun Fly	Cootamundra	Tim Nolan	0412 173 440
15-16	NSWSAS Scale Masters – Scale Round 2	Metford	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
15-16	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Pitt Town	Felix N.	0428 880 633

April 2014

18-20	AEFA National Electric Flight Rally	Barossa Valley SA	Peter Pine	0407 732 440
19-20	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Queanbeyan	Felix N.	0428 880 633

May 2014

3-4	Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook	Phillip Thichtener	0417 725 981
17-18	COMSOA Scale Fun Fly	Maitland	Paul Robertson	02 4946 8334
24-25	NSWSAS Large Scale – Scale	Taree	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
24-25	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Coonabarabran	Felix N.	0428 880 633



June 2014

July 2014

12-13	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Wingham	Felix N.	0428 880 633
26-27	Frank Bryant memorial Warbirds Weekend	Muswellbrook	Phillip Thichtener	0417 725 981

Sept 2014

6-7	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics State Champs	Gunnedah	Felix N.	0428 880 633
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Oct 2014

4-5	APA Championships – Patten/Aerobatics	Albury	Felix N.	0428 880 633
25	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Camden	Felix N.	0428 880 633

Nov 2014

2	NSW Pattern Flyers – Aerobatics	Pitt Town	Felix N.	0428 880 633
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“Connie” flies past at Warbirds Downunder 2013



NEWSLETTER

No. 04/2013

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia



Message from the MAAA President Neil Tank

MAAA STRATEGIC PLAN

Several newsletters ago I undertook to provide members with an overview of the MAAA Strategic Plan approved at the May Council Conference.

The Final Strategic Plan resulted from research conducted by a working committee, during which Council members, State Associations and members were invited to participate. State Associations were asked to canvass members, a two day planning meeting involving delegates from each State was held in Adelaide and a review was carried out in respect to practices and procedures of similar overseas organisations. The final report presented to Council was in excess of 85 pages, not including all appendices, obviously too large to include in this article.

The plan is divided into nine strategic areas namely: Administration, Communication, Membership, Club Assistance, Marketing, Competition, Training, Education and Safety.

The specific strategies for the above are:

1. Review all administration practices to provide a highly professional and efficient administration structure catering for current and future needs of the organisation, its members and other agencies.
2. Examine the subcommittee procedures and identify alternative practices designed to meet the ongoing and future needs of the organisation.
3. Examine the council meeting processes with a view of adopting current technology and incorporating processes so as to incorporate more time for the development of future direction planning and strategies.
4. Conduct a review of the structure and management processes and identify more efficient ways of managing the organisation.
5. Develop and implement communication strategies designed to deliver effective and timely communication between the MAAA, its members (affiliates and ordinary), the general public, federal government authorities and relevant international bodies.
6. Develop and implement a membership management strategy aimed at attracting new, and retaining current, members by utilising the members' pool of knowledge and skills. The strategy will be sympathetic to members' needs and expectations and will be recognised by members as providing a positive service.
7. Develop and implement a procedures and funding strategy to assist in flying field purchase and development.

... the plan is a fluid plan and will be continually revised, everything is on the table and nothing is sacrosanct...



Message from the MAAA President Neil Tank (continued)

8. Develop and implement marketing practices and procedures which will raise the profile of the Association both to members and the wider community
9. Identify the level of involvement, support and structure of competitions within the MAAA framework.
10. Develop and implement training courses and resources which will provide a base line standard available to all members. The courses are to be continually updated to reflect current technology, practices and entry level of the membership.
11. Develop and implement educational resources for use by members to provide a program to other organisations for the overall education and promotion of model aviation throughout Australia.
12. Continually review operational and flying procedures to ensure that safety for our members and the public is not compromised in any way.

The plan is comprehensive and will not be completed overnight; the implementation will be in the hands of the Executive and the Strategic Planning Implementation Group (SPIG).

The first task has been to determine strategic priorities; to identify tasks which need to be addressed now. Some of these first issues include: assistance to clubs both financially and administratively, an improved Training System, Education initiatives catering for both members and the general public, Membership and Communication.

