

# Airwaves

Monthly newsletter of PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD 27 Feb 2004

Meeting opened at 8.10pm. Apologies: Joyce Rowland

Visitors: Maureen Tyler, Darryle Smith

New members: Warner Summerton, Alex Taskov, Paddy Kuhnert, Paul Francis.

Attendance: 34 members as per attendance book.

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

Business arising from minutes: Door on open part of shed.

Correspondence in: Commission for children, approval for Jeff Stopher.

Correspondence out: Members.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

CFI: Members day March 14. Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men. Bill's contest: take-off and landing plus lucky spot. Ben's contest: Limbo! Please come and make it a good day. Even learners can fly.....

Ground Maintenance: Mowing, new tank, clean up engine test stand. It was moved and passed that we get another drum of nitro.

General Business: Bronze and gold wings tests must be observed by two instructors. Some members went slope soaring and we have been invited back. Anyone interested ring Col Parry on 3888 3848.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

**THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY MARCH 26TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD. AND ELLIS RD., LAWN-TON COMMENCING AT 8PM.**

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS.**

Due to several members being unavailable, the committee meeting was cancelled. The only news is that nobody got around to telling me....

## **BILL AND BEN'S FUN DAY.**

Due to the numbers that entered, 16, and the uncertain weather, both contests were run in a single flight for each contestant. The task became a smooth take-off followed by five attempts at passing between the limbo poles below the level of their tops, then a smooth landing between two lines marked across the runway, and taxi off the strip.

The gusty crosswind made accurate flying difficult, and only one pilot actually made five successful limbo passes, and only one landed between the lines and kept the motor running!

Several members tied for the lower placings, so the more experienced members were docked a point to give the newer fliers a go. This resulted in the results as follows:

Take-off and landing: 1<sup>st</sup> Eddie Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Moore 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Benson

Limbo: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Sommerfeld 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Pond 3<sup>rd</sup> Darryl Merchant.

All agreed that the task was a lot harder than it looked but it was a lot of fun trying!

Several models were blown right off the strip on the landing approach by gusts of wind, two recovered, (mine included, but landed in the long grass), and one hit the car park fence! A few pilots managed to collect the limbo poles in passing, including Ben, but no great damage was done apart from the fence hitter....all round a very enjoyable day.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

April 3-4 Fun Fly-In at Watts Bridge Toogoolawah. Contact Garry Button 38484553 (ah) 0419 254182 (bh)

April 3 LARCS Electric Day. Contact Brian Hucker 3206 2197

May 1-3 Qld Control Line Champs at ALC field Chetwynd St., Loganholme.

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.

## **LIBRARY NEWS.**

For new fliers we now have a copy available of R/C Sport Flying for Beginners, a very sound intro from Traplet in the UK. Also on the way from UK is a new guide to the use of nicad and NiMh batteries. Good stuff for us electric fliers!

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.** Think of your transmitter as your Diners Club card – don't leave home without it!

