



AEROMODELLERS

NEW SOUTH WALES



Introducing the new Aeromodellers NSW Logo!

You will start to see our new name, **Aeromodellers NSW** replace the old name and formally we will complete the change over by February 2015. Our meeting on the 5th February 2015 will be opened as **Aeromodellers NSW** and we invite you to attend that meeting - but more closer to the time.

We would all agree that the diversity of our flying community is wide and varied. We have seen major changes to our sport over the last few decades and the new logo is a statement about looking across our community of aircraft and creating one identifying mark or logo that shows diversity, engineering and skills in model aviation.

The modern font is representative of the innovation in the sport and is appealing to a broader audience including newcomers, both younger and older as well as those of us who have wanted something modern to represent us. In the development of this logo we have considered the strong influences that these aircraft types have on our current and future thinking about flight and the sport overall. Where possible we put the most modern or recognisable silhouettes of the respective aircraft into the primary logo. The icons are very important in the working of our brand. You will over time see the individual icons used as subject markers. For example the new website will have the icons appear as part of the heading in any relating article so that if you are only interested in helicopters, then you will easily be able to identify the helicopter stories by the icon, or button as it is affectionately called. You will also see a separation on jackets and other clothing, where the **Aeromodellers NSW** will be on the front left pocket but the icons will be across

the back or down the sleeve if that works better. We are working through the designs to make sure they look their best but the aim is to see the icons representing that category. As badges, pilots will be able to display them on their hats and on trophy designs; again the icons will support their category.

Our definition of Aeromodellers is:

“Any persons interested in the experimentation and innovation, design, construction, maintenance and/or flight of all/any model aircraft, be they fixed wing, multiple rotary wings, gliders, helicopters or any airborne creation that takes to the sky and pushes the envelope of possibility”

Behind the scenes there are a number of important things being developed. Our new website is being created with some of the things we need from the start and other things that will be incorporated later. We are certainly interested in stories or content that members would like include in the site so please get in touch via pro@masnsw.com.au We are also building our *Facebook* presence so that we can communicate and reach more people and provide a place to share experiences. If you are a *Facebook* user, look up **Aeromodellers NSW** - you will find our online community. We have over 65 likes at present and the videos and some of the images are starting to assemble with people from different clubs joining in the conversations.

Finally, thank you for all the support you have provided during this exciting time of change.

Aranka Nolan
Public Relations Officer
Aeromodellers NSW





The President's Christmas Message

This will be the last newsletter for 2014 and I would like to thank all clubs and individual members for their support throughout the year.

A special mention must be made to all members of the MAS NSW Executive and their families for the amount of time they have devoted to your organisation. All clubs have their Executives that work to provide an environment where we can all enjoy flying and camaraderie in our leisure hours. To all of them I say thank you.

I hope that you all have time to relax over the holiday period with family and friends and the gifts you exchange are well received. Following the holidays we will see you all back next year to welcome in **Aeromodellers NSW**.

Bob Carpenter

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Diary Notes

Next MAS NSW Meeting

Friday 5th Decvember 2014, 7:30pm at **Dooley's Waterview Club, Cnr of Clyde Street and Silverwater Road, Silverwater.**

Following MAS NSW Meeting

Friday 13th February 2015, 8:00pm at **Dooley's Waterview Club, Cnr of Clyde Street and Silverwater Road, Silverwater.**

Newsletter #372 (February 2015) deadline for submissions

Tuesday 13th January 2015 (**Note - there is no meeting or newsletter in January**).

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Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc

MINUTES

Business Meeting

Board Room, DOOLEYS Waterview Club,
Cnr Clyde St & Silverwater Rd, Silverwater
Friday 14 November 2014

Meeting Opened: 8.00pm

Attendance: R Masters WPMAC, D Lewis CMAS, T Nolan ROW, R Carpenter, B Bishop CMAC, G Hoy CMAC, B Thrift CVRCMAC, K Barnes PRCAC, J Deece HMAS, M Stone HSL, S Norrie NSWASAS, J Randle CKSMAC

Visitors: M Towell CKSMAC, S Hassett CKSMAC

Apologies: D Costelloe QFS

Minutes: Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 September 2014 at Silverwater as published in newsletter 370 be accepted as a true and correct record of those meeting. Further that the financial record from the meeting also be accepted as circulated to clubs in MAS NSW bulletin number 10/2014 2015.

