



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - January 2015

Presidents Report

By Brad Jory

Welcome back everybody to a great 2015. I hope that you all had a pleasant and relaxing Christmas and New Year break.

Thanks to the members that supported your club and its Christmas dinner. I'm sure that all those that attended would agree it was a great evening.

Work, life and family commitments are catching up to me and I'm not sure how long I may be able to continue this balancing act before something needs to give. If you seriously feel that you would like to give a shot as being President for the club, please come and see me so that we may be able to successfully plan a change over at some point.

An active member was heard commenting that there are only 50 SAAMBR members – and 180 associates. After a brief round of laughter, I actually saw the point as being valid. Too many of you are sitting around the tables criticising those members that are trying to do their best for the club and its members.

Instead of spending your day whinging about us, how about you come along to a meeting and actively get involved – or at least show some common decency and air your comments in a forum that gives us a right to reply.

If something hasn't been addressed, there may be a reason other than what you hear. There has been some email issues of late and some payments have been slowed because of it. Go

straight to the source if there's an issue – don't stew over it to your mates.

I needed to laugh the other day when an older member came back to the club house asking "has anybody seen my plane?". No – it wasn't stolen, he was flying it when he "lost it".

Please pay attention when flying – don't look away at your watch, txt, or do up your shoe laces. You – the pilot – are responsible for the safe operation of the plane you have in the air. In this instance the plane flew beyond the back boundary and nobody got hurt and the plane was returned in one piece – but next time may be different.

And while we are talking about paying attention, you wouldn't believe it but there are still members with planes larger than 7kg flying inside the restricted boundary areas. What does it take for it to sink in?
(Ed)

"Name And Shame" is coming

Next Meeting
Friday 30th January
Community Hall
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts
LAWNTON
7.30PM

Next Working Bee: Sid Bray Field
Sunday February 1st 8.00am

XMAS PARTY



Lawn mowing Safety

Note that whilst mowing is in progress there is to be **NO FLYING** until the all clear signal is given. Some members have ignored the safety of the person mowing and continue to fly . This requirement is mostly commonsense but some people don't seem to possess such in-built instinct so it has to be mentioned in a serious tone !!

There was recently a near miss with a plane coming within 6 feet of the mower.

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Gibson Field Update By Graham Tattersall

Gibson field is nice and green at the moment and our biggest challenge is keeping up with the fast growing grass!

The Shed slab is down and looking good. Shedzone have the shed ready to go and are just waiting on the roller doors so that should be on the slab in the next few weeks. If it's up before the end of January, that will be where the next working bee is, to clean up the site and level dirt around the slab.

We also need to make sure we have safe access onto the slab under the awning. We then need to get some chairs out of the container at Bray field up to Gibson field. Will also need a few good size sturdy tables for the awning/shed enclosure. Anyone out there willing to donate a solid substantial table? Please let the committee know.

We have also lowered a few trees to ground level on the western side of the field which has improved the approach onto that strip. Another job is continuing with the removal or spraying of the Groundsel. It's now under control in the mowable areas but there is heaps more in the surrounding areas so any person with a small or large sprayer will be very welcome at the next working bee!!

The tree regrowth along sides of the entrance road also needs to be addressed very soon before they get much bigger so any help in that area would be much appreciated. Maybe someone out there has a bobcat / excavator / dozer that needs a run down each side of the

road?? Shade cloth also needs retensioning. As you can see there is plenty to do at the next working bee! The field has been kept mowed and tidy with the help of Ross and Nev Vogler, Bill Darby, Tatts, Frank Dyson and on the odd occasion, Geoff Hunwick.

Thanks very much for your efforts and to any others that help from time to time that I may not be aware of.

Latest Update

At this stage construction of the shed is scheduled for the 27th Jan unless the weather turns nasty or there is some other drama. I have a wish list to discuss with you guys for planning the next stage in development of the field. Very high on the list are things like Water supply(read tanks), cover over the pits (Not shade cloth!), cover over the containers (to preserve our assets) , catch water and provide shelter/security for tractor and slasher when we bring it up from other field), power supply (some form of generator??) just to name a few.



Would also like to get some chairs out of the container at Bray field ASAP for the shed. About twenty would be great. I have spoken to Bob and he will give me a hand if you're OK with it. Would also like to get the tractor and slasher up there to get on top of the surrounding areas and get control of the groundsel . That will require a tilt tray truck or similar. Will see you all at the next meeting if I don't see you before.

Finally, Tatts' tip for the day: Make sure your aileron lead is plugged in before takeoff !! 46 years of modelling and still making mistakes!

Cheers
Tatts



Meeting Dates for 2015

These are the dates for club meetings to be held this year. Put it in your diary.

January 30th; February 27th; April 24th; June 26th; August 28th, October 30th, November 27th 2015.



Article from Wayne Born

With intro from Tatts

Hi Dick, while at the Gibson field doing some mowing on Thurs 22nd, I had the pleasure to see a new model being prepared for it's maiden flight by young club member, Daniel Born, and his father Wayne. The model was a Commanche twin and it was great to see the care taken to ensure the model was ready for flight, something that doesn't always happen and it showed a level of maturity for such a young pilot.

