

# AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

## JANUARY 2006

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

**The dates for the next two working bees will be Sunday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. Starting times may change as a result of suggestions to be discussed at the January meeting – watch this space!**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ON THIS TIME AROUND – PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!**

2005 was a very busy year for our club, particularly the committee. However, great efforts by other members have seen the installation of the power system, the second container and the roof over them, the shower unit nearly complete, and the moving of the kitchen. Thanks to all the members who gave of their time and expertise on these projects – thanks to you we have what are regarded as the best facilities of any club in the area!

The Christmas Party was a great success, everyone enjoyed the catering, good one, James! Also Jim Fagan's desserts, and the entertainment by the Chicken Sticks were much appreciated. At the party the awards were announced for two of our annual trophies: Garth Smith won the Craftsmanship Award and David Preller won the award for the most spectacular crash. Well done, guys!

It looks like 2006 is also going to see quite a few changes at PRAMS, so I thought I'd start the ball rolling with a new look for Airwaves! The Committee details will be found at the end of the newsletter, freeing up the 'front page' for announcements of events and other important information.

Firstly, **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan** is the date for our club **Old Timer and Sailplane fun competitions**, for the **Len Amos Life Member Old Timer Trophy** and the **PRAMS Life Members Sailplane Annual Trophies** respectively.

These comps won't stop normal club flying, we just want to encourage members to join in the fun!

Secondly, some important committee changes are foreshadowed: both **Jim Fagan (secretary)** and **James McAllen (treasurer)** have indicated that **they will not be standing for re-election at the AGM this year**. So, we need to start thinking NOW about finding replacements for these two important positions!

I think everyone would agree that Jim and James have put in a tremendous effort since their election, and can look back with pride on their achievements. Jim would dearly like more time to enjoy his hard earned retirement and James has a very demanding job which leaves him insufficient time to do justice to the treasurers job...they will both continue to do their fine job as usual until AGM time, but would like to be able to pass on their knowledge and experience to the new office holders in good time.

Next – **President Mike O'Brien desperately needs someone to take on the promotions job**, particularly with regard to **this year's Air Show in July**. Mike expects to be away a fair bit this coming year, and if the promotions and organising for the Air Show isn't done, the event won't happen! **Over to you guys...this is URGENT!**

As a result of a great effort leading up to Christmas the kitchen has now been moved into the south end of the shed, leaving the larger area available as a club room. Some furniture has already arrived to make it usable, more is due any time. We are still working on the availability of keys so most members will be able to use these facilities – this will be discussed at the January meeting.

Another great benefit of this move is that **the club library will now be kept in the club room** – there are two metal racks holding numerous magazines that are there for members to read. I'd like to know if you want to take some away, otherwise please put them back as you would like to find them! There is also a

lockable cupboard that will contain the books, videos and DVDs that will need to be booked out if you want to borrow them....

**In order that the library be available to members during the week I'm looking for one or two 'assistant librarians' from those members who regularly fly on weekdays. Please contact me if you would like to help.**

Even more changes are in the pipeline! **Also at the January meeting it will be suggested that the monthly business meetings be cut back to just four a year, in February, May, August and November.** This is as spelled out in our constitution. The other meetings will then be used for instructional, social, and generally more useful and enjoyable things than business meetings! A short business meeting will need to be held if there are new members to vote in, but that will be all! So, you will be able to bring your latest projects along to show off, and whatever else you, the members, would like to use the time for!

**Yet another suggestion that has come up is that our working bees start at 10am on the first Sunday and finish around noon.** This would enable flying to take place from 8-10am particularly for teaching new members, before the wind gets up. It would also mean the end of the traditional breakfast, but a free sausage sizzle and cold drink would probably be offered instead. I'm sure Therese and Graham would welcome that change!

While on Working Bees – James McAllen would like to get together with everyone involved with the shower project ASAP so we can get it moving. James will be at the field on the morning of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan....

