



AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

JUNE 2006

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY JUNE 30TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM. THIS WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING, NOT A SOCIAL MEETING AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED! It's the end of the financial year and there is a fair bit of business that we must get done.

THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY 1ST OF JULY. Thanks to all the members who put the effort into extending the shaded area of the pits, and specially to Dave, Bruce and Col who organised the upgrade to the car park!

THE CLUB BBQ IS THIS SATURDAY! IT'S FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY- PLEASE ADVISE MIKE O'BRIEN IF YOU CAN COME. STARTS 4PM AT THE FIELD.

Promotions Report – June Airwaves

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHARITY AIR SHOW IS NOW ONLY FIVE WEEKS AWAY!

As per Airwaves, we still need members to assist with the Air-show! If you can assist on the day please contact myself ASAP as we need as many of our club members to assist on the day to make this a successful event for both our club and charities we are donating to. Please note that we need helpers to clean up and pack away marquees, tables, chairs, rubbish etc after the Air-show! Let's not leave it up to just a few. Please contact myself (3351 7903 ah / 0402 473 515) to put your name down. This is the club's main fund raising event for the year and it would be great to see as many club members involved on the day.

Saturday 27th May, Len Amos Perpetual Trophy "Life Member's Fun Old Timer Competition" results as follows:-

1st place – Warner Summerton flying a "Playboy" powered by O.S. 40 4-stroke motor.

2nd place – Mike O'Brien flying a "Sparky 400" powered by Himark 2812 electric brushless out-runner motor.

3rd place – Dave Mount flying a scratch built own designed model.

Due to poor attendance, the Life Member's Fun Glider competition was not run. This event will be re-scheduled for Saturday 24th February 2007.

On the weekend of 27th & 28th May, several P.R.A.M.S. members travelled to Bundaberg for the Queensland State Titles for pattern flying. Simon Atkinson came in 2nd for Sportsman, and James McAllen came in 3rd for Advanced. Well done guys! The 1-day pattern competition that was to be held on the Queen's Birthday weekend recently was cancelled due to extreme windy weather and rain.

Safe Flying,

Mike O'Brien

President & Promotions Officer

Minutes of PRAMS Club Meeting held on 26th May 2006

Meeting opened at: - 8.05 PM

Members present: - 29

Apologies: - Bob Moore, James McAllen, Col Parry, Steve Glasson, Ray Garcia.

Visitor's welcome: - Andrew Carby, Glen Hall, Jean Fagan, Darryl McGrath.

Minutes of previous Meeting: - As per Airwaves

Proposer, Dave Anderson, Seconded, Dave Harper and accepted by the Meeting.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: - Instructors rewards for instruction will now be implemented from start of financial year. 1 Working Bee credit will be awarded for each 4 hour period of instruction. A note of this to be held by CFI and forwarded on to Field Maintenance Officer.

Proposed, Barry Evans, Seconded by Trevor Mills, accepted by the meeting.

Secretary's report: -

Correspondence In: - A/Cs from JJ Richards, A/Cs from Waste Busters, Suncorp Metway bank statements, Commonwealth Bank Statements, Motor Charge A/Cs, A/C from MAAQ for Airshow Application from CASA, A/C from Affordable Trophies, E-mail from Bob Ring, passed to Danny Hollis for consideration, Letter of complaint from Audrey Thompson, to be discussed in any other business, Various application forms.

Correspondence Out: - Cheques to JJ Richards, Cheque to Waste Busters, Cheque to Affordable Trophies, Sent out various Club Cards and Affiliation cards to new Members.

Reminders: -

1. We need Applications for the following Executive Positions as the Current members are standing down, President, Secretary and Treasurer. There is only 3 months left for this committee to sit so get your thinking caps on as who will be best to fill these positions
2. From time to time I do spot checks on the Honesty Box for the Bar Fridge as I have to replenish the stock from week to week. On a few occasions we have been short changed, so come on members let's be honest with each other and pay our dues.
3. Will all members please familiarise them selves with rules regarding Visitors and the signing in of them.

Proposed, Danny Hollis, Seconded Barry Evans, accepted by the meeting.

Treasurers Report: - James sends his apologies; he is up at Bundeburg to attend the State Championships of the QPFA. He reports finances are excellent for this time of year, and has asked to remind you all renewal notices for 2006/2007 will be posted out soon, please return them as soon as possible as tis is his busiest time of the financial year. Bank statement is available for your inspection on the Top Table.

Proposed, Danny Hollis, Seconded, Bill Rowland, accepted by the Meeting.

CFI Report: - Bit of advice from Peter: please beware of Electric props as they are incline to bite you if you treat them wrong. He also pointed out the advantages of going the Professional route in learning to fly and we will be recommending to Model Shops this is the best way to approach the subject. We will be having a logbook for students so we can always follow the progress of the student through his learning curve.

Field maintenance Report: - The next Working Bee will be 4th June 2006. The main job will be erecting the Shade Cloth over the extension to the pit area and this will be the last big job to be completed. Dave will be supervising once again as Bob is tied up at work. General tidy up in preparation for the Airshow. Help is still required for the Airshow, as specific tasks have to be set out, please see Mike about your voluntary contribution.

