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From Joseph Frost's stable of gas turbine jets

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Diary Notes.

NEXT MAS Meeting. 11th June 2010. 8.00pm
The Australian Aviation Museum. Bankstown

Following MAS Meeting. 9th July 2010. 8.00pm.
The Australian Aviation Museum. Bankstown

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Changing of the Guard

May 14th 2010 marked the end of an era with the retirement of four longstanding members of the MASNSW Inc Executive – Joe McGuffin (President), Lorraine McGuffin (Treasurer), Lyle Broadbelt (Registrar) and Denise Broadbelt (Newsletter Editor). Joe and Lorraine have decided to retire from their positions after a combined total of 46 years on the MASNSW Executive. They will however continue their participation and association through membership of various subcommittees and management of the State Field at Cootamundra. Denise and Lyle are returning to New Zealand after a collective 21 years of service and will continue to be active in the field of Model Aero Sports over there.

Val Vickers presented tributes to the retiring Executive and they each responded, thanking the members for their support and encouragement over the years.



Members and the Executive at the 2010 MASNSW Inc AGM prior to the "Changing of the Guard".



Retiring Executive – Joe McGuffin

1980 - Halfway through the year Joe assisted the Radio Controlled Aircraft Society (RCAS) by joining the team as the Public Relations Officer.

May 1981 - Joe was nominated to the Radio Controlled Aircraft Society as the Public Relations Officer.

May 1988 - The Treasurers position of RCAS became available and Joe was nominated and was duly elected.

May 1994 - Joe received a Life Membership of RCAS for outstanding contribution to Aeromodelling in New South Wales.

May 1998 - Joe was nominated as the President of the RCAS and represented RCAS and MAS at the Council conferences.

Year 2000 - Chairman- MAAA National Championships held at Nowra.

Year 2000 - Under the direction of our President Joe, our State Society became incorporated taking a name change from Radio Control Aircraft Society (RCAS) to Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc known as (MAS). Over the next 2 years Joe with his wisdom and vision made it possible for the Miniature Aero Sport to own its State Flying Field. The State field is located at Cootamundra and was officially opened 23 November 2002. This was a very proud moment for Joe, our Executives and members of NSW. To date Joe is the Chairman of our MAS State field committee, and will continue with its progress in the future.

Year 2005 - Radio Representative- MAAA National Championships held at Richmond.

Year 2009 - Chairman- MAAA National Championships held at Cootamundra.

May 2010 - Joe has decided to retire as President of MAS NSW. This completes 30years of contribution to our State as a representative of all our members.

Joe is:

- Chairman of the Land Purchasing Bureau.
- Curator of the MAAA Museum Historical collection.
- On the committees for Heavy Models, Large Scale, and UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles).
- Alternative representative for the MAAA, attending the Australian Sports Aviation Confederation meetings.

I know that all members appreciate Joe's dedication and support for our State during his 30 years as an Executive with RCAS & MAS NSW combined.

On behalf of the Executives and all the members of MAS NSW we wish Joe all the best for the future. Valerie Vickers, Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.



Retiring Executive – Lorraine McGuffin

May 1990 - Lorraine was nominated to be the Newsletter Editor of Radio Controlled Aircraft Society (RCAS) and retired May 1994 after completing (4) four years of service.

May 1998 - Lorraine was elected to the Radio Controlled Aircraft Society as Treasurer, and holds this same position to date with the Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.(MAS). During this time, the State changed its name from RCAS to MAS, became incorporated, and GST was

introduced, which meant that the treasurer was involved heavily with all the changes, paper work, and information for our members.

May 2003 - Lorraine is not a flyer, but through her dedication and support to our members received a Life Membership of Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.

Lorraine has assisted the National Committee Executives at our NSW National Championships, and represented RCAS and MAS at the Council conferences.

Year 2009 - Treasurer – MAAA National Championships held at Cootamundra.

Lorraine is on the committee for the MAS State field located at Cootamundra and has dedicated her time to assist with the progress of the field and will continue this support in the future.

I know that all members appreciate Lorraine's dedication and support for our State during her 14years as an Executive with RCAS & MASNSW combined.

On behalf of the Executives and all the members of MAS NSW we wish Lorraine all the best for the future. Valerie Vickers, Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.



Retiring Executive & Farewell – Denise Broadbelt

Year 2001 - Denise was elected to the Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc Executive Committee as the Newsletter Editor and has held this position for 9 years.

Year 2005 - Denise supported the Australian National Championships held in Richmond working in the administration area.

Year 2009 - Denise is not a flyer, but through her dedication to the sport she received a Life Membership of Miniature Aero Sports NSW.

Year 2009 - National Magazine Editor - MAAA National Championships held at Cootamundra.

To date, Denise has been on the committee for the MAS State field located at Cootamundra, and has dedicated her time to assist with the progress of the field since it was officially opened in November Year 2002.

Denise is returning to her home country New Zealand and will be missed.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and all members of MAS NSW we say thank you for your dedication, and your time over the past 9 years, supporting our members, and furthering our sport.

Valerie Vickers, Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.



Retiring Executive & Farewell – Lyle Broadbelt

May 1998 - Lyle was nominated to be Vice President of the Radio Control Aircraft Society, known as RCAS.

May 1999 - Lyle became the News Letter Editor and held this position for two years.

May 2001 - Lyle was elected as the Registrar for the Miniature Aero Sports NSW inc and to date still holds this position.

May 2008 - Lyle received a Life Membership of Miniature Aero Sports NSW inc for his dedication to our members & sport.

Year 2009 - Registrar – MAAA National Championships held at Cootamundra.

Lyle is returning to his home country New Zealand, and will be taking his valuable skills to the New Zealand model flyers.

On behalf of the Executive Committee & all members of MAS NSW we say thank you for your dedication, and your time as an Executive over the past 12 years, supporting our members & furthering our sport, and wish you all the best for your future. Valerie Vickers, Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc.



Outgoing President Joe McGuffin presenting Incoming President Bob Carpenter with the Perpetual Trophy for "Outstanding Work on Behalf of the Association During the Year".

FAI Award

At the recent annual MASNSW Presentation Dinner, Mike Close, as the representative for the FAI gave an outline of Val's history with aeromodelling in Australia, including her efforts with the Power House Museum's education program. Val was then presented with the FAI's "En Temoignage de Gratitude" medal. She is the 366th recipient in the world and the 20th in Australia. Congratulations Val, much deserved.

(with thanks to the Duration Times – Bulletin No. 162)



Valerie Vickers
FAI "En
from Mike Close.

receives the
Temoignage de Gratitude" medal

Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc

Business Meeting.

