



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Monthly Newsletter - August 2016**

## **From the President's desk .**

The AGM is upon us so make sure you attend as your vote is important.

If you are keen to be on the committee now is your chance to enjoy a position of prestige and everything that comes with it. I joke. If you feel the club is not being administered as you would like it to be this is a chance for you to give the members guidance through your leadership.

I have just returned from a holiday in the NT and sure have missed the flying. I did not get the chance to visit any flying fields while away.

Consultation with the MBRC is ongoing and I have scheduled a meeting with council representatives on the 19th of August to try to finalize our lease. The main problem seems to be the mosquito spraying and our rules for avoidance of the sprayers. I am not quite sure of the problem as our operations during the mozzie season are safe and functional. By the time this dissertation arrives in your mailbox I should have an update on just what the problem is with MBRC legal section. I hope to be able to give you some good news about the lease at the AGM.

I have had a few adverse comments about the Sunday BBQ's. Let me reiterate. These BBQ foods are supplied by individual members and are **NOT** supplied by the club. If you wish to participate you must be prepared to supply contributions of food for all.

**These BBQ's are a private matter** so please do not just come over and help yourself to the food. If you prefer to bring something just for yourself that is up to you but as I say don't just help yourself to other's food if you are not contributing.



Next Meeting  
Friday 26th August 7.30pm  
Community Hall  
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.  
LAWNTON  
7.30PM



You do not have to contribute every BBQ but you must be prepared to do this regularly.

I wonder if the regular night flies that have been proposed are just too frequent as most of those that voted for the regular night flies are nowhere to be seen on the nights.

Maybe we should review the number of night flies scheduled and reduce the number. What say you?



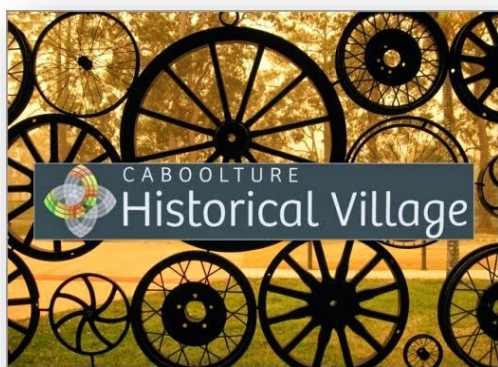
The weather is pleasant so get those models out and blast around the sky.

Bazza.

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## Feeling Patriotic? Well, it's on again!

By Col Parry



The Caboolture Historical Village Flag raising ceremony will be held on **Saturday 3rd September** and have asked our club once again to participate with a static display.

This year is a celebration of 150 years of cadets.

The area allocated is a grassed area near the front entry, which will comfortably take models of all sizes, from helicopters to gliders and very large aircraft, would be a bonus.

It is for a half day from 7.30am to midday, sitting with your models and talking to the public.

Club members who took part last year enjoyed their day immensely.

If you are interested please phone **Colin Parry** on 3888 3848, mobile 0499 184 759 or email: [smarty2@bigpond.com.au](mailto:smarty2@bigpond.com.au)

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## IMAC Competition Uhlmann Rd 3rd & 4th December

As agreed earlier this year SAAMBR will again be hosting the 2nd IMAC competition in December. Competitors unanimously agreed that Uhlmann Road is one of the better fields they have visited as our facilities are top class and all look forward to this comp.

This was made all the more pleasant with the kind assistance of those who helped in the canteen and we would once again call upon those people who volunteered their time to assist.

More details will be forthcoming as time draws nearer. FYI Dan Imhoff is the Co-ordinator.



## Member survey: Proposing a new aero-modelling museum in Australia.

Hello,

At the 2016 annual MAAA conference, a proposal for creating a new aero-modelling museum in Australia was discussed. The MAAA would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the possible benefits of creating a museum, where it could be located, and what it could include.

### About the survey:

This short survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete. Members can begin the survey by visiting the following web address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MAAAMuseum>

For your views to be included in the survey, you will need to complete the survey by **Friday 16 September 2016**.

The MAAA thanks you for taking time out of your busy day to give us your feedback.

Please help us keep our skies safe and until next time, have a safe, fun flight!

Neil Tank  
President



There was no meeting in July therefore there are no minutes to publish this month. Ed.

## Another 'Biggles Murphy' report



At the end of July I had my 6th lesson on how to fly a microlight trike, had to look it up in my logbook. The trike I flew in today had a different wing, much more sensitive than what I had been used to and the conditions were a bit rough, so had to do more work.

