

AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY THE FIRST OF APRIL AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM.

THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY APRIL 3RD. This will be a minor working bee, and should finish around 10am. General cleaning and mowing, plus a start on the fence rework.

Minutes of PRAMS Meeting held on 25th February 2005.

Meeting opened at 8.10PM.

Apologies: - James McAllen, Garth Smith, Trevor Mills, and Patrick Benson.

Members present as per Attendance book: - 32

New Members: - John Roth, Michael Hearn, John Condon, Kurt Bell, Ron Kogels, and Stephen Godbold.

Visitors: - Heather Totton, Frania McKay.

Minutes of January 2005 Meeting as published in Airwaves. Proposer, Bill Rowland, Seconded, Gordon Grant. Carried by Meeting.

Points arising from January Meeting: -

1. That the club adopts the Policy of the MAAA on Radio Frequency Certification. Proposer, Dave Anderson, Seconded, Barry Evans. Carried by the Meeting.

2 No Mobile Phone Policy, this has been passed back to the Management Committee for clarification.

Secretary's Report: -

Correspondence in: - Copy of Fax " Rough Draft Only" from Paul Pattison, Joyce Rowlands Solicitor, Statement from Suncorp Metway Current A/C, Statement from Commonwealth Bank, Statement from Motor Charge, Form of Authority from Comm. Bank, Agenda for next MAAQ general Meeting, Flyer from Ipswich Model Club, Flyer from Laidley Model Club, 3 New Application forms, Statement from JJ Richards, Club fees from G.S.Symes.

Correspondence Out: - Cheque to JJ Richards, Cheque to Choice Electric Co., Cheque to Warren Brown, Cheque to Wind Generator Supplier, Letter to Paul Pattison Solicitor to Joyce Rowland.

No Club Meeting on 25th. March 2005 as this is Good Friday. Next two Meetings will be Friday 1st Aril 2005 & Friday 29th April 2005.

Proposer Col Parry, Seconded Dave Mount, Carried by Meeting.

Treasurers Report: - As the Treasurer could not attend the Meeting owing to work commitments the report was delivered by the Secretary, the Finances are looking good at this stage. Proposer Bob Moore, Seconded Geoff Hunwick, Carried by the meeting.

New Members: - Michael Hearn, John Condon, Kurt Bell, Ron Kogels, Stephen Godbold, John Roth, These were all unanimously elected by the Meeting.

CFI Report: - The new schedule of maneuvers for the PRAMS Solo test is now up on the notice board courtesy of Danny Hollis. The new list of Instructors and helpers with telephone numbers is also posted on the notice board.

Field Maintenance Report: - Thanks to Col Parry and Graham Ross and team who have done such marvellous work on the Propeller display along the front of the Pits well done Lads. Thanks also to Dave Anderson for his very generous donation of all the Gardening equipment and of course the Microwave Oven. Col Parry and Gordon Thompson are going to fit out the new showers can't wait to see them in operation. Bob has just laid out a new bit of Garden in front of the Ladies Toilet looks quite nice.

Fuel report: - We really are selling an awful lot of fuel and the new consignment of Cool Power has just arrived just in time.

PRO Report: - Congrats to the winners of the Last competition held at the field they being, 1st Dave Mount, 2nd Darryl Thomas, 3rd. Darryl Merchant, they all received Plaques. Various new Meets are on the go all over the place see Mike for details.

Catering Report: - Therese wishes to thank all who have given her help she really appreciates it. She is going to try out new Menus on us to see if we like them, please give her feed back on them.

Airwaves Report: - We now have the four new DVDs of the Air Tattoos. The library is looking real good lately and still looking out for interest material.

Any other Business: - Dave Harper wants to start up a special interests group for Electrics as this part of the Hobby really is taking off, anyone interested contact Dave.

Barry Evans asked the Secretary why he took the fuel Key from him and the Secretary tried to explain the situation to him but in spite of this he tabled the following motion: - THE MOTION, To be fair to all club Members, Keys to the fuel shed shall be equitably distributed to members on the basis of at least three keys being allocated to regular Weekday Fliers to allow weekday fliers the same reasonable access to fuel supplies as weekend fliers. Proposer Barry Evans, Seconded Geoff Stopher, the motion was defeated.

Danny has recommended that the Management Committee look into this and publish in Airwaves asking if anyone would be interested in doing this. The names of all fuel key holders are posted on the notice board with their telephone numbers all one has to do is phone one of us to make an appointment to meet in order to satisfy your demands.

Dave Buckell has raised the question about smoking habits around the Canteen area and in the pits, the Management Committee are going to look into the matter and give a recommendation by next Club Meeting.

Graham Tattersall requested the Secretary read the contents of the copy of Fax sent by Joyce Rowland's Solicitor and also the reply to this sent by the Club, this was duly done. Graham then asked what was being done further about the matter, the reply being it was up to Joyce Rowland and the subject was not for discussion as the person was not there to defend herself.

