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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Hello all,

This month's report will be a brief one, with the weather being only marginal for the last month. However, on the administrative side, we have had the AGM and that is worth commenting on.

We have also run a very successful Pattern competition; you can read all about it in the CD's Report, elsewhere in this issue. Following on from the AGM, I am pleased to announce that George Carnie has taken over from Cliff Walters as Treasurer of LMAC. I would like to welcome George back to the Committee (he is no stranger to it, having served before) and look forward to working with him. At the same time, I would like to publicly acknowledge Cliff's contribution to the work of the Committee over the two years he was Treasurer. Apart from George, the other positions that were up for election were retained by those that previously held them. So, congratulations to the following people for being re-elected to the Committee: * Geoff Hays as Secretary * Andrew McEntyre and Kerry Gray as Committee members. The positions of Contest Director and Newsletter Editor were decided at the last Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 14 June. Following the meeting, Andrew will continue as CD and yours truly and my other half, Virginia, (some would say the 'better half') were accepted as joint Newsletter Editors. Perhaps a word on these two functions would not go astray.

1. Contest Director. This is a high profile position and requires a lot of work. However, I have felt for some time that we expect too much of our CD, especially when it comes to major contests, such as State competitions. This coming year will be especially busy, and I will be working towards a position where the CD will get a lot of help from the general membership, and not just from the core of members that always seem to turn up at these events. It is time the 'silent majority' took part in running events. They benefit the whole of the club in a major way. So even if you don't want to fly in a competition, expect to be asked to help. It won't hurt you – who knows, it could even be 'character building'.
2. Newsletter. I would like to say that I really appreciate the work that Debbie Walters has done in publishing the Newsletter during her time as Editor. This is no mean task and demands a lot of dedication. In taking on this role, Virginia and I will seek to continue the good work that has been done. Some changes may be made, but we will try to remember that the newsletter is the main advertisement for our club. We will also seek to strengthen the relationship between the Newsletter and the Website, it also being an important part of the public profile of the Club.

In closing, I guess this is the first Captain's report for the new club year and so I would like to welcome everyone to what promises to be an exciting year. I urge everyone to get involved, no matter what your particular interest in Aeromodelling.
See you at the field.

Gerry de Groot





SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE 05

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Hi Everyone,

Well here we are again another month has rolled by and the rains have come, the country needs it and so does our flying fields but of course only at night when we are not there trying to do what we all like doing.

A situation occurred on Saturday 11th June at Symmons plains that I would say would certainly be a one off and one that I have not witnessed previously. Can you imagine a group of people 17 of them arriving at the clubhouse and the rain that had been falling most of the night was still coming down at rather a heavy pace. The ground by now becoming quite slushy in many parts and absolutely no hope of any flying being done on that day.

But no body seemed to care that this was happening, we all gathered around talked about this and that and the usual prattle that goes on in clubhouses. Then we had a great BBQ lunch and other treats then some more talk. The rain was by now coming down even heavier that made even talking a bit of an effort seeing that we had really all arrived there primarily for our AGM, and remember we did say last month that it would be on wet or fine. I would like to thank all who braved the conditions to come to this very important meeting of LMAC and the decisions and input you all had in the meeting, it was very encouraging.

Office Bearers that were elected at this meeting were: -

Vice President:- Greg Robertson

Secretary / Public Officer:- Geoff Hays

Treasurer:- George Carnie

Committee Member:- Kerry Gray

All the above were elected to serve a two year term as per our Constitution, with the remaining persons namely: -

President: - Gerry DeGroot --- Committee members Kevin Hay and Andrew McEntyre with one more year to serve of their term.

Our new subscriptions were set at this meeting and by now you will all have received your annual subscription forms in the mail.

You will notice that there has not been an increase this year which is good news in our senior subs and our junior subs have been reduced by \$10.00, our Associate and Social member fees have remained unchanged from last year.

The fees equate out to \$3.17 per week for a senior flier and \$2.11 per week for a junior flier. And when you take into consideration the fact that we have one of the best flying fields in the country. A clubhouse and amenities, 7 days a week availability, and reasonably close to home for most of our members, Plus a \$ 20 million dollar insurance cover for each member, then really we do not have much to complain about. Possibly the most expensive item these days in pursuing our Hobby/Sport is the price of fuel to get us to the field and home again, but that is common for all of us.



As you would all know this will be the last newsletter that Debbie will be doing for us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her efforts over the last couple of years of her involvement in club life with the running of the canteen and doing the newsletter etc.

