



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - November 2017

President's Report

Well members, as Christmas comes rushing towards us we have achieved a reasonable amount of projects. By the time you read this message the new grid will have been installed at Bray Field.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped on that project. Especially **Gordon Papps** with his winch equipped 4x4, which made life especially easy. In fact the grid was installed by 8.30am. So instead of a BBQ lunch we had a BBQ morning tea.

Hopefully most of you would have heard about the new roof going over the containers at Gibson Field. Also the new roof going over the BBQ area. This will happen in the new year after the dust has settled on the paperwork.

Just a reminder about the Christmas Party on the **9th December at 2pm at Gibson Field**. Lets make this a great Christmas party to be remembered and enjoy each others company.

Please let **Tatts** or **Eric Pond** know if you are attending by end of November at the very latest.

That's all from me.

President Bill.

PS. merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



“ Like, Hellooo”.

Last year, I replaced, like, all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind.

Today, I, like, got a call from the contractor who installed them. He complained that the work had been completed a year ago and I still hadn't, like, paid for them. OMG!

Helloooo..... Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I'm, like, automatically stupid.

So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy told me last year -- that these windows would, like, pay for themselves in a year.

Hellllooooo? It's been a year, so they're, like, paid for, I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.



Product Warning

Faulty R/C equipment from BANGGOOD

Be very careful about purchasing R/C equipment from BANGGOOD as a number of us have purchased items from them and had a very high failure rate. REDCON receivers that suit Spectrum gear have failed many times.

Their servos deals which include “Lofty Ambition” (Towerpro equivalent) digital, metal geared ball-race servos have a high failure rate.

Out of ten I ordered ,4 were faulty and another modeller had 2 out of 4 faulty. The servos look great and when working ,work well.

On a better note. A lot of us use number 64 rubber bands to hold the wings on. The 64s being sold by Officeworks are quite thick and stretch only about two thirds the amount of the old Superior brand and are hard on the wings. I have found a supplier of the original Superior bands which are about half the price of the Officeworks bands and stretch well.

You can obtain them from an office supply company at 151 Hamilton Road , Wavell Heights.

Barry Evans



Christmas Party

When: Saturday 9th December

Where: Jim Gibson Field, Uhlmann Rd.

Time: 2pm until late.

Cost: \$10 per person. Children U12 free.

RSVP: **By 30 November** for catering purposes. *Payment to:*

Graham Tattersall (Gibson Field) 0409737977 or

Eric Pond (Bray Field) 0438070137

Flying OK before and after party.

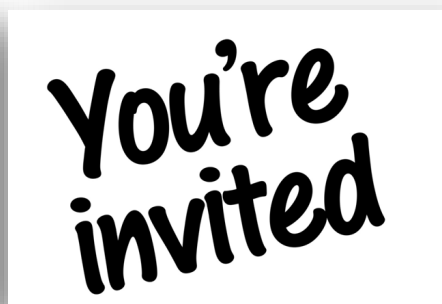
Nibbles-Main course-Dessert-Tea & Coffee

BYO Drinks

**Award presentations,
Trivia games, Lollie drop, Mystery prizes, Dad jokes.**

RSVP by 30th November for catering purposes

Payment before Party date (preferred) or on the day



World's Most Dangerous Aircraft

Of all the transport options open to the general public, airplanes are the most technically advanced. However, many of us still do not trust technology enough to let ourselves be suspended among the clouds without checking and cross-checking every small detail. But where such liberty is not possible, we can look at the history of airplanes and then settle for the one that appears to be the safest.

Tupolev Tu 154 – 7 Fatal Crashes

This plane was the workhorse of the Soviet-era and Russian air industry since its introduction in the early 1970s.

Recently retired from Aeroflot service, the Tu-154 was the primary domestic passenger liner of Russia. The plane is known to be rugged and is built to operate in harsh environments with minimal maintenance.



With a cruise speed of 850 km/h, it is one of the fastest passenger liners, yet, also one of the loudest which has led to it being banned from flying through certain airspaces. In the last decade, there have been 7 crashes with fatalities involving the Tu-154.

LET L 410 - 20 Fatal Crashes

The L-410 is a Czechoslovakian plane which was introduced in 1970. Several hundred remain in service today. The L-410 is also a popular aircraft with the skydiving community.



Over the past decade, the L-410 has been involved in a large number of crashes, many of them fatal. The strangest incident, by far, must be the August 2010 crash in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The crash was reportedly caused by a stampede of people within the plane as they attempted to get away from a crocodile which became loose in the cabin. Twenty people died but the crocodile survived, only to be killed later.

Source: <https://www.aviationcv.com/aviation-blog/2017/top-5-dangerous-aircraft-models>

Meeting Dates
Last Friday of the month.

NOTE NEW VENUE

October 27th
November 24th
December 9th (Christmas Party) Jim Gibson
Field at 2pm. Children Free.