Moved: WPMAC **Seconded:** NSW SAS **Carried**

Business Arising: Correction to the October minutes, the adoption of the minutes from the October meeting should read: “**Moved:** WPMAC **Seconded:** CMAC **carried**”.

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

Correspondence In:

From MAAA:

- M 1.1 Secretary, entry details for the 68th Nationals in SE Queensland April 2015
- M 1.2 Secretary, executive minutes from Sept/Oct meeting
- M 1.3 Secretary, agenda for President midyear meeting
- M 1.4 Secretary, a Commercial Instructor enquiry (advised applicant has stopped flying)
- * M 1.5 Secretary, Nationals details now on MAAA website
- * M 1.6 Secretary, changes to MOP038, heavy model permits no longer retained by state bodies

From other than MAAA:

- C 2.1 A Lockett, Cowra MAC, enquiry re club grant status
- * C 2.2 N Milton, SGMA enquiry via MAAA website and advice on MOP067
- * C 2.3 Bill Lampett, Wagga, enquiry as to minimum age for flying
- C 2.4 CASA, Display approval for Tamworth





- * C 2.5 D Lewis, Registrar, joint flying at clubs
 - C 2.6 T Cocks, SMAC, enquiry re field locations (assistance provided)
 - * C 2.7 M Conner, MMAC, assistance on discipline procedure
 - C 2.8 J Kastelan BAC, area approval application (forwarded to CASA)
 - * C 2.9 I Dolby, WMAC, request for a flight training course at Wagga.
 - C 2.10 G Matherson SMFC, enquiry for height clearance (assistance provided)
 - * C 2.11 R Woodcock, enquiry re MAAA financials
 - C 2.12 P McKeown FW25 application.
 - C 2.13 P Fowler, Canada, enquiry re flying while visiting Australia in January 2015
 - ** C 2.14 C Buckley, WRCS, enquiry re the Cootamundra fly in dates for next year.
 - C 2.15 Shannon Gosper FFMAC, FW25 application for Shannon Gosper
 - C 2.16 Hazell Tennant, Wagga MAC, club history – forwarded to PRO
 - * C 2.17 R Young, questions re development of a flight training manual.
 - C 2.18 B Tucker Wagga, display application for Wagga Helifest.
- C 2.30 Received completed Large Model Permits to fly forms from the following:
As per MAS NSW circular 11/2014-2015, and MOP038 these are no longer required to be sent to the Secretary.
- C 2.32 Newsletters Received:

Late Correspondence:

Correspondence Out:

To MAAA:

To other than MAAA:

- M 1.5 circulated to all members
- M 1.6 circulated to all members
- C 2.1 details obtained from MAAA and supplied to the club
- C 2.2 details/ information supplied to the author on SGMA policy
- C 2.3 member advised that age is not an issue it is and will remain based on competency (Young Rhys aged 4 1/2 has just competed in his first contest Heli 3DX, see newsletter 367)
- C 2.7 The president advised the meeting the Executive have developed a simple pro form based to the current Fair Trading Model Rules Constitution that most clubs are operating under, if any clubs need assistance then please contact the Secretary for a copy
- C 2.9 Forwarded to CFI for inclusion in the calendar for next year, see CFI report.
- C 2.11 President advised the author of the current MAAA policy, that the information is for Council members only, and can only be released via the MAAA Secretary
- C 2.14 Meeting confirmed the date for the Cootamundra fly-in and meeting will be on 6-8 March 2015
- C 2.17 The President/CFI will liaise with R Young re this subject





Business Arising from Correspondence:

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

Moved: CVRCMAC **Seconded:** HMAS **Carried**

Reports

Treasurer Bob Bishop

The Treasurer's was read to the meeting.

Business Arising from the Treasurers Report:

Questions regarding:

- The slashing at Cootamundra, this is the outfield area not the runways that the club maintain.
- The PRO expenses are for video editing of clips for the Facebook page, for further details see the PRO report.

Motion: That the Treasurers report be accepted and accounts be approved for payment

Moved: HSL **Seconded:** CKSMAC **Carried**

President Bob Carpenter

This month you will see further information regarding the changeover from MAS NSW to our new name of Aeromodellers NSW. I would like to thank Aranka for all the work she has put in to this change of not only our name but also the forward thinking and planning for the future. This is important, as unless we continue to be relevant in today's society we will have difficulties in attracting new members, and without these new members we will gradually become another casualty of change.

