



# AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY April 27<sup>th</sup> AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8 PM.**

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**THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May STARTING AT 8AM. The working bee has been put back one week due to the Electric Fly-in over the previous weekend.**

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## **YOUR COMMITTEE:**

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## **Minutes of PRAMS GM held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Meeting opened at: - 7.30PM**

**Members present: - 31 members attended.**

**Apologies: - Tim Mew, Graham Tattersall**

**Visitor's welcome: - Maureen Tyler; Russ Stephens; Kurtis Stephens; Aaron Vass; Charlie Jones.**

**Minutes of previous AGM held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2007: -.**

As published in Airwaves.

Proposed Neil Tyler; Seconded Dave Harper; Carried

**Matters arising from previous Meeting: -**

None

**Committee Meeting Report: -**

Child Safety Plan drafted by Grant Clark, development continues

Muroc school flying, discussions of options in the light of MAAA insurance only available up to 4 visits as per MOP.

S&B Electric Flyin - Promotion to emphasise ELECTRIC only. General flying including gas & jets on Labour Day holiday Monday.

Instructors to advise prospective members to apply for membership in line with 2 visits bylaw. Visitors and MAAA affiliated visiting pilots to be signed in. Solo proficiency

requirements apply to visiting pilots. Visitors fly under instruction. Visitors book and copy of bylaws are in a binder in Tx pound.

Sandgate Police Citizens Youth Club display of modelling attended by PRAMS President and several helpers. Over 1000 people attended the event. Our presentation was well accepted and PCYC passed its thanks.

**Airshow Committee Meeting Report: -**

George Joyner reported on efforts to secure prizes for gate prizes and raffles. George also proposed options for catering as Therese Ross is to enjoy the day off. George had also secured approval in principle for a pre- Airshow display at two major shopping centres. George also reported in printing and distribution of flyers.

**Secretary's report: -**

**Correspondence In: -**

JJ Richards account

Reminder JJ Richards overdue

Railway Modellers Club Invitation to Exhibit

MAAQ Minutes of General Meeting 17Mar07

Gatton Field Large Scale Flyin 29 June to 1 Jul 2007

Regis Nursing Home letter of thanks for visit to PRAMS as coordinated by Kerry Turton. Kerry displayed two prints with aircraft themes donated to the club by one of the nursing home residence.

**Correspondence Out: -**

MAAQ re new members MAAQ re 1 renewals

Renewal BlueCard Col Parry

Proposed George McLucas; Seconded Col Parry; Carried

**New Members: -** KurtisStephens, Aaron Vass, and Charles Jones spoke to their applications. Each was accepted by the meeting.

Victor Crooke apologised that he was unable to attend due to work commitments as regional commercial pilot. Victor's application put to the meeting and accepted.

**Treasurers Report: -**

Gordon presented a written report. Trading for three months to 30 Mar 07 produced a surplus of \$3200. Gordon is now able to report by Administration, Fuel Sales, Catering, Field Maintenance. Clubhouse drink fridge is now being accounted separately.

Catering activity will be reported as part of the Treasurer report in future. Fuel sales stock control has some problems. These are to receive attention by end of April. New cash handling procedures are working well.

Proposed Gordon Grant; Seconded Barry Evans; Carried.

**CFI Report: -** Don Barber delivered CFI report.

Don advised a further receiver is missing. Don advised training equipment is being allocated to instructor for safe keeping as more satisfactory security measures have not been resolved.

**Field maintenance Report: -** Bob Moore

Thanks to Warner Summerton for doing mowing of the field. Pipe ordered to complete pilot box. Working bee to be held at 8am.

**Fuel Report: -**

Geoff Hunwick put his resignation to the meeting after 5 years of providing the management and coordination of the fuel sales.

A motion of thanks was put by Col Parry Seconded Danny Hollis Carried.

The President called for volunteers for the fuel sales. Kerry Turton and Dave Wherrett indicated an interest to assist.

**Airwaves Report:**

Dave Harper indicated the need to include the "shame file" in Airwaves as a number of library return are well overdue. Good comment has been passed on recently purchased DVD on Raptor helicopter setup and flying. VCR on assembly of an ARF aircraft to be transcribed onto DVD for ease of use and security of the material donated by Don Barber.

**PRO Report:**

A call put from the Chair for a volunteer to fill the position vacant for several months. Peter Tompkins indicated his interest to assist. Committee to advise Peter of the responsibilities with the aim of filling the position.

**General Business:**

A motion of thanks was put for the donation of the aircraft prints by a resident of Rigid nursing home. A letter of thanks to be sent. Moved Kerry Turton; Seconded by Danny Hollis. Carried.

