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Captains Report

Hello once again,

I don't know about you but I'm beginning to feel a chill in the air. In some ways that's not a bad thing because the cooler months generally mean calmer weather, although I'd rather have it a bit warmer and put up with a bit of inclement weather.

A few of us attended the State Pattern Champs held this year at Highclere and hosted by the Northwest Aeromodellers. There's a report in the newsletter somewhere and I'm sure Andrew will give you all the results in the CD's column so look out for those two items.

Also in the CD's report should be the results of the State 7cell Champs. That was a very well attended comp held at LMAC's field.

We are still waiting to hear if Tasmania has been awarded the Australian Pattern Champs. It should not take too much longer to find out and when we do you'll be the first ones to hear about it. As I've mentioned before to run something as big as the APA Champs it means a lot of work for a lot of individuals. Mind you the end result if it's done properly will be worth it.

A potential new member rang me tonight about a problem he was encountering with his electric set up for a glider. I think I set him straight but he's coming up to the field on the 27th March so I'll introduce him to all of you electric buffs and you can sort him out. Electrics are a bit beyond me.

The Committee has been talking about restraints, (both mechanical and physical) for the aeroplanes started in the pit area. The reason is that there have been just lately a few avoidable incidents that could have been worse than they actually were. Not I hasten to add at our field. The type of incident I'm talking about is similar to the one overseas where a chap started his 150cc, yes 150cc motor, and on his own at the field. He turned around to do something and his neckstrap caught the throttle stick revving the motor flat out. If it hadn't been for a few people working a short way off this man could have died from his injuries. Remember, even small props can bite hard.

It's not yet compulsory to restrain your model but it may be in the near future so please think about it as a good idea and not just another rule to have to obey. It may be sufficient to simply have another person hold your model whilst you start it. It may save your fingers. Don't forget if you're at the field on your own and you cut off all your fingers, you won't be able to pick them up now will you?

That's about it from me so I'll see you at the field.

Pete.....



Secretary's Report

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Hi Everyone,

Well here we are again, another month has all but gone and the temperatures are tumbling, but the shortest day is only a few weeks away and then we start to go back up again (but *remember the saying, as the days lengthen the cold strengthens*).

At this time of the year the weather does not induce much enthusiasm for many to venture out in the cold to fly, or just to socialise, but there are many good days in the middle of winter that really are much better to fly than in the middle of summer.

The new safety rules acknowledgment forms are in the clubhouse and have already been signed by many, we urge all our members to sign this form just as soon as they can so we can get it all finalised.

The State AGM, to which all clubs send delegates to, will be held on May 30th, and it is at this meeting that we will know what the State and National Fees will be for the next 12 months.

As I mentioned in my report last month we will be sending out requests for the payment of Subs in early June for payment by 30th of June.

Also you will find on this notice an additional request for Date of Birth and Wing Status for all Flying members, this extra detail is required by the MAAA so that the National Data Base can be brought up to date.

Please take time to read the MAAA newsletter that is with this edition of Prop Torque as it contains some of the information, which we are referring to. Could I also please urge all to respond positively to their forms when you receive them, the info is needed and also it is of a great help to know what our membership will be for the ensuing 12 months.

You will notice on the form there is a spot to indicate if you do not wish to renew your financial status this year, please do not ignore this request if you are not going to renew, as this too is very helpful in controlling the admin side of the Club.

Remember Subs need to be in by June 30th otherwise, you will be unfinancial and as such unable to fly at the Clubs facilities.

As also reported last month our own AGM will be held on Sat July 10th at 1.30 PM in the Clubhouse, regardless of what the weather might be, if it is not kind then come down for a BBQ lunch and then the meeting. If it is kind then why not come down for a fly, lunch and then the meeting, the fire will be going so we should all be quite cosy.

At least by July the 10th you should all be financial, remember only financial members may vote or hold office.

We will have four (4) positions to fill on committee this year, they being Peter, Andrew, And Greg, also Merv has indicated that he wishes to step down from his position this year, Andrew and Greg will be available for re election, Peter and Merv will not be available.

So we will require two more to fill these vacancy's, so I urge all members to give some serious thought to who you would see on Committee, or even being prepared to be nominated yourself.

Speaking of Annual things, our Annual Trophy night Club dinner this year is to be held the same as last year at the Riverside Motor Inn West Tamar Road on Friday 16th July 7.30 PM and will be a bistro type meal off the menu board.

Last years was very good with no complaints that we heard off so we will go it again, please let me know numbers by Monday 12th July or on the Sat 10th at the AGM.
Well that about wraps it up for me for this month,
So as always
Happy Landings ALL
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Why are the ladies afraid?



Are they worried about Greg and Cliff?



