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Official Newsletter of the  
**LAUNCESTON MODEL AERO CLUB**

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**January-February 08**



Photos from the All Models Day held at the field on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. It turned out a perfect flying day a little breeze early but it settled down as the morning went on.

Top Right: Graeme Jones getting the Classic ready for the first flight.

Top Left: Merv Cameron with the pattern schedule waiting for his student.

Bottom Left: Kevin's 2.7m Yak

Bottom Right: Nice fine day but not many in the car park early.

**President Gerry apology due to work commitments there is no President report this month.**

## Secretary's Report

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**Hello Everyone.**

Well we have started a new year (Calendar) that is and this is our first N/L for the year as our last one covered the month of January as well.

I do not have much to report on this month as I have been interstate in the early part of last month and as yet not really got up to speed. (That's *If I ever do*).

A few of our membership had a stint away over the holiday time but I would venture to say that maybe George and Kerry Carnie would have travelled the furthest away from our shores, They went to the USA for two months and from what they have said since returning travelled to many places whilst there. They made it back home again I am pleased to report but have yet to see them at the field, (*the things that have to be caught up with on returning when you go away*).

The committee has had its first meeting for the New Year in February and there was not a lot of business to report on.

Some members will recall that we had to postpone our Scale day that was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January due to weather conditions and of course we did have a very presentable roll up hoping that things would improve but they did not early enough.

But we all took shelter in the clubhouse and had a wonderful time talking and enjoying the BBQ.

We probably had a better time together than if it had been fine, but it did clear up later for those who stayed long enough.

At our committee meeting it was suggested that we re- schedule it for the March club day, which will be 1<sup>st</sup> of March, I shall expect the CD will mention the starting time in his report.

And looking well ahead now----- we agreed to a suggestion mentioned that our December club day this year could be actually called a family day. It is proposed that the BBQ for that day be FOC and that those attending bring a plate of food along to share that will compliment the occasion.

Some will remember that a few years back we had a Christmas dinner at the field and a charge for this was levied.

What we propose is that apart from the snags and sags that will be free, we all bring something along to share as well, that way it does not become a lot of work for a few.

I would like to extend congratulations to Alan Johnson and John DeGroot in attaining their Bronze wing status. The club is now well placed with the majority of our membership having at least their Bronze wings. Birthdays for this month are Chris Keeling and Paul O'Grady and we wish the all the best for their special day. The Hobart Model Aero Club is holding an Electric fly in over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April at their Kelly Field site near Richmond and all affiliated members are welcome to attend.

### **There are a couple of things that need mentioning:**

1. It has been brought to our notice by the property manager that there have been cars parked occasionally alongside the pit area whilst the occupant's have been flying during the mid week.

It was also noted that the cars were partly on the road with the doors open and it was considered that it was inviting an accident should there be other road users particularly large trucks that have been moving along this stretch of road recently, it must be pointed out there is a sign in place stating that alongside the pit fence is a **pickup and drop off area only**".

2. The bin on the clubhouse veranda is for soft drink cans only – not—garbage as was found in it.

Well as I said earlier I do not have much to report on this month but I would leave you with this that I saw in a book recently (*ever notice that anybody going slower than you is an idiot and anybody going faster than you is a maniac*)----- **Does that fit with you??**

So till next time Happy landings all. **Geoff**

## Around the Hangar Contest Directors Report

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**Hi Everyone.**

Welcome back from the holiday season break, I hope all enjoyed their Christmas and New Year with Families. February 16<sup>th</sup> we held the All Models Day, which was a great day for flying after the wind settled down as the morning went on. With the perfect day I was looking for a good roll up but the numbers were down but never the less all that attended enjoyed it. I had a number of prizes on offer and many went home with something to talk about. You know how the flight ticket system works, would you believe the member with the most tickets pulled from hat was Greg R. Special thanks to Craig Homan for donating the prizes for the day from Watty Australia there paint just keeps on going on.

Club Day March 1<sup>st</sup> will be our **Scale day** as well, as the January day did not go ahead. The weather is looking good at this stage but things may change check the website early Saturday for any change of plans. I still have a number of prizes to give away so try to make it a great day out. Starting time is 10am and if you don't have a Scale model don't panic come along and fly anyway you will still be in the draw for a prize.