The Australian Aviation Museum - Bankstown

14th May 2010

Meeting Opened: The President Mr. Joe McGuffin declaring the meeting open for business at 8.15pm (2015hrs) with a warm welcome to all in attendance.

Attendance: Delegates from the following Clubs were present:

Werrington Park Model Aero Club, (WPMAC), Hawkesbury Model Air Sports (HMAS), Cronulla Model Aircraft Club, (CMAC), Heathcote Soaring League, (HSL). Cumberland Radio Control Modellers Club, (CRCMC), Sydney Society of Model Engineers, (SSME), Springwood Nepean Model Aero Club, (SNMAC), United Miniature Aircraft Club RC Inc, (UMAC RC), Appin Sport Aeromodellers Club, (ASAC), Parramatta Radio Control Aircraft Club, (PRCAC), Scale Model Aircraft Society, (SMAS), Macksville Miniature Aero Sports Flying Club, (MMASFC),

Observers and Visitors present:

Raymond Overs, Edward Ashley,(CVRCMAS), Tim Nolan, (ROW), Don Costelloe, (QFS), Val Vickers, (HMAS), Steve Vickers, (HMAS),

Apologies: The following apologies were received:

Mike Close, (SRCS), Bob Davison, (SSSFA), Ranjit Phelan, (CKSMAC),

Minutes: Motion that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2010 as distributed in the Newsletter 325 and also emailed be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cumberland **Seconded:** SSME **Carried** **Unanimously**

Business Arising from the Minutes. There was no business arising

Correspondence:

NB. *Items of correspondence with one * are for information, items with two ** require a decision.*

Correspondence In:

From MAAA

M 1.1	MAAA	Secretary out of office from 13 th April till 28 th April 2010.
M 1.2	MAAA	Agenda items for the 2010 council conference
M 1.3	MAAA	MAAA Manual of Procedures (MOP) update – Hard Copy

	M 1.4	MAAA	Minutes of the March 2010 MAAA Executive Teleconference
	M 1.5	MAAA	Incident and Investigation report for the Grand Southern Cross Air Rally run by the Foster/Tuncurry MAC "CC" to MASNSW
	M 1.6	MAAA	Rotary Fixed Wing Theory and Inspector Questions. Rotary and Fixed Wing Inspector Candidate MOP Questions.
*	M 1.7	MAAA	Model Operating in Sydney Basin.
*	M 1.8	MAAA	Australian Sports Commission Recognition
	M 1.9	MAAA	UMAC RC
	M 1.10	MAAA	Both MAAA & MASNSW have Data Base Matching each other

From other than MAAA:

	C 2.1	VMAA	MOP Interstate Affiliation application
	C 2.2	Gil Home	Extra Pilot on Permit to Fly Form
	C 2.3	Bob Gibson	1 x Cancelled and 2 x 3YR Permit to Fly Forms
	C 2.4	Frank Regan	Gold Wings enquiry
	C 2.5	Bill Garrod	Bronze Wings Application for Michael Parker
	C 2.6	Simon Press	Cost of Gold Wings and where to send them
	C 2.7	Jason Conolly	FAI Card Update – UMAC
	C 2.8	Bob Gibson	2 x 3YR Permit to Fly Forms for his Boomerang
	C 2.9	Peter Lehane	Not Receiving Newsletter
	C 2.10	Justin Lo	Register new club
	C 2.11	Geoff Lowerson	12 x Bronze Wings and 12 x Trainee Pilot Log Books
	C 2.12	IINet Limited	Tax Invoice 23346333 Internet
*	C 2.13	Rod Haydon	Deb Haydon ask that we carry on with 2.4GHz Concerns as he has passed away
	C 2.14	Frank Regan	Pensioner Discount
	C 2.15	Fabiano Ruffo	Update address details
	C 2.16	Bob Carpenter	Heli Instructor Rating
	C 2.17	Peter Waterhouse	Gold Wings Application Form
	C 2.18	Dean Erby	1 x 3YR Permit to Fly Form
	C 2.19	MASA secretary	Re: ASC Sports Recognition
	C 2.20	Ken McDonald	Re: ASC Sports Recognition
	C 2.21	Joan McIntyre	NSW C/L State Championships
	C 2.22	Mike Close	Education Report 2010
	C 2.23	Dave Lewis	MASNSW Point Score Competition 2010
	C 2.24	Menno Veeneklaas	Receives N/Letter Twice
	C 2.25	Bob Davison	Apologies & Report
	C 2.26	Chris McCowage	Gold Wings Power Application Form & request for 5 x Power BronzeWings

- C 2.27 Received Completed Large Model Permits to fly forms from the following:**
Joseph Frost, Peter Bruce Johnson, Fabiano Ruffo, Rick Ofer Butnaro, Steven Keep, Alan Thomas, Tony Small, Bob Gibson, Ronald Bowles, Robert Zyp, Graeme Lashmore, Gil Naft, Donald Murray, Bob Gibson, Craig Dyer, Craig Dyer, Craig Dyer,
- C 2.28 Received Cancelled Large Model Permits to fly forms from the following:**
Robert Zyp, Ronald, Robert Zyp, Robert Zyp,
- C 2.29 Received Completed Turbine Powered Model Permits to fly forms from the following:**
Bob Gibson, Alan Thomas, Bob Gibson, Rick Ofer Butnaro, Fabiano Ruffo, Joseph Frost, Craig Dyer, Craig Dyer, Craig Dyer,
- C 2.30 Received Cancelled Turbine Powered Model Permits to fly forms from the following:**
Bob Gibson,

Newsletters Received:

N 1.1	The Flyer	April/May	2010
N 1.2	Bega District	March	2010
N 1.3	Bega District	April	2010

Correspondence Out:

To MAAA:

M 3.1	MAAA	MAAA Acknowledge Secretary out of Office
M 3.2	MAAA	MAAA 2.4GHz concerns to MAAA Sub Committee
M 3.3	MAAA	MAAA Recognition of UMAC R/C Inc registration
M 3.4	MAAA	MAAA ASC Sports Recognition Rejected
M 3.5	MAAA	UMAC RC

To other than MAAA:

C 4.1	Gil Home	Questions on signing off pilots on MOP Forms
C 4.2	Dave Lewis	Secretaries Account form
C 4.3	Simon Press	MAAA Gold Wings cost
C 4.4	Jason Conolly	FAI Card Update – UMAC Inc
C 4.5	Denise Broadbelt	Special Notice Executive Members retiring
C 4.6	Chris Caulcutt	Interstate Affiliations
C 4.7	Denise Broadbelt	Missing MASNSW N/Letter
C 4.8	Justin Lo	Forming new Flying Club
C 4.9	Lyle Broadbelt	No Newsletter Received
C 4.10	Frank Regan	Pensioner Discount