Also Cliff has not sought re election on the committee this time so as to enable him to step back a little from the many things that fills his life. And to concentrate on the more relaxing side of enjoying each day and what it brings, particularly flying his creations and encouraging Daniel in his flying. We look forward to sharing these experiences together at the field Cliff, Debbie and Daniel.

As from the July edition of Prop Torque the publication will be a dual role for our President Gerry and his wife Virginia we wish them well in this task as it does take quite some effort to do and we look forward as to their input in this medium.

We have as our new Treasurer George Carnie, we welcome George back onto committee and value the input that he can give to the club through his involvement at this level. I am pleased to say that George's health problems which brought about the need to have a break before, seem to be behind him now and we hope to see more of him and Kerry at the field this year. George by the way has been doing some building and when he brings his new creations out you will be impressed I am sure.

We have two new members to our ranks and we welcome Scott Lawson and Tina Reece , both will be full flying members , Scott has been transferred to Tasmania from the mainland where he has been active in aeromodelling , and Tina will be a new member taking up aeromodelling with Stephen who has been with us now for some time. Please make them welcome as you meet them on the field.

Andrew McEntyre has again been elected to the daunting position of Contest Director and will give it his all I am sure, please give him the support he needs so as to help him and us in this important part of Club life.

There will be an updated contest calendar probably after next committee meeting as we have some additional events to try and slot in to carry the list from January through to June 06.

The Annual Trophy night dinner will be held this year on Friday 12th August most likely, but the venue has yet to be decided upon.

Well that about wraps it up for me for another month, so as I always say
Happy Landings All
Geoff.





CONTEST DIRECTORS REPORT JUNE 05

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Hello Everyone

We are about to start a new contest year but first some results from comps that were held in May and June. Firstly just to let everyone know I'm back in the CD's chair for the next year and looking forward to a number of major contests planned for the New Year. There will be a new contest calendar released as soon as all the new dates have been set. The three major events coming up in the New Year are State Electric Championship in February 2006, State Pattern Championship in March, and the State Scale Championship in April 2006. This year I propose to have listed in Prop Torque regular updates to our contest calendar as other clubs will be holding major events during the year and those dates may not be confirmed till late in the year.

Results Pattern Comp 21/05/05

	R1	R2	R3	Total	Place
Sportsman					
Paul Anderson	254.32	1000	1000	2000	1st
Phil Rayner	1000	717.76	765.71	1765.71	2nd
Advanced					
Kevin Hay	1000	1000	896.80	2000	1st
Stephen Reece	997.39	869.57	1000	1997.39	2nd
Andrew McEntyre	840.52	735.18	718.86	1575.70	3rd

On the weekend June 18th & 19th the Claytons APA Pattern event was held at the field, which turned a great success. Four mainland flyers made the trip, in total 13 flyers enjoyed two days of competition the weather on Saturday was perfect a little overcast on Sunday but very flyable till lunch time. It was good to see a large number of club members and also members from HMAAC and NWAM enjoying a great day at the field. My thanks must go to the many helpers with any major competition it is essential to share the workload. Flight marshals on both days Greg Robertson, Cliff, Debbie and Daniel Walters, Kerry Gray, and not forgetting the canteen ladies Robin, Alice, Julie, and Jill. Thanks very much to everyone for all the support it would not have been possible to run such an event without your assistance.



Results Claytons APA Pattern Event June 2005

	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total	Place
Sportsman						
Daniel Port	1000	1000	958.2	DNF	2958.2	1st
Paul Anderson	38.46	956.81	1000	1000	2956.81	2nd
Advanced						
Stephen Reece	985.87	1000	1000	964.13	2985.87	1st
Kevin Hay	1000	915.90	144.96	1000	2915.90	2nd
Andrew McEntyre	716.14	645.16	800.68	614.35	2161.98	3rd
Expert						
Scott Kay	952.07	1000	1000	1000	3000	1st
David Gibbs	1000	947.24	862.37	961.87	2909.11	2nd
Rob Clarke	998.38	937.01	899.76	929.96	2865.35	3rd
Peter Kidson	896.02	889.76	827.37	774.32	2613.15	4th
Mike Ralph	813.16	850.39	784.41	909.73	2573.28	5th
Henry Hutchinson	813.16	835.43	106.60	878.60	2527.19	6th
Masters F3A						
Henry Lim	975.75	1000	1000	1000	3000	1st
Garry Anderson	1000	980.47	935.42	986.29	2966.76	2nd