The 7 Cell event will be soon after, on the 15<sup>th</sup> March so I do know of a number of glider boys that are busting to get back into electric.

This will be my last term as Contest Director and a member of the committee I am stepping down to make way for someone with new ideas. I have enjoyed my term on the committee and the roll of CD and I will miss some of the great times we have had over the years. Don't all clap at once I will still be in the chair until the AGM on the 5<sup>th</sup> June? I will take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the years with the club and the assistance you have all given. I am returning to the big island when all things are completed and our house has been sold. I will be selling a number of my models so if you would like to know what is selling give me a call. I will get around to put some on the website soon so keep a look out.

Happy flying looking forward to seeing you at the field **Andrew.**

### Upcoming Events to Remember

Sat March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Club Day/Scale Day</b>			<b>10 to 2.30pm</b>
Sat March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7 Cell Electric Glider</b>	LMAC	Symmons Plains	<b>1.00 pm</b>
Sat April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Day</b>			
Sat April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fun Fly Day</b>	LMAC	Symmons Plains	<b>10 to 2.30PM</b>

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### **MAAA Vice President**

The MAAA Executive are very pleased to announce that, at their Special Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007, they unanimously agreed to appoint Ivan Chiselett as the MAAA Vice President for the period up until the completion of the Council Conference in May 2008. Following the loss of Theo Merrifield, Rule 24.3 required the Executive to appoint a new Vice President for the period up to the next Council Meeting, when an election will be held.

Given the short term of the appointment, the Executive decided to appoint a person who was both free of State Association commitments and familiar with current Council policies, so as to be able to contribute immediately as an integrated member of the team. It was also important that the Vice President be a member of good standing within the organisation who would be able to stand in for the President in all roles if required.

While there were a number of members who could satisfy these criteria, it was decided that Ivan was the best overall fit. The only concern was how the reappointment to the Executive of the former Secretary, so soon after his term finished, might be viewed from outside. It was considered that a few might draw some erroneous conclusions. There is clearly no justification for these, and both Kevin and Ivan have stated that they have no problems with the appointment which they view to be in the best interests of the organisation. We are sure that all members will congratulate Ivan on his appointment and will continue to support the members of the Executive in their work.

### **Manual of Procedures**

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

**MOP027** Guidelines for the Award of MAAA Wings

**MOP031** Rocketry Procedure

Form: MAAA034 Flight Requirements & Test Check Sheet – Rocketry Bronze Wings

Form: MAAA035 Flight Requirements & Test Check Sheet – Rocketry Gold Wings

**MOP056** Safe Flying Code has been amended to reflect the introduction of Giant Models (25kg–50kg). This Flying Code is also printed on the A4 section of the Membership Cards and the 50kg limit for Giant Models will be added once the current stock is depleted and new cards are reprinted. A note stating this is now being printed on each new membership card.

### **The 61<sup>st</sup> Nationals**

The 61<sup>st</sup> Nationals were held in Perth, West Australia over the period 27 December 2007 to 4 January 2008. Results can be found on the MAAA web site or at [www.aeromodellerswa.info/nationals/index.html](http://www.aeromodellerswa.info/nationals/index.html) Congratulations to all concerned in

AWA for the effort and organisation that went into the successful event.

### **Team Trials**

All MAAA affiliate members are eligible to represent Australia at World, Continental and Trans Tasman Championships. Trials for places in the teams are organised by MAAA Technical Subcommittees or National Special Interest Groups (NSIGs) which are required to publish details of team trial arrangements as widely as possible, well in advance of the trials, so that all interested members have the opportunity to take part. Your State Association Secretary has contact details for your Subcommittee representatives and NSIGs. The MAAA web site has links to NSIGs and also details of up-coming events and team trials, on the "Championships and Other Competitions" page.

### **F1 Trans Tasman & Team Trials**

Team Trials for F1A, F1B & F1C were held as part of the WA Nationals and will be held at Narrandera NSW on 21-24 March 2008 (Easter). The Southern Cross Cup will also be held at Narrandera: F1A on 25 March, F1B & C on 26 March. 27 March will be a reserve day. The VFFS State Champs & W/C Team Trials event is planned for 25, 26, 27 April 2008 at Mc Mahon's Field Springhurst Victoria.