C 4.11	Dave Lewis	Update UMAC R/C Inc on Web Site
C 4.12	Steve Norrie	Received Nomination PRO
C 4.13	Dean Riebolge	Received Nomination Vice President
C 4.14	Dean Erby	1 x 3YR Permit to Fly Form
C 4.15	Joseph Frost	2 x 3YR Permit to Fly Forms & 2 x Gas Turbine Inspection Forms
C 4.16	Rob Masters	Photo of Joseph Frosts stable of Jets
C 4.17	Menno Veeneklaas	Mailing List Twice
C 4.18	Brad Trudgen	6 x 3YR Permit to Fly Forms
C 4.19	VMAA	Correspondence to the Secretary Chris Caulcutt
C 4.20	UMAC	Notifying President & Secretary of UMAC their registration has been completed
C 4.21	Bob Davison	Health Problems & acknowledge apologies for meeting
C 4.22	Chris McCowage	5 x Power Bronze Wings

Business Arising from Correspondence:

M 1.7: From CASA to Mike Close regarding Model Flying In Sydney Basin similar to the Perth situation, Mike Close will liaison with CASA and although the operator was not a member of the MAAA CASA has asked the MAAA to assist by publishing where possible the risk associated with such operations in the interest of safety

M 1.8: ASC Sports Recognition: MAAA has been trying to have our sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission but unfortunately it has been refused at this time, at the executive meeting of ASC it was determined that the activities associated with MAAA, building and flying model aircraft, are generally considered as being a hobby or leisure pursuit rather than a sport.

The MAAA is looking at appealing or overturning this decision by providing additional information in line with information received back from the ASC on our application.

C 2.13: Deb Haydon wife of now deceased Rod Haydon has asked that we continue to task the MAAA Frequency sub-committee with his concerns about the use of multiple 2.4GHz systems at the flying field. MASNSW would like to pass on our condolences to Mrs Deb Haydon on the passing of her husband.

C 2.10: Justin Lo Asked how and when to form a club

M 1.5: MAAA received information regarding an incident during the Grand Southern Cross Air Rally. , there have been numerous reports received verbally from members who visited during the weekend. MAAA requesting information from the Club regarding crash and other incidents that occurred that weekend.

Late Correspondence: Nil.

Motion that the inward correspondence is accepted and the outward correspondence be adopted
Moved, Parramatta Seconded, Appin Carried Unanimously

Reports:

Treasurer: 14th of May 2010
Presented by the Treasurer Lorraine McGuffin

Business Arising from the Treasurers Report

The President reported that as the I.B.D. Bank Accounts were paid out on the State Flying Field Mortgage, we should own the field within another two years. A short discussion was entered into on RCAS & the term deposits and it was noting that it is 10 years since MASNSW became incorporated. The Treasurer asked for the accounts to be paid

Moved: HMAS Seconded: APPIN Carried Unanimously

Vice President: Bob Carpenter
Report carried over to the AGM

Assistant Secretary: Dave Lewis
Report carried over to the AGM

Registrar: Lyle Broadbelt:
Report carried over to the AGM

Newsletter Editor: Denise Broadbelt:
Report carried over to the AGM

C.A.S.A Liaison Officer: Bob Davison:
Report carried over to the AGM

Chief Flying Instructor: Bob Carpenter:
Report carried over to the AGM

Public Relations Officer: Steve Norrie:
Report carried over to the AGM

State Flying Field Secretary: Denise Broadbelt
Report carried over to the AGM

Education Officer: Mike Close:
Report carried over to the AGM

Other Reports:
No other reports received

Awards:

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

Ken Carey	Eurobodalla MAC	71360
Henry Busuttill	Southern Highlands MAC	71092

David Kates	HEMFC	71287
Robert James Crichton	Gosford City MAC	54245
Andrew Vien-Debetaz	Sunset Soaring Club	69566
Michael Parker	Illawarra MAC	25473
Dean Barnes	UMAC Inc	65944

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

Alan Schulz	Berkshire Park	37799
Ian Judge	Wyong River MAC	32327
Matthew Dean	Warringah	64002
David Kates	HEMFC	71287
Peter Waterhouse	Port Macquarie MAC	25274
Leon G Abberton	Coonabarabran M F	64259
Glenn Montgomery	Gosford City	71119
Barry Campbell	Warringah	63959
Peter Eggers	Warringah	40167

Applications received and approved for MAAA Fixed Wing Power Instructors

No Applications Received

Applications received for Commercial Model Aircraft Flying Instructors:

No Applications received

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Helicopter Bronze Wings

Peter Metcalfe	WSRCHC	71301
Stewart Kaye-Smith	UMAC Inc	65918

Applications received for the approval of MAAA Helicopter Gold Wings:

Simon Studdert

Western Suburbs RCHC

71259

Applications received and approved for MAAA Helicopter Instructor

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:

No Applications Received

Applications received for and approved for MAAA Glider Instructor

No Applications Received

MAAA Inspector Approvals

MAAA Heavy Model Inspector Approvals:

No Applications Received

MAAA Giant Model FW 50 Inspector Approvals:

No Applications Received

MAAA Giant Model RW 50 Inspector Approvals:

No Applications Received

MAAA Gas Turbine Inspector Approvals:

No Applications Received

MASNSW POINT SCORE COMPETITION AWARDS 2010:

The following Clubs/Organisations have qualified for the \$ 50.00 Reward for submitting Point Score Events Results within 4 Weeks of the event being run.

Submitted by Dave Lewis:

NSWSAS	Scale	Metford	March 2010
IMAC	Pattern	Illawarra	March 2010
SAM1788	Old Timer	Canowindra	April 2010
Gunnedah	Glider	Gunnedah	April 2010
NSW Pylon	Sportsman Pylon	Illawarra	May 2010

Motion to accept these awards

Moved Parramatta

Seconded HSL

Carried

Unanimously

At this time the Business Meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm for the AGM.

The Business Meeting reconvened at 10.45pm

General Business:

The next Business Meeting of MASNSW will be held at the Australian Aviation Museum Bankstown, Friday the 11th of June 2010. The meeting to commence at 8.00pm, (2000hrs), all Visitors and Observers are most welcome.

