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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Hello all

There seems to be a lot of activity around the club at the moment with an imminent State Pattern Championship on 19 and 20 March, plus the promise of the APA National Pattern Championship in June. With so much to write about to fill the report, perhaps I'll be brief instead and concentrate on only one matter.

At the last Committee meeting, we considered a proposal to help run a Tasmanian Nationals in 2007 (South Australia look like hosting the 59th Nats in 2006). The last (and only) time Tasmania did this was the 11th Nationals, held at Campbell Town in 1957-58. The competitions making up the Nationals include the disciplines of radio control, free flight and control line, with all the various divisions within each (aerobatic, scale, indoor, etc). So with a large number of different competitions it becomes a real challenge to stage such an event, both from the point of view of the logistics as well as the number and variety of venues to required to run all the competitions.

Most would probably agree that it would be fantastic to see top fliers competing at Nats level, but make no mistake, it would require a huge amount of work by many people. To adequately plan ahead would mean a small team of people working almost fulltime from now until 2007, plus a larger team as time for the event drew closer. And this is where things could get very difficult. LMAC is a very small club by mainland standards and within the club as a whole, a lot of the work (for anything) is only done by a "core" of interested members. The Committee therefore feels that it would be impossible to harness the required resources to run something like the Nats, especially when other states have declined to run them in the past.

Moreover, collectively the number of venues in Tasmania is relatively small, and I would venture the opinion that for something like outdoor free flight, we actually have no suitable venue in this state at present. Nor do we have any real demonstrated interest (as a club, which is) in any disciplines other than radio control. It seems some members have come to believe (wrongly, I feel) that aero modelling radio control. For all these reasons, your Committee decided that we could not run, nor help to run, a Nats in Tasmania in 2007. Now on the other hand, if there was a sudden and huge groundswell of interest with promises of much help, well then., look forward to seeing you all at the flying field.

Gerry





SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Hi Everyone,

Another month has flown by and the weather is getting nice for model flying, cool mornings and warm days what more could anyone wish for, being able to do what we enjoy doing. I hope that my report last month was informative, especially for our newer members so as to give them some insight as to where we as a club have come from.

March is the State pattern championships at our field on the 19th and 20th of this month, it most probably will have been run and won by the time you receive this newsletter. Planning and preparations are well under way for this to happen, I hope members will be supportive of this calendar event.

Unfortunately I will not be able to be there as I will be in Melbourne at the big air show at Avalon airfield. This has been a birthday present from my family so I could not knock it back.

Members may not be aware that our State Body the TMAA has set up a web site that can be accessed. It is www.tasmodelaero.com/ there is also a new updated LOGO for the State body. This will give interested persons the access to the model clubs in their area so as to gain info in Aeromodelling or seeking a club to join.

But of course don't forget to look at our own club Web site the address can be found on the front cover of this newsletter.

For member's info, there has been the need now for some time to upgrade the club constitution which needed bringing into line with some new wording to cover some legal aspects which have occurred in recent times. This not only allows us to function better as an incorporated body as we are, but it also gives individual members more protection under differing circumstances. Your committee has been working this through now for some while and it is almost ready to go before the membership for approval. You the membership will be hearing more of this in the near future and we must have it in place before the new financial year.

Speaking of financial year, just to remind members that our current club financial year will be ending at the end of April and the New Year will begin on the 1st May.



This is different to the membership year which will end on the 30th June and the new member year will begin on the 1st July next, that is the date that the member subscription will be due. At this stage we are not able to give members any idea what the new rates will be until they are set by the State and National bodies, all we can hope is that they don't go up again and better still if they were reduced. But maybe that is wishing for too much, we will just have to wait and see.

Well I think that is about all from me for this month, I would like to leave this with you.

“I keep seeing spots before my eyes” said Joe
“I wonder if there is something wrong with me”.
“ Have you seen a doctor”? Asked Will
“ No,” said Joe. “Just spots”

Happy landings All

Geoff.



