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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Hello everyone

A lot has been happening lately on the Club front and your Committee has been hard at work making all the right decisions and protecting every one of your interests – right? Well, it's true that we have been hard at work, but we get little or no direct feedback from the membership. So while it is true that the Committee *thinks* that it is protecting all your interests, we don't really know if you don't tell us what *you* think.

One thing that took quite a bit of time was modernising the club's Constitution. This was necessary for two reasons: the way it was written was generally outmoded and (far more important) in some areas it could have left the way open for legal and tax problems in the future. The new Constitution follows very closely the Model Rules for Associations such as ours. It should be said that the Secretary has done the lion's share of the work, for which everyone should be most grateful.

The next step is that the general membership must review and approve the new Constitution. Accordingly, a Special General Meeting has been called for 14 May at 1:30pm, at the LMAC clubhouse. All members are invited and you should make a real effort to attend. Now, so that you won't feel the day could be wasted, we are also holding a Working Bee (long overdue) starting at 9:00am, followed by a BBQ lunch and then by the meeting.

Copies of the new Constitution will soon be available at the Clubhouse (if anyone wants an e-mail copy, please ring the Secretary). So when you are next at the field, read through the draft and familiarise yourself with it. A couple of things to bear in mind: there is no such thing as a perfect Constitution and the vote at the SGM doesn't have to be unanimous. So, there only needs to be a majority in favour to approve it. I mention this so that we avoid undue and irrelevant argument on the day.

Another thing is that the AGM will be held at the LMAC Clubhouse at 1:30pm on 11 June, the week after the TMAA AGM (when we find out what the MAAA fees will be). The AGM will be held independent of any flying activities, so weather will not be an issue. Please do all you can to attend.

At the last meeting the Committee set the prices for all food items sold at the Canteen. The prices will be placed on the noticeboard and will apply until further notice. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The Committee has tried to avoid price increases so the Canteen is a service to members, but at the same time being financially responsible.



Finally, I would like to encourage contributions to the newsletter. We have got out of the way of having technical articles, hints and tips, etc. It is not the Editor's responsibility to provide material; it is our newsletter and it is our contributions that should go into it. So how about it - put pen to paper, all you budding authors!

Well, that is all for now. I look forward to seeing you all at the flying field.

Gerry



Waiting for the off at the Tas Pattern Champs



All the Prize Winners in the Tasmanian Pattern Championships





SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 05

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Hi Everyone,

It is time to put pen to paper again, or should I be technically correct and say fingers to the key board, whichever it is time to do it again, I find in retirement there does not seem to be any slackening of things to do, but I suppose it is better than sitting around vegetating, that does not seem to have much appeal to me anyhow.

I have a few things to report on since last month so I will go through them in some semblance of order.

Firstly the Club constitution that I mentioned last month is now ready for member approval before going to the Corporate affairs Department. This will need to be all in place before the end of June, so your committee have decided that we will have a special general meeting at the clubhouse on Saturday May 14th at 1.30 PM to approve this recommendation from committee. All members are urged to familiarise themselves with this document before the meeting. I will have some copies at the clubhouse that can be read well before this meeting is held so members can make an effective vote on the day of the meeting, so time will not be wasted in needless chatter so extending the meeting beyond a reasonable time frame. *We urge your attendance at this meeting.*

Also on this Day 14th May in the morning from say 9 AM we will be having a working bee to do some of the jobs around our little plot we call the field and clubhouse. Some of the jobs include; collecting firewood (*winter is approaching*), Cleaning out the utility sheds, Cleaning out the heater flue, Re - seating some of the pavers at our Entrance, plus general clean up of the club property. *Do lend a hand in this club project it belongs to us all.*

The next important thing is the end of the financial year and all that goes with it.

The TMAA AGM is to be held on 5th June and it will be after that meeting we will know what the National and State Fee's will be for the next financial member year. LMAC Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th June at the Clubhouse starting at 1.30 PM after a lunch at 12 noon. At this meeting the members will be given a recommended fee for club subscription and if passed will be added to the national and state figures which we will already have, to become the new subscription for 2005-06. Following this meeting I will be sending out subscription forms to the membership with the new amount of subscription required for the next year, and these will need to be returned by the 30th June. It may be as well to be working at least on last year's figure as it would be highly unlikely that they will be less, but yes we could hope for that.



At the AGM 4 committee members term expires this year; they being Greg Robertson, Geoff Hays, Cliff Walters, and Kerry Gray. Gerry deGroot, Andrew McEntyre and Kevin Hay still have another year to serve. Each of the retiring committee are eligible for re election should they choose to continue.

At the last committee meeting the committee with the help of the Clubhouse chicks decided on a review of canteen pricing and these will be on a notice in the clubhouse and take effect immediately. Also we discussed the weekly operation of the canteen and it was decided that due to the uncertainty of the weather in June, July and August, the (*winter months*) that canteen would be held on club days and contest days only. So BYO lunch for the 2nd and last Saturdays of each month during that time.

