

# Airwaves



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## The March General

Meeting will be  
Friday 22th March  
at the Hall  
on the corner of  
Todds Road and  
Ellis Street Lawnton.  
commencing  
at 8:00 pm.

## For sale

Thunderbolt plane with  
retracts \$250.00 without  
retracts \$150.00 ONO.  
46 OS MAX near new about  
50mins running \$150.00  
ONO  
Contact Bill on 32042896.

## Notices:

Meeting this Friday 22 March at the new location, commences 8:00PM. One week early due to Easter.

Working Bee Sunday 7th April 2002.

## Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Modelers,

It was disappointing to receive the news that the Wall Family decided to cancel Arnold's Memorial. Owing to the lateness of the notice it was impossible to notify anyone, so Bill Rowland said a few words on Doc's behalf to the small group of his friends that gathered.

I would like to thank Kerry Turton and Trevor Mills for their efforts to organize the Memorial for Doc.

On the weekend of 16/17 February, a number of PRAMS members went to Coolum for the Suncoast Flyers Sports/Scale Fly In. It was a well organised event and a great time was had by all (if you don't believe me, ask Danny Hollis for a look at the video).

On the day of our last working bee it was wet, wet, wet and that was when I was leaving home. I would like to thank all those dedicated members who came out and worked in the rain, cutting and planting grass. You don't have to be made to be a modeler (but it helps).

Thank you to Ben Staines also for the lock up cupboard he built for the catering shed.

Some time last week somebody left a collection of badges at the club. If anyone knows anything about the origin of these could they please let me know.

Don't forget the meeting has been brought forward this month, owing to Good Friday falling on our usual Friday night. Hope to see many of you there.

Colin Parry  
President

## Bill & Ben the flower pot men, Life Members day.

Bens climb and glide	1 Greg Gillies
	2 Kerry Turton
	3 Dave Anderson

Bills take off and landing	1 Graham Tattersall
	2 Ben Staines
	3 Kerry Turton

Sunday the 10th was a beautiful day although the winds changed a bit ,it only blew about 10 to 15 knots. All involved had a fun time, lots of thanks to all who signed on for the competition.

Bill and Ben.

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## **February Minutes:**

General meeting 22/2/2002 meeting opened 8.09pm

**Apologies:** Geoff Hunwick, Ian Rae, Bob Porter, Kerry Turton.

Present as per att book 20

Minutes as printed in Airwaves were correct.

Business arising from minutes nil

**Correspondence In:** M.A.A.Q. New members fees, JJ Richards, Waste Busters, Tates Performance Hobbies,

**Correspondence Out:** New Members, JJ Richards, Waste Busters, Tates Performance Hobbies,  
Moved that inwards be received and outwards adopted, W. Rowland sec G. Kennedy,

**CFI Report:** Joe Gretchmall has obtained his bronze wings, congratulations Joe. A good week/end was had by all at Coolum, the aircraft at the field were very good, and a lot of our members were a bit green eyed at the size and finish on the planes. We have had a call from the Wesley Missions, to show a few aircraft to some of their people, as they have a background in aircraft, and a static display, would be of interest to them. This would be on 13 March, Wednesday. It was suggested that we invite some of the children from the muscular dystrophy organisation, to the airshow.

**Ground Maint:** We will not be doing too much at our Working bee, just maintaining the area, grass near the bottom gate needs cutting as you never know what is hiding there.

**Catering:** We had a good week/end on the pattern day, and made a good surplus from the catering.

### **General Business:**

The library has a lot of books and videos missing, if you are in possession of these items please return them so they can be put back in circulation. It was requested that we put a centre line down the strips especially where the strips intersect.

The meeting was shown some hand made props 4, 5, 6 blade and shown how they were made.

The raffle was won by Jim Fagon.

Meeting closed at 9.1 5pm.

Danny Hollis then showed the members the video taken at Coolum, well done Danny.

A special thanks to Ben Stains for the new cupboard well done Ben.

The March meeting will be on 22 March don't forget your Gold coins for the Easter raffle.

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PRAMS now has an active library again!

Hi y'all. Like the sucker I am, I volunteered to run the club library, if such a thing existed....my name is Dave Harper and I've just returned to aeromodelling after a break of about 30 years and diversions into such things as model boats, trains and model engineering.

My current interest is electric flight, and I managed to design and build several simple 400 size models on which I've managed to learn the basics of r/c flying. My Goldberg Gentle Lady 2m glider modified to take a geared 600 motor has given me many hours of relaxing stick time, and my new aerobatic 600 sportster looks set to make life exciting for a while!

However, I've always reckoned my main hobby is reading, and I find that knowledge gained from books and magazines is generally far more reliable than that imparted by word of mouth! Not to decry the helpful hints given me at the flying field, but....

Being retired (not by choice..) I have time to indulge myself in reading and model building, but not much money for either! Now I have boxes of stuff to read for free! I'd also like to see club members use this facility, especially those new or newly returned to the hobby. There is so much to learn, and so many new things coming on the market, that keeping up to date is nearly a full time job, without catching up on the past 70 years or so since aeromodelling became a popular hobby!

It turns out that there IS a club library, but it's been pretty well inactive for five years or so, judging by the loans book. So, I've now got most of the library in my possession, and have gone through it to see what there is and what there should be....

The library consists currently of a tatty collection of cardboard boxes containing an equally tatty collection of old magazines, plus a few books.

According to the (equally tatty) loans book there should be quite a few more books! So, on the principle of No names, No pack drill I'll list the missing books and request that they be returned either to me at home or at any club meeting.

Missing library books: Model Aircraft Aerodynamics, Radio Control Primer, R/C Helicopters, Scale Model Aircraft, Building and Flying Giant Scale Model Aircraft, Electric Powered Model Aircraft, Basics of R/C modelling, Voyager, Fighter Planes, R/C Model Airplanes, Wings Over The World,

There are also several videos missing, but I'm not sure of the titles....

Any of the above can be returned to me at 18 Gareth St., Bracken Ridge, Qld 4017. I can be contacted by phone on 3261 1140 or email on [sandave@bytesite.com.au](mailto:sandave@bytesite.com.au)

I plan to bring along some of the library to each club meeting, hopefully in plastic cubes rather than cardboard boxes. All of the magazines are pre-1997 and so a bit dated, but they do contain heaps of useful and interesting information. In the next Airwaves I'll list some of the stuff in the library and if anyone wants me to bring something along to a club meeting or flying session, that can be arranged by phone or email. Also, if anyone has any suggestion for new items for the library, I'd be interested to know....good flying and good reading!

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