

AIRWAVES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY

March 2006

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY MARCH 31ST AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM. THIS IS OUR FIRST 'SOCIAL' MEETING WHICH WILL FEATURE DEMOS ON ELECTRIC FLIGHT MATTERS. Also bring along your latest project for 'show and tell'!

THE NEXT WORKING BEES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY APRIL 2ND AND SUNDAY MAY 7TH STARTING AT 8AM.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2006.

It's been a while since my last official President's report to you. With the busy day to day commitments of work, family and club commitments it is hard to believe that we are already in our third month of 2006. This year looks to be a busy one again for the club, hosting several fun competitions, M.A.A.Q. listed events and our Annual Charity Air-Show.

For those that are new to the club, the Annual Charity Air-Show is the club's main fund raising event and as a club, we give 50% of the gate takings to a nominated charity in our community. This year we will be making a donation to the Salvation Army (Lawnton) and the Working Wonders Children's Hospital. The air-show is also supported by Pine Rivers Council and local businesses. Any other profits made on the day go directly back into the club. It would be good to see as many of our members participating in this once a year fund raising event, the more people that help make the day run more efficient and smoothly. Please contact Steve Glasson or myself directly and we will find you an area of assistance to help of making the air-show a successful event for everyone.

Another significant event that will be coming up on the Queensland Labour Day weekend is the "4th Annual South East Qld S & B Model Aircraft Electric Fun Fly-In." This event started four year's ago from the support of local electric model manufacturer S & B Model Aircraft and some dedicated club members. Within a short time of its inception, the event has now become one of the largest electric fly-in events on the National aeromodelling calendar. The event has attracted pilots travelling from Melbourne, Wagga, Kingscliff, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast and Hervey Bay. Last year's saw the event drawing over 50 pilots and over 120 aircraft making it successful to the club and raising the profile of electric powered aeromodelling. I urge you to make sure you mark this event on your diary as a date not to be missed. Even if you don't own an electric aircraft, come down to the field over the weekend and see how far this form of aeromodelling has grown. As well as the fun relaxed fun flying, our very own musical duo "The Chicken Sticks" will be performing on the Saturday night. We also need some helpers to assist with running some fun events. If you can help, please contact myself directly. **Please note that THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL I.C. POWERED AIRCRAFT both Saturday 29th April and Sunday 30th April. If you turn up with a fuel powered aircraft on any of these days you will NOT be able to fly!**

Congratulations to our members that competed recently in pattern aerobatics at Lismore, N.S.W. a couple of weekends ago. James McAllen scored a 1st place in Advanced in his first meeting of flying in this class. It was also great to hear that young Josiah Atkinson (10 years old) flew in Sportsman for the first time, and was flying against his father Simon and several others. Josiah came 5th in his class with the scores between the Sportsman competitors very close, showing everyone he has a high level of skill at such a young age. Well done guys!

Don't forget the last Friday of the month social members meetings starts on Friday 31st March at 8.00pm. This month's show & tell presentations will be on electric powered aircraft. The presentations will be made by Dave Harper, Danny Hollis and myself. If you have some electric models or electric building projects, feel welcome to bring them along as well. This will follow directly after the short agenda meeting purely for the procedures of voting and accepting of any new member applications as previously discussed at the January meeting. I have already had several members request other various fun activities for the following social meetings. Come along to these social styled meetings, relax and have some FUN!

Please note that the full "business members meetings" will now be held on the last Friday night of the months for May, August and November.

For the upcoming Easter season, I wish you all a safe holiday time and look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events over the next few months.

Keep well & safe flying.

Mike O'Brien

President

QFI Report

Many thanks to all of the instructors and assistants who turned out for the meeting on March 1st despite the terrible weather! At this meeting it was decided that a major emphasis would be directed at advising new members of the benefits of professional flying training rather than depending on the club volunteers.

Any qualified club volunteers who wish to turn professional will be encouraged to do so.

To make the volunteer instructors (and students') job a easier an instructor availability board is to be made on which available instructors' names will be displayed.

HELICOPTER OPERATIONS: WHEN MOSQUITO SPRAYING IS IN PROGRESS THERE IS TO BE NO FLYING UNTIL EITHER THE HELICOPTER PILOT GIVES THE ALL CLEAR BY FLYING OVER THE FIELD OR UNTIL 40 MINUTES HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST SIGHTING. This is a CASA rule! Reported breaches of this rule could lose us the use of the field!

Minutes of PRAMS Club Meeting for 24th February 2006

Meeting opened at: - 8.10 PM

Members present: - 40.

Apologies: - Duke Ellis, Ian Rae, Glen Parsons, Trevor Mills, Gordon Thompson, Geoff Hunwick, Jaques Boosten.

Visitor's welcome: - James Price.

Minutes of previous Meeting: - As Per Airwaves

Proposer, Graham Tattersall, Secunder, Barry Evans. Carried by meeting.

Matters arising from previous Meeting: -

1 Increase in Club Fees.

As notices had been posted on Website explaining the budget worked out by the Management Committee as requested by the previous Club meeting. A short discussion then took place and finally a Motion was put forward by Dave Harper who Proposed that the fees be increased by **\$12 per head** and proportionate for Juniors and Pensioners as recommended by the Management Committee, Seconded by Steve Godbold.

A vote was taken the results being **for 34, against 4, there being 2 abstentions**. The proposal being accepted by the Meeting increases to take effect from 1st July 2006.