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May Report

Hello to everyone

Well as you all know it has not been a good start to my report this month as the weather and other problems has cancelled the last two scheduled events. The two events that were cancelled 7 cell Electric glider round 5 on April 24th and Pattern event round 6 May 15th. As you would all have a copy of the new contest calendar the next event is the All Models Day round 4 Saturday 19th June. This is the last event on our 2003/2004-contest calendar so please come along and join in as the event is intended to be a fun day and not a full on contest.

If anyone does not have a copy of the contest calendar please let me know and I will send one out.

As the contest year 2003/2004 is coming to a close at what a great year it has been with a good roll up to most events enjoyed by all spectators and competitors alike. Coming up is the annual dinner where trophy presentations will take place for the year. I missed the dinner last year that was held at the Riverside Tavern and I believe it was a great evening so come along and join in this time if possible. It is to be confirmed and Geoff may have the details in his report the annual dinner to be held at the Riverside Tavern on Saturday July 16th.

While on the subject of trophy's this years contests have been run on a different format to last year as we had the break up of competitors in two groups A and B. I would ask any member holding a perpetual trophy please let me know and return it to myself as these are going on display in cabinet at the clubhouse for all to see.

Congratulations to Peter Kidson and Kevin Hay and yours truly for passing the theory exam section of the MAAA instructor's course conducted by Mike Adams from Phoenix. The course was held at the Waddle residence at Evandale on Sunday 2nd May the course ran for most of the day. I would encourage any one looking to further there knowledge in RC modelling to take the course it is very much worth while and thanks go to Mike Adams for running to the course.

To complete my report this month just a little of what has been happening at the field when we are not all there to see what really goes on. I had taken my trainer to the club for Adrian Benson to start some flying lessons, which went very well congratulations Adrian. When all this was done Peter Kidson who had some problems with his model (we won't go into that) asked if he could fly the trainer no problem Pete go for it. Off he went for a little fly around and as I was looking away doing something else Greg R taped me on the shoulder and said the wings came off. B'Hell, as the wing fluttered down and the plane in a nosedive the rest is history never to be repaired. So much for my good quality rubber bands on the old trainer. Next month I will bring all up to date on the new trainer (club Trainer) that is under way.

That's all for this report but this copy on the e-mail from David Munday is interesting but the only thing that could be looked into is if a PCM receiver was used could of that saved the models.

Please read

This is an extract from an e-mail sent by David Munday a member of the club in country Victoria.

I was recently flying my new Sportster (on the buddy box) and my doctor had fitted me with a 24 hour blood pressure monitor, which does diagnostics constantly and takes your pressure every 30 minutes when the plane went completely crazy and crashed. We then went to put Gary's plane into the air and it went crazy as well. Subsequently we woke up to the fact that the monitor I was wearing scrambled the planes around me. A bit of a lesson there for everyone as these monitors are quite common and it's quite likely at flying fields that many over 50's might be wearing a monitor for 24 hours and not realise the consequences.

Safe flying don't forget to check the rubber bands

Andrew CD



Sun May 30 th	Glider Day	SEAT		9.30
Sat June 5 th	Pattern Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30
Sat June 12-14 th	Glider comp 3 days		Jerilderie N.S.W	9.30
Sat June 19 th	All Models Day (4)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.30
Sun June 20 th	Glider Day	NWAM	Frogmore	9.30
	Start of New Contest Calendar			
Sun July 11 th	Glider Day	SEAT		9.30
Sat July 17 th	F/Flight / O/Timer / Scale (1)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9 AM
Sat July 17 th	Electric Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30

Contests to be on the day specified. If weather is not suitable, then the next day, Sunday. If that too is not suitable then the event is cancelled and we move to the next contest scheduled.

**“Club Day” is the first Saturday in each month.
“Café Symmons” will operate each Contest Day and Club Day (Sausage Sizzle on other Saturdays).**

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Manual of Procedures

The M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures is on the M.A.A.A. web site.

Concessional Membership

This is the time of the year, after January 1, when we get people joining and asking about paying half fees for the period until June 30. A person that has not been an M.A.A.A. the previous year is entitled to half fees if joining after January 1st. Current M.A.A.A. Rules require that any person who was a member in the previous year shall pay a full years fee when joining after January 1st of the membership year.

Clubs should note that they will be charged a full M.A.A.A. fee for members who were affiliated in the previous year even if they have not collected it from the member.

Classification of Junior Member with Respect to Fees

At the 2003 Council meeting it was decided to bring the classification of Junior Member in line with the membership year. A person that turns 18 years of age on or after July 1 will be considered a Junior Member for that membership year. For example, if a person turns 18 on or after July 1 2004, then they will be a junior member for the 2004/05 membership year. The junior classification for local and international competitions is still from January 1st.

Birth dates

A few State Associations have improved their reporting of member's birth dates but we still have a long way to go. Member's birth dates are helpful in "identifying" current members and those returning to the sport. You would be amazed just how many people have the same name.

Can members please support their club to include their birth dates on the MR1 forms, it really helps a lot. Middle names would also be of great assistance.