### **F4A Team Trials & Trans Tasman Competition**

Team trials will be held at Richmond NSW on 16-17 February 2008 with the Trans Tasman event to be held also at Richmond NSW on 28-29 June 2008. Please contact Lloyd Willis for further details. [lloyd.willis1@bigpond.com](mailto:lloyd.willis1@bigpond.com)

### **F3D Pylon Team Trials for the World Championships Germany 2009**

Notification of team trials as follows:

- 26/27 April 2008 at Cohuna Victoria
- 7/8 June 2008 AMPRA Champs in Maryborough Qld
- Aug/Sept 2008 - either Qld State Champs or Vic State Champs

### **MAAA Insurance**

During December a steady flow of incident reports was received. The majority of these incidents involved fingers or hands in turning propellers. Every one of us needs to be alert to the danger of spinning propellers and the constant vigilance required to remain safe. Having insurance will not replace a finger.

### **Incident and Investigation Forms**

These forms need to be submitted as soon as possible following an incident even if it is considered that there may not be an Insurance Claim. If the incident is of a serious nature or third party property has been damaged, even before the reports are sent, please advise the MAAA Federal Secretary either by phone or email with the basic details. Ensure that the two forms are completed and forwarded to the MAAA Federal Secretary who will forward copies to your State Secretary. An Incident Investigation form containing details of the steps taken by the club to prevent further incidents of the same nature, allows the MAAA Executive to 'close out' the incident.

### **MAAA 2008 Federal Council Conference**

The 2008 Council Conference is scheduled to be held over the weekend of 24-25 May 2008 at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Hobart. Items for the agenda and Subcommittee Chairman reports are to be submitted to the MAAA Secretary no later than **Friday 7 March 2008**.

### **Nominations for MAAA Executive Positions**

Under Rule 29, nominations are called for the positions of MAAA Vice President & MAAA Treasurer.

Nominees must provide:

- A written nomination for the position sought, signed by two Affiliate Members of the Association
- Written consent (which may be endorsed on the nomination)
- Curriculum vitae

This information must be received by the Federal Secretary no later than **Friday 29 February 2008**. Please note that the term of office is three years.

### **World Championship and Trans Tasman Events Calendar**

## 2008

### EVENT Information

F1 Trans Tasman Narrandera NSW

F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D France – Landres **Dates:** 28/07/2008 - 04/08/2008

**Website:** <http://www.f2cmbl.org>

F3J Turkey – Akyazi **Dates:** 27/06/2008 - 06/07/2008

**Website:** <http://www.soarist.com>

F4B, F4C Poland - Wloclawek **Dates:** 11 – 20 July 2008

F5B, F5D Ukraine – Odessa **Dates:** 14/09/2008 – 21/09/2008

F3A Trans Tasman Australia **Dates:**

F3A Asia-Oceanic Chinese Taipei **Dates:** 08/10/2008 – 26/10/2008

F3C Asia-Oceanic Philippines- Cebu **Dates:** May 25 – 30 2008

F4A Trans Tasman Richmond NSW **Dates:** June 28 – 29 2008

## 2009

### EVENT Awarded to

F1A, F1B, F1C Croatia (Tentative)

F1E Germany

F3A Portugal (Tentative)

F3B Ukraine (Tentative)

F3C USA - Muncie

F3D Germany

## 2010

### EVENT Bids From

F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Hungary (Firm), Serbia & Montenegro (Firm)

F3J Czech Republic, Hungary, France (Tentative)

F4B, F4C Poland (Firm), Czech Republic (Firm)

F5B, F5D USA (Tentative)

Space Models Poland, Serbia

F3A Asia-Oceanic Offers Invited

F3C Asia-Oceanic Offers Invited

### Secretary's FAI Table

F1-Free Flight

F1A Gliders

F1B Model Aircraft with Extensible Motors "Wakefield"

F1C Piston

F1D Indoor

F1E Gliders with automatic steering

F1G Coupe D'Hiver Rubber

F1J Power

F2- Control Line

F2A Speed

F2B Aerobatics

F2C Team racing

F2D Combat

F3- R/C

F3A Aerobatics

F3B Gliding / Thermal

F3C Helicopter

F3D Pylon

F3J Gliding / Thermal Duration / Set course

F4- Scale

F4A FF Scale

F4B Stand Off Scale R/C

F4C Scale R/C

F4D CL Scale

F5- Electric

F5A Aerobatic

F5B Motor Glider