



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - May 2017

From the president's desk.

Only a month to go before your fees are due. We prefer bank account transfers as a method of payment. The final meeting for the year before the AGM is the 29th of June and you can pay your fees then.

The AGM will be held on the 18th of August. Last year we had a member pay fees with almost the total amount in coins. If tried again this year your fee payment will not be accepted in this form. We will accept a maximum of \$5 in large denomination coins only. I won't go into whether this is contrary to the amount of coins acceptable as legal tender, this is a club requirement .

IMPORTANT: A new requirement for renewal this year is for every member to provide an form of electronic communications contact. That is a mobile phone capable of receiving emails and your email address so that you can obtain notification of mosquito spraying via your phone or computer. Sorry, but if you do not provide this information with your renewal we cannot accept your renewal application. This is a council requirement and is part of the new lease agreement. It may not be what you think is fair but that sadly is going to be the future if you want to be a member of this club. Times are-a-changing and not always for the better it seems.

The new lease should be signed by the time you read this.

James and I attended a meeting with MBRC where we were given information to help with grant applications from several sources. Mosquito spraying conditions were again discussed with a council representative at this meeting. We will still continue to discuss the restrictions resulting from the spraying operations with the hope that requirements may be more acceptable at some time in the future.

I am in the process of obtaining a first aid kit for Uhlmann road and also snake bite kits for both fields.

You will probably have noticed the round runway markers on the strips at Brays Rd. There will be few more markers as soon as they are made. The idea is to make the strips more defined. This is to indicate to the mozzie sprayers and overflying aircraft that our field at Brays Rd is still in operation. This was suggested by a member and has be acted upon. The sports complex which will eventually encompass the Brays field is in the process of being planned . I discussed this recently with MBRC and will keep you up to date as the planning progresses

and we can obtain more information. This would indicate that our time at Brays Road will eventually come to an end. Hopefully this will still be a few years away unless some actions by a member causes a far earlier loss. I have been assured our use of the Brays road field is ONLY JUST being tolerated by MBRC and it would take very little to lose this field.

You have my word on this!

Luckily we have a top class field at Uhlmann Road that is continually being improved. Our next objective there is to have the Pit areas concreted and a couple of tanks installed.

That is about it for this month so keep flying and also consider whether you would like to nominate for a committee position for the next twelve months.

Bazza.

BREAKING NEWS

Last week two gentlemen from the NSA (National Safety Association) visited our airfield un-announced, wearing fluoro jackets and carrying clip boards. They didn't look very friendly as they approached the club-house and treated our members with disrespect. Of course our members tried to make them welcome as we do with visitors.

They introduced themselves and proceeded to talk to every member present asking if they had ever crashed a plane.

Naturally, each member was quite forthcoming and confessed that at some time they had definitely crashed and were quite happy to tell the story. They weren't interested in stories and took notes and name of the member. As you can imagine they boys were rather confused at what was going on.

When they had interviewed each member they went to one side out of earshot then asked to see a committee member who was there at the time. After about five minutes all three returned to the tables, gathered all the members together for a meeting and announced that effectively immediately they were shutting down our airfield there and then, no arguments, no discussion, no ifs or buts, absolutely nothing.....never to re-open.

As you can imagine everyone was dumbfounded and looked like stunned mullets.

One of our members took offence at the bigger of the NSA officers who was extremely rude ,then punched him in the nose, knocking him to the ground, yelling obscenities !!

At this point I walked away and came to my senses. I was having another of those true-life - like nightmares and woke up in a cold sweat. I looked at the clock and it was 02.17am so got up and made myself a cuppa. Thank God for that ! NSA....that's a good one, eh. (by Dick Hall)



SAAMBR President
2017 - 2018

Hands Up !

With the AGM coming up next month all committee positions are vacant. Without stating the obvious there's no certainty we will retain the Sid Bray Field and we can be asked to vacate the land any time in the future. Be prepared to pack up and move at any time.

As expected some members are interested in what direction the club should go with emphasis on how to increase membership and attract new members. Unless there is a positive effort made in this direction then membership will continue to decline.

We've all given thought about what we would like to happen so if you are prepared to take over as President maybe it's a good idea to put forward your ideas. Perhaps outline them in the June edition of Airwaves and table it next meeting to discuss it.

It is noted that meetings are attended by the same people each month. Be a part of the decision making process and come along and provide some input.

Now is a good time to thank **Barry Evans** for the hard work he has done this year. He's had plenty of communication with the MBR Council over various matters and his dedication is much appreciated.

Thank you Barry.
Ed.

Membership Raffle

There are still a few members that have not yet had the opportunity to purchase a number to win membership for the 2017-2018 financial year. Robert Moore is the man to see to secure your favourite number and he will be at the next meeting for you to nab a square. As you can see there's not many left.



Official Field Opening

After all this time there hasn't been an official opening of the **Jim Gibson field** so it has been decided to go ahead on **24th September**, which is also the Warbirds day. (general flying is permitted).

All members are invited to attend this important occasion and **Peter Flannery** of the Moreton Bay Regional Council has agreed to be the club's patron. Watch this space for further information for publicity details.



Down the Gurgler



Members had an unofficial working bee recently at the Jim Gibson field and installed some downpipes on the new shelters. Further drainage work is required and many thanks to those who put in the time and effort to install them.

What a load of rubbish

It has been noticed that some members are discarding their drink cans and other bits of rubbish on the ground instead of putting it in the bins provided. At the Jim Gibson field rubbish has been left in the pit area, but to get to the clubhouse there's a bin enroute to the clubhouse! Do the right thing and use it !