RC Model Aircraft
www.rcma.com.au

10% off
SAAMBR members

730 Gympie Rd Lawnton 4501

Phone 31033011

For Sale

For sale to good home a Hobby King "FLYBEAM" night flyer model. Excellent condition. It has had only 4 flights as an eyesight problem precludes me from flying it. It is a PNP only needing a receiver and a Lipo battery pack.

I have fitted a switch system so that a separate battery can be used to power the lights or it can be connected to the flight pack. Extra LEDs have been fitted. \$100 phone **Barry Evans** 0407 583 917 or 335 99101.



An Email from Paul Murphy...

The price of gasoline in France .



A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre.

After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings."

"I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

See if you have De Gaulle to send this on to someone else. I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.





Increase your club membership and grow our sport !

The MAA supports our clubs to provide a safe place to fly. We provide the tools you need to manage your club, from management systems to technical expertise , making it easier for you to enjoy your sport and clock up more flight hours.

To help you grow your club grow, on the MAAA website, you will find some advice on how to write a press release that will help local clubs promote their events, and ultimately, our sport. You'll also find some introductory information on how to host an event.

But, one of the most important issues facing clubs today is how to retain and grow membership. Here, we offer some advice to help you welcome new members to your club.

Why does your club need new members?

Where is your club headed in the next five, 10 or 15 years? Will you face a black hole of knowledge and expertise?

MAAA clubs across the country have different levels of skills and expertise. Some focus on competition, some on recreation; some have declining membership while others are experiencing incredible growth!

However, the truth is that sometimes, personalities or individuals often get in the way of decision-making for the future. Organisations with longstanding members can get stuck on traditional views. Clubs feel "comfortable" they may not want to welcome "outsiders".

But, for our clubs to continue and our sport to thrive we need to make sure that we start recruiting people and developing skills for the future.

It's also important to give people "a fair go". After all, everyone at your club was once the "new kid on the block". People who come to your club are probably looking for the same camaraderie you enjoy. The first step in recruiting people with the skills, knowledge and expertise your club needs into the future is to make sure that any potential members feel welcome.

Often a key reason that clubs struggle to retain their members (and maintain a thriving membership) is because people aren't welcomed properly in the first place.

So, how do you think your club performs? If you arrived as a potential new member would you be warmly welcomed? Would the facilities or plans of the club impress you? Would you have a clear indication of the activities on offer, the flight schedule and the organisational rules? Would you think your club was professional and friendly?

One way to help make a great impression is to introduce a Club Welcome Pack for new and prospective members.

Your welcome pack could include:

A personal welcome from the Club President or Secretary.

- Relevant membership application forms (if they have not already joined your club)
- Important contact details with an introduction to your executive members and flight instructors
- Some information on your club, its history, your flight schedule, and Handbook
- Tips on flying for beginners from members of your club
- Membership categories and fees
- Club Membership Application Form
- A social events calendar
- Simple information, like where to find the tea and coffee and facilities, or a checklist of what to bring if they aren't available (a thermos, water bottle, hat and sunscreen?)
- Information on how people can become involved and help out

welcome
to the **CLUB**

- Sometimes, some insider tips on how the local weather affects flying may also be beneficial
Club website address where additional details can be found.

Remember, your club's welcome pack may be a potential member's "first impression", so it is worthwhile investing time to ensure it has a professional lay out and is well presented.

Welcome pack suggestion letter.

Dear (member's name),

Welcome To (name of your club)

As a club we work hard to attract new members and make sure they feel welcome and valued. To introduce you to (insert name of your club) we have put together this welcome pack. This includes

Please list inclusions. (examples)

- * Gate code to both fields.
- * Hours of operation.
- * Name of chief flying instructor.
- * Flying boundaries and any restricted areas.
- * Retailers who offer discounts to club members.
- * Website name and URL.
- * Club meeting venue.
- * Access to monthly newsletter.
- * Club contacts at back of Airwaves.
- * Any other relevant information pertaining to your particular club.

We hope to see you clock up many hours of flight at our club. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you're new to flight and have any specific training needs please don't hesitate to ask for advice. I hope you find your time with us an enjoyable experience and we look forward to providing you with lots of fun, for many years to come.

Kind regards

Signed (relevant club contact)



Events Calendar 2017

December

9th SAAMBR Christmas party Jim Gibson field 2pm.

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Date TBA: Interclub Fun Fly challenge with Phoenix Club at Jim Gibson field including BBQ.



Next Working Bee.

Sid Bray Field

Sunday ??

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am

Next Meeting

Friday 24th November

“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

1. Sid Bray Field located at:

Elizabeth Road, Griffin, North of Brisbane 4503

2. Jim Gibson Field location:

Uhlmann Road, Burpengary East, North of Brisbane 4505

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