



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - March 2018

President's Report

Hi Modelers,

Hopefully some of the work will be done at Gibson field - concrete in pitt area, roof over container, etc. by the time you get this Airwaves. We received the improvement works application from Council on Friday 16th February.

**THANK
YOU!**

A big thank you goes to **Danny Hollis** for sorting out our height problems. (see page 7). I hope we can all rest easy now.

The Phoenix Club Fun Fly Challenge will be on **Saturday 26th May** with a BBQ lunch. If you intend to participate could you please let Graham Tattersall or myself know by the **23rd of May**.

Flying will be at 8.30am and registration at 8.00am.

Dan Imhoff is organising the trophy and prizes. Many thanks Dan. There will be a section for all flyers to participate (learners and hot-shots alike) so come along and enjoy the fellowship.

Congratulations to Barry Evans who won the lucky door prize at the last meeting.

We also have a new fridge at the Jim Gibson field thanks to **Mike Lewis** and **Gordon Papps** for picking it up. Gordon, by the way, saved us \$75 off the price of the fridge and spent \$260 in a speeding fine on the way home.

Gordon and his lovely wife, Tina, now have tickets to the policeman's ball for the next three seasons. Congratulations to Gordon.



**THE
POLICEMAN'S
BALL**

2018

I believe your tickets are in the post.

President Bill.

Vice Presidents Report/Gibson Field Report 13-3-2018

Hi all,

Since our last meeting the heavens have opened up and given both fields an absolute drenching. At time of writing both fields are very wet, but the Gibson field has fared better of the two.

Members need to be mindful of the wet ground and avoid wettest areas when driving in and out. Side effect of all this rain is rapid grass growth so mowers have been working overtime to keep on top of things and of course the mozzies are loving the conditions as well.

As a result of that the heli spraying has increased so please be patient and observe the rule of no flying on days of mozzie spraying.



As Bill has already mentioned, the Improvement Works Applications we submitted to Council have been approved except for the Application to reduce trees at Gibson Field. This will require a separate application to the Environment and natural resources people, so that's a battle for another day. Work approved has also been delayed due to the wet conditions but hopefully we will see some action when the rain stops and the ground dries out!

On another note, **Mike Lewis** has been working hard on our electrical system and has sourced the items needed to maintain/upgrade existing systems and once again the weather has thrown a spanner in the works, but work will commence shortly. There will also be a working bee on 8th April for both fields and at Gibson that will include fence repairs, whipper snipping, rubbish removal and any other general maintenance.

Eric Pond will look after Bray field as usual. We have a number of items that appear on the "freebie" table and some get taken and the rest remains unwanted. From now on, anything that has been there for a month or more will be removed as rubbish.

Finally, thanks to all those that help maintain the fields and a big thanks to all who attended the last working bee at Bray field. Great turnout!

See you at the field.

Cheers

Tatts.

NEXT WORKING BEE BOTH FIELDS SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

(2nd Sunday in April, not the 1st)

Frozen Carburettor

People frequently complain about the police, but you rarely hear about the positive things they do, such as this incident involving a biker and a frozen carburettor.

Last August on a bitterly cold winter's day in Victoria a policeman on patrol came upon a motorcyclist who was stalled by the roadside.

The biker was swathed in heavy protective clothing and wearing a full-face helmet to protect the face from the cold weather.

"What's the matter?" asked the Officer.

"I think the carburettor's frozen," was the terse reply.

"Pee on it. That'll thaw it out."

"I can't," said the biker.

"OK, watch me closely and I'll show you." The Officer unzipped himself and promptly warmed the carburettor as promised.

Moments later the bike started and the rider drove off, waving.

A few days later, the local police station received a note of thanks from the father of the motorcyclist.

It began: "On behalf of my daughter Janice....."

Next meeting is 13 April - *not* the last Friday of the month.

Mick from **RC Model Aircraft** wishes to advise members of the new opening times and remind you that he offers a 10% discount to members. Click on the banner to go to his website.

