

AIRWAVES



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PINE RIVERS AERONAUTICAL MODEL SOCIETY
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY MAY 26TH AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE CORNER OF TODDS RD AND ELLIS RD, LAWNTON COMMENCING AT 8PM. THIS MEETING WILL BE A FULL BUSINESS MEETING.

THE NEXT WORKING BEES WILL BE ON SUNDAYS JUNE 4TH AND JULY 2ND. COMPLETING THE SHADE CLOTH EXTENSIONS AND MAKING A START ON THE FENCE WILL BE THE PRIORITIES.

Promotions Report

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHARITY AIR SHOW IS ONLY NINE WEEKES AWAY!

As per Airwaves, we still need members to assist with the Air-show. Make sure you see me after the members meeting or call me if you do have your name down. If you have given me your name, I will be calling to remind you within the next few weeks. The Air-Show is only 9 weeks away!

Saturday 18th March Life Member's Fun Pylon. Results as follows:-

1st place – David Knight flying a "Phoenix Scanner"

2nd place – Gordon Grant flying a "Speed Air 40"

3rd place – Steve Glasson flying a "Kittywake?"

Thanks also to everyone that competed. We had a great afternoon of fun.

The P.R.A.M.S. / S & B Electric Fun Fly-In weekend was a great success again. We had just over 60 pilots attending over the weekend with an estimated 100 – 120 various aircraft. I received many positive comments over the weekend from pilots that have attended the event previously and those that came for the first time.

Thanks again to our club membership for supporting this event and use of the field over 2 days. Special thanks to those P.R.A.M.S. members that assisted in running the weekend's activities. Thank you also to Geoff Barker & Darryl Smith from S & B Model Aircraft for donating a Multi-Q Field Charger for our club training aircraft that will be stored in the club house. Thank you to all the other sponsors that supported the event. We should have some pictures up on the club web site soon.

Don't forget this Saturday (27th) is the Life Member's "Fun Old Timer & Fun Glider" day.

The events will be run during general flying starting from 9:00am – 12:00am.

\$5.00 entry fee to help cover costs of trophies.

Sunday 11th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) Queensland Pattern Association 1-Day competition.

Please note that the field will be closed for this one day only. However, we may have some competitors arriving on Saturday and joining general flying for some pattern practice. Please make them feel welcome to our club. If you wish to compete see Gordon Grant or James McAllen.

The P.R.A.M.S. Member's Mid-Year Bar-B-Q will be on Saturday 24th June from 6:00pm until late. This is FREE to all current FINANCIAL members and their immediate family. There will be sausage sizzles, hamburgers, salads, soft drinks etc. James McAllen and Mike O'Brien will be organizing a Karaoke machine for some entertainment and fun for everyone! However, for catering purposes, please RSVP to Mike O'Brien on 3351 7903 or 0402 473 515 by Sunday 18th June! Don't forget the marshmallows to toast over the camp fire and maybe a nice bottle of wine. Hope to see you there.

Safe Flying,
Mike O'Brien
President & Promotions Officer

THE C.F.I.s SAFETY REMINDERS

We have one of the best Model Flying Sites in Eastern Australia. We must all make every effort so as to ensure that we STICK TO THE RULES at all times. Let's keep ourselves safe, and the skies around us safe for the light aircraft that fly near us.

Reminder 1: Some pilots have asked me "Why do those aircraft fly so close to our airfield, surely they know we are down there?"

The answer, whether you like it or not, is that "aircraft are permitted to fly in the vicinity of our airfield, generally at 1000ft. If they want to, or need to, they can come down to 500ft. If they need to, for possibly urgent reasons, then they could even be lower than 500ft. It is their airspace, they are entitled to use it in any way they choose. We are permitted to fly up to 400ft, so you can see, there may be occasions when the distance between us and them could be limited. " Yes, many of the pilots do know that we are operating; they fly past to have a look and check us out, simple friendly observation. I would suggest that when an aircraft flies over, that you should land, or at least fly in an area well clear of the overflying aircraft. Remember, the airspace is theirs; we are permitted to fly to 400ft but in doing so we MUST GIVE WAY completely to all full sized air traffic. Be alert and sensible – they MAY be LOWER than you think, and they have complete priority. Remember, its their lives v our toys....

In addition, the helicopters that spray for mosquitos, when operating anywhere near our airfield, must have complete and unrestricted use of the area. Remember, when these operations are taking place, all flying must cease immediately. Flying can only resume 45 minutes after they have departed the airfield, unless the pilot has signalled that he has finished. (I am trying to have this time shortened, but at this stage 45 minutes remains in place)

So, to summarise:

- A) when the mosquito helicopter is operating, we must CEASE ALL FLYING. And
- B) GIVE WAY TO and KEEP CLEAR OF any aircraft that flies over or near our field.

Reminder 2: Never start glow, diesel, petrol or jet aircraft engines before 8.00am. When your aircraft is fitted with these engine types you must wait until 8.00am before you begin your starting procedures. If in doubt, wait! Surely it's better to wait until after 8.00am than to accidentally start early and be in BIG TROUBLE!

COMMITTEE BYLINES

At the recent management committee meeting the following points were discussed: Whoever took the money from the shower cubicle, could they please return it to the treasurer.. We need to find a new secretary and treasurer by the AGM which is only 3 months away! Graham Tattersall recently ran an instructors course and the following members are now instructor qualified: Dean James, Mike O'Reilly, Darryl Merchant and Bob Moore. Well done guys, and thank you Tatts!

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