You will also see a report from the Mid-Year Presidents and Financial meeting held in Melbourne on the 1st November. I commend this report to you as it shows that there are changes under MAAA that specifically concern MAS NSW and all its members. MAAA is also undergoing change and the changes are part of its long term strategic plan.

Registrar Dave Lewis

Presently we have 2175 members and 82 clubs this very close to last year's numbers. The next influx will be in January when ½ year memberships open.

Chief Flying Instructor Bob Carpenter

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members from the Grafton Course who were successful in obtaining their Instructor qualification.

One of the key feedback items was the challenges we all have in changing from flying our own aircraft to being an instructor and being in control of the aircraft, helicopter or glider and at the same time being the instructor. For those of you who have not attempted this before do not underestimate the skill that this requires. I commend all those who make it look easy. It is not!

MAS NSW will be conducting the last Instructors Course and workshop for 2014 over the weekend of the 29/30 November at the HMAS Field at Vineyard. The course is designed for those holders of Gold Wings that would like to move up to Instructors; those holding instructors qualifications who would like to refresh their knowledge of the latest trends and observers and club officials who would like to





attend and obtain knowledge of the course and all the CASA, MAAA and club regulations and procedures.

New Instructors need to be nominated by their clubs to attend, refreshing instructors only need to advise that they would like to attend and those wishing observe should advise the course facilitator.

Please provide your details to either the Secretary; Tim Nolan at secretary@masnsw.org or direct to Bob Carpenter at president@masnsw.org .

Public Relations Officer Aranka Nolan

We are now starting to build our social media presence. Aeromodellers NSW has a page on Facebook. At the time of writing this we have 65 likes. By liking this page you get to see what is happening. We have presented 3 videos about the flying event at Vineyard on the page so far and other images and commentary will follow over time.

This is a great place to showcase our sport and start conversations. We invite you to share any images or videos that present your flying adventures! Also anyone building something, it would be great to see what you are doing. If you attend an event it would be great if you take any photos to put them up too.

I will start propagating it with more content and the idea is that once the website is up you will be able to link to things on the website.

Speaking of the website we have been lucky to have found our new Historian. Val Vickers has very kindly volunteered to be our Historian and provide valuable content that she has found. We are very excited about this as there are great stories of Aeromodellers in the early days of the sport and it was a very different experience back then.

Max Stone, from Heathcoat Soaring League, brought in some old pictures that show the sport in its infancy. He showed me a register of the first members and he was Number 30! This was the time when they had to design and build their own propellers! There is more to come and he is writing the story to explain the period and the people.

Thank you to those who have sent content for the new website. We welcome history and stories, images and video. It is an exciting time and so I look forward to bringing the Aeromodellers brand to life and making it a really special place for Aeromodellers and visitors.

State Flying Field Secretary Steve Norrie

We had four groups use the field in the last month, all of whom loved the place. One of these groups were from the ACT and have stated that they will be back. I already have four bookings for next year, one of which is locked in.

The bore pump failed and has been replaced at a cost of approx \$1000.00. I am waiting for the invoice so that I can arrange for the bill to be paid.

CASA Liaison Officer Tim Nolan

A reminder to all that Mr Kevin Scrimshaw from CASA will be attending the December meeting which is being held 1 week earlier on the 5 December and the meeting will start at 7.30pm sharp.

He will be talking about CASA 101 and how it impacts on our activities, risk assessments, definitions of aerodromes and the conditions when and where we can operate.





Area approvals are underway and a number of quotes have already been sent out. These will be finalised as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me.

Other reports:

Mid-Year Presidents and Financial Meeting

On the 1st November all the MAAA Presidents met in Melbourne to approve the financial reports of MAAA and also to review the progress of the organisation in the six months since the Council Conference held in May.

Following the Treasurers reports and acceptance of the financial reports, the MAAA President presented the results of the marketing survey conducted for MAAA. The results of this survey have provided a starting point that shows members thoughts and opinions about MAAA and of course all our respective organisations. A further survey next year will show if the changes being undertaken are having either a positive or negative effect from the membership viewpoint.