Thanks Mick, much appreciated.



Model Aircraft

10% Discount for SAAMBR Members

Ph 31033011 www.rcma.com.au

730 Gympie Road Lawnton 4501

New Opening Times

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 5:30pm

Saturday

8:00am to 12:30pm

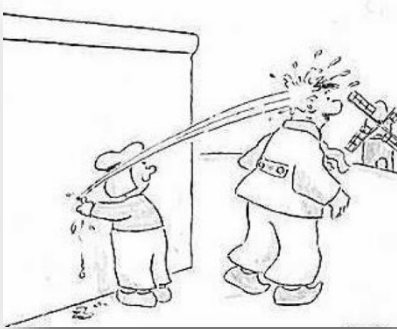
Working bee Sid Bray field Sunday 4th March



Many thanks to the members who turned up and worked hard in the heat and humidity for a few hours to bring the field up to scratch.

After all the rain the grass had sprouted and there was plenty of mowing and whipper snipping to be done.

Members split into small groups and tackled tasks like well-trained members of Dad's Army. Unfortunately the jokes didn't get any better.



...and don't let 'you-know-who' go near the water tank! He's even banned from looking at it. We'll have to take out an AFO. It's like an AVO - but against his finger! If you know of any dikes that need plugging, there's your man!



One for the cynics and non-believers

The other day a church in the city opened its doors and invited non-Christians to visit in the spirit of their faith's willingness to be open and welcoming, so I too decided to go to the beautiful church in the square for the first time to see what it was all about.

This particular church has a large flock and is one of our country's largest. At the time I was limping a little. I sat down, took in the surroundings and enjoyed the wonderful service.

Afterwards we all had a cup of tea and a bit of a chat. God's off-sider came up to me, bid me welcome, laid his hands on my hand and said, "By the will of God and the Disciples - you will walk today."

I told him I wasn't paralysed, I only had a small bunion on my left foot. He came back later, laid his hands on me again and looking skywards, earnestly repeated his mantra. "By the will of God and the Disciples you **WILL** walk today."

Once again, I told him there was nothing much wrong with me.

After prayers I stepped outside, and bugger me, he was right.

MY CAR WAS GONE.

NO FLYING FRIDAY 30TH MARCH

Thought for the day: *"You are a one-off, an individual. Same as everyone else."*



Airplane Horror Stories

Clean Up on Aisle Five!

“On a recent flight from Jacksonville to Newark, I was seated directly across from a very ill woman. This wasn’t simple motion sickness either. She was using her complimentary ‘bag’ before we even began taxiing. The flight attendants asked her if she wanted to deplane but she insisted on staying ... and continued to get sick for the entire flight, shaking and lying across three seats. Eventually, the attendants just gave her an industrial-sized black garbage bag. Yuck. Trust me, nobody within a three-row radius ate their in-flight snack.

“I was never so happy to see Newark in my life. The kicker is, as I was headed to baggage claim, I heard over the P.A. system, ‘Clean-up at gate X.’ Hmm, wonder what happened there!” — *TravelMel*

Losing your lunch

“When we lived in Oklahoma and were coming home from a visit to Pennsylvania, we went through some terrible, frightening turbulence. The flight attendant was serving meals (that’s how long ago it was!), and she’d gotten to our row when the bumpy ride became a roller coaster. The pilot announced that all flight personnel should be seated and secure all items. The woman threw a few meals at me because I was traveling with young children and rushed to lock up her cart and herself.

“A few rows behind us, a woman started screaming, ‘Hey, where is my meal? I’m a diabetic and I need to eat now!’ The flight attendant told the screaming woman to shut up and sit down, or she won’t have to worry about getting another meal! I passed my tray back to her because I didn’t figure my food was going to stay down. I think I kissed the ground once we were off the plane.” — *Cruisin’ Cats*

Where there’s smoke....