The Executive and SPIG will not implement the plan in isolation and we will not be able to achieve the desired outcomes without the support of State Associations and members. Members with specific expertise will be invited to join working groups and if the need arises, we will go outside of the organisation to obtain required expertise. We will also not reinvent the wheel, if appropriate practices exist in similar overseas organisations; we will examine those practices to see if they suit our environment.

Where to from here? The process has already commenced:

- The Lands Subcommittee has conducted a workshop in respect to feasibility of club assistance programs. A report and proposal will be presented to the forthcoming Presidents' conference.
- An Education working party has been established consisting of aeromodellers with specific expertise in that field.
- Communication strategies are being developed and negotiations are being conducted with both national aeromodelling publications.
- A trial new Instructors' Training course, focusing on "Train the Trainer" has been demonstrated in South Australia and a similar course will be conducted in Victoria. Representatives from other States are invited to attend. An assessment of this course will be presented to the 2014 Council Conference.



**The MAAA President
Neil Tank**
Telephone 0439 517539



Message from the MAAA President Neil Tank (continued)

- Administration practices are being examined with a view to utilising current electronic technology.
- MOPs are being reviewed to determine their relevance today and in the future.

In conclusion, the plan is a fluid plan and will be continually revised, everything is on the table and nothing is sacrosanct. Just because we did things one way in the past does not mean we have to continue along the same path.

However we should also remember that “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it”.

The Executive and SPIG welcome constructive input from members as we move along. We are all involved for the same reasons, we may have different views but our objectives are the same, we all fly for fun, competition and enjoyment. We all are addicted to aeromodelling.

VISIT TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS

This month both the MAAA Secretary and I attended a meeting, at the request of ACTAA, to listen to and provide answers and feedback to questions and concerns ACT club members had. The meeting was well attended and commenced with a presentation overview of the MAAA Strategic Plan, which generated numerous questions, covering all the areas of concern for those in attendance.

Following a request from MAAQ we will both be attending a similar meeting to be held in Brisbane in November.

EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

An Education working group has been formed replacing the Subcommittee and has representatives from most State Associations. The working group consists of modellers who have expertise in Education: Several are teachers who conduct aeromodelling classes at their schools and have volunteered their services.

The key Strategic Requirements on the specific subject of education identified the following key points.

MAAA to provide resources for education:

- The State Bodies and clubs should deliver any education programs
- Like minded organisations should be targeted
- Establish an education working party
- Identify types of courses that can be delivered to both members and non-members
- Develop a national education program targeting youth organisations with similar interests
- Identify affiliate members with suitable qualifications or expertise to deliver developed programs
- Deliver the program

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from the MAAA Secretary Kevin Dodd ...

Items from the MAAA 2013 Council Conference

Promotion

An amount of \$10,000 was included in the Budget for promotion/advertising to be managed by the MAAA Executive. State Associations and clubs are invited to apply for a grant to assist with promotion of their activities in the 2013/14 period. Applications should be accompanied by supporting details and be sent to the MAAA Secretary for consideration by the MAAA Executive.

One club has received assistance (\$500.00) through this scheme to aid in the promotion of aeromodelling with club members living on Norfolk Island. Members from three Queensland clubs visited Norfolk Island for a week, aiding modellers on the island with model projects and assisting in getting many of these flying. Flying was carried out from the many slope soaring sites around the island as well as the local field and attracted a large amount of interest from the residents. New club members were signed up during the week.

MAAA have undertaken to have a quantity of large 'teardrop flags' produced which display the MAAA logo and website contact details. These flags will be available to State Association and Clubs holding large events. Several will be on display at the various events at the 2013/14 MAAA/VMAA Nationals in Albury.

MAAA LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES - CASA DEED OF AGREEMENT

In keeping with responsibilities that as an RAAO, MAAA must demonstrate that it actively supports the concept of *"protecting the privilege to fly, rather than the right to fly"*, articles have been prepared and submitted to both Commercial Australian Model Magazines.

