

Airwaves

Monthly newsletter of PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY APRIL 30TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD. AND ELLIS RD., LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTRIC FUN FLY-IN ON MAY 2ND, THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MAY 9TH. WORK TO BE DONE: MOWING, FENCING, GENERAL CLEAN-UP.

We appreciate that a number of members are willing to operate the club's ride-on mowers. However, due to the possibility of damage to the machines if misused, only members authorized by the management committee will be permitted to operate them. If you would like to become an authorized operator, please see Geoff Hunwick or Dave Anderson to arrange for suitable instruction. A list of authorized operators will be posted on the club noticeboard at the field.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SAFETY?

You should be! Get a 'Bazza's Model Safety Restraint' now!

Solid steel construction with polyflex cushions for model protection.. You can push or hammer it into the ground, will last a lifetime, quick delivery!

Standard model \$10 or custom built for a negotiated, but still cheap, price.

Phone Barry Evans on 3359 9101 or see him at the field.

PS. Barry also holds a fuel key!

DON'T FORGET OUR AIRSHOW ON JULY 25TH!

You must have your gold wings to participate! Go for them now!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26/03/2004

Meeting opened at 8.15pm.

Apologies: Joyce Rowland, Darryl Merchant, Ian Lay.

Visitors: Gary Lampard, Dylan Lampard, Vicki Lampard.

Attendance as per attendance register – 34

Minutes of the previous meeting as published in Airwaves were accepted as correct.

Business arising: Nitro has still to be purchased.

Correspondence In: Members applications, MAAQ, J J Richards, Waste Busters.

Out: Members licences, Caboolture Shire Council, Pine Rivers Shire Council.

Treasurers Report was read to the meeting and accepted.

CFI Report: We have got to the stage where our next concern is the Air Show. We shall be concentrating on the presentation of that.

Field and Fuel Officers: The field needs slashing. On-going maintenance.

Caterer's report: We are still making a profit at the weekends.

President's Report: As noted in the latest copy of Airflow, the MAAQ policy for visitors to the flying field has been amended to allow four visits before membership application is required. It has been decided to retain our current policy of only two visits to be allowed.

New or prospective members, having made written application to join the club, are now covered by insurance until such time as the application is processed by the club, accepted, and fees paid by the member.

Visiting members from nearby clubs can only fly for two visits, and then they must join our club. A PRAMS member must sign them in after sighting their current licence.

Visitors from distant clubs, interstate or overseas are welcome to fly whilst holidaying here, but their valid FAI card must be sighted and they must be signed in by a PRAMS member.

New Members: Darren Robinson, Andrew Holloway, James Hyde, Ben Lampard.

All were welcomed to the club. Young Ben Lampard has already gained his gold wings, the youngest member to do so. Well done, Ben!

General Business: The Bill and Ben Life Members Fun Day was a real hoot! Naturally Bill and Ben made up the rules as they went along. This was not to confuse the contestants, just themselves! Ben's contest was a limbo with five chances and Bill's was a take-off and landing between the crooked lines! Only one member managed to land there and keep the prop turning! For Bill's limbo flight the posts were moved so close together that he tried to go through knife-edge, and that's why he hit the ground with his wing-tip! That's his story, and he's sticking to it!

Winners of Bill's contest were 1st Eddie Gibson, 2nd Bob Moore, 3rd Pat Benson.

Ben's trophies went to 1st Peter Summerfeld, 2nd Eric Pond, 3rd Darryl Merchant.

There were 16 members who had a go, despite the strong wind, and we thank them all for joining in.

The Librarian moved that a new book on Nicad and NiMH batteries be purchased for the club library. Passed.

Barry Evans has made some safety restraints for models and is selling them for only \$10. See ad on page one!

The organization for the Electric Day on May 2nd is well in hand, see the poster at the field. For more information phone Mike O'Brien on 33517903 or 0402473515.

The Dragon flights organized by Col Parry looked like being very successful, as 35 people had booked already.

