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# Prop Torque

## From the President

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Hello everyone.

Well, here it is - the last issue of Prop Torque for 2008. After this issue the editor will take a well-earned break until the February issue (for new members: LMAC only publishes eleven issues per year; the December issue also covers January). In the same way, the Committee is not scheduled to meet again until February. At this point it may be worth noting that your committee has done a great job this year, and I would like to publicly acknowledge the contribution of all committee members to the smooth running of LMAC.

The recent Christmas BBQ and Fun Fly held at the field was interesting, to say the least. The wind and rain prevented any flying whatsoever, so that the only flying was "hangar flying", of which there was plenty! The lunch was enjoyed by all and

our thanks go to those who organised and prepared the lunch. The car boot sale was, well, not held in car boots at all, but all goods were brought into the club house, where a vigorous trade was carried on in all manner of things. We could not do much outside, but it was cosy enough in the clubhouse with a nice fire keeping the cold and damp at bay. We also drew the raffle; results are elsewhere in the magazine.

Those who have visited the field recently will have noticed the poppies growing in the roadside paddock west of the strip. It is probably worth reminding all members of the rules about access to poppy paddocks. No member may, under any circumstances, enter a poppy paddock without first seeking permission of the farm manager. This is not a request, it is a condition which **MUST** be observed at all times for two reasons: first, as visitors, we are

committing an offence by entering a poppy paddock unescorted, and secondly, the property owner is responsible for controlling security of the poppy crop on his land. So, if your model lands in a poppy paddock, you will have to leave it there until an escort can be arranged. No ifs, buts or maybes!

Having said all that it only remains for me to wish all members and their families a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous and rewarding New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the flying field.

**Gerry.**

## From the Secretary

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Hi All,

Well here we are at year's end again and as we look back over the twelve months, I am sure that we all could come up with many things both good and bad that have found their way into our daily lives.

I would hope that we could all leave 2008 with a sense of accomplishment for what we have achieved both in every day life and our aero modelling.

I do not seem to have very much to report on again this month, apart from the things that the club has done this past year.

The Transmitter pound has been the largest thing that we have done but just recently we have made it easier to get the BBQ in and out of the clubhouse, by concreting two slabs at either end of the building. The barbecue now sits level without the use of pieces of wood to prop it up!

The solar panel and associated control gear was successfully installed by Terry And Greg and is working for it's intended purpose of charging our mower battery and the spare battery in the general shed. The spare battery is for general club members' use such as powering the winch for Glider tows, the charging of model batteries or use for starting IC engines and glow plug power as happened recently for one of

our IC flyers, whose field battery flattened.

You will find the last of this years MAAA news letters with this issue. We have had a reminder from the TMAA of members needing to take extra care when starting power models. There have been cases of fingers being badly lacerated almost to the point of losing them recently. Most incidents reported to the MAAA have been hand damage when starting engines. "So please take care"

The birthdays celebrated this month are Merv Cameron, George Carnie, Bill Evans, Kevin Hay, and Max Wiggins. For January there are only two: Robert Laing and myself. We extend the club's best wishes for their big day and the year ahead.

The club Christmas raffle was drawn at our Christmas BBQ on the 13<sup>th</sup> for three prizes:-  
1<sup>st</sup> prize was Haley Wiggins----  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize Peter Steer---- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mel van Asperan.

**This will be the last Prop Torque till February. No January Newsletter and No canteen on club day in January.**

Well that about wraps it up for me again for another year; I take this opportunity to wish all our members and aero modellers State wide, a merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

I leave you with this thought,  
**Success is not what you have --- it is not what you do - -- it is who you are.**  
Happy Landings all

Geoff

### ***“ Oh! What a Day it was”***

The day was Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>, when the solar panel and associated gear was to be installed and the planned concreting on the southern side of the clubhouse at Symmons Plains. Whilst the solar panel etc was successfully carried out, the concreting was a different story altogether.

Greg and Terry were doing the electrical installation, George was trimming the grass and Geoff was building the boxing for the concrete paving. We were of course being encouraged by Alice and Kerry.

George and Kerry had purchased a new 240-volt generator for their own use and had brought it to the field to power the electric concrete mixer that Geoff had acquired from a friend. Now all would probably be aware that we have the water laid on to our section of the farm, pumped up from the south Esk River by an electric pump some 2 Km away.

Geoff decided to start the generator to run his power saw, but after much pulling the motor would not start. We decided that there was very little spark if any at all, so George and Kerry took it back to the city to exchange it for another.

Geoff decided to give the property manager a call in the hope that they might have one on the farm. Andrew was most obliging and lent us a generator, informing us that the farm had a major problem with the river pump and pipe, so we would have no water until they could fix it!

After lunch George and Kerry arrived back with a brand new Generator, almost taking out a deer that ran across in front of them as they came down the Symmons Plains drive!