Change of Addresses

Would members who change their address please advise their relevant State Association and not the M.A.A.A. Secretary. It is the State Association that sends State Newsletters etc to each member and so it is them that require the member's address.

News from the 2004 M.A.A.A. Council Meeting

Election Results

The positions of M.A.A.A. Secretary and Treasurer were both up for election at the 2004 Council meeting. The Secretary position being for three years and the Treasurer's position for a one year term. The reason for the one year term was to get the elections for these two important positions away from the same year. The Treasurer's term will be three years at the next election, which will be in 2005.

Treasurer

Garry Anderson was elected to the position and will join the M.A.A.A. Executive. Garry is a keen pattern flier and is also the Tasmanian Association Secretary.

Secretary

Ivan Chiselett was re-elected for a further three year period.

Professional/Paid Instructors fee for 2004/05

This year the M.A.A.A. Council set the fee at \$50-00 for a Professional/Paid Instructor to be listed in the M.A.A.A. Insurance policy.

To be listed on the M.A.A.A. policy as a paid, or professional, instructor the person MUST have the M.A.A.A. Instructor Rating. They should also have the permission of the club or clubs that they intend to operate from. Applications to be listed on the policy should be made through the State Association who shall verify the M.A.A.A. Instructor rating of the applicant and then send the application to the M.A.A.A. Secretary who will arrange for it to be sent to the insurance broker.

Professional instructors listed for 2003/04 will not be automatically listed for 2004/05. The M.A.A.A. will only list those Professional Instructors after they have provided the \$50 fee to be listed.

M.A.A.A. Membership Cards.

The Council decided to change the M.A.A.A. Membership cards. The new card will allow more room in the card to print the holder's flight proficiency ratings and M.A.A.A. appointments such as FAI Observer, Heavy Model Inspector and Gas Turbine Inspector. With the details of these appointments printed on the new membership card the issue of separate cards for these appointments will be stopped. The new cards will be phased in towards the end of the year as the stocks of existing cards are used.

Hall of Fame

Three members were elected to the M.A.A.A. Hall of Fame at the 2004 Annual Council Conference. These being:

Roy Summersby – for Consistent high performance in National & International contests over 5 decades and promotion of Aeromodelling both as a hobby and an elite sport.

Ray Cooper - Setting World Record; Gain in Altitude for class F5 - S, electric powered models with rechargeable sources of current.

Chris & Kevin Callow – Winning 2003 F3D Pylon Racing World Championship & Setting F3D World Record.

Note; In 2001 Chris & Kevin also won the World F3D Championship and also set a world record.

I am sure all members will join me in extending our congratulations to these worthy inductees.

The Council also directed that the names of our Hall of Fame Inductees and Life Members be placed on the M.A.A.A. web site. These will be added to the web site in the very near future.

Land Bureau

The M.A.A.A. has a system where Clubs can apply for loans for field purchase or improvements. Loans are available at extremely attractive interest rates and payback periods. The process is administered by the M.A.A.A. Land Bureau, which is an M.A.A.A. appointed sub-committee headed by the chairman Joe McGuffin.

In recent years there have been no funds available due, to a large extent, to the huge increases in insurance costs. The Association has now restructure how funds are made available to the Land Bureau and it is pleasing to report that there are now some funds available for loans.

If your club is interested in obtaining information of how the Bureau works and the loan conditions please contact the maaa Secretary.

Visitor Policy

The M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures has a “Visitor Policy”, MOP042, which defines how many flying instructional days a visitor is allowed and be covered by the M.A.A.A. Public Liability policy. The Council decided to change the current maximum two visits to four. Clubs are entitled to set a lesser number at their field, but the number of visits cannot be more than four. However what ever the flying standard of the visitor they must be under the direct supervision of an experienced member whilst they are flying in order to control the insurance risk

The Council also clarified the situation for a “prospective” member with respect to insurance coverage. A “prospective” member being a person who has submitted a properly completed application form to the club and is awaiting ratification of their membership application by the club/committee. The Council decided that a “prospective” member is, for the purpose of insurance, considered an Affiliate Member of the M.A.A.A. as soon as the Club receives the application to join the club until a decision is made by the club/committee whether to allow the person to join the club.

The formal Policy will be amended in the very near future so please check the web site for the latest version of the policy. Please read the Policy to ensure that its requirements are followed
Drugs in Sport.

Recently, at the 96th FAI General Conference in Krakow, Poland, FAI accepted the World Anti-Doping Code. With the FAI accepting the Code it means that model aircraft competitors are now subject to this Code. The FAI has published the “FAI Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures” which are designed to implement FAI’s responsibilities under this Code, and to reflect FAI’s determination to ensure that there is no doping in air sports.

Details of the FAI Drugs in Sport Code are on the FAI web site. Australian Sports Aviation Confederation is currently reviewing the policy and its impact on Australia. Further details will be made available as this develops.



The answer is Kerry has been trying to launch his **killer wing it will go where no plane has gone before.**