The following Members were awarded their Wings, Bronze Wings, Michael Hearn, Greg Crowe, Stephen Papoutsis, George Falcon, Gold Wings, Darren Robinson, congratulations to all.

Darryl Thomas won the raffle of a Meat tray.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45PM

President's Report March 2005.

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to the pilots that flew in our "Sporty 40" event held in conjunction with the Queensland Pattern Flyers Association competition on Saturday 12th March. Eight P.R.A.M.S. members entered the Sporty 40 class. The event was also well supported in the Sportsman, Advanced, Expert and Masters / F3A classes. It was also great to see first hand Brisbane local flyer Gavin Broadbent show us the skills that qualified him as number 1 pilot to represent Australia later this year at the World F3A Championships being held in France. The final results for Sporty 40 class came down to one point separating first and second place, and the following places were also very close. This is contributed to the high standard of flyers within our club. I must say that all of these pilots showed improvement over the rounds and will be good to see them move up to Sportsman class.

1st place in the Sporty 40 class went to Peter Summerfield, 2nd place to Keiron Rado and 3rd place was tied with Dave Buckell and David Preller (Snr.). James McAllen, David Preller (Jnr.) and myself flew in Q.P.F.A. Sportsman class and also had our share of fun. The results for first place came right down to the final rounds with the scores extremely close that ended up seeing James coming 2nd and David coming 1st in this class.

Q.P.F.A. contest director Norm Brislin and visiting pilots were very appreciative to P.R.A.M.S. members for use of the field and facilities. The Q.P.F.A. has also made a donation to the club of thanks. If you would like any information on upcoming Q.P.F.A. events, please check out the Q.P.F.A. web site www.qpfa.org.au

The next couple of months sees a busy calendar of events at P.R.A.M.S. including our Fun Fly-In on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April, and the 3rd Annual S & B Model Aircraft Electric Fun Fly-In on Sunday 1st May. Both these events will be a great opportunity to meet with aero-modellers from other clubs and enjoy some fun flying type events.

Enjoy your flying.
Mike O'Brien
President.

Committee Bylines

At the recent Management Committee meeting the following points were discussed.

Wording for the Mobile Phone Bye-law was discussed and will be presented at the next General Meeting.

The No Smoking bye-law was also discussed and the following wording proposed: Smoking is banned in the following areas of the PRAMS field and premises: the storage containers, the pit areas, the pilot flying areas and all eating areas of the clubhouse. The latter part will probably include the table directly in front of the canteen, smoking to be permitted on the other table. This will be discussed at the next General Meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Dave Anderson for donating a microwave oven, numerous garden implements and other goods to the club – much appreciated, Dave!

The roof has been installed over the two containers – a great improvement! Thanks were expressed to Warren Dunnell for the welding and Greg Crowe of Easy-Weld Garages for supplying the roof.

Members are asked to ensure correct address details, wings standard, model inspector rating etc are given to the secretary ASAP. MAAQ/MAAA will have new membership cards for the 2005/6 financial year with this information on.

Signs have been erected at the entry gates to the pit area stating **NO MOBILE PHONES BEYOND THIS POINT. THIS MEANS YOU!** Please leave your mobile in the car or in care of someone in the shed if you need to be on call. There is considerable proof now that mobile phone emissions can effect our R/C transmissions as well as the Tx memory. Do you want to be shot down?

A note of apology was faxed to president Mike from Bob Moore: He apologised for not being at the meeting due to work commitments. He asked me to put the following in Airwaves:

Thanks go to all who attended our last working bee. The clean up was very successful. Thanks especially to Rita Barber (Don's Mum!) who planted the flowers in the bed by the toilet block.

Just a reminder to all our members – we have just three working bees remaining before our annual fees are due. If you have not attended four working bees this year you will miss out on the \$50 bonus.

Our next working bee will be minor, and should finish around 10am. Once again thanks from your committee and your fellow club members.

Don't forget our club Fun Fly-in on April 16 and 17!

Preparations are in hand for our Charity Airshow which we hope will be bigger and better than ever this year....

Library News.

The DVDs of the Royal International Air Tattoo set, highlights of the past 10 years, are now in circulation. The four disc set has been split up and discs are loaned out singly.

There are a few members with outstanding loans – please return them to the librarian ASAP as other members are waiting for them! Long time defaulters may be named in Airwaves – you have been warned! If you can only return items during the week, please give me a ring on 3261 1140 or email me at sandydave@optusnet.com.au and I'll arrange to meet you at the field. I try to be at the field most Saturday and Sunday mornings. There is also a Library Returns box in the canteen where items can be put when the canteen is open and I'm not there.

Members who would like their Airwaves delivered by email rather than Australia Post, thus saving the club postage, please email me your name and full email address – the latter doesn't always show up at the head of an email!

The 15 copies of World Air Power Journal are still available for sale – great in-depth material for military aviation buffs! Make me an offer! The money raised will go to buying model books etc for the library.

Suggestions for new items for the library (keep it clean!) are welcome....

Dave Harper