So we filled up the fuel tank, put oil in the sump turned on the ignition switch and fuel tap, to discover fuel was pouring out on the ground and not into the carburettor which was found to be due to absence of a connection between tap and bowl! Well after connecting it up and filling the mixer all was well, but still no water was available because there was now a major power break down on the midland highway, despite successful repair of the property pump! This we assumed that may have been due to a motor vehicle accident because of traffic build up and an Aurora truck on the highway visible from the club. Being now 2.30 pm. We decided that this was the last straw for that day and called it off till the next week when hopefully things will be a bit more our way.

It certainly was one of those days that you can get sometimes when nothing seems to go right at all. Fortunately on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> the team once again arrived and with the help of Graeme, after some model flying with Terry, the job was 99.9% completed on that day, because we ran out of about ½ a barrow of concrete! Many thanks to all those who made this happen and for sticking with it!

**Geoff.**

## ***From From the Contest Director***

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Due to bad weather the fun fly event on the 13th December was cancelled.

## **Editorial Notes**

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## **From the Editor's Desk**

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Highlights of the year are taken from the web site so that those who do not have access to the Internet can appreciate some of the excellent photos taken and placed on the LMAC site, by George Carnie.

On the right is one of my favourites; Andrew McEntyre ploughing the strip!



A lighthearted moment this year was when Andrew McEntyre was carrying Terry Pearson's Giles out to the strip. The wind was so strong that it blew Andrew's hat off straight into the Giles' wooden propeller, shattering it! Chris Klimeck jokingly offered some cyano but Terry declared the prop was irreparable. "No" cried Chris, "not for your prop.... it's to glue the hat onto Andrew's head!"





Left: Greg Robertson' Playboy Senior flying recently:  
Photo by George Carnie.



Right: Peter Daniel's maiden flight of his scratch built Fokker Eindecker E111 on Wednesday, April 30 2008. Test pilot was Max Wiggins who reported that the model flew very well with only a few minor trimming adjustments needed. Photo Peter Daniels.



Left: John Madden's SE 5A during the Scale day: Lost pilot?  
Photo by George Carnie.



Right: Craig Homan's Piper Cub L4 Grasshopper: nice build of scale kit.  
Photo by George Carnie.



Left: Tony Berg's F3A Electric Helios: Electric flight has come a long way!  
Photo by George Carnie.

Right: Peter Riall's new Boomerang.  
Photo by Max Wiggins.



Touched and going:  
Merv Cameron's  
Jabberwocky: Pilot  
Kevin. Photo by  
George Carnie.



There are many more  
photos on the site:  
room does not permit  
showing more this  
month. I shall try to do  
so from time to time.

Wishing everyone a relaxing time over the coming summer holidays.

*Richard.*

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### **MAAA Competition Rules Secretary**

Congratulations to Ross Cant on his appointment to the position of MAAA Competition Rules Secretary until the 2009 Council Conference. Ross brings his knowledge and experience to the position on this, a year when the rules are considered by the Annual Conference.

### **MAAA - ASAC President**

At the 2008 Australian Sport Aviation Confederation (ASAC) AGM the MAAA President, Mike Close, who was the ASAC Vice President, was elected to the position of President. In accepting the position, Mike indicated that he was happy to take on the extra responsibility providing it was not detrimental to MAAA now or in the future. Congratulations Mike.

### **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:

MAAA058 POLICY (Acceptance of JR and Sanwa)	2.4GHz Equipment
MAAA001 FORMS Permit to Conduct a Display	Application for a Display Directors
MAAA002 FORMS Statement	Application for
MAAA005 FORMS Exemption from CAR (1998) Part 101	
MAAA006 FORMS	Application to Register an "Approved Flying Area" for Model Aircraft
MAAA007 FORMS	Application for Temporary Ceiling Height Extension
MAAA010 FORMS	Incident Report Form
MAAA012 FORMS	Application for an Exemption from the Indoor Model Specifications



MAAA023 FORMS Application to be Registered as a Commercial Model Aircraft Instructor

### **62<sup>nd</sup> Nationals**

The 2009 Nationals is being hosted by the NSW Associations and will be run as a 'split' event. **Control Line and Free Flight** are to be held at Albury NSW from 28 December 2009 to 3 January 2009. There will be no registration day. Registration and late entries will be processed prior to each event at the event site by the Contest Director. Full details can be found on the MAAA web site [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

**Radio Control** will be held over the Easter period from 12 April to 24 April 2009 at the MAS NSW State flying field at Cootamundra. Bulletin number #1 is now available from the MAAA Web site at [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

### **Insurance / Instructors**

A large number of clubs support their Instructors by agreeing that they will pay the excess in the event of an incident, certainly if it falls on the Instructor, while a student is under instruction. This may avoid any doubt in an Instructor's mind. If he tries to recover a seriously out of shape aircraft, and fails, he is potentially up for \$250 whereas not trying enables him to walk away with no financial liability whatever the result. If your club does not have such an arrangement with your Instructors, it may be a point to raise at your next club meeting.