This also applies to cigarette butts at the Sid Bray field. If you smoke, don't flick them onto the ground. You know what to do, so buck up fellas ! Everyone else notices.

**RC Model Aircraft**
www.rcma.com.au
10% off
SAAMBR members
730 Gympie Rd Lawnton 4501 Phone 31033011



IMAC Competition 27-28th May Uhlmann Rd.

Please note there will be another competition at the Jim Gibson field both days and general flying will not be permitted, however the Sid Bray field will be open as normal. Thank you to those members who have volunteered to run the canteen and barbeque.

First aid & snake bite kit to be obtained

This is for both the Jim Gibson and Sid Bray fields, kindly being funded by Peter Flannery from the MBRC. Many thanks Peter. Let's hope we don't have to use it.



Burning Off



Note that some time in the near future there will be a burn-off in the vicinity of the Jim Gibson field. If you are flying at the same time be aware of any wildlife that may find refuge amongst the club equipment. ie (snakes, lizards, wombats, baboons, lions & elephants).

Thank You



**Thank
You!!!**

Many thanks to all those members who obeyed the club rules and stayed grounded while the helicopter sprayed the surrounding areas for mosquitoes. It can't be stated strongly enough the importance of complying with council regulations.



Meeting Dates for 2017

Last Friday of the month.

**June 29th
August 18th (Annual General Meeting)
October 27th
November 24th
December 9th (Christmas Party)**

FPV Drone Racing 4th June Sid Bray Field

You've heard about it now come and see what it's all about. **FPV Rebels** will be holding a demonstration race day on the **4th June**.



See what it's like flying a 500gm racing drone upwards of 120km/h just one metre off the ground.

With the goggles on you're in the pilots seat as he navigates the course, dives through gates and dodges other racers.

The event is open to all MAAA members, so whether you are just starting out in FPV or an

experienced pro come and join us for a fun day of flying.

Classes will be held for the novice, intermediate or pro. If you've never flown a track before then now's the chance to give it a go.

Program

07.30am—08.30am set up.

08.30am—09.15am pilot registration and safety check.

09.15am– 09.30am pilots brief and walk around the course.

09.30am-11.00am practice rounds.

11.00am-12 noon first heats.

12 noon-12.45pm lunch break and freestyle (SAAMBR canteen is open).

3.00pm—pack up.

4.00pm—field re-opens for general flying.

The **FPV Rebels** will be happy to show you what it takes to get into this sport. We'll have goggles and screens so you can see it from a pilots point of view. Come and join in the fun.



Photos are for general information purposes sourced from the internet and not from FPV Rebels or SAAMBR.

This reminder appeared on the **MAAA Facebook** page recently.

Preventing Snake Bites.

One of the members from Lake Macquarie Miniature Aircraft Club has had a very close encounter with a dangerous snake when retrieving his plane from a grassy area of the runway. Please always practice caution if retrieving any craft from areas that may be perfect places for snakes to hide.

USEFUL TIPS TO REMEMBER:

1. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Don't just blindly wander through woods, weeds, trails, bushes and the like.
2. Avoid specific snake bite habitats like brush piles, debris mounds, logjams, root systems, abandoned buildings, watery areas, "cover" in general. Remember they may be anywhere else also!
3. Wear leather shoes or boots at least ankle high or better when walking in suspected snake country.
4. Never sit or climb (feet and hands), or step over obstacles anywhere without first looking carefully prior to making the move.



Online Warning

A member recently made an online purchase with a well known hobby provider in the Asia region and wishes to share his experience. A purchase was made and paid for by credit card. Having made several transactions before it was customary to receive a confirmation email from the hobby retailer directly after purchasing.

No email was received.

Twenty four hours later he followed up on the chat line and was advised the credit card had to be verified before an email was sent. Still no email at this point.

Three days later he contacted them again, provided the order number and was asked to photo copy his credit card (covering up the middle four numbers) and also provide other ID.

Becoming suspicious the member asked why the online retailer would not give a reason for asking for these extra details as this had not been required with previous orders. He then cancelled the order immediately.

Members are urged to be careful if shopping online with so called "reputable" retailers. If asked to provide additional information not requested in the transaction process be wary of proceeding any further.

Consider purchasing from your local hobby shop.

Events Calendar 2017

May

27-28th IMAC competition Uhlmann Road.
27-28th Southern Cross Airforce Bundaberg. Mark
Lindwood 0417 500213

June

4th FPV Rebels demonstration Sid Bray field.
16-18th Jets over Fraser Coast Maryborough.
29th Last club meet financial year. Pay fees. Raffle
draw for membership last chance to buy.

July

8-9th 2017 Drone Nationals Nerang, Gold Coast
1st & 2nd Southern Cross Airforce Coolumb. Russell
Mitchell 0427 405 461

August

11-13th Qld turbine flyers annual fly in Goondiwindi
26-27th Southern Cross Airforce LARCS. Ian Flanders
0401 991 621

September

23-24th Southern Cross Airforce SAAMBR. Bill Sharpe
(07) 5496 6870 & official field opening.

October

21-28th Norfolk Island Fly in organized by Tingalpa.
28-29th Southern Cross Airforce Maryborough Neil
Brockley 047 071056

Next Working Bee.

Sid Bray Field
Sunday 4th June

Sign in book closes 08.30am

Next Meeting

Friday 29th June

Community Hall
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.,
LAWNTON
7.30PM



SAAMBR

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