Cumberland: Bruce Thrift brought it to the attention of the meeting that Cumberland has closed its doors for the last time and the Secretary Alan Swift has available lots of memorabilia for those who would like to have a look and go back in time to the early days at Rooty Hill where the club originated and then settled out at St Gregory's grounds for many years. The Club had been established about 50 Years

Meeting Closed

There being no further business before the meeting, the meeting was closed by the President at 10.50pm (2250hrs).

Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc

Annual General Meeting The Australian Aviation Museum-Bankstown 14th of May 2010

Meeting Opened: The President opened the Meeting at 8.15pm (2015hrs)

Apologies: As recorded for the Business Meeting.

Attendance: Delegates from the following clubs were present
As recorded for the Business Meeting.

Visitors or Observers Present:
As recorded for the Business Meeting.

Minutes: Motion that the minutes of the previous AGM held on the 8th of May 2009, as published in the Newsletter No 316 and also Emailed be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meetings proceedings.

Moved, HMAS Seconded, APPIN, Carried Unanimously

Business Arising: No Business arising

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

Correspondence In:

1.1	The Feral Flyers	Definition of a Pensioner	Frank Regan
1.2	Cronulla MAC	Definition of a Pensioner	Allan Whitby
1.3	George Atkinson	Proxy to be Voted by	Robert Carpenter
AGM 1-2010	HMAS	Nomination	Bob Carpenter, President
AGM 2-2010	HMAS	Nomination	Tim Nolan Vice President
AGM 3-2010	CMAC	Nomination	Bob Bishop Treasurer
AGM 4-2010	WPMAC	Nomination	Mike Robinson Secretary
AGM 5-2010	WPMAC	Nomination	Dave Lewis Assistant Secretary
AGM 6-2010	WPMAC	Nomination	Dave Lewis Registrar
AGM 7-2010	WPMAC	Nomination	Robert Masters Newsletter Editor
AGM 8-2010	APPIN	Nomination	Steve Norrie Public Relations Officer

Correspondence Out: None

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Motion that the inwards correspondence is accepted and the outwards correspondence are adopted.

Moved, UMAC Seconded, SSME Carried Unanimously

Reports:

Presidents Report 2009 Joe McGuffin

Dear Members

MASNSW Inc has had another successful year. Our point score competition continues to be well supported by the members. In January this year MASNSW Inc has been incorporated for ten years. Looking back over the past ten years one thing that stands out has been the executive team who by their commitment to the association has made this association one of the strongest members of the MAAA. This year four members of this team are retiring from the executive, Lyle and Denise Broadbelt and Lorraine McGuffin and myself. Lyle and Denise are returning to their home in New Zealand, Lorraine and myself are looking to an easier life and some overseas travel. On behalf of the members of the association and myself I would like to thank them for their dedication to MASNSW over many years. Let's not forget the other members of the executive who are continuing their tenure and the new members of the executive who have stepped forward to take the vacant position. I am sure within a short time they will fit into their positions and carry on the good work of running the association into the future.

I may be retiring from the position as President but I am not retiring from aeromodelling, I hope to catch up with some old aeromodelling friends that I have made over 50 years of flying model airplanes all around Australia.

Regards

Joe McGuffin

President of MASNSW Inc

Vice Presidents Report 2010 Bob Carpenter

I would like to thank the executive and all the members of MAS NSW for their support during the past twelve months and the opportunity to work with them for the benefit of MAS.

During the past year MAS was once again asked to become involved in the Defence Sydney Region Children's Christmas Treat during November. This gave us the opportunity to provide a flying display of our aircraft with a very large audience over two days with support from Military aircraft. This display was very well received and we have been asked back for 2010. This has the added situation of allowing flying in a controlled environment that allows for our members a new opportunity to practice and be involved as a stepping stone to the larger displays for MAS.

I have discussed with the organisers and at this year's show we will use this as a MAS Club flying day. Look forward to more information as we get closer to November.

We were also involved once again in the Wings over Illawarra at Albion Park in February in front of 40,000 people with both static and flying displays. Planning has commenced for next year where we intend to fly the indoor foamies in our static display. I thank all the members that have participated and assisted in any way with these shows.

These displays give us the opportunity not only to display our skills and aircraft but also as educational and promotional venues for the long term benefit of our association by introducing us to new modellers.

A few years ago we surveyed the modellers in Australia and it became apparent that less than 10% are involved in the competition side of the sport. This leaves 90% of our members who wish to be active club members and enjoy the fellowship of our clubs without the stress that we have in our everyday lives.

Therefore, I would like to ask all our clubs and the individuals to provide feedback and ideas to the MAS executive to allow those of us in the executive to work in the future to expand the services provided to all our members not only the competition flyers.

Thank you all for a very interesting year.

Regards

Bob Carpenter

Dear Members

This year has come and gone so fast that when I sit back as the MASNSW Secretary it feels as though one year just fades into another with a few hiccups here and there just to keep us on an even keel and pointed in the right way. At this point I would like to thank the Executive and all the members of MASNSW for their support throughout the year this has made my job so much easier.

The Cootamundra State Flying Field has become a very valuable asset to the members of MASNSW, with the President Joe McGuffin and his team that look after the running of the State Field. funding though Agistments, and fees charged for the use of the flying site per day, cover most of the cost associated with the day to day running of the field which is quiet a task in its self, and I'm sure we would all agree with this. Thanks to all concerned.

A big thank you has to go too our Vice President Bob Carpenter for his contributions throughout the year, especially the wings over Illawarra flying display which was very impressive and a special thanks to the Pilots that flew for the Audience that day. Bob has various other projects underway at the moment but I will leave those for him to address as they progress. Thanks Bob.

The Assistant Secretary Dave Lewis, well what can I say but thank you Dave. I would not be able to achieve what I have without his help along with his whole family, who go out of their way to help me and my wife Lea along with the rest of the family by putting us up whenever we come down to Sydney for the MAS Meetings. His help with running things behind the scenes whenever I am impaired with my health is unparalleled to say the least. Thanks Dave & Julie.

The other members of the executive are all holding down their individual positions with high esteem and we couldn't ask for a better team.

Unfortunately this year we were unable to hold a country meeting in March at the Club Taree as the host club last year being The Feral Flyers, was unable to host the meeting owing to other commitments within their regions, Special thanks to Frank Regan the secretary of Feral Flyers for trying to organizing his club to host the event again this year.

My conclusion! thanks to the membership for their continued support, our membership has stayed around the same as last year even though the economy is still unstable, this is a good indication that the membership is happy with the way the association is running. A big thank you to the delegates who give up their valuable time and attend the monthly meetings, which in turn helps to keep the association running in the right direction.

