



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - September 2017

President's Report

G'day Flyers,

As the new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the meeting and voted for me. !!!!!!!

For those who were not able to attend, a suggestion came out of the meeting which I think is noteworthy.

From now on if we could save any flying business, contentious issues, grievances etc. for meetings or phone calls to management only, so we can keep our flying field sites strictly for flying and fellowship.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Barry Evans** our past president for all the work and many hours that he put in, and for taking the club to the next level, Thank you Barry.

Also I would like to thank **James McAllen, Russell Ramsay, Graham Tattersall, Eric Pond, Danny Hollis** and **Dick Hall** for their past contributions to the club and look forward to working with them as the new President. If I have missed someone, please forgive me as sometimes I suffer with senior moments.

The new committee members are **Gordon Papps, Dave Mount** and **Rob Moore**. Please make them welcome and I look forward to working with you as part of the club management team.

Night Flying.

Robbie Potter is working on the plan that the Council needs for us to be able to do night flying. Hopefully this will happen very soon.

Also at the meeting it was passed that we spend \$1500 on clearing up the burnt area at Gibson field. The fire exposed rubbish, rocks, logs etc. that require a machine to move and clean up. Fortunately our neighbour Greg has the right machine for the job!! It will also present the field in better condition for the opening in September and enable us to maintain the field and control groundsel regrowth much better.

Enjoy your flying. Bill Sharpe.

Correction - Indoor Flying

The secretary notified that indoor flying is being done at the **YMCA Hall in Samsonvale Rd. on the 3rd Friday** of the month if anyone was interested.



This is incorrect informed the members present this was being investigated. This is not final.

Notice will be provide when final.

James McAllen.

The man serving me in the canteen said, "Look, You can see the face of Jesus in the Margarine."
The Asian guy next to me replied, "I can't believe it's not Budda."

15 best jokes from Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2017 revealed.

1. "I'm not a fan of the new pound coin, but then again, I hate all change." – Ken Cheng
2. "Trump's nothing like Hitler. There's no way he could write a book." – Frankie Boyle
3. "I've given up asking rhetorical questions. What's the point?" – Alexei Sayle
4. "I'm looking for the girl-next-door type. I'm just gonna keep moving house till I find her." – Lew Fitz
5. "I like to imagine the guy who invented the umbrella was going to call it the 'brella'. But he hesitated." – Andy Field
6. "Combine Harvesters. And you'll have a really big restaurant." – Mark Simmons
7. "I'm rubbish with names. It's not my fault, it's a condition. There's a name for it..." – Jimeoin
8. "I have two boys, five and six. We're no good at naming things in our house." – Ed Byrne
9. "I wasn't particularly close to my dad before he died... which was lucky, because he trod on a land mine." – Olaf Falafel
10. "Whenever someone says, 'I don't believe in coincidences.' I say, 'Oh my God, me neither!'" – Alasdair Beckett-King
11. "A friend tricked me into going to Wimbledon by telling me it was a men's singles event." – Angela Barnes
12. "As a vegan, I think people who sell meat are disgusting; but apparently people who sell fruit and veg are grocer." – Adele Cliff
13. "For me dying is a lot like going camping. I don't want to do it." – Phil Wang
14. "I wonder how many chameleons snuck onto the Ark." – Adam Hess
15. "I went to a Pretenders gig. It was a tribute act." – Tim Vine



Notes from the MAAA Council 2017

The Council conference was held in Launceston earlier this year. This important meeting offers an opportunity for club executives to get together and address issues facing the MAAA for the benefit of its members and the sport.

Here are some snippets from the meeting and you may find the full article on the MAAA website.

<https://www.maaa.asn.au/news/maaa-news/2017-maaa-council-conference>

70th MAAA Nationals in 2018

New South Wales Free Flight submitted a proposal to conduct the 70th MAAA Nationals at West Wyalong, New South Wales from the 23rd to the 30th of April 2018. NSWFF proposes to offer events for all disciplines including F3U FPV racing. More information will be available as plans progress.

Insurance

Council approved an insurance proposal which resulted in a \$10,000 saving on last year's policy. The package also includes an automatic \$10,000 property/burglary cover for all clubs with a subsidised excess of \$1,000 per claim, and the general insurance excess a nil excess payment for the first claim.

2017/18 Budget

The 2017/18 budget was reviewed in detail and Council decided to half the amount available for overseas competitors' support. Overseas competition is a vital part of the sport for Australia but Council considered the amounts offered previously were too high compared to the total budget, and the return for the general membership.

Membership Fees

Lastly but to most members the most important budget decision related to the setting of membership fees for 2017 – 2018. Council agreed the fees would remain the same, i.e. Seniors \$60.00 and Juniors \$30.00.

Recruitment and retention of members

Council acknowledged that the MAAA has an aging membership base and that a majority of clubs have an issue with the recruitment and retention of members. A range of ideas were put forward and it was accepted that all members must help to recruit younger members and to support the "Towards 11000" initiative. Other ideas included combining the Australian Model Flying Day with national come and try days. Progress on turning ideas into actions will be communicated as it arises.