I gave only minor advice before the flight and some trimming advice during the flight and Daniel did the rest. The take off, flight and landings were all performed exceptionally well. After the flight I asked Daniel ,Wayne and his Mum if they minded me putting something in Air-waves to highlight their achievement.

Well done Daniel and Chief mechanic/ground crew Wayne! Look forward to seeing your next project. Great to see our younger members doing so well.

Daniel has been a SAAMBR member now for five years. At his eleventh birthday he and I made the decision to learn to fly RC after discovering the club when we where picnicing at



Dohles Rocks and could hear the planes in distance. Don Barber took us under his wing and got us to bronze wings level but was unable to continue with us due to work commitments. Bob Moore (CFI) took us from there and got us our wings.

Daniel has had a fascination for twins from early on and his favoured warbird is of course is the Mosquito. A plane he has had on his wish list for

some time. When his Scanner which he managed to keep alive and in one piece for about 18 months (a feat his father has been unable to accomplish) met its demise, Father saw fit to purchase a Phoenix Sbach 1500mm wing as a reward for keeping the Scanner alive for so long. It was the booklet that came with my PC9 which was purchased at the same time that led Dan to finding the seagull Piper Twin Comanche. A 1950mm wing and recommended to run twin .46 through to .55, I figured we could put the OS.46's from our boomerangs to good use.



So on his 16th birthday last October, Daniel was treated to a treasure hunt which led him to find the Piper twin hidden in amongst the old now empty plane boxes. Thus began the careful build over months to this fateful day when she made her maiden. He deliberated over fitting the engine cowls and would often walk into the workshop and find conversation or another project a fitting sidetrack from facing the cowls. Dad helped (and pushed) a little, but in the end the desire to see the dream of flying a twin drove him to her completion.

On the day, after deciding to remove the cowls for her maiden we did the final checks, a last minute change of a faulty Y lead for the throttles and a brief visit from our old Chinese friend Tu-Ning and he was taxiing out to the strip.

Graham Tattersall joined us and suggested using the whole strip to get a good feel for her before launching skyward. Also the wise advice that should one motor dead stick shutting the other down pronto would be prudent. She left the strip with both engines harmonising beautifully into level flight and climbing to a safe altitude. It wasn't till later when I asked, "*So very little trim needed hey?*" that Dan replied with "No" she wanted to roll right, right off the bat. He had skillfully corrected without me even noticing. A couple more minor trims, a couple rolls ('cause he could) some test stalls and in for a practice approach which became a very nice landing and with a short round of applause from us, a "Yeeha!" from Dan he throttled her up and headed skyward again.

Where from here? When asked, what his next build might be, he replied, "Haven't given it any thought," but the buzz of twins may faintly be whispering mosquito. Who knows?

Daniel is currently on the verge of going solo in a Jabiru for his recreational pilots licence, his goal is to fly small air-
er twin once again in his



craft for a living, the pip-sights.

Minutes: General Meeting

Date: 28/11/2014

Chair: Andrew Holloway

Present: Quorum present as per attendance book.

Apologies: Brad Jory, Barry Evans, Garth Smith.

Previous minutes approved as per Airwaves: Moved Eric Pond seconded Graham Tattersall.

Presidents report. Nil

PRO report: Nil

CFI report: Steve Lightowler gave thanks to Dave Mount for organizing a successful and enjoyable Warbirds day. Dave reported a profit from the days takings including food sales.

Members were reminded of the Christmas party on Saturday 6th December.

Treasurers Report: Mark advised various accounts had been paid including costs for fencing, Kitchen repairs, MAAQ insurance, waste removal from Jim Gibson field and an amount was received on fuel sales. Fixed deposit continues to attract bank interest.

General Business: Danny Hollis advised the website renewal fee is coming up. Graham Tattersall advised the toilets at the Jim Gibson field needed anchoring due to strong winds. The tractor has been serviced with new oil & filter and blades sharpened. No more need for "start you bugger" spray. Grounsell needs to be sprayed.

Col Parry alerted to small trees that needs attention at Jim Gibson field. Big tractor to be taken to Jim Gibson field for some work.

Progress on the erection of the shed looking good. Certifiers have a question. May be up by Xmas.

Sid Bray Field: Dave Mount suggested shade cloth be erected on the western side of the BBQ area from the roofline to the fence to filter the afternoon sun.

Rob Moore was presented with a new pair of thongs.

Meeting ended 8.32pm

Did I read that sign right?

Would the person who took the ladder please bring it back or further steps will be taken.

Outside a second hand shop: We exchange anything, bicycles, washing machines, kitchen sinks etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

In an office: Toilet out of order, please use the floor below.

In a London apartment store: Bargain Basement upstairs.

Notice in a health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

On a repair shop door: We can repair most things. (Please knock on the door as the bell doesn't work)

Events Calendar 2014 – 2015

January 2015

30th General SAAMBR Meeting Lawnton

February 2015

1st Working Bee Jim Gibson field 8.00am

7th **MAAQ Meeting** Chermside Library 2pm

27th General SAAMBR meeting Lawnton

April 2015

9-19 **MAAA 68th** National Championships Tingalpa.

24th General SAAMBR meeting Lawnton.

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

JIM GIBSON FIELD
8.00am



Thank You!
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