Unfortunately I feel very sad at this moment as I must report that our President Joe McGuffin, Treasurer Lorraine McGuffin, Registrar Lyle Broadbelt, and Newsletter Editor Denise Broadbelt, are all retiring from the MASNSW Executive, I must say that they are all beautiful people and will be sadly missed by all and especially me, I wish them well in all their future ventures and that they have a very enjoyable retirement were ever they end up travelling too.

Lastly I have to mention my wife Lea for without her help in running the office from home I would indeed find it very difficult to cope.

Best Regards Mike Robinson.

Assistant Secretary's Report: 2010 Dave Lewis

MASNSW Point Score Competition

The 2009 Season went well – the Trophies for First to Third in each of the five disciplines were either handed out at the Annual Dinner at the beginning of this year or posted out. The “Top Ten” were published in the recent newsletter.

The 2010 Season is progressing – with scores coming in on a timely basis
Clubs are submitting requests for listing in the Calendar on a regular basis – some well in advance

MASNSW Website

For the full 2009 year the website had 3178 Visits

This averaged to around 265 per month or just on 9 Visits per day

The 5 months to date for 2010 we experienced 1185 Visits which averages at 237 per month or around 8 per day.

In my opinion this is a good number considering that on my notification list there are around 100 people that are alerted when I change the calendar.

In conclusion,

I would like to thank the membership for their support of the Website and the Point Score system.

I especially would like to wish Joe, Lorraine, Lyle, and Denise all the very best for the future and to thank them for their assistance, advice, and friendship over the past years.

Dave Lewis

Assistant Secretary MASNSW Inc.

Registrar: Lyle Broadbelt

Membership numbers 2010

Total Membership is 2265

Snrs 1705

Pnrs 447

Jnrs 113

Clubs 91

Same time Last year

Total Membership 2306

Snrs 1788

Pnrs 396

Jnrs 122

Clubs 97

We have had a slight drop in membership over the last 12 months The most noticeable is there are more pensioners and less seniors this is reflection our ageing population. As this will be my last report I would like to thank all the club Secretaries and Registrars they have all done a fantastic job with all the paper work which has made doing registrars job a pleasure. Our biggest issues the last couple of years are updating the data base with bronze wings which will be an ongoing thing as bronze wings are issued by the clubs they need to contact the registrar to have them updated. The MAAA program has been running well over the last year we have had no issues only with the new cards members having them sticking together. I would also like to thank Kevin Dodd for his prompt services in regards to membership issues and processing them. I would like to thank the committee for all their friendship and support over the years this is one thing Denise and I will miss and all the members we have met over the years and the people that have helped support me in the sport of modelling there are too many to mention but you all know who you are this is probably the single thing I will miss, So if any of our members are in New Zealand feel free to drop in and have a fly. Last I wish the new Registrar all the best and hope they get the enjoyment out of the job as I have

Newsletter Editor 2010 Denise Broadbelt

I would like to thank the committee for the support and Friendship that they have given me over the years I have been Newsletter Editor, we have come through a lot of changes with the newsletter over the time I have been editor.

With the roll out of the email newsletter, this is where Weston Print helped me set up the template so I could email the newsletter to the printer and members.

I would also like to thank the members and clubs who have supported the newsletter with articles and photos, if it was not for the members we would not have a newsletter.

I would like to wish the new newsletter editor well.

Regards Denise Broadbelt

Vice President Report 2010

Bob Carpenter

I would like to thank the executive and all the members of MAS NSW for their support during the past twelve months and the opportunity to work with them for the benefit of MAS.

During the past year MAS was once again asked to become involved in the Defence Sydney Region Children's Christmas Treat during November. This gave us the opportunity to provide a flying display of our aircraft with a very large audience over two days with support from Military aircraft. This display was very well received and we have been asked back for 2010. This has the added situation of allowing flying in a controlled environment that allows for our members a new opportunity to practice and be involved as a stepping stone to the larger displays for MAS.

I have discussed with the organisers and at this year's show we will use this as a MAS Club flying day. Look forward to more information as we get closer to November.

We were also involved once again in the Wings over Illawarra at Albion Park in February in front of 40,000 people with both static and flying displays. Planning has commenced for next year where we intend to fly the indoor Foamies in our static display. I thank all the members that have participated and assisted in any way with these shows.

These displays give us the opportunity not only to display our skills and aircraft but also as educational and promotional venues for the long term benefit of our association by introducing us to new modellers.

A few years ago we surveyed the modellers in Australia and it became apparent that less than 10% are involved in the competition side of the sport. This leaves 90% of our members who wish to be active club members and enjoy the fellowship of our clubs without the stress that we have in our everyday lives.

Therefore, I would like to ask all our clubs and the individuals to provide feedback and ideas to the MAS executive to allow those of us in the executive to work in the future to expand the services provided to all our members not only the competition flyers.

Thank you all for a very interesting year.

Regards

Bob Carpenter

Public Relations Officer 2010.

Steve Norrie

Steve thanked the committee especially Bob Carpenter for reporting what Steve has not.

Wished Joe and Lorraine, Lyle and Denise all the best in the future.

Regards

Steve Norrie

Chief Flying Instructor Report 2010.

Bob Carpenter

During the past year we have updated the Instructors course and this is still a work in progress. We have attempted to run the workshop/course with a view to encourage qualified instructors to come along and not only update their knowledge but also use their experience to add to the information presented to the new instructors.

One of the key features of our courses is that we involve not only your CFI but also both of our Deputy CFI's. I would like to thank both Martin Cochrane (Northern Deputy) and Gavin Bland (Southern Deputy) for their assistance. During our course in July we had Maureen Welsh give a presentation on working with the Younger members. This certainly opened our eyes on some of the differences we need to be aware of.

George Atkinson, Helicopter representative, has worked with us on two of our courses and he was responsible for the PowerPoint presentation on Buddy Box Techniques.

We have not been able to get input from the Glider community although we have had a glider instructor sit in on one of the courses.

We have had the following results:

25/26 July Held at University Western Sydney Hawkesbury - 3 Qualified Fixed Wing Instructors from 4 applicants (1 to be finished after completion of written exam) 4 different clubs represented

24/25 October Held at Gunnedah - 7 Qualified Fixed Wing Instructors from 5 different clubs (9 pilots attempted the course).

21/22 November Held at University Western Sydney Hawkesbury – 2 Qualified Helicopter Instructors 1 Qualified Fixed Wing Power Instructor (1 applicant qualified both Helicopter and Fixed Wing) 2 Clubs represented.