We've had another two unexplained crashes. Don't forget to log such crashes in the frequency book held in the transmitter pound to see if a pattern emerges. It was pointed out that metal to metal contact, particularly at the throttle connection, can cause bad interference. Use a plastic clevis to avoid this! Also wind turbulence can be a factor. We will not be doing any displays at the Caboolture Air Show this year.

The raffle was won by Mark Costello.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

COMMITTEE BYLINES.

At the committee meeting held on 9th April, quite a lot of business was done!

The secretary reported that club membership now stands at 205, the highest ever.

Col Parry's Dragon flights were a great success, thank you Col, for your efforts.

Any chance of purchasing our own flying field in SE Qld has just about vanished with the skyrocketing land prices recently. Leasing is our only hope, and a slim one at that if we lose our current field...

There have been changes made to the bronze wings test, these will be posted at the field. They can also be viewed on the MAAQ website, www.qarm.com.au/maaq take the link to MAAA then look in Manual of Procedures.

It was agreed that a noticeboard for the CFI be put up in the shed at the field.

An audit of flight proficiency of all members will be made, using an addendum to the subs renewal notice for 2004/2005. This will enable us to record which members have bronze, gold or instructors ratings. These will be added to the membership card in due course.

Radio bandwidth testing – should be done for all radios. This can be arranged at PSA, 3735 Samford Rd., Enoggera, ph 3355 1667 or Kyle Communications, 668 Lutwyche Rd., Lutwyche ph 3857 4400 or through the local hobby shops.

Signs are to be fixed to the ride-on mowers warning that only authorized operators are allowed to use them. A list of authorized operators will be posted at the field, and members are encouraged to see Geoff Hunwick or Dave Anderson to arrange instruction if they wish to be authorized.

Planning for the Air Show is in hand, and all should be ready on the day.

It was agreed that \$120 be spent on buying new books for the library.

Library News

Well, the \$120 has been spent already! Four new books have been purchased, they are: **R/C Pilot's Handbook** by the publishers of Model Airplane News. This is an excellent guide to flying techniques by the top fliers in the USA.

Radio Controlled Model Aircraft by Adrian Vale. Published by Traplet, this is a complete guide for the absolute beginner. This is a fairly old book, recently updated, that contains a load of useful information for beginners as well as experienced modelers! Also from Traplet, **Beginners Guide to Model Helicopters**, by Peter Rieksts, is an essential introduction to anyone wanting to get into rotary wing model flight. Another basic book from Traplet is **Radio Controlled Sport Flying for Beginners**, by Simon Delaney. This is a new book with up-to-date information on all aspects of r/c flying.

While these books are meant for lending to members, we can arrange for members to purchase copies if they'd like their own – you can never have too many books, just so long as you read them!

Also available from Traplet are the excellent Perma-Grit tools. These tungsten carbide abrasive tools are not cheap, but they last for ever and make many difficult jobs a breeze! I've been buying them one or two at a time, and as the brochure says, once you've got them, you wonder how you ever managed without them! There are flat and shaped sanding blocks, needle files, cutting wheels and many rotary tools – ask the librarian for the catalogue or ring Dave Burns, the Australian Traplet agent on 02 2952 0933 or email aus@traplet.com

We also have a copy of the Traplet plans catalogue in the library, and plans can be ordered through the librarian – you get a discount that way!

The book on Nicad and NiMH batteries has also been purchased and is on loan already! If you like modeling videos, there are lots available – ask the librarian for details!

Thoughts for Today

Please try not to spill fuel on the grass in the pits – we have enough trouble getting the grass to grow there already!

Don't think you're ready to do your Bronze Wings if you're still flying through the trees.

Get a good instructor, and if things go wrong he can crash it just as easy as you.

Remember, take-offs are optional, landings are mandatory!

Dates from the Calendar.

May 1-3	Qld Control Line Champs at ALC field, Chetwynd St., Loganholme.
May 1-2	Tin Can Bay Warbirds – contact C Langridge 07 5488 0078
May 2	PRAMS SE Qld Electric Day
May 15-16	Dalby Fun Fly
May 22-23	TMAC Scale Festival and Peter Cutler Scale Day.
May 22-23	Rockhampton MAC – Terry Phillipson Memorial. Scale, Old Timer, Sport Pylon.