



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Newsletter - October 2019

President's Report

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of Airwaves. Thankyou to all members and visitors who contributed to the very successful Airshow on the 1st of September. Based on entry calculations, we had over 1200 visitors to the club on the day, with most visitors coming from our local community.

Feedback from the public was overwhelming, with interest already for a repeat next year, so planning has already begun for a follow-up. The Airshow was a success due to a number of key members working hard to make the event a reality.

It is a timely reminder of all the volunteers who support the club each and every week. So recognition must go the teams who maintain strips and surrounds, keep the clubhouses functioning, cold drinks available and the amenities clean for the benefit of our members and visitors. Without this support the club would simply not exist, so thank you as well.

With the success of the Airshow now behind us, we are now focused on the upcoming "Have a Go" day on Oct 20 where visitors can have a hands on experience of piloting an RC aircraft.

The day is open to all visitors and or friends of members who wish to have a go. The club has numerous instructors and aircraft available and a BBQ will be put on for all attendees. So please support this day if you can, even if it's just talking to visitors whilst they wait their turn for a flight.

Lastly as the end of the year begins to get ever closer, I ask for volunteers to assist with the upcoming **Xmas party on December 7**. Lets see if we can make it a bigger success than it was last year. And that's saying something, as last years was great, with excellent food and large participation from members and families.

I look forward to seeing you at our fields.

Greg Petherick

President SAAMBR

Club Meeting & AGM Sid Bray Field Sat 7th September

Notes: This is not the official minutes of the meeting which will be/have been sent to members by email.

10.30am: President Greg welcomed the 39 members and new member **Tony Knight**.

Welcome to the club Tony and we wish you well with your flying and we look forward to your friendship and participation at our events. May all your planes go home in one piece.

Treasurer Russell advised there were only a couple of invoices to be paid, one for electrical certification and one for the safety grill at the western end of the concrete pit area at the Jim Gibson Field near the water tank.

He reported club finances are in a healthy position. The financial report for the previous year is almost ready to go to the auditors.

The MAAQ had their AGM and a new committee has been formed. Warren Hathaway, ex SAAMBR member is Secretary.

Jim Gibson Field working bee co-ordinator advised the tractor is in need of a major service and a working bee is required to work on improving the road. A digger is needed to dig a trench for a pipe to join the water tanks. Once this is in place the goal of being able to water the strip comes a bit closer.

The Sid Bray field co-ordinator said the field is in good condition considering the dry winter. The orange bunting at the end of the strips needs repairing and/or replacing. Most of the horses that were required by Council to be moved by 26th August have gone but a few remain. It is understood their owner is in talks with Council. Members seemed satisfied they don't cause any problems but we should continue to place the barrier over the cattle stop at the entrance to the car park and close all gates inside the field at the end of the day.

CFI reported **Rod Sherwin** had obtained his Bronze Wings.

The recent night-fly at Sid Bray was a great success and members expressed an interest in having a similar family BBQ and night-fly before the end of the year.

Ian Swaddling moved a motion for the club to purchase a defibrillator for the Jim Gibson Field as soon as possible. Members were in favour and he was given the nod to go ahead.

Col Parry suggested a privacy screen be constructed in front of the toilets at the Jim Gibson



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Saturday

8:00am to 12:30pm

Field.

Some members were not receiving emails and it was suggested the database be checked and members should also check their “junk mail” folders.

Fire extinguishers at both fields need replacing; two at each field (total 4).

Dave Mount said some drone flyers had not been signing the visitors book and urged all members it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure they do.

The Airshow on Father’s Day at the Jim Gibson Field was a great success with an estimated 1100-1200 people attending. Greg thanked all members for their contribution in making it happen and gave a special thanks to **Ewan Hutchison** for his effort in raising a substantial amount in the raffle. Greg invited any member to submit feedback/suggestions on how things could be improved in the future.

At the **AGM** Greg volunteered to stay on as President, Russell remains as Treasurer and **Sean Ward** becomes the new Secretary.

Meeting ended 11.30am

New Mower

Here’s Peter in full control of the brand new mower heading off for a spraying assignment at Sid Bray. A grant of around \$14,000 was gratefully received which means the old Kubota model was able to be sold.