The feedback from all present is that they like the new style of course and that we need to ensure that the award of Instructor Wings does not become just another badge collection exercise. It is believed that Instructor Qualifications should be for a fixed term of three years and those instructors need to refresh their knowledge before renewal with nomination to be through their respective clubs to make sure that they are being used as instructors.

Thank you all for a very interesting year.

Regards

Bob Carpenter

Education Officer: 2010 Mike Close

This report consolidates and expands slightly on the reports that I made during the year

Barry Payne has again conducted many courses. He also had a display as part of the Wings over Illawarra at Albion Park static display associated with the impressive model flying show put on by MASNSW. Both Barry and I were able to talk to several interested organisations about taking part in the Education program. A disappointing aspect this year is that the landmark How Do Aeroplanes Fly program at the Power House Museum at Ultimo has ceased due to changing priorities of schools funding. It is still hoped that more school holiday programs may be undertaken at the Discovery Centre in Castle Hill when aviation is the focus. In addition to these there have been other courses held by Education Officers.

Barry has also evaluated some of the models used within the BMFA Education Program and other available simple kits. After further evaluation by the Subcommittee of the Shoebox kits this may be used as a follow on model from the delta dart.

The Australian Air Force Cadets have aero modelling programs in their suite of training programs. Barry Payne and others have been providing a week long camp for some time, and there are programs in other States as well, either as standalone programs or in co-operation with an MAAA club. Aero modelling in the AAFC context includes all aspects including plastic kits.

In the middle of last year the Commander of the AAFC decided to hold a conference comprising AAFC representatives from all States to promote and cross fertilise interest in these programs. I attended along with other representatives of MASNSW. I did an overall presentation on the MAAA and the programs. Barry Paine outlined the courses that he had run together with introducing the Delta Dart and other kits. Bob Carpenter did an overview of radio and demonstrated a flight simulator. As a result it was believed that the AAFC procured, for use through all the States, some flight simulators and also some indoor electric fixed and rotary wing aircraft which I had demonstrated.

Considerable interest was shown in the Visitor Insurance scheme which was seen to have significant potential application. In addition interest was shown in the use of delta darts. The AAFC agreed that a National Coordinator would be appointed for aero modelling activities. That person has been appointed but a new Commander is also in post and he may have a lower priority for aero modelling during his initial learning time in post. The Officer in Charge of the AAFC in NSW is following up the whole situation and he is a member of my club.

As usual we need more volunteers to be part of the program and I commend the Education Visitor Scheme to both Education Officers and Clubs.

CASA Liaison Officer Report Bob Davison

I would like to congratulate the retiring members of this executive for a very well done job over the past number of years and thank them and all the members of MAS of NSW for the assistance and encouragement I have received from them in that time.

After reading some of my past reports to AGM's, I realised that: –

Firstly –

Much of the work I do for MAS of NSW as CASA Liaison has not changed in ten years but most of the processes and some of their outcomes have.

Secondly -

Clubs are getting better at asking questions and submitting the required paperwork correctly first time. My thanks for that.

Model flying as a sport and hobby has changed incredibly in the last 15 years but we still need to remember that our showcase to the public tends to be displays, open days and contests where they are invited in to our facilities or other big Airshows like Temora Jets or the Wollongong Airport's open day.

This weekend's Heli fest at Coffs Harbour club promises to be one of the most interesting yet.

We as part of the MAAA have both a statutory and due diligence role to ensure that these displays are conducted safely. This role may include acting as a delegated authority from CASA, protecting our public image as an organising body which conducts its operations in a safe and responsible manner and ensuring that our insurance risks are properly assessed.

As a result of seeing these models fly, there are more people purchasing Almost Ready to Fly models than ever before. Most of them are becoming more high -tech, easier to buy and put together but are no easier to fly and the need to help and encourage newcomers is just as imperative as ever.

Can I remind you that our rules are always being updated and for that reason I encourage everyone to at least glance through the regular MAAA Newsletters in our newsletter and look at the latest MOP's on the website, especially when looking for the correct approval forms.

Thank you

Bob Davison

State Flying Field Report: Denis Broadbelt

- Denise reported that the field was coming along well grass is nice and green and has been mowed.
- Toilets have been updated.
- Canteen is all up and running.
- Concreting has been finished
- Shaded areas have been done

Motion to accept reports

Moved Springwood Seconded Cumberland Carried Unanimously

Treasurer: Lorraine McGuffin

Miniature Aero Sports NSW Inc Financial Statements and Audit Report for the year ending 31 March 2010.was issued to all present in hard copy form and read to the meeting by the Treasurer Lorraine McGuffin

The President voiced concerns that that in two years time we will end up with the deeds to State Flying Field at Cootamundra and that we have other important documents that need to be secured. After some discussion as to Safe Deposit Boxes and various methods of storage and documentation the Motion was put

Motion that the Executive be tasked to investigate and report with recommendations for the Security of the Associations Documentation, for decision at the next AGM

Moved, Parramatta Seconded, UMAC RC Carried Unanimously

Motion to accept Auditors Report.

Moved, APPIN Seconded, Cumberland Carried Unanimously

Motion that Auditors Accounts be paid:

Moved; Cronulla Seconded; HMAS Carried Unanimously.

Motion to Confirm MASNSW Auditors for 2010/2011: CRIMMINS & CO

Moved; Springwood Seconded; HSL Carried Unanimously

Setting of Honorariums.

In the absence of the respective Office Holders, the meeting decided to increase the Honorariums by the CPI which is running at about four percent and then rounded off, from the previous year. The honorariums with the 4 percent increase will be as follows;

Secretary.	\$ 1.95
Treasurer.	\$ 1.95
Registrar.	\$ 1.85
Newsletter Editor	\$ 1.85

Motion that the Honorariums are increased by CPI (4 percent) from the previous year:

Moved; Cumberland Seconded; UMAC RC Carried Unanimously

State Field Capital Budget 2010 -2011

The President commented that the majority of auxiliary areas have had their works completed, Fencing, Shed Floor, Canteen, Toilets etc. The next project should be to put down a Concrete runway. This would be done in two stages - each being 40m Long by 11m wide.

Stage 1 Concrete Runway first section, new Tank Stand (for small tank), & Notice Board

Budget costing of \$30,000

Joe was asked if he would stay on as Works Manager – he agreed at the pleasure of the Association

Moved, HMAS Seconded, Appin Carried Unanimously

Setting of MASNSW Fees for 2010/2011

Two letters were read to the meeting regarding the Definition of a Pensioner for registration purposes – after discussion the motion was put

All current Office Bearers stood down and vacated their positions. Joe McGuffin was appointed to act as Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the election of Office Bearers for the forthcoming year. Joe thanked the outgoing Executives, he then proceeded to check the nominations as presented, and installed the Executive as noted in correspondence In.