Neil Tank

President.

Accidents Can Happen

No matter how skilled or experienced you are we all know accidents can happen to any of us at any time whether at the airfield or elsewhere. A simple lapse in concentration or judgment can see things change in the blink of an eye. Our club has been fortunate with the small number of "minor" mishaps and has made provision for the installation of a defibrillator and updated the first aid kit in the Sid Bray clubhouse. Whether at the airfield or at home always be conscious of your actions and make sure you are not alone.

Barry Evans received this communication from a friend in Germany regarding drone regulations. Let's hope this doesn't happen in Australia.

"Lately, the world over, it seems model flying as we intended only a short time ago (no restrictions) will be restricted in one way or another. My contacts in Switzerland and Germany indicate that....Switzerland using the Wilhelm Tell ideals is NOT restricting in any way RC flying, or free flying- like OT models. Almost the world over there is a compulsory insurance clause if one guy wants to fly models, EU and Switzerland do have this requirement, but there is no other compulsory rule in Switzerland. In Switzerland there is an "invitation" to attend a course for pilots who fly large and heavy models. Invitation is NOT compulsory- and many pilots do not attend. Since I received from Germany (Horst) a detailed explanation to the rules there, I enclose what Horst wrote to me yesterday. Enjoy the reading. I am wondering what is happening in your countries, Australia and RP? God bless you all. Regards from Tony.

Flying a 1.5kg plane in Germany? You'll need an insurance and the plane needs a metal plate with your name and address. When you want to fly above 100m OUTSIDE an official model airfield, you need an additional certificate (which you get for 26 Euro after passing successfully a new online-test -which I already did) .As far as I understand, those 100m limit refers to the position of the pilot. When you fly from a mountain, you will reach more than 100m above ground easily, even when flying still at eye level. So that's a bit stupid because the pilot of the same plane would break the law when he is standing, let's say, 150 m below. Night flying is generally forbidden (special allowance requested) and also flying with any pyrotechnics (question: what about rockets and rocket planes???)

Flying from an official model airfield with attendance of a supervisor (Flugleiter), no certificate is required, and there is no 100m altitude limit. Stupid again because according to law you are allowed 100m+ only within the perimeter of the airfield (which normally ends where the runway ends). I bought 10 metal address plates for 25 Euro but unfortunately, I lost (= cannot find) them . "

Thanks for sharing Bazza.

PS. The metal plate requirement sounds like a good idea, but would need to be enforced.



Meeting Dates
Last Friday of the month.

NOTE NEW VENUE

October 27th

November 24th

December 9th (Christmas Party)



Gibson Field Report

By Graham Tattersall

Been a while since the last report and a bit of activity has taken place. In the last two months we have had a council organised burn of the outfield which has really cleaned up a lot of rubbish and exposed other rubbish (non burnable) but the field is looking much better for it. As a follow up, the dozer man Greg from next door will be doing further work to make it even better and enable us to maintain the grounds and control Groundsel regrowth.

Photo below is the start of the dozer work. We now have several signs at the field as you can see in the photos. Had a lot of fun making those using up odd bits of paint and timber and a huge thanks to **Gordon Papps** for the old router to make it possible.

We have also planted a few trees kindly donated by **Col Parry** (who also did the hard yards getting them in the ground). We also have a very accomplished artist in the club, **Rodd Sherwin** who has painted a magnificent painting of an Avro Anson military aircraft over-flying Gibson Field. Rodd has kindly donated the painting to the club and at the last working bee mounted it on the wall. Thanks very much Rodd. Rodd is also a very good model builder and has several twins ready to fly. He is almost at the solo stage of flight training and it will be great to see him enjoy the fruits of his labour flying the twins. While on the subject, the recent working bee at Gibson field was very productive with signs being erected, drainage upgraded and completed, tractor repairs and maintenance including a new battery and a solar maintenance charger, digging holes in preparation for tree planting, painting mounted in club room, whipper snipping and a few other small tasks. A great effort by a dedicated group of members. Thankyou all. There was also a very successful Pattern Comp held over the 9/10 Sept and even the President, Bill managed a 4th place in sportsman! Thanks to **James McAllen** for his organisation and participation in the event and a special thanks to **Eric Pond**, **Nev Moon**, **Peter Brumby** and **Keith Berry** for catering and looking after the boys. That's what clubmanship is all about. Last week Bill, Myself and **Robbie Potter** also had an informal meeting with a council representative at the field which was very positive, discussing things like night flying and future works to progress the field further. He now has a better perspective of the field and what we're about. Robbie flew an electric model to demonstrate the noise levels to assist us in our bid for regular night flying. He was very co-operative and is willing to help us with Improvement Works Applications for things like cover over the containers, cover over the BBQ slab and hard stand under the pit area. By the time you read this we may have had the official opening (23/24 Sept) of the field. If not, come along and enjoy the weekend with your fellow pilots and the warbirds boys. Bring a warbird and join in the fun. Until next time, stay safe and keep 'em in one piece.