Getting Involved

This is a good opportunity to make the most of the interest in our sport generated by the Airshow. Invitation flyers were handed out on the day and it is anticipated it will attract a few potential flyers who may wish to come along and try their hand at flying. A number of instructors and aircraft will be available and members are urged to attend and help make the day a success. There will be the usual BBQ and drinks available.

“Are you a member?”



Members have been urged to be aware of visitors turning up to fly who need to be approached and politely asked if they are MAAA members. There is a new visitors book at both fields which must be completed with their membership card number to be recorded. For those seeking membership details application forms are available and details are self explanatory. Congratulations on the member who took the sign on book and approached someone whom they thought may be a visitor and welcomed them to the field. If their MAAA membership is not sighted be certain to obtain either a phone contact or vehicle registration number.

Lost/Missing

Left at the Bray filed recently one cap, Khaki in colour with **“Australian Precision Aerobatics”** printed on the front. Could the finder please leave it in the defibrillator cupboard near the sink at Brays Rd flying field and I will pick it up. It has my name inside.

Thank you.

Barry Evans.

Little Johnny Shocks His Mother with his Logic

Little Johnny is going through his Mother's purse and takes out her drivers license. His Mother catches him reading it and mildly scolds him. Johnny says, “But Mum, I learned so much about you from it.” “Well, okay, what did you learn about me?”

“Well, I know your age now.” “And what is that?” said his Mother. “You're Old” says little Johnny, “And I learned your height.” “Which is?” “You're really tall.” “Well, yes I am for a woman.” “And I learned your weight,” he says. “What is that?” asks the Mother. “A lot for a woman your height.”

The Mother sighs and says, “Well that's not nice but I can't argue with that.” Then little Johnny says , “And I know why Dad divorced you .”

“Huh, what? How on earth did you get that from a driver's license?”

“Because you got an F in Sex.”

Uhlmann Rd Airshow Father's Day September 1st.

There's a lot more photographs on the 'SAAMBR Members' Facebook page and youtube. If you haven't yet got **Facebook** and not sure how to set it up have a chat to someone who is. It's not as confusing as you might think and once you're a member you can contribute by posting photos and adding comments. It's great to see what others are up to. This is only a snippet of the photos and unfortunately space doesn't allow for more to be included.





David Walker has some great drone footage of the Airshow now available on youtube. The full length version goes for around 18 minutes. Here's a shortened version of **7 minutes** and more suitable to those who have limited bandwidth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oKscnmPDSY>

OR

For the full 18 minutes version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgvUlileDBs>

David Walker at work



“Have - a - go Day” October 20th Jim Gibson Field

As President Greg has mentioned this day is quickly approaching and we expect to see a few potential flyers come and try their hand at having a go. Flyers were handed out at the Airshow and this is an annual national event promoted by the MAAQ and MAAA. Timing of the Airshow was perfect and here are a couple of photos from the Sid Bray field taken at the Airshow on **Father's Day of 2014** where some juniors were put on Buddy-box as a demonstration for spectators.

With plenty of youngsters in the crowd the raffle proved extremely popular as it seemed everyone wanted to get their hands on several of the ARF's and other great prizes provided by our sponsors. As it turned out the raffles were the biggest money earner so let's hope this can be duplicated at the next Airshow proposed for Father's Day in 2020 (Sunday 6th September).



This was Father's Day Airshow at Sid Bray Field 2014

Events Calendar 2019

- October** 12th Club Meeting Uhlmann Rd
13th Working Bee Uhlmann Rd
19-20th Kingaroy Model Fly-In (KAMS)
20th "Have A Go" Day Jim Gibson field.
20 Gold Cup Scanner Challenge Warwick
26th-02 November Norfolk Island fly-in
18 Warbirds Over Coffs Harbour NSW
- November** 1st Indoor flying Sleeman Complex 7pm
2-4 Australian F5B Team Trial NSW.
9-10th Scale Muster Tin Can Bay club.
- December - 7th Club Christmas party Jim Gibson field.**

Southern Cross Airforce Dates

Oct 26-27th Maryborough. Neil Brockley
0417 071 056

Events Calendar 2020

AIRSHOW - Father's Day Sept 6th Jim Gibson

Check relevant websites for further information

NEXT WORKING BEE

TBD - Check Facebook Page
for details

Sign on book gets taken away 0830

Next Meeting.

When: Saturday 9th November 2019

**Where: Jim Gibson Field, 501 Uhlmann
Rd Time: 10.30am**



SAAMBR

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