Positions elected are as follows.

President	One Nomination	Bob Carpenter
Vice President	One Nomination	Tim Nolan
Secretary	One Nomination	Mike Robinson
Assistant Secretary	One Nomination	Dave Lewis
Treasurer	One Nomination	Bob Bishop
Registrar	One Nomination	Dave Lewis
Newsletter Editor	One Nomination	Rob Masters
Public Relations Officer	One Nomination	Steve Norrie

The Retuning officer declared that the nominations received were in accordance with the Constitution and that all the Executive Positions were filled unopposed.

Next Meeting: The AGM will be held provisionally on the 13th May, 2011. This will be held in conjunction with the business meeting, the meeting to commence at 8.00 pm at a venue to be advised

Meeting Closed: The Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 10.45pm. (2245hrs) and the Business Meeting reconvened in General business.

MASNSW 2010 / 2011 Events Calendar

(Compiled 19/05/2010)

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

May 2010

22-23	F3A Aerobatics	Coonabarabran	Tom Collinge	0400 403 151
23	2m Thermal Glider – Millenium Cup Round 4	Salt Ash	Gary Labry	02 4961 9619
29-30	Sportsman Pylon Racing (Q500 & F400 / F3D)	Pitt Town	Jeremy Randle	0418 390 446

June 2010

*	5-6	NSW Large Scale & ARF Large Scale Champs	Taree	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
	11	MASNSW General Meeting – Aviation Museum	Bankstown	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
	11-13	Rally of Eagles - Warbirds Event	Coffs Harbour	Martin Cochrane	02 6658 2364
	14	Queens Birthday			
*	19-20	New England Gas Champs – Old Timers	Tamworth	Peter Smith	0423 452 879

July 2010

*	3-4	Sportsman Pylon Racing (Q500 & F400 / F3D)	Nowra	Jeremy Randle	0418 390 446
	9	MASNSW General Meeting – Aviation Museum	Bankstown	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
*	17-18	NSWSAS Scale Round 3	Blacktown	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
*	24-25	Pattern (Aerobatics)	Wingham	Tom Collinge	0400 403 151
	24-25	Scale Rally	Gunnedah	Paul Hartley	02 6742 1926
*	24-25	Golden West Old Timer Competition	Parkes	Peter Smith	0423 452 879

August 2010

	7-8	NSW Pylon Champs (World Champs Trials F3D)	Pitt Town	Jeremy Randle	0418 390 446
	7-8	NSW F4C Stand Off Scale Championships	RAAF Richmond	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
	13	MASNSW General Meeting – Aviation Museum	Bankstown	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
	14-15	North Western Scale Rally	Tamworth	Richard Exler	0438 314 882
	21-22	Scale Rally	Coffs Harbour	Marty Cochrane	02 6658 2364
	22	F3A Aerobatics (1 Day Only)	IMAC Berkley	Brian Dooley	0418 210 942
*	21-22	Farcon Cup – Old Timers	Cowra	Peter Smith	0423 452 879
	28-29	Oily Hand - Diesel Day	Cowra	Ian Cole	02 6342 4162

September 2010

*	4-5	NSWSAS Scale Round 4	Metford	John Rolfe	02 9734 6288
	10	MASNSW General Meeting – Aviation Museum	Bankstown	Bob Carpenter	02 4577 6612
	12	Glider Handicap Event	Gunnedah	Paul Hartley	02 6742 1926
	11-12	2m Thermal Glider – Millenium Cup Round 5	Cowra	Wayne Symonds	02 6342 4525
*	18-19	Pattern (Aerobatics)	Gunnedah	Tom Collinge	0400 403 151
	18-19	Sportsman Pylon Racing (Q500 & F400 / F3D)	Marulan	Jeremy Randle	0418 390 446
	17-26	Manilla Slope Fest '10 – Slope Soaring Festival	Tamworth	Steve Wenban	0437 032 660

CLUB NOTICES

Cumberland Radio Control Modeller's Club "End of an Era"

Part one : The official record,

1032 OFFICIAL NOTICES 26 February 2010
NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No. 34
ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1984
Cancellation of Incorporation Pursuant to Sections 55A and 55B
TAKE notice that the incorporation of the following
associations is cancelled by this notice pursuant to sections
55A and 55B of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.
Cancellation is effective as at the date of gazette.
Cumberland Radio Control Modellers Club Inc – Y0476226



Part two: The human side,

Cumberland Club closes its doors after almost 50 years,

Sundays have been very quiet for our members. Cumberland received final notice from St Gregory's College in March 2008 ending 38 years of association with the College. We had a farewell barbeque to celebrate the final day flying, with family and friends.

Over the past two years the executive was not able to secure another site within the greater Sydney area where most of the older members reside. Earlier this year we settled our affairs and applied for cancellation of incorporation which was granted on the 28th February 2010.

Cumberland had operated for over 49 years at different sites, just falling short of the half century milestone. Some of you may remember the early days at Rooty Hill where the club was formed in the early 60's with the help of Lyell Winley who also played a key role in the process that formed the original ARCAS organisation that we know as MAS NSW today.

From a 12year old control line flyer in that era, I find myself today an RC flyer of 30years writing about the early days of our Hobby and club. I can only remember admiring the large base control units in the original shop Hobby Co, George Street priced way out of my range. If you would like to know more of where they all are now, or those early days contact any of our members or our historian and retired secretary. Contact details can be obtained via MAS secretary.

Bruce Thrift, Club President 2010

Gunnedah District Aeromodellers.

invite all modellers to our
Scale Rally

24th & 25th JULY 2010

Contact Paul Hartley (02) 6742-1926

Map - see www.gunnedahrc.com follow index

Categories

- Small Scale Military (under 70" monoplane / 60"biplane)
- Small Scale Civilian (under 70" monoplane / 60"biplane)
- Large Scale Military (over 70" monoplane / 60"biplane)
- Large Scale Civilian (over 70" monoplane / 60"biplane)
- Electric Scale Military (no size restriction)
- Electric Scale Civilian (no size restriction)
- ARF Scale Military
- ARF Scale Civilian

Pilots Choice for category and Top Gun

Radio Controlled, prop driven, fixed wing aircraft only.
No documentation required with open flying all week-end.
Enter as many models as you wish for \$20 nomination.
(Only \$20 per Modeller not per plane)

Prizes

MAAA cards required

Food & drinks available both days.