These articles provide a broad outline of some of the safety incidents experienced by MAAA and are aimed not only at MAAA members but also the general public who fly models privately. The articles also provide reasons to show why it is an advantage for these people to join clubs and the benefit they will gain by doing so.

SAFETY MESSAGE

– Notice to 'All High Flyers'

There have been several recently reported occurrences of model aircraft, or unauthorised FPVs, coming into close contact with full size manned aircraft.

THIS IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR) 101.055 specifically forbids the operation of *'an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person, or property'*. It is an offence of strict liability to do so. (For definition of *strict liability* see section 6.1 of the Criminal Code)

We in Australia are in a privileged position in that we face far fewer rules and restrictions than are applied in many other nations. One accident involving a full sized aircraft could change that in the stroke of a pen.

PLEASE MAKE A POINT OF ENSURING THAT YOUR RECREATIONAL USE OF MODEL AIRCRAFT DOES NOT ENDANGER FULL SIZE MANNED AIRCRAFT.



Items from the MAAA 2013 Council Conference (continued)

Insurance Excess

It was agreed that the Insurance excess payable on the first claim by an Affiliate Member in any two year period be \$250.00, increasing to \$500.00 for any subsequent claims.

Short Term Loans and MAAA Assistance to Obtain Property

At the Conference it was agreed that the MAAA Executive would approve short term loans up to \$20,000. It was also decided that State Associations no longer had to underwrite loans. Applications for loans should still be made through the State Association to the MAAA.

Properties that the MAAA has purchased or provided loans to purchase

Property	Lessee	Lease Repayments/ Original Loan Value
Sale – Vic.	Sale & District Club	\$50p/a
Southern Soaring League	Loan	\$78,500.00
Victoria State Field – Daraweit Guim Vic.	Buy back with MAAA Loan	\$257,931.89
NSW Field – Cootamundra NSW	Nil	MAAA loan settled
Twin Cities – Albury NSW	Loan	\$52,500.00
Queensland State Field – Toowoomba Qld	MAAQ/TARMAC	\$50.80 + CPI p/a
AWA State Field – Elgin WA	AWA/SWARMS	\$76.20 + CPI p/a
Bairnsdale - VIC	VMAA/BADMAC	\$350.00

MAAA Executive Approved Short Term Loans

Property	Assistance	Value
Hastings Radio Modellers	Loan	\$2,700.00
Tingalpa Model Aero Club	Loan	\$10,000.00

Incident Reports

In September, most modellers would have been concerned to read of fatalities overseas involving model helicopters. As a result of these incidents, the MAAA Helicopter Subcommittee promptly put together a ‘Safety Reminder’ which was distributed to State Associations & Clubs and also social media, highlighting a few key points to our members to ensure they stay safe whilst enjoying their hobby. Both these tragic incidents should serve as a reminder that there are dangers in our sport and constant vigilance and some simple sensible routines are required to remain safe.

Members are reminded that MAAA adopts a ‘just culture’ policy especially with incidents and incident reporting. *‘Just Culture is when a person in the normal course of events is not judged for providing accurate information’* Unless full details of incidents are provided, apart from the additional time taken to investigate these incidents, the advantage of learning from mistakes is diminished. Please assist by providing full and accurate details of any incident as well as any recommended corrective actions taken as a result of internal investigations.

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National and International Events

2014 F3F Slope Soaring Team Trials Event

Dates: 23- 24- 25- January 2014 with a reserve day on the 26 January.

Location -Esperance, Western Australia.

The event will be held according to FAI rules for F3F and will be run by the Western Australian Gliding SIG.

A result will be determined at the completion of a minimum of 4 Rounds and a maximum of 18 Rounds if conditions allow.

The first three placings will be offered positions on the team with fourth place offered a position as the reserve.

Esperance has a reliable breeze during January and the likelihood of achieving 18 Rounds over the 4 days is extremely high.

The slopes cater to the two prevailing wind directions.

Esperance is a 7 hour car ride from Perth, or Sky West Airlines fly there daily from Perth.