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Coming Events

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	SITE	TIME
Sat July 9 th	Free Flight Old Timer (1)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9:30 am
Sat July 23 rd	Scale Day (1)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9:30 am
Sat August 20 th	Free Flight Old Timer (2)	LMAC	Symmons Plains	9:30 am

Team trials for places in the 2006 World F4C Championships to be held in Sweden, Will be held at the valley radio flyers field in Shepparton on Monday 19th September 2005. Any person interested in participating at the trials should promptly contact Anthony Mott on 03 9842 8406 or John Lamont 03 9848 2339

“Club Day” is the first Saturday in each month.
 “Café Symmons” will operate each Contest Day and Club Day

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.



THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM



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Manual of Procedures

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

Team Trials

2006 CAOCC Helicopter Championships
in Japan. The Helicopter Subcommittee
Chairman has advised that the team trial
for this contest will be held in conjunction
with the Victorian State Championship at
the Victorian State field in mid November.
For the exact date and additional
information please contact the Chairman,
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M.A.A.A. Affiliation Fees for 2005/06
The M.A.A.A. Council has set the
M.A.A.A. affiliation fees for 2005/06.

Fortunately the insurance costs reduced for
the second year in a row. A major
contribution to the reasons is our very good
safety record. Let us all strive to keep our
excellent record intact. We should all be
vigilant at all times to eliminate unsafe
practices and improve safety.

The 2005/06 M.A.A.A. Senior &
Pensioner affiliation fee has been set at
\$100 and the Junior fee at \$80. When
compared to the 2004/05 fees, this is a
reduction of \$10 for Seniors and
Pensioners and a \$15 reduction for Juniors.
This is the second year in a row where the
M.A.A.A. fees have reduced. Let us hope
that the trend continues. It should be noted
that the State Association affiliation is to
be added to these fees as are your club
fees.

Insurance Policies Covering M.A.A.A. Members

Being an affiliate member of the M.A.A.A.
you are covered by four different insurance
policies. These being:

1. Third Party Public and Products
Liability
2. Personal Accident
3. Directors and Officers Liability /
Corporate Reimbursement Insurance
4. Professional Indemnity

All but about \$28 of the current \$100-00
M.A.A.A. Senior fee goes towards the
costs of insurance. I shall attempt to
explain the cover that these policies offer.

Third Party Public Liability

This policy provides a limit of
\$20,000,000. The excess this year has been
set at \$5,000 by the insurance company,
down from the \$10,000 it was last year.
The member on whom the claim is made is
responsible for the first \$250 with the
M.A.A.A. being responsible for the
remaining \$4,750 of the excess. The
MAAA has set aside funds to cover this
and it is part of the cost of our insurance.



This policy indemnifies you for personal injury or property damage to third parties that you are found to be legally liable for as a result of the pursuit of model aviation. The policy also includes member-to-member cover. This means that if a member causes another member serious injury and/or property damage the policy will be respond. It is impossible to give definite answers as to coverage in specific circumstances. It should be noted that the ultimate arbiter on any claim would be a Court of Law.

It should be noted that as result of a decision taken by the M.A.A.A. Council at their 2004 meeting, damage to models, irrespective of the cause, will not be covered by the third party public liability policy.

The policy also provides third party legal liability cover for clubs and associations. This includes claims for damage against the club from members of the public visiting the club facilities. It also includes cover for catering, provided all State catering regulations are abided by. Claims resulting from injury caused by playground equipment on the club grounds are also covered. The equipment should comply to State requirements and be properly maintained.

If a club organises a display the policy covers the third party liability aspects of the function provided that all the necessary regulations are abided by. Any display involving model aircraft requires a display permit. See the M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures on the web site for information. Please note that this procedure has been significantly altered recently.

It should be noted that it is extremely difficult to obtain this type of insurance and even harder to get member-to-member cover. Again this year we were only able to obtain one quote for this policy. Fortunately our very good safety record

has seen a reduction in the cost of the policy.

There is no age limit for the third party policy. There is an age limit if 80 years for the Person Accident policy but **NOT** the **Third Party policy**.

Many people have noted that they have an apparently similar cover with their home and contents policy and ask why can't they use that policy. From feedback I have received, the vast majority of members "demand" that all that fly have a policy that can be actioned should they be unfortunate enough to sustain injury or damage as a result of the actions of another member. To have people monitoring other policy coverage, dates of currency and conditions of the many home policies of members would be an impossible task. Not all home policies provide the same level of cover as the M.A.A.A. policy. I am sure that no member of a club would volunteer for the position of "insurance officer".