Also thanks are due to new member Barry Weaver for not only donating two notice boards but even installing them on the front of the shed. Thanks, Barry!

After studying the club accounts it appears that club fees aren't really covering the cost of running the club. It also seems that our club fees are the lowest of all clubs in the district and haven't been reviewed for some years. Accordingly it has been suggested that **Ordinary membership be increased from \$68 to \$90 per year with Pensioner and Junior fees going to \$60. The maintenance fee is also recommended to increase from \$55 to \$75.** These amounts are still below what most other clubs charge! If approved the new rates will come into effect on July 1 this year.

All of these suggestions will be discussed at the January meeting, so if you want to have a say – be there!

Attached to this newsletter is the proposed 2006 calendar of events for the club. We are trying to arrange one event per month to keep your competitive juices flowing, while still allowing plenty of time for sport flying... thanks to Mike O'Brien for putting it together for us.

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### **A WELCOME TRADE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Page Electronics is pleased to announce it has received MAAA approval to operate a Frequency Testing Station for RC radios for Aeromodellers. I am located at Albany Creek. Please ring 3264 1575 to arrange testing of your equipment.

I will also be doing radio repairs on all makes and models. I am happy to provide advice on RC radio problems at the field or by phone.

George McLucas.

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### **SAFETY REMINDER FROM THE CFI!**

#### **OPERATIONS POLICY (PRAMS):**

In accordance with the guidelines of the MAAQ/MAAA please ensure that the following **PRAMS Operations Initiative** is adhered to at all times.

#### **Instructor's assistants:**

Club members who have the approval of the Chief Flying Instructor are permitted to assist other club members with their flying.

#### **PRAMS club policy is specifically as follows:**

Club members who have satisfactorily completed their Gold Wings Flight Test, and who have the approval of the CFI are welcome to assist other club members with flying training.

#### **Please Note:**

To contravene the above policy would be seen as operating outside of the Guidelines of MAAQ/MAAA and PRAMS and would constitute incorrect and unauthorised operations.

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## PRAMS General Meeting held on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2005

**Meeting opened at: - 7.50 PM**

**Members present as per Attendance Book: - 52**

**Apologies:** - Barry Evans, Graham Kennedy, Geoff Stopher, Peter Summersfeldt, James McAllen, Ian Rae, Ray Jory, John Knox, Eric Pond, Graham Tattersall.

**Visitors Welcome:** - Jean Fagan, Michael Perrin, John Petrak, Joe Curtis, Mark Costello, Wayne Dutton.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting as per Airwaves: -**

Proposer, Geoff Stopher, Seconded Steve Glasson.

**Matters arising from Previous Meeting: -** Wording of Rules regarding Instructors and Helpers still to be resolved, Peter to sort it out with MAAQ.

Request not to publish state of club Funds & Assets in Airwaves, copy of such to be available on top table at each Meeting.

Proposed, Simon Atkinson, Seconded Col Parry.

**Secretary's Report: -**

**Correspondence In:** - JJ Richards A/C, Motor Charge A/C, Commonwealth Bank A/C, Various Application Forms, Suncorp Metway A/C, Agenda for MAAQ Meeting, Mower Supastore A/C, Redcliffe Gas A/C, Tony Cerra, Gas fitting A/C & Gas fitting Certification. Letter of thanks from Salvation Army.

**Correspondence Out:** - Cheque to JJ Richards, Cheque to Salvation Army, Cheque to Royal Children's Hospital, Cheque and MR1 to MAAQ, Club cards & Affiliation cards sent to Members, Order and Cheque sent to Dettox for Castor Oil, Cheque to Mower Supastore, Cheque to Redcliffe Gas, Cheque to Tony Cerra, Booking of hall for 2006 sent out.

***I would like to wish all members and their Families A Very Happy Christmas and A Prosperous New Year***

**Reminders:** - Next Club Meeting will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006. There will probably be a Working Bee on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2006 - check with Bob.