2015 F3B Gliding World Championships

A single team trial event to be held in conjunction with the WA F3B Open, to select the Australian team to participate in the 2015 F3B World Championship being held in the Netherlands around July 2015.

Competition dates: Saturday 31 May 2014, Sunday 1 June 2014 , reserve day Monday 2 June 2014.
Location – Serpentine, Western Australia, located approximately 71 km from Perth Airport , 37 km from the City of Mandurah and 35km from Rockingham with both locations having ample accommodation.

The event will be held according to FAI rules for F3B and will be run by Soaring WA which is the Western Australian Gliding SIG.

The Contest Director will be Gregg Voak and the Contest Organiser will be Tim Kullack on behalf of Soaring WA.

2014

EVENT	Awarded to
F1D	Slanic Romania – Dates - 6 - 10 October
F2 A,B & C	Poland – Dates: TBA
F3F	Slovakia - 13 - 20 September
F3J	Slovakia – Dates: TBA
F4C	France– Dates: TBA
F5B & D	Austria – Dates: TBA
F3A AOCC	Thailand – Dates: May 2014

2014 F1D Indoor World Championships

The VFFS Inc. will run an F1D team trial to select a team to represent Australia at the 2014 F1D World Champs to be held in Slanic, Romania - 6 to 10 October 2014.

It is proposed to run a single Team Trial for F1D in conjunction with the proposed F1D State Champs at Manningham D.I.S.C. Springvale Rd Donvale, Victoria on Nov 24 2013 from 12.30pm to 4.00pm.

F5B Team Trial

Format: Single Trial

Location: MASNSW State Field, Cootamundra

Date: 23 & 24 November 2013

Entry fee: \$15.00 entry fee per competitor. Nil deposit required.

Contact Keith Flatt 0438 007 307

keith_flatt@hotmail.com



MAAA World Champions

MAAA Members Congratulate the New World Champion

Roy Summersby F1C Free Flight

and Defending World Champion Chris Callow and Kevin Callow F3D Pylon Racing.





Norfolk Island



Members from Logan, Tingalpa and Rockhampton Clubs spent the week recently flying from this idyllic setting. A variety of models were flown during the week, from scale to electric powered models used for slope soaring. Prior arrangements were made to have some of the models sent to members on the island from retail outlets and some were transported as luggage.



The week long 'fly-in' was appreciated by the residents and MAAA are proud to have played a part in the promotion of aeromodelling on the island.

Norfolk modellers are members of the Tingalpa Model Aero Club under a country club arrangement.





Club News

Bruce Thrift (CVRCMAC)

Report on the Camden Valley Scale weekend 2rd & 3rd November

We had a good turnout both Saturday and Sunday with about 40 people including visitors. They enjoyed the casual rally approach and pilot's choice judging with BBQ and refreshments both days. As a treat we offered Egg & Bacon Sunday breakfast. Sunday afternoon was cut short by the wind.

Numbers were down, possibly due to clash with the Temora special week end, point to remember for next time.

Overall the week end was a success, thanks to the organisers John Rolfe and Ted Ashley

GMAC New Field

Bob Tomlinson (GMAC)

The GMAC moved to our new field on Sunday 10th November. We have been looking for a new field for some time as there were severe time restrictions put on our old field at the local glider club.

Because of close neighbours our flying was confined to 9am-12am on Wednesdays and we really needed a field that was available on weekends so we could attract people who were not free to come flying on a Wednesday morning.

One of our members, Scott Short and his brothers came to our aid and now we have a field that has no close neighbours and that we can fly on anytime.

We hope to invite other clubs in our area to a fly in once the new strip is fully grassed. We have provision for Heli's on one side of the club container and fixed wing on the other so everyone is kept happy.



GMAC pilots on our first day at the field



HELIS ON THE CLARENCE 2013

Graeme Battistuzzi (GMAC)

The inaugural Helis On The Clarence Fun Fly was held at the GMAC (Grafton Model Aircraft Club) field on the banks of the Clarence River at South Gate just north of Grafton. Organisers were Dave Scott, Greg Moss & Graeme Battistuzzi.