Meeting reminded of the S&B Electric Fun Fly on 5 and 6 May 06.

Club T Shirts available for those who placed orders. Some spares may be available. Contact the Treasurer Gordon Grant. Prices are \$18 with pocket and \$15 without pocket.

Discussion on action to repair the tractor. Bell housing has been purchased and Danny Hollis is arranging transport from Toowoomba.

Discussion on impact on general flying by Queensland Pattern Flying competition. Tolerance requested as the activity is invited by the club and while the flying is repetitive, the operation of the event is to Australian or International rules.

Gordon Grant advised the club was trying to purchase Castor Oil to be available with other fuels. Some advice on alternative was passed.

Peter Summerfeldt advised progress on the swap meet activities to be held on the Saturday as a precursor to the Sunday Airshow. Details to be published on the PRAMS web page. The aim in to encourage visiting flyer to attend and to build interest for travellers to Brisbane for the Airshow. Danny Hollis advised he held templates for letters requesting support and services for the Airshow. A list of the activities and "who's doing what" are being developed.

Discussion on the ordering of name tags as presented to previous meeting produced agreement on the artwork for the oval style. Orders at \$5 each to be placed on the Treasurer Gordon Grant.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:30 pm

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**COMMITTEE BYLINES**

The recent committee meeting was mostly taken up with progress reports on the Charity Airshow to take place on July 29<sup>th</sup>. George Joyner reported that publicity arrangements are proceeding well, and that a static display is being organised at the Kippa Ring Shopping Centre shortly before the display. Members are encouraged to volunteer to help man the stand – dates and details will be provided shortly.

Some of our ladies are also proposing to put on a craft stand, with handmade craft items for raffle prizes and/or sale. If any of our members' wives are interested in assisting with this please contact the committee...these items have proven to be a very good money spinner in the past, and allows the ladies to become involved...

We also have a new Public Relations Officer (PRO) in the person of Peter Tomkins – thank you Peter! With Peter and George driving the PR effort the Airshow should be a winner this year!

This year our chosen charity is the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Dave Wherrett and Kerry Turton are in the process of taking over the fuel mixing and sales from Geoff Hunwick, who is taking a well-deserved break. Thanks to all three for their commitment to the club!

The storing of club training aircraft in the club house has proved to be a bit of a disaster, with several receivers etc having been stolen and maintenance not being carried out. Consequently it has been decided to cease this practice, with instructors being asked to store the club models at their homes for security and servicing.

Fortunately members have rallied around and donated receivers to replace the stolen items, thank you Kerry Turton and Warren Dunnell.

Thanks also to Graham Ross for making model restraints for the club.

The Electric Fly-In is also well under way – members are reminded that the Saturday and Sunday of the Mayday long weekend (May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) are for electric flying only – the Monday public holiday will be normal flying. With the rapid development of electric flight goodies this year's show should be quite an eye-opener! There will also be a number of trade stands attending, so come along and see where the future of model flight is heading!

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### **LIBRARY NOTES**

It seems my previous shame list had little effect beyond reminding a few regulars. Most of the overdue items were taken by people who are no longer members, and who cannot be contacted, or whose names in my records are incorrect, as the people I've contacted say they have never borrowed the items! So, it seems we have little option but to write a number of items off. Luckily most of the DVDs are fairly easily replaced, but a number of fairly expensive books have also gone astray. I guess we'll have to be a bit more particular about loaning items, maybe limiting the number for new members until proven reliable...otherwise the vast majority of members are being very good at returning items in good time, for which I thank you!

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### **Forthcoming Club Events**

Sat/Sun 5/6<sup>th</sup> May.....S & B Models Electric Fly-in  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June.....Scale Competition Day  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July.....Pre-Airshow Swap Meet  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July.....Charity Airshow.  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August.....Q.P.F.A. Aerobatics Competition  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.....PRAMS Life Members Fun Day  
Sat/Sun 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October....E-Net North Electric Fun Fly-in.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November.....Warbirds Day  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.....Club Christmas Party

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### **Other Forthcoming Events**

Sat/Sun May 5-6th.....Susan River Airshow  
Sat/Sun/Mon May 5-6-7 .....Tin Can Bay SCAF Warbirds  
Sat/Sun May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.....Dalby Fly In.  
Sat/Sun June 9-10<sup>th</sup>.....Coolum SCAF Warbirds  
Sat/Sun/Mon June 9-11<sup>th</sup> ...Dalby Old Timer State Champs  
Sat/Sun July 28-29<sup>th</sup> .....Sarina Old Timer Comp.

For more details and contacts for all these events please check the club calendar on the PRAMS web site and the MAAQ newsletter or website – [www.maaq.org](http://www.maaq.org)