ARCHIVE PHOTOS FROM THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS





CONTEST DIRECTORS REPORT MARCH 05

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Hello Everyone

Well I might say the months are rattling by and it's March already, I hope everyone has a very safe and happy Easter. The Glider Championship turned out to be a great day with everyone enjoying the day. It was unfortunate that both Jacques and Geoff were unable to compete due to model problems at the start of the day. The number of competitors were down on last years event this may be due to the bad weather earlier in the week. Many thanks to those that helped on the day and a special thanks to Kerry Gray that supplied a number of prizes. Apart from the trophy's handed to all place getters and the TMAA certifies a number prizes were awarded to competitors one of which was for the lowest score on the day. It was great to see George Carnie at the field competing and to take first place in Electro 600 well done George.

The State Pattern Championship is being held this Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th March. I will have a full report in next month magazine with full details, a number of prizes have been donated including Swallow Advance Smart Charger, Servo's, Glow Plugs, Gift Vouchers, Zap.

Don't forget upcoming events. This report is very short due to a computer problem let's hope I have it fixed for my next report.

Happy Flying Andrew.

	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Place
Electro 400							
Dean Williams	280	267	286	276	241	1109	1 st
Greg Robertson	222	255	308	286	250	1099	2 nd
George Carnie	274	215	270	255	252	1051	3 rd
Dave Jacobs	223	231	226	208	201	888	4 th
Electro 600							
George Carnie	306	313	299	274	268	1192	1 st
Dave Jacobs	117	261	278	236	232	1007	2 nd
Geoff Hays	DNC						
Jacques Wakae	69	DNF					



	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Place
Electro Open							
Kerry Gray	267	318	307	318	308	1251	1st
Greg Robertson	311	292	317	300	300	1228	2nd
Michael Taylor	311	301	279	295	309	1216	3rd



SOME ARCHIVE PHOTOS FROM THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS



NORTH WEST AEROMODELLERS EVENT SCHEDULE 2005



Date	Event	Club
January 22nd	Glider & Electric Day Don Heads	NWA
January 28th	Meeting Devonport	NWA
January 29th	Club Day	NWA
February 5th	Pattern Day	NWA
February 12th	Twilight Meet Highclere 4pm	NWA
February 19th	State 7 Cell	LMAC
February 26th	Club Day at Don Heads	NWA
March 12th	Scale Fly-In Official Opening	NWA
March 18th	Meeting Burnie	NWA
March 19th	State Pattern	LMAC
March 26th	Easter Weekend	
April 2nd	Pattern Day	NWA
April 2nd	State Glider Comp	SEAT
April 9th	State Scale	PHOENIX
April 23rd	State Electric Fly-In	HMAC
April 30th	Club Day	NWA
May 7th	Scale Day One	NWA
May 21st	Pattern Day	LMAC
May 27th	Meeting Devonport	NWA
May 28th	Club Day	NWA
June 4th	Pattern Day	NWA
June 18th & 19th	APA Pattern Champs	LMAC
June 25th	Club Day	NWA
July 9th	Glider Day Don Heads	NWA
July 29th	Meeting Burnie	NWA
July 30th	Club Day	NWA
August 13th	Old Models Day	NWA
August 20th	Pattern Day	LMAC
August 27th	Club Day	NWA
September 17th	President's Day	NWA
September 24th	Club Day	NWA
September 30th	Meeting Devonport	NWA
October 15th	7 Cell Electric Don Heads	NWA
October 29th	Club Day	NWA
November 5th	Pattern Day	NWA
November 12th	State Fly-In	NWA
November 19th	Club Day	NWA
November 19th	Pattern Day	LMAC
November 25th	Meeting Burnie	NWA
November 26th	Scale Day Two	NWA
December 16th	Annual Dinner	TBA
December 17th	All Models Day	NWA





DATE	EVENT	CLUB	SITE	TIME
19 th 20 th March 05	State Pattern Championships	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9:30AM
Sat 2 nd April 05	Pattern competition	NWAM	Highclere	9:30 AM
Sat 2 nd April 05	State Glider Championships	SEAT	St Leonards	9:30 AM
Sat 9 th April 05	State Scale Day	NWAM	Highclere	9:30 AM
Sat 16 th April 05	7 Cell Electric (4) Thermal Glider (3)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9:00 AM
Sat 23 rd April 05	State Electric Fly-in	HMAC	Kelly Field	9:30 AM
Sat May 21 st	Pattern (4)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.30 AM
Sat June 18 th	All Model day (3)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9.30 AM

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).**

Note from Editor: Can I please have newsletter copy by the 15th of April for April's Newsletter. I hope you all have a happy and safe Easter Break.