In relation to canteen in June our AGM date Canteen will be held.

So just to recap those important dates

1. 14th May WORKING BEE 9AM --- SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING at 1.30 PM
2. 11th June LMAC --- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the clubhouse 1.30 PM

Well that wraps it up for me for now, so as always
Happy landings all
Geoff.



Daniel Port the youngest competitor in the Tasmanian Pattern Championships





CONTEST DIRECTORS REPORT APRIL 05

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Hello Everyone

Well it's been a very busy month during March with the organising of the State Pattern held on March 19th & 20th. Several days leading up to the event preparing the East West strip, mowing and rolling after the farm irrigator was organised to water the area over several days. This was necessary as the area of the new strip had never been mowed and no rain at this time of the year. Many thanks to Cliff Walters who offered to help in filling of holes and seeding the affected area and with his trusty van we were able to roll the strip with the large roller.

Results 2005 Tasmanian Pattern Championship

Novice

Neil Morris NWAM	137.67 1000	155.67 1000	149.00 1000	151.67 1000	143.33 1000	143.00 1000	5000	1st
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Sportsman

Paul Anderson NWAM	33.00 268.29	181.33 1000	192.33 1000	194.67 1000	189.33 1000	197.33 1000	4954.62	1st
Daniel Port HMAC	38.00 308.94	167.67 924.63	186.00 967.07	179.00 919.52	155.67 784.87	189.67 961.15	4557.24	2nd
Andrew McEntyre LMAC	118.67 964.77	168.67 930.15	149.33 776.43	153.00 785.96	198.33 1000	159.00 805.74	4486.62	3rd
Phil Rayner NWAM	123.00 1000	137.67 759.19	133.67 694.97	129.67 666.10	120.67 608.40	121.67 616.55	3736.81	4th

Advanced

Stephen Reece Burnie	239.67 970.31	272.33 1000	267.33 986.47	286.67 1000	268.00 1000	269.33 986.57	4973.04	1st
Kevin Hay LMAC	247.00 1000	252.00 925.34	271.00 1000	283.33 988.37	263.33 982.59	273.00 1000	4970.96	2nd



Expert

Scott Kay Burnie	411.33 1000	407.67 1000	419.00 1000	437.67 1000	432.00 1000	429.33 1000	5000	1st
Rob Clarke Chirside Park VIC	360.00 875.20	387.33 950.12	326.67 779.63	374.00 854.53	398.67 922.84	403.00 938.66	4541.35	2nd
Peter Kidson LMAC	207.00 503.24	367.67 901.88	376.00 897.37	343.33 784.46	342.33 792.44	359.00 836.18	4212.33	3rd

Masters

Garry Anderson NWAM	436.33 1000	442.33 1000	456.33 1000	476.67 1000	397.67 1000	346.00 1000	5000	1st
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Many thanks to the to following business for there sponsorship and support with the Tasmanian State Pattern Championship.

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Tasmanian Pattern Championships 2005

It was great to see fliers from all parts of the state participating in the Tasmanian Pattern Championship at Symmons Plains on March 19th and 20th. The new flight line, arguably among the best in Australia, had light crosswinds both days with the weather otherwise sunny and perfect. The (unexpected) watering and rolling of the new strip had produced a good level, dust-free surface; side fences proved challenging for some but these are targeted for removal by the landowner.

Saturday, flying commenced at 10.00am with Line Director Cliff Walters keeping a steady flow of competitors to the flight line over both days. Sportsman entrant and junior flier Daniel Port confessed to not having flown the schedule until the week before. Nevertheless, he was the standout flier over the weekend showing considerable improvement over the two days to finally finish second. He was not even put off by having to fly minus his muffler until the LMAC team came to his rescue with threaded rod, much to his helper's relief – we suspect helper Mike Ralph's ears may still be ringing! Sportsman Andrew McEntyre's surprise first round knife edge landing unfortunately ruined his aircraft's trim for the rest of the day. Sunday morning, aircraft retrimmed, Andrew produced the highest individual Sportsman score of the competition and looked set to provide a strong challenge to Daniel and Paul. Unfortunately, his engine had other plans, expiring (big-time and permanently) in his last flight.

Advanced proved to be the competition to watch with the two competitors running neck and neck on both days; final results were separated by only 2.08 points in Steve Reece's favour. Expert and Masters fliers continued with the high standard of competition – looking good for the future of aerobatics in Tassie.

Sunday afternoon, trophies were presented with Australian Pattern Association (APA) President, Rob Clarke, also presenting Daniel Port with a youth encouragement award of APA membership and goody bag. Peter Kidson took out the most sought after prize: the Easter egg raffle. Many thanks to sponsors Roj's Hobbies, Melbourne, Tates Performance Hobbies, Geelong, Steve Ralph Models, Devonport and Hudson Civil Products, Launceston. Your support of these sponsors would be appreciated. Thanks also to CD Andrew McEntyre, all helpers and the canteen team for keeping everyone well-fuelled over the weekend.