### **Public Flying Displays**

The MAAA occasionally hears second hand reports of displays being held by people who are Affiliated Members of the MAAA but without State Association approval. It would be appreciated if you could make sure that your club is aware that all displays carried out under the banner of the MAAA need to conform to the requirements of MOP 019. This not only covers public displays but also those that are carried out at private events, where the organisers allow people who are not MAAA members to attend. Obviously individuals are free to take part in any event but unless conducted within the definitions and requirements of MOP 019, then the flying at displays, public or private, will not be covered by the MAAA Insurance Policy. The MAAA would advise anyone taking part in events outside the MOP, to satisfy themselves that the organiser has arranged adequate independent insurance cover.

This procedure is to ensure that the general MAAA membership does not have the risk of their insurance cover, and the costs of it, prejudiced by displays whose flying conditions have not been independently assessed by the relevant State Association as meeting the required safety standards.

### **Concessional Membership**

From 1 January 2009, a person who has not been an MAAA member the previous membership year is entitled to half MAAA fees. Current MAAA Rules require that any person who was a member in 2007-2008 shall pay the full fee. Clubs should note that Concessional Membership is only available to new members and those who have not been affiliated since 1 July 2007.

### **Introducing the MAAA Competition Rules Secretary - Ross Cant**

I have been active in aeromodelling since 1974, mainly in gliding, scale models, electric aircraft, and more recently in indoor flying. During this time I have been involved with competitions at the club, state and national level as a competitor, contest director and member of National Organising Committees. The highlights of my competition career were to win Large Scale at the Mandurah Nationals and to attend the Electric World Champs in the Czech Republic as a helper



and whilst there to win the Big Glider Contest at the Electric Games (small beer compared to some other careers).

I have been on the AWA executive since 1983 and have been an MAAA delegate for 10 years. I have served as club and state secretary for at least 24 years, and state treasurer for 14 years. I look forward to serving as the MAAA Competition Secretary.

### **Competition Rules Year**

Members are reminded that 2008/2009 is a Competition Rules year. Australian competition rules are available through the MAAA web site [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

All disciplines are requested to review their particular section of the rules and make any suggested amendments through the relevant Subcommittee. Subcommittee members for the discipline will collectively review all amendments prior to submitting the final recommendations to the MAAA Secretary. All received recommendations will be added to the rules agenda to be presented to the MAAA Council in May 2009.

### **Team Trial Notification**

Organisers of Team Trials for World, CAOCC Championships and Trans Tasman events are reminded of their responsibility to advise the MAAA Secretary of the dates of intended team trials a minimum of six months in advance. MOP024 states the procedure. This is to give all members adequate notice.

### **F1 A, B & C Team Trials for the Trans Tasman Event 2010**

Notification of the Team Trials as follows:

Tentative Team Trial Dates are:

62nd Nationals

F1A Mon 29 Dec 2008

F1C Tue 30 Dec 2008

F1B Fri 2 Jan 2009

To be held at McMahon's Field Springhurst.

Proposed program for AFFS Championships and Southern Cross Cup.

SCC

F1A Tue 7 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A Sat 11 April 2009

F1C Sat 11 April 2009

F1B Sun 12 April 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera.

### **2009 F3A World Championships Team Trials**

Team trial details for the F3A World Championships to be held in Portugal have been finalised. These trials will be held as part of the Australian Masters Contest at Valley Radio Flyers field Shepparton, Victoria on 25 April 2009. Entries will close one week prior to the event, 17 April 2009. Late entries will not be accepted. For enquires please contact Chris Simmons 0419 362 005.

### 2009 R/C Scale Trans Tasman

Team trials for this event will be held as part of the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Scale event at Cootamundra in April 2009.

The Trans Tasman Scale event will be held at Monarto SA between October/November 2009.

### World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

<b>2009</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
F4A FF Scale	Trans Tasman - Patetonga, Sth of Auckland 4-5 April
R/C Scale	Trans Tasman – Monarto SA October/November
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia. Bjelopolje <b>Dates:</b> July 19 to July 26
F3A	Portugal <b>Dates:</b> August 21 – 29 2009
F3B	Czech Republic Dares: August 2 – 9 2009
F3C	USA - Muncie
F3D	Germany <b>Dates:</b> July 20 – 26 2009
<b>2010</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Bids From</b>
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary - July
F3J	France <b>Dates:</b> August 14 – 22 2010
F4B, F4C	Poland
F5B, F5D	Offers Invited
Space Models	Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
<b>2011</b>	
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Bids From</b>
F1 A,B & C	To be Awarded - 4 Bids
F3A	To be Awarded - USA (tentative)
F3B	To be Awarded - Spain (tentative)
F3C	To be awarded - Italy
F3D	To be awarded – Australia has bid

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### Upcoming Events to April 2009

2009:	
January 3rd	Club Day
January 17th	Scale Day ----- 10.am till 2.30 pm
February 7th	Club Day
February 21st	Thermal Glider ----- 1.pm
March 7th	Club Day
March 21st	Electric Glider State Championships – 10.am
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Day
April 18th	Club Pattern----- 1.pm