Graeme Battistuzzi, Marco Rebelo, Jody Hodgson, Greg Moss, Dave Scott

Pilots showed off their night flying skills on Friday & Saturday night with some fantastic displays. This year's Fun Fly was a special memorial event to Brian Smith, the land owner who was looking forward to the Helis on the Clarence, but sadly past away a few weeks prior to the Fun Fly.



Tent City

The event was held over 18th 19th & 20th of October 2013, with 50 pilots & more than 150 helis turning up from throughout QLD, NSW & ACT.

The first camper started rolling in on Monday 14th & by Saturday more than 38 had setup camp, turning the place into a tent city. The weather was a little poor on Friday but by Saturday it cleared up, remaining fine & making for a great event.

A Brian's Choice inaugural trophy was made up & presented to the lucky person that Brian's family picked. This year's recipient was Kim Skully from the REBELS for wrenching it all weekend trying to keep helis up to his son Troy.

Another highlight of the weekend was the large number of scale models being flown & displayed. Profits from the event were donated to the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter.



Night Rig



Zeke Huish from Westpac receiving cheque from Graeme Battistuzzi

The Westpac simulator proved popular when it turned up Saturday morning, we raised a total of \$1415 for Westpac.

Junior Membership – an Opinion

Daryl Woolfe



As a matter of interest, I have noted in a number of journals for radio control aircraft modelling, the concern about the lack of juniors joining clubs and the fact that the hobby will die out if new blood is not infused into the hobby.

From years of dealing with sports that include juniors, the problem really does not lay with having juniors join clubs. Some may disagree with me and please do not misunderstand what I am alluding to, we need a steady influx of juniors to support clubs but not to keep them alive.

Where we need to be aiming our promotions is at the much older junior. I hear some of you saying 'what?' The older junior is the person in their late thirties early forties with a little bit of disposable income. Why target this age group? The answer is very simple. For a hobby / sport like ours, the people who come along have an interest in flying, a bit of spare time and a little bit of spare cash waiting to be spent on something.

Juniors, in general, do not have a disposable income. Their income is from their parents and the parents are the major influence on a child's sporting or hobby choices. I will admit that it is not always the case but I am sure that most people reading this would understand the merit of what I am trying to get across.

It is true that some schools have a model aviation class and the MAAA and all state bodies should continue to support the efforts of schools that do have these programs on offer. However, the question must be asked. How did these classes get started in the schools? I would bet my last dollar (if I had any dollars) that these programs came about from a teacher who is involved in model flying.

So, if a club can attract the membership of an enthusiastic Dad, there is a good chance of also getting the son and daughter involved as well. In the meantime the son and daughter will find interests in the opposite sex, cars and, sadly, alcohol. Dad will continue on flying until he becomes grandad. Then son remembers that 'I used to have fun doing that with Dad' and goes to the field and picks up the sticks again. Hopefully the cycle then continues.

The point I am making is that juniors do not have their own money as such and the greater recruitment drive for new members should be aimed at the thirty to forty age bracket. They are the new juniors.

Another thing that I see in some clubs and organizations is the absolutely ridiculous new membership set up surcharge. I have seen some clubs, not



so much RC clubs, charge as much as fifty dollars in a one off fee, to 'set up' the new member on their membership base. Fair dinkum, what a crock. How long does it take to add a name, address, email contact and a phone number?

In one sporting body that I was involved with for years, the club would hold a draw at the end of each year and refund the year's membership to a lucky new member. That was so popular that the club was finding that the winner would often sign the whole family up as members for the next year. A little bonus for the club.

As a final note regarding junior membership. Do not allow your club to be a babysitting service. The laws surrounding juniors now is savage if

there is even the hint of impropriety on behalf of a club or member of that club.

A parent or legal guardian must be present with the junior the whole time that junior is on your flying field. Even taking a photograph of a junior with their model for the club's album must be done with the permission of the parent or guardian and I would make sure that was in writing.