A key point is that NSW together with Victoria had the greatest representation in the survey. This was slightly above our percentage of national membership.

- The survey showed that the respondents were predominately above 50 years of age (27.46%) and 60 years of age (29.41%) and that is reflective of our membership demographics that were obtained last year.
- Members with 5-10 year and 10-20 year memberships were the most represented.
- 85% of our members have some form of wings.
- 95% of the respondents were Radio Control flyers.

These results were reviewed in light of the Strategic Plan for MAAA in the future and will act as the benchmark.

Following the discussions on the member survey and the strategic plan the MAAA President addressed the way in which NSW is administered by three separate bodies (Radio Control, Free Flight and Control Line) which is different from any other state where only one body manages all disciplines. Following lengthy and, at times, “robust” discussions, the Council has directed that the NSW organisations attempt to form one unified organisation. If the NSW organisations cannot come up with a plan for unification by the 2015 Council Conference in May, then the MAAA Council will be directing the way forward. This is a major area for discussion and your executive will be attempting to identify a way forward with the other NSW organisations.

Motion that the reports be accepted.

Moved: PRCAC **Seconded:** CMAS **Carried**





Awards:

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

Mick Legovic	CVRCMAC	59841
Tristan Worsdall	WRCS	81773
Greg Maynard	WRCS	81825
John Robson	COMSOA	40258
Liam Hebditch	CCMAC	76584 (post wings to pilot)
Benjamin Nicholl	SHMAC	82362
Cannon Archer	COMSOA	71483
Jeffery Jennings	FTMAC	76311
Christopher Jordan	WRCS	69513

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

Andrew Biddlecombe	WRCS	73840
Mark Norvall	Leeton MAC	76329
Robert Harvey	Lower Tweed	59991
David Geary	Lower Tweed	77321

Applications received for approval for MAAA Fixed Wing Power Instructors:

Mark Trainor	LMMAC	66319
Paul Toohey	BCRF	67349

Applications received for Approval of Commercial Model Aircraft Flying Instructors:

No applications received

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

No applications received

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:

Peter Blackwell	SHMAC	73961
Colin Hutchinson	SHMAC	52279

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

No application received

Applications received and approved for MAAA Glider Instructors:

No applications received

Applications received and approved for MAAA Multirotor – Bronze Wings

David Moore	SSSFA	15345 (post wings to pilot)
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Applications received and approved for MAAA Multirotor – Gold Wings

No applications received





Moved: CKSMAC **Seconded:** CVRCMAC **Carried**
MAAA Inspector Approvals:

Heavy Model FW 25 Inspector Approvals:

John Role	NSWS SAS	47977
Michael Hage	Port Macquarie	67430

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

Commercial Instructor Approvals

Nil received

MASNSW POINT SCORE COMPETITION AWARDS 2014:

General Business:

The first item of General Business is:

The next Business Meeting of MASNSW will be held at 7:30pm on Friday 5 December 2014 at Dooleys Waterview Club starting at 8.00pm all members and visitors are welcome. Please note the earlier starting time.

The President addressed the members of a meeting he had with Robert and Jason Brand who are attempting to fly a radio controlled model at a supersonic speed early next year. They have been asked to provide an article for the Newsletter. We wish them well with their endeavour and will keep members updated on their efforts.

There being no further business before the meeting, the meeting was declared closed at: 10.00pm





MASNSW 2014/2015 Events Calendar

(Compiled 17/11/2014)

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

Nov 2014

22-23	NSWSAS (Scale) Round 4	Richmond	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
29-30	Lithgow Seaplanes	Lake Wallace	Dave Brown	0402 868 568

Dec 2014

5	MASNSW General Meeting – Dooleys Waterview- Note Meeting is one week earlier and starts at 7.30pm – to allow for Guest Speaker from CASA	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
7	F5J Picton Cup Rd 2	Appin	Bill Gibson	0435 439 377

Jan 2015

10-11	Lithgow Seaplanes	Lake Wallace	Dave Brown	0402 868 568
17	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Camden Valley	Felix N	0428 880 633
24-26	35th Armidale Sailplane Expo	Armidale	Hutton Oddy	0425 285 758
31/1-1/2	Alan Brown Memorial Old Timer Event	Orange	Peter Johnsen	0412 641 088