**Treasurers Report:** - Finances are all in good shape and I'm very pleased with the current shape of them, there will be some big expenses coming up owing to the finishing of the New Kitchen.

Proposer, Ian Lay & Seconded, Simon Atkinson.

**CFI Report:** - Peter thanked Darryl for covering for him whilst he was on leave. I wish to remind members of the safety rules please pay attention to these at all Times. Of late there seems to be too many people getting their fingers chopped, keep fingers and thumbs well clear of the Props as they are inclined to bite pretty hard. Flying training needs sorting out urgently and I shall be paying particular attention to this in the New Year. I would ask all Instructors to please put their hands up and try and devote some of your time to instructing instead of leaving to the same old few. We do need a lot of extra help

**Field Maintenance Report:** - Bob sends his apologies as he has work commitments. Next working bee will be 4<sup>th</sup>. Dec.2005, jobs to be done on this Bee being, Finishing of the Kitchen as per Jim. Make a start on renewing the existing wiring on the fencing; Dave Harper is the Team Leader here. The Mower container to be Cleaned and tidied up, Dave has put his hand up for this job. Mowing of strip and general tidying up of the patch. The other mower to be serviced Dave Anderson has offered to attend to this. We will need helpers on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2005 to get Tarpaulin and other things ready for your Christmas Party, this will start at 4.00 PM we hope you all have a nice time.

The Flying Field will be closed from 3.00 PM on that day.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas Party.

**Fuel Report:** - Clarification of \$5.00 deposit on fuel containers. If you don't return empty containers when purchasing fuel, i.e. Nitro, Methanol, Castor oil, you will be charged \$5.00 per component required. This is maintaining our flow of containers instead of having to unnecessarily buy new containers all the time.

**Airwaves Report:** - Everything in the Library is running sweet just now. Old magazines are being sold off cheap to make way for later editions.

**Catering Report:** - Canteen is running well and looking forward to moving into New Kitchen. Could I ask members to please keep the Tea Table clean and tidy, thank you? Tonight's draw will consist of 7 prizes, as it is Christmas.

**PRO Report:** - Lots of things are happening at present if you need info please contact me. A special thanks to Danny for putting next years Calendar on the Website. All events are on the website, thanks to all participants of the different events covered. Remember Warbirds only will be allowed to fly on Sunday.

**New Members:** - Michael Perrin and Peter Edmonds were voted in as new Members, welcome to the Club Fellas.

**Any other business:** - Jim has built up the new Paragon trainer donated by Hobby Garage; I have donated the engine to the Club. It has his Radio Gear in it namely 4 brand new servos and a JR R700 RX of which he would like \$160.00 for same. Proposed by Trevor Mills and seconded Steve Glasson, carried by the Meeting. The Committee would like to see an Instructor give this a nice home so as not leave it in the Container.

The Committee would like permission to purchase 3 new Modern TXs. We have been offered these at a very special price, they are JR Max 66 with ADT and the CFI reckons this is the minimum requirement in this modern age. Proposed by Dave Harper and seconded Joe Springer. Carried by the Meeting.

Dave Harper wishes the club to think over the following: - That the club numbers be limited as we are having trouble with the training program.

James McAllen wishes the club to think over the proposition that the club set up a reciprocal agreement with three other clubs to share club facilities. This being limited to two visits per month.

Bronze wings were presented to the following students: - William Hall, Brian Smith, David Knight, David Robinson, Alan McDonald, Brendon Jory, Josiah Atkinson, congratulations to you all and happy flying.

All Instructors passing Students for their Bronze wings must use the PRAMS Solo Test as the minimum standard

The Raffle was then drawn and 7 prizes were awarded, congrats to all the winners.

The Next Management Committee Meeting will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at the usual venue

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25PM. There will be a short break then the Club Annual Auction will take Place

The Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish All Club Members and their Families A Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. See you all in the New Year.

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