Bananacoast Radio Control Flyers inc
are proud to host the inaugural

Rally of Eagles

warbirds event,
to celebrate the forming of the
Southern Cross Warbirds NSW Squadron.

June 11th, 12th & 13th

Queen's birthday long week-end.

Come along and enjoy the warbird experience.

All aircraft to be of warbird origin,

(must be in military markings and have been trialed or flown by the military.)

Open flying all week-end.

No documentation required.

Prizes for all categories.

WWI,

WWII,

Post WWII,

Pilots Choice,

Team Scale,

ARF,

Electric,

Model of the Meet.

Nominations \$15 per Pilot

which includes a lunch and drink ticket.

Bring as many models as you would like to.

Canteen facilities all week-end.

Saturday Night Dinner TBA.

Powered caravan sites & camping available at the field.

Fixed wing, RC, Propeller powered aircraft only.

Contact Martin Cochrane,

Phone: - 02 66582364 or 0423691150.

Email: - mwc.scale@bigpond.com

Coffs Harbour.

Field location is 16km north of Coffs Harbour at the Coffs Harbour Clay Target Club field. On the eastern side of the highway.

Field is sign posted.



NSW PYLON **RACING CLUB inc**



Q500, F3D & F400 PYLON
RACING AT

Shoalhaven Model Flying Club (NOWRA)

Sunday 4th July 2010

9:30 am Pilot briefing

Practice Saturday 3rd July from noon

PLEASE NOTE-ENTRIES CLOSE 9:00 am SUNDAY

**N.B. Dates are pending turf club fixtures. Please contact
Jeremy Randall for confirmation.**

Location: Heading south on the Princes Highway about 120km from Sydney into Nowra. After crossing the Shoalhaven River Travel 2.6km and turn right into Kalandar Street. Travel west next to the cemetery for 350m to the roundabout and turn left into Albatross Road. Travel approx 1.7km to the entrance to the Greyhound Track on the left. Follow the signs in.

Must have proof of current MAAA membership

BBQ Lunch and Refreshments on Race Day

Novices and New Racers Always Welcome

Contact: Jeremy Randle 0418390446

Or check out the Web site

<http://www.nswpylon.org/>

FUEL SUPPLIED ON RACE DAY

Golden West Oldtimer Competition - Parkes

24 & 25 July 2010

Parkes Miniature Aero Club Inc

Nelungaloo Field

(GPS: 33d 08m 38s South 147d 59m 55s East)

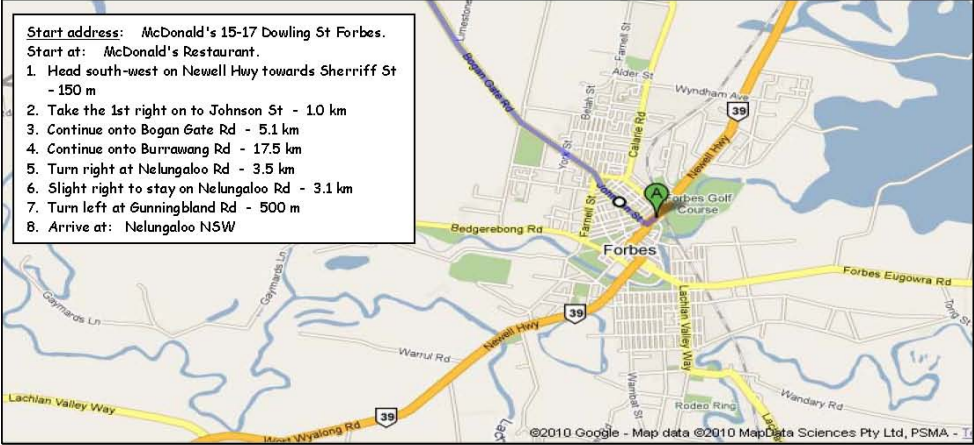
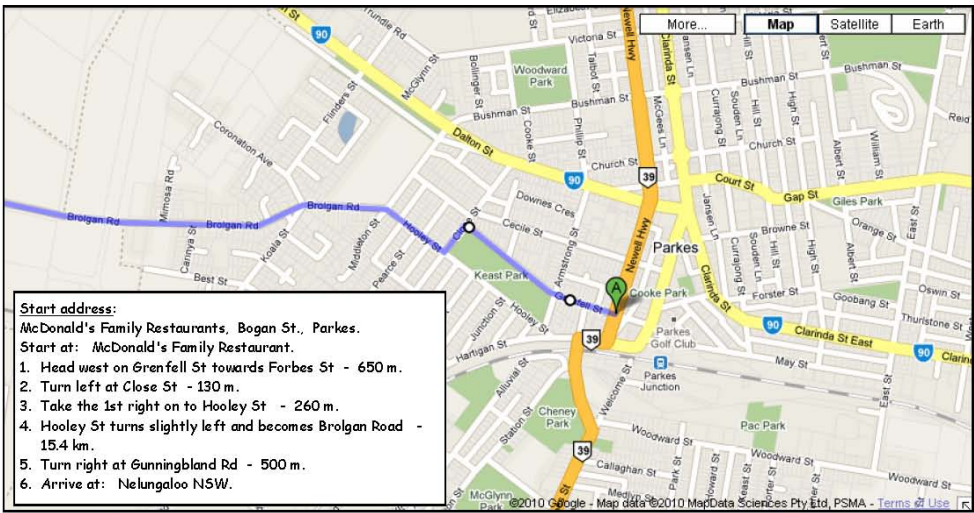
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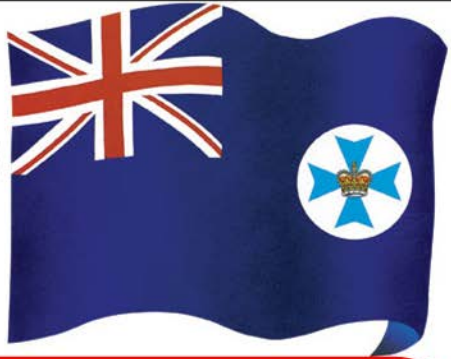
Sunday 9am: ½A Texaco and Texaco.

Bring along your Tomboy too.

Contact: Peter (Condo) Smith - 0423 452 879







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19-20TH JUNE 2010

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70"-90"

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Pilots Choice

Judges Choice

Trophies awarded for:

1st, 2nd, 3rd all classes

Convenor: Noel Stewart
M: 0412 525 127
E: Registrar@tmac.asn.au

Flying commences 9:00am Each Day

All entries must be a reasonable replica of a real aircraft.

Saturday evening function for all competitors and their families.