“About 20 years ago, on an airline serving and indigenous to Mexico, I was taking a flight back to New York from Acapulco via Mexico City. It was a twin engine jet, but I can’t recall what type. As usual, I snagged a window seat just forward of the starboard side wing. About 20 minutes into the flight, the engine on the wing started trailing flames. As you can imagine, there were a lot of very scared people onboard.

“The pilot must have shut the engine down or something around that point because the flames died out suddenly, but the flight got very bumpy and it seemed the plane was vibrating. Somehow we limped into Mexico City where we were greeted on the runway with emergency foam and just about every emergency vehicle that the airport must have had access to. The pilot put us down on the ground rather gracefully, and after a quick inspection they towed us to a gate.read the rest at

<https://www.smartertravel.com/2017/06/19/airplane-horror-stories/>

CASA Receives about 100 complaints about drones per week.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-05/dogs-eat-drone-landed-in-brisbane-backyard/9509202?sf183643686=1>

The most common complaint — drones being flown too close-ly to other people.

"We investigate quite a number of these where there's evidence of potential breaches, and issue fines when it's appropriate. We also do a lot of warning people about their drone behaviour," Mr Gibson said.

He said evidence was key.

"The most important bit of evidence we need from people when they're making complaints about drones is of course to identify who was flying the drone. That often can be difficult, but we really do have to have that sort of information," he said.

"Videos or photos are really useful as well."

Mr Gibson said those flying drones for fun should download the **Can I Fly There?** app.

"It's free, it tells you whether it's safe to fly in your location. It also gives you the safety rules. It's an essential tool for flying your drone."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Members,

Further to the email of 23 January 2018 regarding the CASA Instrument 96/17.

I am happy to announce the **400ft limit imposed by CASA 96/17** no longer applies at the **Sid Bray or Jim Gibson** fields provided members and visitors follow the club rules and bylaws, **MAAA MOPs** and **CASR Part 101**.

The MAAA was given a dispensation against the height requirements of CASA 96/17 for affiliated clubs provided certain procedures and policies were in place. SAAMBR has received confirmation from MAAQ that we are compliant with the requirements.

Please also take note of the recently published club by law.

"Members must keep good lookout for Conventionally Piloted Aircraft, and if detected in the area, must descend as soon as possible in a safe manner to below 400" AGL and land as soon as practicable. Flying may resume when the Conventionally Piloted Aircraft has left the area. "in the area" is defined as a position or altitude that may cause a conflict between the Remote Piloted Aircraft and the Conventionally Piloted Aircraft. If a Conventionally piloted Aircraft is heard but not seen it is considered "in the area". "

James McAllen
Secretary



Events Calendar 2018

For Warbirds contact Bill Sharp (07) 54966870

www.southerncrossairforce.com

April	8 Working bee Sid Bray & Uhlmann Rd. 13 SAAMBR Club meeting. 23-30 70th National Model Aircraft Champs.
May	5-7 Tin Can Bay Warbirds 19-20 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson 26 Phoenix Club Fun Fly challenge and BBQ.
June	2-3 Bundaberg Warbirds 8 SAAMBR Club meeting
July	28-29 Coolum Warbirds
August	3 SAAMBR Club meeting 11 Phoenix Warbirds Nambour
September	4-8 IMAC World Champs Muncie, USA 8-9 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson 22-23 SAAMBR Warbirds Gibson Field
October	5 SAAMBR Club meeting 27-28 Maryborough Warbirds.
December	SAAMBR Xmas Party Jim Gibson field.

Meeting Dates 2018

**Fri 13 April
Fri 08 June
Fri 03 August
Fri 05 October**

Next Working Bee.

Both Fields

Sunday 8th April

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am

Next Meeting

Friday 13 April 2018

"Pendicup"

365 Samsonvale Road

WARNER

7.30PM

Guests and New Members Welcome.

Plenty of off street parking.



SAAMBR

Contact Information:

PO Box 574 Chermside South Qld 4032

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Elizabeth Road, Griffin, North of Brisbane 4503

2. Jim Gibson Field location:

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