Feb 2015

13	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
14-15	23rd Annual Banjo Paterson Scale Rally	Orange	Peter Johnsen	0412 641 088
14-15	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A Fletchers Lane	Bomaderry	Felix N	0428 880 633
21-22	NSWSAS (Scale) Round 1	Camden	Bill Mansell	0409 585 023

Mar 2015

6-9	APA - F3A (Organised by The Australian Pattern Association)	Pitt Town	Jason Sparks	0417 750 055
13	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
13-14	NSWSAS (Scale) Round 2 Scale Masters	Metford	Bill Mansell	0409 585 023
28-29	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Queanbeyan	Felix N	0428 880 633

Apr 2015

10	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
18-19	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Wingham	Felix N	0428 880 633

May 2015

8	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
16-17	COMSA Scale Fun Fly	Metford	Paul Robertson	02 4946 8334
16-17	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Gloucester	Felix N	0428 880 633

Jun 2015

12	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
13-14	Large Scale State Titles	Taree	Bill Mansell	0409 585 023
20	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Richmond	Felix N	0428 880 633

Jul 2015

10	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
25-26	NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A	Wingham	Felix N	0428 880 633

Aug 2015

10	MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview	Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
16-17	F4C/F4H / flying State Titles	Richmond	Bill Mansell	0409 585 023





Sep 2015

5-6 NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A
11 MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview
 26-27 NSWAS (Scale) Round 3

Gunnedah	Felix N	0428 880 633
Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
Richmond	Bill Mansell	0409 585 023

Oct 2015

9 MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview
 24 NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A

Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
Camden Valley	Felix N	0428 880 633

Nov 2015

13 MASNSW General Meeting Dooleys Waterview
 23-24 NSW Pattern Flyers – F3A - State Championships

Silverwater	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
Richmond	Felix N	0428 880 633



Invitational Scale Classic Downunder, Cootamundra

Photo via John Rolfe





Club News

The MAS NSW Executive Interviewed

The Aeromodellers Executive were interviewed to share their thoughts on:

- *Why has the name change been important?*
- *What do you think about the new logo?*

Here are their responses.

Don Costelloe: Assistant Secretary

Club: Quiet Flight Society

I never really liked the old logo. It does not have any connotations with aeromodelling at all. I do like the new logo as it encompasses all the disciplines of aeromodelling and is all-inclusive.

I see two main benefits:

- Firstly, that the buttons are a clear identifier to the topics and categories of information and aircraft type and this will be visually present on our website and at clubs etc.
- The new logo is much more modern in comparison to the old logo which I thought was very outdated.

All of this is a matter of pushing our aeromodelling sport into the present. We have been trapped in the past until now with our aging population. We need to make our association more modern and this is one step toward bringing us into the present.

Steve Norrie: State Field Manager

Club: Air Force Cadet at Camden

To be honest when I saw the list of potential names, the one that stuck out for me was **Aeromodellers NSW**. It really defines who we are and our location - and really, I like it.

With the name Aeromodellers NSW, when people are searching for us on the net we should be easier to find - now that our name is what we do. With the logo and the 'buttons' it will make it easy to quickly find the areas that people are interested in on the website. So the icon for gliders will be in the title of an article talking about gliders. It makes sense to the older of us who are just learning about internet usage.





David Lewis: Registrar

Club: Secretary, Werrington Park Model Aero Club.

Great logo, applaud the sentiment. We will have our challenges and we are building this for the innovators and the specialist few who love the sport.

Rob Masters: Newsletter Editor

Club: Vice President, Werrington Park Model Aero Club

It is about time that we did this. If you think about our present name, Miniature Aerospports NSW, the reason for the change becomes clear. Although MAS NSW was inclusive the name is not. Virtually none of our aircraft could be called “miniature” any more. We are all still Aero but despite our best efforts, the powers that be have determined that we are “not a sport”. So, being **Aeromodellers NSW** represents all who fly and keeps us different. Also it is succinct and easy to remember.

I am not sure that it will necessarily change people’s thinking in a hurry but it is a good start and not before time.

As to the new logo, the thing I like about it is that it is completely different in concept from any other Aeromodelling Organisation that I am aware of. It is simple and complex all at once. You can look at it and see one simple idea yet it tells the complex story of our sport (I still say it is) where the disciplines stand together to form the experience overall and the layer of complexity of linking them all together.