Imagine their predicament if there was an accident and they found that the "insurance officer" had let a person through without adequate insurance cover. The M.A.A.A. insurance Broker has also provided the opinion that the majority of Home policies would not respond to claims made involving model aircraft. The M.A.A.A. is able to obtain the cover it does at, relatively speaking, very good rates due to the fact that having all members covered spreads the risks and ensures that even if there is a claim the individual is not singled out for any resulting increase in premiums.

Personal Accident

This provides personal accident coverage for affiliate members under the age of 80 years;

1. Competing in competitions and championships and other activities organised and under the control of the insured;



2. Acting as an official at competitions and championships organised and under the control of the insured;
3. Acting as an elected official of the insured;
4. Engaged in volunteer activities organised and under the control of the insured including direct travel to and from such activities;
5. Travelling directly to or from activities described in 1 to 4 above.

Organised would mean the M.A.A.A. and associated clubs having sanctioned the events or activity. This would include training, testing and activities at the club / fields. It should be noted that the coverage does not include your activities with model aircraft at home.

The policy also provides for salary maintenance for salary earners. It provides 80% of net wages up to a maximum of \$500 per week for a maximum of two years. It also pays 80% of the non-Medicare medical expenses to a maximum of \$4,000 for each claim. There are also stipulated maximum amounts for loss of sight, hearing, limbs etc.

The policy has an excess of \$50 and 7 days in the case of salary maintenance.

It should be noted that the policy does not cover the medical fee "gap". That is the difference between the Medicare rebate and the fee charged by medical practitioners. It is illegal to have insurance to cover this.

The M.A.A.A. will reimburse members, who are over 80 for a complete membership year, the cost of the Personal Accident premium if the person sends a copy of "proof of date of birth" to the M.A.A.A. Secretary. If you are 80 or older as at July 1st 2005 you are eligible for the refund. The Secretary will arrange for a refund of the policy cost, about \$6-00, to be sent.



Directors and Officers Policy

This policy covers the legal expenses of the Club or Association and its officials in the event of them being subjected to legal action as a result of their position. It should be noted that the club officials should exercise due care and with regard to State and Federal laws in carrying out their duties as directors.

As in all other cases if the Club Executive believes that there is a possibility that they will be involved in legal action they should contact the M.A.A.A. Secretary as soon as possible.

The excess on each and every claim is nil for Directors and Officers Liability and \$2,000 for Corporate Reimbursement.

Professional Indemnity

This policy covers Inspectors, Club Officials, and Instructors for advice that they may give in regards to model aviation. It is also possible for Professional Instructors, who are members of the M.A.A.A. to be listed on the policy for their activities as a profession instructor of model aviation. For a member to be listed as a Professional/Paid instructor they must hold the M.A.A.A. Instructor Rating, have the recommendation of their State Association and have permission from their club/s to conduct paid instruction at their field/s.

Members holding an M.A.A.A. Instructor rating interested in "registering" as a professional/paid instructor should contact the M.A.A.A. Secretary for more information. There is currently a \$50 fee per year to be listed on the policy.

The excess on each and every claim is \$2,000 that is the responsibility of the party on who the claim is made.

What to do in the Event of a Claim

The M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures includes a procedure “Accident / Incident Reporting and Actions Procedure” which details the process that should be followed in the event of an injury and/or possible insurance claim. A copy of the procedure is available on the M.A.A.A. web site or from the M.A.A.A. or State Association Secretary.

It is important that all possible claims are reported as soon as possible. Please ensure that witnesses are recorded and statements taken. It is hard to chase up everyone after the event.

Please note that every incident/accident should be thoroughly investigated and “closed out” in accordance to the requirements of the procedure. The importance of reducing accidents is vital to our organization. We do not like to see fellow members injured and it also adds greatly to our costs. Please do your bit and be very vigilant with the aim of no accidents.

As I have noted many times, the meeting of propellers and fingers still seems to be a favourite trick for many of us. Although it sounds a bit of lark the injuries sustained by some of our members are very severe. Some have lost fingers and others the full use of them. Please be careful around props and use effective aircraft restraints when starting. Most important of all, do not reach over a turning prop, go behind to release the glow plug and make adjustments. Safety is a continuing thought process.



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