Cheers

Tatts.



Model flying in Budapest

By Peter Kraus

This time I have an excuse for not having been out to the flying field for a while as I have just returned from Europe where I spent most of my time in Budapest. Before I left I checked for any RC model clubs in Budapest and after some searching found the website <http://mmbk.hu/> I contacted them via the email given and was promptly answered by Szabados Szabolc, (surname first in Hungarian.) Szabolc was most friendly but I regret I did not think to ask him if he spoke English as we corresponded in Hungarian.

Their flying field is a portion of the old Matyasfoldi repter (airport) which was Budapest's original airport. Although now no longer an operational airfield it is quite historic and is 100 years old this year. I was able to get out there on a Monday, Szabolc having ascertained that at least one of the guys would be there. My cousin helped me navigate there on the bus and we walked the 10 minutes or so to the field. (If you check the website we walked from the top of the photo downwards.) We met the guy who had been flying. His equipment was similar to what we would use although for his glider he was using his old Futaba 36 Mhz Tx as he used the aerial to hold a streamer to check wind direction. He used 2.4 gear otherwise and had a lovely SE5, powered by an OS 4 stroke in the car. He had a beautiful hand carved scale wooden prop on it.

You will notice the trench they had dug around the runway and the posts they have put in at the entrance to the runways. These posts mean they have to carry the planes onto the runway.. This was their solution to the problem of hoons coming out at night and tearing up the runway surface with their cars. They also cause a fair bit of malicious damage and have forced the club to make their open air table very stout and set in concrete.

I was planning to go out at a weekend later in my stay when there would be more guys there but unfortunately this did not happen as I cleverly had a fall and injured my knee so this report is rather abbreviated but hopefully may be of interest to Airwaves readers.

Cheers

Peter Kraus.



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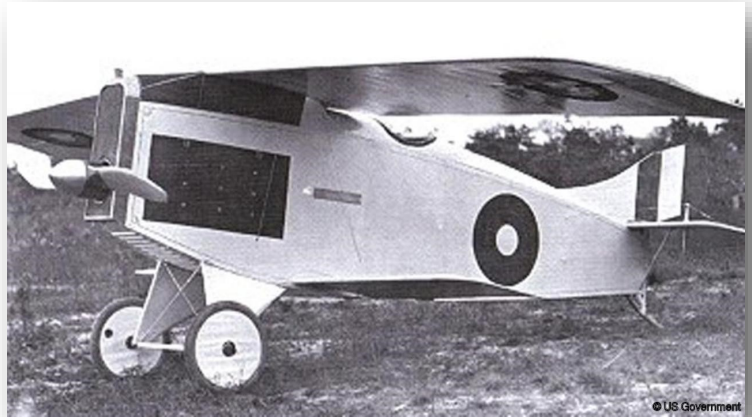


The World's worst planes

By Stephen Dowling

The history of aviation is littered with aircraft that failed to live up to expectations. Here are some of the most serious aviation failures – from nine-winged monstrosities to a plane with flapping wings.

It's more than 110 years since mankind first took to the air in a powered aircraft. During that time, certain designs have become lauded for their far-sighted strengths – the Supermarine Spitfire; Douglas DC-3 Dakota; or the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner, to name a few.



But then there are planes like the Christmas Bullet. Designed by Dr William Whitney Christmas, who was described by one aviation historian as the "greatest charlatan to ever see his name associated with an airplane", this "revolutionary" prototype biplane fighter had no struts supporting the wings; instead, they were supposed to flap like a bird's. Both prototypes were destroyed during their first flights – basically, because Christmas's "breakthrough" design was so incapable of flight that the wings would twist off the airframe at the first opportunity.

Do the job you're meant to do



Britain's now defunct aircraft maker Blackburn scored a double design-failure whammy in the 1940s. Their B25 Roc was intended to be a fleet defence fighter, protecting bombers and strike planes from enemy fighters, and keeping a watchful eye over friendly ships. To that end, Blackburn decided to stick a four-machine-gun turret behind the pilot (the kind usually seen on multi-engined bombers) and take out any front-firing guns.

The weight of the turret meant the Roc was far too slow; what's more the guns wouldn't fire properly unless the aircraft was flying in a straight line (try that in a dogfight). The Royal Navy refused to allow the Roc to fly off its carriers, and the aircraft only managed to shoot down one aircraft, a German Junkers bomber, in the entire war.



Events Calendar 2017

September

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

October

21-22 IMAC Competition Jim Gibson field.

21-28th Norfolk Island Fly in organized by Tingalpa.

28-29th Southern Cross Airforce Maryborough Neil Brockley 047 071056

November

December

9th SAAMBR Christmas party Sid Bray field.



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Next Working Bee.

Sid Bray Field

Sunday 01 October.

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am

Next Meeting

Friday 27th October

"Pendicup"

365 Samsonvale Road

WARNER

7.30PM

Guests and New Members Welcome.

Plenty of off street parking.



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