It is a great representation of the whole - instantly inclusive. The colours are simple but eye catching and the way it can potentially be utilized in different ways through the web as well as on badges and trophies is quite clever.

George Atkinson: Deputy Chief Flying Instructor, South

Club: Warringah Radio Controlled Society

The movement of model flight has evolved in such a way that it needed a fresh approach and a different representation to appeal to the broader cross section of the hobbyist flyer.

Doing what we have always done in the way we have always done it has given us the same results and that is fewer and fewer members. We had to do something to increase our profile and the interests of the sport.

This will change the face of our hobby.





I like the new logo. It is simple yet effective. It communicates to and allows for the different facets of our hobby with their own identity yet is all encompassing, providing something for everyone.

Under a united association I look forward to more helicopter pilots engaging in the sport and supporting the younger generation who are looking to the more experienced pilot to demonstrate techniques, skill and care in their approach to the sport and specifically helicopter flight.

Bob Bishop: Treasurer

Club: Cronulla Model Aero Club

I never like the name Miniature Aerospots. I likened it to matchbox toys while the toys we play with are sometimes quite large. The new name falls into line with many of the other states and more represents what we are all about.

Aeromodellers NSW more represents what we do, who we are and is easy to remember. It will also be easier for people to find us on electronic media.

I like the logo. It is simple and represents all phases of our hobby/sport. I like the idea of the icon/buttons. I can see that you may be able to click on the icon/button pertaining to your hobby/sport for easier access to your page of interest.

The icon idea also shows people that there is more than one aspect to Aeromodelling that they may want to have a look at or follow. The icons depict the different aspects of our hobby/sport bringing us up to date with the newer technologies (such as quadcopters) and as other new disciplines are added they can easily be accommodated simply by adding another icon.

Tim Nolan: Vice President

Club: Rise off Water

I have a strong belief that we have a responsibility to move the organisation forward. Pivotal to this is our new identity. We need to appeal to a younger generation and a broader group. While not discounting our history and our heritage we need to look forward to ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the sport that is aeromodelling.

I have been concerned that many of the current aeromodelling logos nationally are dated and it is appropriate that NSW shows the lead. After all, NSW is where the MAAA





started, we developed the flight training system that is now used nationally and we are happy to be the first in this step, continuing the leadership shown by NSW in the past.

As for the logo, it is vibrant and energetic. It is inclusive of all forms of aeromodelling and all of its many facets. As is reflected in the definition, the “sport” is about anything that flies.

Bob Carpenter: President

Club: Hawkesbury Model Aero Sport

I believe that we have to look to the future of aeromodelling in NSW and the future of the sport overall. We need to change some of our older ideas and views. We have the opportunity to embrace new technology, now easily available to us to communicate with each other and to reach a new audience and people in different clubs; across the state, around Australia and beyond. We need to make our name and sport more relevant to a new audience of potential pilots. These are the future members of our sport, and the members of the future.

The name change is appropriate and required for today’s society. All organisations need to look at themselves and their future and this is our way of doing this.

We now have a new position to incorporate changing technologies that are sweeping through our sport and taking the interest of people. We can no longer only cater for what has been our history.

I love the new logo and it was the best solution to overcome the challenge that we faced, with our sport/pastime/hobby being so diverse that the idea of having a conventional logo was not going to work collectively with the various disciplines making up our sport. This way the logo and its series of buttons shows our members’ specific interest.

Aranka Nolan: Public Relations Officer

Club: Rise off Water.

My experience with the sport started just over 8 years ago and so I was new and, with all the curiosity of a child I tried to listen and learn. In many ways it seemed like I was dropped into a foreign country. What stood out and still does is the use of acronyms when it comes to the naming conventions of clubs. Without some glossary of terms I had no chance of understanding who was being talked about or where they are located. So anyone interested in the sport was going to be completely confused with the name of the many clubs, let alone the State body. The name had to become easily





identifiable for searches and signage, articles and communications of all types. For me it made sense to be “Aeromodellers” because that was one name that united all of us. Also in a very complex world, the brands that stand out are the single names, Apple, Nike and Holden.

I knew I had my work cut out for me when I was given the responsibility of designing the new logo for the Association. I have been responsible for designing over 30 brands so I was aware of the degree of difficulty that I was facing.