At this point in time, the APA Championships are scheduled to be flown at LMAC's Symmons Plains site later this year on June 18th and 19th. The APA has indicated a minimum of 25 fliers would be needed to make it a viable proposition, with approximately half of this number expected to come from the mainland. Tassie has shown it can field a quality group of entrants and we look forward to a high level of support from our fliers in this, and future, pattern events. Contact local APA representative Garry Anderson (6424 6353) for details.

Garry & Robyn Anderson

LMAC Contest Calendar 2005 - 2006
Incorporating NWA & State Events also HMAC

Date	Event	Club	Location	Time
Sat April 16 th	7 Cell Electric (4) Thermal Glider (3)	LMAC	Symmons plans	9.30am
Sun April 24 th	State Electric Fly In	HMAC	Kelly Field	9.30am
Sat May 7 th	Scale Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30am
Sat May 21 st	Pattern Day (4)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat June 4 th	Pattern Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30am
Sat/Sun June 18 th & 19 th	APA Pattern Championship Practice Day Friday June 17 th	LMAC	Symmons Plans	9.00am
Sat July 9 th	Free Flight & Old Timer Day (1)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat July 23 rd	Scale Day (1)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat August 13 th	Free Flight & Old Timer Day (2)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat August 20 th	Pattern Day (1)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat Sept 10 th	7 Cell Electric (1) Combat Wings (1)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat Sept 24 th	Scale Day (2)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat Oct 8 th	7 Cell Electric (2) Combat Wings (2)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat Oct 15 th	7 Cell Electric (Don Heads)	NWAM	Don Heads	9.30am
Sat Nov 5 th	Pattern Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30am
Sat Nov 12 th	State Fly In	NWA M	Highclere	9.30am
Sat Nov 19 th	Pattern Day (2)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat Dec 17 th	President Day & Christmas Party	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat January 21 st 2006	Pattern Day (3)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am



This is the Happy Winner of the Easter Raffle congratulations Pete.

On Saturday April 9th 3 LMAC members attended the State Scale Championships held at NWAM at Highclere. I believe all enjoyed a great days flying and these are the results congratulations to Kevin and Peter for your top effort in the event.



1st	Peter Lucas	NWA	Wellington	473 pts
2nd	Kevin Hay	LMAC	Stampe	471 pts
3rd	Peter Lucas	NWA	Spitfire	467 pts
Equal 4th	Peter Kidson Phil Rayner	LMAC NWA	Citabria Chipmonk	463 pts 463 pts
Pilot's Choice	M. Paterson	NWA	Mustang	

On Saturday 16th April 7Cell glider contest was held at the field and what a perfect day for gliders or any other model for that matter. There was no breeze to speak of and a nice sunny day. Six members competed in three rounds with some great skills with many landings on the spot to gain maximum landing points. It was great to see George at the field and competing very well but he did have some minor problems with his open glider so he didn't compete in this section. Geoff also was having problems with his model not doing what it should I'm not sure if Geoff was having an off day or the model really was playing up sorry Geoff.

Electro 400

Greg Robertson	295	306	286	887	1st
George Carnie	285	271	293	849	2nd
Dave Jacobs	196	276	253	725	3rd

Electro 600

George Carnie	281	289	294	864	1st
Dave Jacobs	232	288	286	806	2nd
Geoff Hays	199	208	230	637	3rd

Electro Open

Jacque Wakae	316	314	319	949	1st
Kerry Gray	305	317	318	940	2nd
Greg Robertson	301	321	313	935	3rd

A Thermal glider event was also held at the field on Saturday 16th April in as I said earlier a perfect day. Geoff had a somewhat heavy landing and was unable to complete his third round bad luck Geoff.

Greg Robertson	433	442	424	1299	1st
John DeGroot	106	248	401	755	2nd
Geoff Hays	106	60	DNF	166	3rd

I have included in this month's report an update to the contest calendar in the update it runs through to January 2006. There will further updates as more events will be scheduled for next year.

Till next month happy flying
Andrew.



Canteen Prices

The following Canteen prices were agreed at the Committee meeting held on 11 April 2005.

<u>Food</u>	
Hamburger, saveloy or two sausages	\$2.00
Sandwich	\$2.50
Bun or cake	\$0.50
Sweet biscuit	\$0.50
Soup, per cup	\$1.00
<u>Drinks</u>	
Tea or Coffee	\$0.40 mug
Soft drink	\$1.00 can
Water cordial	\$0.20 small glass



Peter with his basket of goodies, with all the willing eaters surrounding him



Coming Events



DATE	EVENT	CLUB	SITE	TIME
Sat May 7 th	Scale Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30am
Sat May 21 st	Pattern Day (4)	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.30am
Sat June 4 th	Pattern Day	NWAM	Highclere	9.30am
Sat/Sun June 18th & 19th	APA Pattern Championship Practice Day Friday June 17th	LMA C	Symmons Plans	9.00am

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

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.



All looking for the lost Muffler from Daniel's Model