Fuel Report: - There is plenty of fuel around, remember to bring back the PRAMS containers, otherwise it will cost you \$5.00 a time. Will all people who sell fuel please fill in the stock sheet properly, thank you.

Catering Report: - Terese has nothing very special to report as the Canteen is doing really well, and the books are balancing. I still need quite a bit of help for the Airshow so please let me have your names and how you will be able to help out.

Airwaves Report: - E-mailing is now over the 100 mark so cutting down the postage for sending out Airwaves, well done all. We have ordered two new books for the library and will inform you when they arrive. We are still being donated a lot of new Magazine so keeping up our supplies and keeping up to date on latest technologies. Peter Tompkins is putting the entire Library on a database so everyone can see at a glance what is available, well done Peter and thanks.

New Members: - Welcome to 3 new Members who will be joining us in the new Financial Year, Andrew Carby, Glenn Hall and Darryl McGrath.

PRO Report: - Andrew McKeown of the Salvation Army Lawnton Branch phoned and offered the services of the Salvation Army Band for our Airshow, this was gladly accepted. Mike outlined the various activities that will be taking place over the next few Months. These are always on display on the notice board at the end of the hall for all to see. Don't forget the evening of 24th June 2006 is the PRAMS Free barbeque; all club members and their families are welcome. Please give your names to any Committee Members if you are attending so we know how many to cater for, thank you.

Any other Business: - A letter of complaint from Audrey Thompson was read to the meeting by the Secretary, he also read to the Meeting a reply to the complaint as he saw it on the day of the incident. He stated that he was following the club rules as published at that time regarding Visitors. A discussion then followed and in the end it was proposed by Dave Anderson and Seconded by Trevor Mills and accepted by the meeting. That the matter be passed to the Management Committee to work out a solution for Interstate Visitors to use our facilities and to publish the resolve in the Byelaws, as these had been omitted in the existing Byelaws when they were ratified by the club on 25th February 2005.

There Bill Rowland won the Raffle, congratulations.
being no further Business the meeting closed @ 9.29PM.

In **CFI NOTES**

Due to personal reasons it has become necessary for me to stand down as the club CFI. At the last general meeting, after completing the CFI report, I advised the meeting of this decision. Don Barber has accepted the position and is now the PRAMS CFI. I'd like to say thank you to all club members for their help and co-operation during the past twelve months. As I step down from the CFI position I would remind you all that we have a wonderful flying facility which we must keep safe at all times.

ALWAYS give way completely to all full size aircraft which fly nearby, especially the helicopter which sprays for mosquitoes.

NEVER start aircraft engines before 8am.

ALWAYS fly in front of the runways –**NEVER** fly over your head or behind yourself.

AIRMANSHIP.

Airmanship is one of the aspects of being a pilot that is as important as flying skill and general knowledge. When you are taxiing out to the runway, it is good airmanship to proceed to the edge of the runway, then stop well clear of the landing surface. There, make a complete air search for landing aircraft – you should look on the runway as well as up at the final approach. If you are going to be on the runway for more than a few moments you should also check the full circuit for aircraft that might be positioning for a landing. If all is clear, then call **"TAKING OFF"**

and proceed to depart. If when you call Take-off someone objects (maybe you didn't see them, which is possible) then simply hold position at the edge of the runway. Pilots regularly taxi out onto the runway and yell "TAKING OFF" as they approach the pilot area, without even looking around. **THIS IS POOR AIRMANSHIP!** Now, having said that, there are plenty of times when things go wrong; let's say you are landing and for some reason or other, late in your landing approach you find another pilot or model on the runway in front of you. What do you do? You apply full power and climb away. This is called **GOING AROUND** or a **MISSED APPROACH**. They do happen – things can go wrong! Please do not abuse the other pilots and upset everybody around – just go around and make another landing attempt. It is **GOOD AIRMANSHIP** to go around and the pilot who caused you to do so will probably apologise to you later....

NOTE: If you are landing in a **DEADSTICK** situation then of course you can't go around. I suggest that, in this situation, if an obstruction is seen on the runway, you call again, loudly, **DEADSTICK - DEADSTICK!** And attempt to land clear of the obstruction. We **DO NOT** live in a perfect world, things **DO** go wrong, try and be ready for the ever present possibility of something going wrong.

Peter Sommerfeld

LIBRARY NEWS

We have recently purchased two new books for the library – Building and Flying Electric Model Aircraft and Mastering Flying Model Aircraft. We also got a free video tape called Lift Ticket which is a 1 ½ hours of slope soaring in the western USA. It includes an introduction to dynamic soaring with some awesome flying shots – we're hoping to get DVD copies made of this... Two more books are on order containing many scale drawings of full size aircraft – a great resource for model ideas!

Meanwhile, a few members are being slow to return stuff to the library – please remember that someone is waiting to see or read the item you are hanging on to! There is a Returns Box on top of the library cupboard in the club house where you can drop stuff off if there is no librarian around. Remember, there are three assistant librarians – Bob Moore, Keith Bartlett and Darryn Robinson who can book items in and out if I'm not around. The library is a valuable resource for all members – it's yours to enjoy!

Dave Harper

FOUND ITEM

Barry Evans found a radio receiver at the field recently. If you have lost one and can describe it to Barry on 33599101 you can have it back! Thanks Barry....

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18TH. AUGUST 2006 TO:**

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