I work with juniors and the simple innocent act of taking a photo of a junior could result in a huge legal minefield for your club. Sadly, it is part of our modern way of life.

Regards and respect
Daryl Woolfe

One of the T6
Harvards of the
Southern Knights
Aerobatic team at
Warbirds
Downunder 2013





Upcoming Events



THE 34th ANNUAL ARMIDALE SAILPLANE EXPO

HOSTED BY:

New England Model Aircraft Club Inc. and The Sailplane Expo Trust

from 9.00am Saturday 25th January 'til 1.30pm Monday 27th January 2014



**ENTRY FORM, CONDITIONS OF ENTRY, FIELD LOCATION
AND TASK INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM:**

<http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/>

http://www.fly-rc.com.au/?page_id=110

<http://www.flyelectric.com/Expo-main.html>

Contact Hutton Oddy on 0425 285 758 or email: vhoddy@gmail.com



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RC PRECISION AEROBATICS - 2014

The first competition will be held at the Camden Valley Club on Saturday 25th Jan 2014. This is a one day event. Details of the location and gate entry details are on our website. Entries should be made through the website by no later than 22 Jan 14.

The new P15 Pattern will be flown from our first Competition next year. The P15 Schedules together with Expert, Advanced and Sportsman Schedules and call cards are all on the APA Website, the link is on our website www.nswpattern.org.au .

As there is no January Newsletter, please also note your diaries for the first two day competition which is at the Shoalhaven Model Flyers Club on their Fletcher's Lane field, off Meroo Road Bombaderry, just to the north of Nowra, on the 15th and 16th February 2014. Entries in through the website by no later than 12 Feb 14.

The New South Wales Pattern Flyers wish you all the best for the Festive Season, and good practicing of the new Schedules ready for the 2014 events, with light winds and a fair skies.

Please also note that the contact for these events has changed and Felix Nieuwenhuizen is the new Secretary, and can be contacted on 0403 763 333, or at felchem@bigpond.com



MAS NSW FLY-IN

14, 15, 16

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Field Update:

- New watering system has produced a perfect surface for flying
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For more information contact:

Tim Nolan 0412173440

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Scratch built, true scale Miles Hawk M2 c/n 3. 1.8m span (5.5:1). OS 61 motor, JR servos, JR RX on 36. Ready to fly. \$500.00

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Contact Ken

0408 876 678





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I have a second one as originally designed and little flown. Different colour scheme. \$80.00

Below: Control Line Nobler that has come into contact with the ground nose first and is in need of some tender loving care. It comes with a new fibreglass cowling and a virtually new in box OS 40. 60.00



Thinking of what to buy for the kids for Christmas? How about this RC Surfer? He comes new in box with wheel radio , 7.2 volt nicad battery and charger. All of this for only \$30.00

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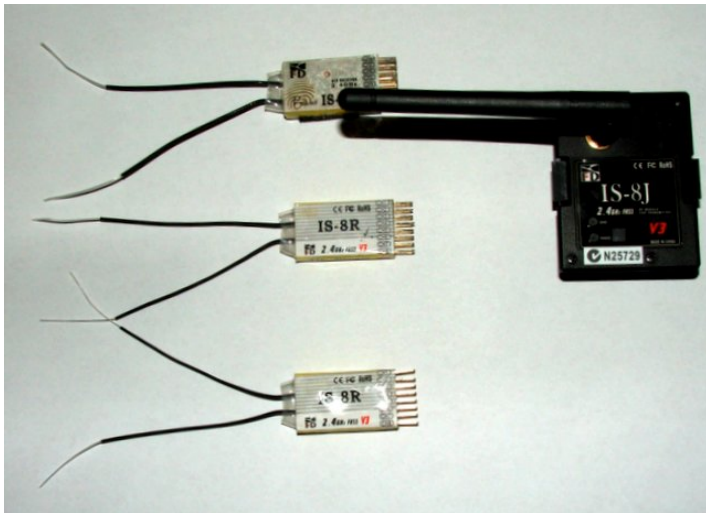
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