I did the take-off, we had reached 300 or 400 feet when we hit an unexpected strong wind from the south so had some work to do. While we were on the ground the windsock was limp, so wind was a surprise to me. I have a feeling Mark Gentry, my instructor, may have been expecting something like this but of course kept it to himself. All a good learning curve and I should be aware of something different in the future.



In the conditions flying over the Bribie Passage I learnt to anticipate the trike's antics and was following the various creeks from 2000' although at one stage seemed to be stationary relative to the ground. The trike does seem to get blown about a bit but the fabric wing smooths things a lot, so far I am aware of movement but no hard jolts. Maybe that will come.



Once again I assisted with the landing, this one was a bit more difficult with a fair bit of wind and another plane parked in the take-off position, we used the radio but no response. We had the right of way so landed over him but watched him all the way. There was also a helicopter practising who was aware of us.

It was cold, two shirts, fleecy anorak, flying suit, gloves and helmet etc but I loved it. This is the best thing I have ever done and I cannot get enough of it. I will be analysing this flight until I go again which I hope will not be too long. I really have had a good day.

Paul.

Next Airwaves Paul flies a gyrocopter.





What deep thinkers we men are... I was at the working bee the other day, and when I got home I sat down and had a nice cold beer.

The day was really quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking.

My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing and I said, "Nothing".

The reason I said that instead of saying "Just thinking" is because she would have said "about what?"

Then I would have to explain that men are deep thinkers about various topics which would then lead to other meaningless questions.

Finally, I thought about an age old question: Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the family jewels?

Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the F J's.

Well, after another beer, and some heavy deductive thinking, I arrived at the answer to that question.

Getting kicked in the pants is clearly more painful than having a baby; and here is the reason for my conclusion.

A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child."

On the other hand, you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the cobbles." I rest my case.

Time for another beer.

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### **Balsa Wood is Quite toxic**

Although it may look harmless like any other wood, balsa wood has a few nasty traits. When logged it must be treated as soon as possible to prevent the growth of fungus and other problems. Here is a list of just what it is dipped in after being cut into planks.

Boron Boric Acid and sodium tetraborate.  
Sodium Fluoride.  
Arsenic pentoxide  
Sodium dichromate



Santobrite acid.

The balsa is then kiln dried for two weeks. After processing the balsa is treated in a chamber with the following:

Bromite 128grams M3 for 24 hours at 24C.

Balsa dust is toxic. Handling balsa is risky. And putting it in your mouth is not recommended.

After years of breathing in balsa dust and handling the wood I am mildly allergic to these chemicals.



So keep this in mind when you are using balsa that it is not as harmless as it looks.

Bazza.

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### **Dave and Gordon's "Grosswing"**

Dave Harper has finished this model which has now had several successful flights. Gordon Scamp's is still under construction and powered by a MVVS Sport 4.6/1120 motor which will pull 35-45 amps. He prefers these as the speed controller plugs straight onto the rear of the motor which is great if space is limited. He may even use a 60 amp speedie giving him some leeway.

The pusher prop is a folding three blade 10 x 8.

The model was designed by a gentleman named "Gross" in the mid 1930's hence the name.

Wingspan is 240.3 cm or 94.5 inches. That's big!



As you can see Gordon's has yet to have the rudder and elevons fitted.

Fuse is fully planked and he'll give it a light covering of fibreglass then spray paint it. This process should be well underway by the time you read this.

Both Dave and Gordon have had their challenges but find it very rewarding seeing it all come together.



Those who have seen Dave's fly are impressed with it's looks and performance.

It's great to see members still like to scratch build aircraft and Dave always does a top job.

....and the Plovers love it!

## Events Calendar 2016

### August

**26th Saambr AGM Lawnton.**

27-28th Southern Cross Airforce Gladstone. Troy  
Josefsky 0411 397 139

### September

10th Night Flying Sid Bray Field. BYO etc. Snoring.  
24-25th Southern Cross Airforce SAAMBR. Robbie  
Potter 0403 978 928

### October

15-18th Maryborough. Southern Cross Airforce. Craig  
Paskins 0427762320

### November

12-13th Toowoomba (TAA). Southern Cross Airforce.  
Peter Love 0412 633549

### December

3-4th IMAC competition Uhlmann Rd. field,

**TBA Xmas party.**

#### NEXT WORKING BEE

**Sunday 11th August**

**UHLMANN Road field**

**8.00am**

(note the first Sunday will be Father's Day 4th so the  
date is changed to the 11th).

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Dick Hall .



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