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Front page pictures from Nara on his visit to the Johannesburg Model Aero Club. Left Nara in the centre with four members in side the clubhouse, very nice pictures thanks Nara. Here is the link to Johannesburg Model Club: <http://www.jomac.co.za/club.php>



AGM 8th June at 7.30pm Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh Street Kings Meadows.

Presidents Report

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Hello Everyone.

This month I want to say something about the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. I also want to pay tribute to the work of outgoing office-bearers. As Geoff has said elsewhere, four out of the seven Committee positions are up for election.

None of the positions has a "position description", so if you are interested in going on the committee (and I hope you are) you need to have some idea of what's in store. So here goes: The "executive" of LMAC comprises the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are part of the committee, together with three "ordinary members". The club could function with only the executive, but it works a whole lot better with the full committee, since more people are involved in decision-making, and is likely to better represent the rest of the membership. So my aim is to have *all* vacancies filled at the AGM.

With regard to the vacant positions, the Vice-President stands in for the President in case of illness, etc, and a good vice-president will have a mature interest in club affairs and will support the club with balanced judgement. In this regard, I have greatly appreciated Greg Robertson's solid support and independent views. The Secretary is responsible for so many things; he is the conduit for all formal communications into and out of the club. He also keeps a large number of records - wings, frequencies, member information, and the like. He is entirely responsible for member renewals, MAAA insurance, liaison with other clubs and associations, and a host of other things. Having been in the Secretary's position myself I can truly say that this is the *busiest* position in the club (do not apply if you are work-shy or cannot keep to a schedule!). I think that we can all feel indebted to Geoff's tireless efforts. Finally, the Treasurer is another key position, responsible for maintaining all financial records, bank accounts, paying the bills and, ultimately, taking responsibility for correct and proper use of club money. Further, a good treasurer will have a keen "eye" to see exactly where the club is going financially. In this regards, the outgoing treasurer, George Carnie, has made a wonderful contribution during his term as treasurer. George's meticulous record-keeping and analysis has enabled the club to make better and more informed financial decisions.

"Ordinary" committee members have full voting rights and so have equal say in all decisions. Some committee members may take on extra roles, such as coordinating Railex, Contest Director, Canteen roles, etc, although these roles are not exclusively committee roles.

So there you have it. There's a lot or work to be done, but on the whole it is very enjoyable, and it does bring the committee together in a special way that comes of making decisions together and sharing responsibilities. The reason for this resume has not been to discourage anyone from standing; far from it. Rather, I want members to understand and appreciate what is being done for them by those bearing office.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM **Gerry**

Secretary's Report

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Hello Everyone.

Another month rolls away and winter is upon us, but of course that does not necessarily mean bad weather all the time, but just lately we have been having good soaking rains, which are very timely indeed.

Some may have noticed when at the field that the **Crows** (*that's Australian for the forest Ravens*) have been digging for the **Corbies!** That too (*is Australian for the Cockchafer grub*) and are generally making a bit of a mess of the strip.

Some of our members would remember back some years now, that this problem was so great that we could not use the strip at all. And Mr Youl allowed us the use of another paddock to the south while the flying strip in its entirety was ploughed up and resown, a big job to say the least.

But now that the rain has come this problem may well be solved, let's hope so.

Our Annual General Meeting draws near and I would remind you all of the date June 8th Friday at 7.30 PM at the Kings Meadows Health Centre in McHugh Street, first turn left off Opossum Road behind McDonalds.

A good roll up is desirable, for it is your club and you are entitled to have your say on how it is run and the forum for that is at the AGM.

Could I ask you all to please be punctual as we most likely will be the only ones using the building that night and the main doors will need to be locked while our meeting is in progress. We will not know that you are there if you are late and cannot get in.

There are 4 positions becoming vacant this year, they being: - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 1 committee member to replace Kerry Gray who left in December for an extended trip on the mainland.

We will be setting the club subscription rate for the next year and also will want to be discussing the outcome of the recent questionnaire that you all received on the running of contests, and agreeing on the new Calendar of events for the next 12 months.

Birthday greetings this month go to Derek Beresford, Craig Homan, Dave Jacobs, Terry Pearson, and Kevin Swiggs we hope you all have a great day and year ahead; all the best.

We say congratulations to Graeme Jones who has now become a Gold wing flier and also to Peter Daniel, Terry Pearson and Nara Tantemsapya who have attained their instructor rating. That now has actually brought the instructor number in LMAC to 10

As many of you would be aware Andrew McEntyre currently is the only Instructor in LMAC who uses the Buddy Box system for teaching new pilots. And is recognised as such, so if any are seeking this style of tuition then Andrew is the person to whom they can be directed to.

Well that wraps it up for me for now I hope to see you at the AGM
So as usual Happy landings all **Geoff**

New Accessories For Sale.



1. Servo Mounting Screw's Hex head with built in washer. Pack of 20 \$3.00
2. Nylon Wing Bolts 1/4x20 Slotted Pan Head Pack of 4 \$1.50

Contact Andrew.

Items For Sale

If you have any items that you would like to sell, I will try to list them in the magazine.

There may be limited space available so try to keep your description as short as possible; if there is room I will include a photo of the items.

Around the Hanger Contest Directors Report

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Hi Everyone.

At present the contest calendar for the upcoming year has not been finalized. I have put together a new format and this will be discussed at the AGM. I have suggested many changes to the way we hold contests and starting times. One main feature will be our contest as such will be known as Events and most likely will encourage more members attending these events. The main reason for having events is for everyone to enjoy the camaraderie and challenges that they bring. As our last Scale day was very well supported I'm tending to lean towards the way that event was run and in the future apply the same format for funfly days. These types of events should encourage more support especially when prizes are on offer and drawn from a hat where everyone has a chance to win. **Andrew.**

Next Event. **Saturday 23rd June Funfly Day.** There will be many prizes up for grabs; the day will consist of general flying and tickets given after each flight. The prizes on offer will be similar to the Scale day. I look forward to good weather on the day; I hope to see everyone there.

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