2 Graham Kennedy then made a counter proposal that the fees are increased by \$2.00 and the Maintenance Levy be increased to \$5.00. The meeting then felt that as a vote had already been taken and passed that this was irrelevant so this proposal was defeated, for the Proposal 4, against 34.

3 It had been proposed that Instructors be recognised for the duties they perform on behalf of the club and that they be rewarded for such training. This was passed back to the Management committee to work out a formula.

Secretary's report: -

Correspondence In: - JJ Richards A/C, Motorcharge A/C, Commonwealth Bank A/C, Suncorp Current A/C, Some Application forms, Minutes of General Meeting for MAAQ, Letter from Neighbourhood centre, Letter from Peter Tompkins, Letter from Ipswich Model Club, some application forms, Affiliation cards from MAAA.

Correspondence Out: - Cheque to JJ Richards, Club cards to new members, Affiliation Cards to new members

Next General Club Meeting will Friday 26th May 2006. The next 2 Meetings will be Social evenings they being 31st March and 28th April 2006. Watch airwaves to see agenda for such meetings.

Proposer: - Dave Harper, Seconded: - James McAllen. Accepted by the Meeting.

Treasurers Report: - The financial statement was read to the meeting by James and he stated everything is just fine. He pointed out the Bank Statement was on show at the top table for members to check.

Proposer: - John Roth, Seconded, Jim Fagan, accepted by the Meeting.

CFI Report: - Peter reports there was an incident at the flying field, someone was flying whilst mowing was taking place, this should not have happened. Please be aware, in the interests of safety flying should not be taking place whilst the mower is on the strips.

An Instructors Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st March at the flying site at 7.30Pm to discuss Training in general, we hope to have a good turnout. Please in the interests of safety again be very watchful of your flying particular in the vicinity of the Pit Area, we have had a few close calls lately.

A reminder again about **NO FLYING WHILST THE HELICOPTER IS SPRAYING** Pay attention to the Rules regarding this posted on the notice Board in the Shed.

Field maintenance Report: - Bob wishes to thank Dave for standing in for him at the last working bee for doing a wonderful job, thanks again Dave.

The next Jobs to be completed will be the Shower Unit; this seems to be going on and on.

After that is the extension to the shaded area, followed by Car Park, and ofcourse the Fence to be brought up to scratch.

Looks like we have plenty to do still, but we still thank you all for your tremendous efforts up to now.

Fuel Report: - Geoff reports, people are still not returning empty containers and the club has had to buy some more, you will be charged \$5.00 on each and every container you draw from the Club stock.

The fuel shed in future must be kept locked, as people have been seen removing containers from it.

Catering Report: - The new Canteen is doing very well, I will make a full report next month, as I have been very busy this month.

Airwaves Report: - Airwaves is running very smoothly at present. I expect members have noticed the Library is now situated at the Members Club Room and will be kept there in future. It does make things a lot simpler for all concerned.

There are lots of DVD's, Videos, and Magazines available for everyone.

We should have the TV set up properly in the very near Future for all to enjoy. We have 3 magazine subscriptions going at present, which are supplying current mags for the library.

New Members: - Ross Bate, Mark Donnelly, Peter Edmonds, Duke Ellis, Brad Jory, Jason Kelly, Neil Kerr, Luke Logan, Milan Markovic, Keith McNutt, David Paine. Welcome one and all; this brings the total membership to 211 members.

Pro Report: - Mike reports there is now a new Promotions board, this will be posted on the notice board at the hall when club meets are in progress. Any questions or suggestions regarding the promotions side, just have a chat with Mike, he would welcome your feedback. I wish to thank James McAllen and Gordon Grant for running the last Competition, it was a great success. I also wish to thank Hobby Garage for donation of prizes for the day, this was most unexpected, thanks Rod. Col Parry has put forward that he will approach the pilot of the Tiger Moth to see if he would be prepared to put on a little display for our Air show. He will also see if he can get a free flight from him so as it could be used as a Raffle Prize, hope you have success Col.

Any other Business: -

There has been a Proposal by The President, that the General Monthly Club Meetings be held every 3 months i.e. February, May, August and November. This is allowed for within the Constitution.

This will free up the other months for social activities. During the free months, at the beginning of each session new members will be catered for and voted in accordingly.

An agenda for each social evening will be drawn up one month in advance. The new schedule to start at the February 2006 meeting.

Proposed: - Dave Harper, Seconded: - Dean James, carried by the meeting.

Barry Evans put a motion forward. That in future, the calculation for Projected Income for the Club by means of Maintenance Levy is considered. This being taking the last three years of Maintenance Levy actually levied and averaged out, this being the sum added to projected income for the club for that year. Seconded by Geoff Veirtz, a vote was taken, the results being for the Motion 12, against 14, there being 7 abstentions, the motion was defeated.

Peter Atkinson won the Raffle, congratulations

There being no further business the Meeting Closed at: - 1010PM.

Committee Bylines

At the recent committee meeting the following matters were discussed: the instructors meeting was very well attended, see the CFI's report elsewhere.

Peter Edmonds is doing a great job tiling our shower, and hopefully it will be ready for the S & B Electric Day. Bob Moore has been working hard keeping the grass mown, with help from Danny Hollis and Gordon Grant among others – thanks guys!

Our toilet block is being kept clean and tidy by Brian Bates, who took over from Ben Staines who has looked after them from day 1. Thanks to both of you for a valuable service!

We hope to have a 12v power supply for charging batteries in the clubroom soon. We could use a charger for flight and radio batteries, if anyone has one spare!

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