It is the normal human response to dislike change so that part was no surprise. But, to design something that would culturally refocus everyone under one banner was the most challenging part of this change. There was no one thing that united everyone. At a stretch, the idea of an engine, or the air that causes lift but neither were going to be much to look at visually.

It had to be prominent and clever as are we Aeromodellers. When I looked at all the different disciplines that made up our range of aircraft I was stumped. So working through the designs it struck me that we needed a series of what are now affectionately known as buttons. With careful designing we achieved visual balance and made it work.

So you will see the icons or buttons on their own on badges for hats, across the website where the articles will talk about one or more disciplines, and trophies. You will see the united logo on clothing and banners, press releases, the website and other primary places. Welcome to the start of the new brand.



Invitational Scale Classic Downunder, Cootamundra

Photo via John Rolfe





2015 National Electric Flight Rally

Peter Pine

I just want to give you a heads up that it is now locked in - the **2015 National Electric Flight Rally** will be held at the new NAAS field just south of Canberra (near Tharwa) at Easter next year. The dates are 3-6 April, so mark your diaries now! The recent EOT and F5J event held at the NAAS club was highly successful - it is a great field and the club is more than hospitable. Both MAAA and AMAS affiliated fliers can take part.

We plan to offer a program similar to that used at the Barossa this year, with the proviso that we will not run Foamy Pylon unless we have 6 entries or more. I have discussed the Pylon event with Bob Hickman and we made this decision - to stick with pusher, foamy models that qualify for safety reasons, but to only offer the event if enough people enter. So, there is plenty of time for you to come up with a foamy pylon model and get some practice.

If you want to consider accommodation in advance, the Best Western Garden City Motel at 55 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah is highly recommended - it is a great motel that is about 30minutes drive from the field and is right next door to the German Club for great beer and food - see it here:

<http://gardencitycanberra.com.au>

See you in Canberra in April 2015!

Happy landings!

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Invitational Scale Classic Downunder

John Rolfe

Hello Gents just a few words of thanks to MAS NSW on the running of the first Invitational Scale Classic Downunder. This premier event was a great success with a good roll up from all over Australia. The weather was great; the field and facilities were in excellent condition and praised by everyone there. I would also like to thank the Cootamundra Model Aero Club (CMAC) for all their great efforts in helping to run this event. Nothing was a problem for them and I can tell you they supplied “killer” steak sandwiches and other food. A special thanks must go to Graham James and Helen for all their effort and to all the other members of CMAC - their hard work made this a very successful event. We also got quite a bit of media coverage before during and after the event. The ISCD will be back there again in October 2016. Best regards, John Rolfe





First time lucky for model pilots



■ AUSTRALIANS ALL: On Friday Scale Aircraft Society members and onlookers gathered at the State Flying Field in Cootamundra during the opening ceremony of the Invitational Scale Classic Down Under. Pilots came from far and wide to take part in the event hailing from Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Launceston, Hobart and Gladstone.

SCALE Aircraft Society president John Rolfe coordinated a successful event last week at the State Flying Field on Gundagai Road.

The inaugural Invitational Scale Classic Down Under ran seamlessly with 25 model aircraft pilots and close to 40 planes converging on Cootamundra for the event.

And as for the weather, "absolutely perfect; you couldn't have asked for better conditions," Mr Rolfe said.

Blue skies, little to no wind and warm days set an ideal backdrop for the low key event.

"It's a laid-back competition; the pilots enjoy it but they still treat it very seriously," Mr Rolfe said.

According to Mr Rolfe Anthony Ogle was a standout competitor worthy of an honourable mention due to his versatility and finesse.

"I'd confidently say that he's one of the best 20 pilots in the world," Mr Rolfe said.

Competing in three events Mr Ogle from Richmond, NSW, flew a scale US WWII fighter plane, a scale German WWI fighter plane and a scale British Miles Messenger.

A range of spectators dropped in to

see what all the fuss was about, particularly on the weekend.

"Though we were competing with the Coota Show people wandered in throughout the day, and a lot of people stopped on the side of the road to watch."

At the gala night on Saturday many reflected on the country hospitality experienced in town.

"It's the fourth time we've been to Coota for various events," Mr Rolfe said.

"I stayed at the Gardens (Cootamundra Gardens Hotel); they bent over backwards to help out."

The Invitational Scale Classic will take place in Cootamundra biannually.

"They're going to be coming back bigger and better with more people when we run the event again in 2016," Mr Rolfe said.

He says that rallies are easier to organise than competitions, so he's organising a rally for 2015: 'Warbirds Over Wattle.'

The vision is to run a family oriented event to attract the broader community.

"We want kids to come up and have a fly," Mr Rolfe said.





Some Hawaiian Military Aviation History

Alistair Heathcote

Put together by Alistair Heathcote from his many visits to the Islands and scouring the Internet.



Hawaii's first aircraft aviation flight was on the 31st December 1910 in a Curtiss P18 flown by Bud Mars. The first military flight was by Lieutenant Harold Geiger in July 1913 using two Curtiss Model G Tractor Scout Floatplanes.

CURTIS MODEL G TRACTOR SCOUT AT FORT KAMEHAMEHA



He was ordered to cease flying by the end of the year as the aircraft could not handle the trade winds! His operation was from Pearl Harbour. This was part of a contingent of 14 Army personnel who set up a training school. It was disbanded after 4 months.

The next significant military aviation activity was in March 1917 when the 6th Aero Squadron, equipped with improved Curtiss R-6 and N9C seaplanes arrived at Fort Kamehameha (Honolulu) and later at Ford Island (in Pearl Harbour). They provided aerial fire direction for the coastal artillery batteries defending Pearl Harbour and Honolulu. On May 9th 1918 the first inter island flight was accomplished in one of the Curtiss R – 6 seaplanes.

During WW1 fighter aircraft were stationed at Hawaii including a



contingent of SE5s. The photo shows Horace Meek standing in front of his SE5 at Hickam airfield in 1920.

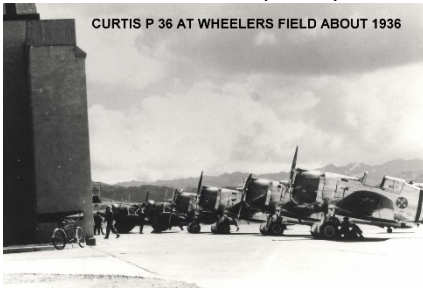
During the 1920s there was a large build-up of aircraft including DH4, Martin and Keystone bombers with Curtiss and Boeing fighters.





BOEING P 12 OVER OAHU IN LATE 1920s

The 1930s saw Amelia Earhart (Lockheed Vega) and Charles Kingsford-Smith (Lockheed Altair) arrive and depart. Military aircraft continued to build in numbers and capability.



CURTIS P 36 AT WHEELERS FIELD ABOUT 1936

And then the Pearl Harbour attack that I am sure you all know about....but did you know there was a second attack on March 4th 1942? Two Kawanishi Flying



KAWANISHI FLYING BOAT THAT ATTACKED HAWAII

Boats flew a bombing and reconnaissance night mission. The

bombs fell harmlessly and the aircraft returned safely to their Marshall Island base.



MARTIN B 12 OVER OAHU

By the end of the war there were in excess of 35 airfields built on the Hawaiian Islands – sounds like typical American overkill!!!

Post war Hawaii has seen a continuous build-up of strategic air capability with all the latest types operating.

Some of this information was gleaned from the Fort DeRussey Museum located right next to where we stay in Waikiki (a must if you are visiting), and a lot from an exceptional web site: www.hawaii.gov/hawaiianaviation.com

There are 4000 photos charting the history up to the 1950s and all free to download - photos of aircraft from companies I have never heard of! New modelling opportunities?

I hope this inspires you to enquire further – well worth it for aviation minded enthusiasts

Alistair.





Upcoming Events



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Peter Kerney 0407013230

(This is a private field and is only available on the advertised dates which is why
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<http://www.nswpylon.org/>

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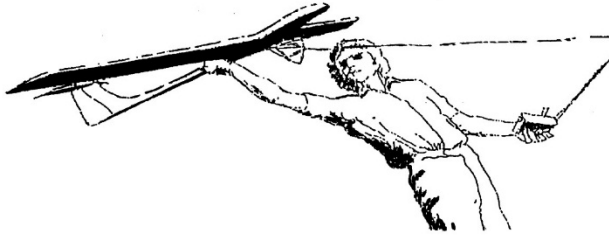
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