



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Monthly Newsletter - April 2019**

## **President's Report**

**By Greg Petherick**

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of Airwaves, I know its been a few months since the last publication, and I would like to thank Dick Hall for stepping into the Editors chair for the next phase of our club's newsletter.

As I write this I am preparing some new models for the upcoming scale event on April 28 and hoping that the weather gods restore some sunshine for the day. I know it will be a successful event with many visiting members and a few surprises as well, so if you can, please support it. We will include photos in the next Airwaves for those that may not be able to attend.

Over the past few months there have been a number of near misses and or minor accidents to some unfortunate members, some of which have required immediate medical treatment. These are obviously not intentional, and it is a timely reminder that we all need to adhere to basic safety principals such as, never start a model without first restraining it, always manage your aircraft with the principal that it is armed and ready even if you are not. Never fly over the pits or pilot areas and always announce your intention to take off and wait for a response from fellow pilots - a silent response in acknowledgment does not advocate approval, in fact it should be warning that approval is rejected.

An experienced enthusiast recently gave me some welcome advice on safety, this was used at his club and I suggest that it could equally be applied to ours; the advice was *"A member should look at themselves in the mirror and do an honest assessment of how many crashes or very bad landings they have had in the past three months.* If it is more than 3 occasions, then perhaps it is time to ask for some support whilst flying.

This could include always flying with a buddy, talking to the CFI about how they may regain some confidence or even re-training if this required for some manoeuvres. Its important to note that all modellers require continual training and to be challenged whilst flying, and this just maintains current proficiency. Conversely to improve, takes even more effort and much, much more practise, that's just the nature of the sport.

The facts are; if you are not continuing to challenge yourself whilst flying, then unfortunately you (as am I) are on the slippery slope of losing skills. Even current National and World champions require tens and tens of hours on the sticks each week, just to look smooth and in control. We may need even more. Food for thought for all of us.

Happy Flying  
Greg Petherick

## Working Bee Sid Bray

Many thanks to all those who turned up on the day. Plenty of work was done inspite of finding a python hiding inside one of the lawn mowers. Have a look on the **SAAMBR Members** facebook page where there's a video taken by Anton who was last seen up the nearest gum tree. The link is below.



<https://www.facebook.com/100005517345012/videos/991851871008715/?t=4>

## Good Days : Bad Days



Two electric windmills are standing in a field. One turns to the other and asks, "What kind of music do you like?"  
The second one replies, "I'm a huge heavy metal fan myself."



## SPECIAL MEMBER UPDATE: CASA REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME.

On behalf of the MAAA, I am sending through this email to update our members on the proposed CASA Registration and Accreditation Scheme outcome for MAAA Clubs and Members. Your Executive prepared significant supporting documentation for Mr Shane Carmody, the Director of Aviation Safety (CASA) in light of the proposed registration and Accreditation of RPA's within Australia. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March the MAAA Secretary met with three high level managers of CASA in Chris Monaghan, Anthony Stanton and Luke Gumley. This was in relation to the direction of the CASA registration and accreditation system. The material presented included significant information on the historical safety performance of the MAAA.

The MAAA Executive is pleased to confirm that the exemption for all MAAA club locations and other flying sites will be achieved. Flying sites other than actual club sites, for example once a year float plane sites, will need to be identified, confirmed and approved by your State Association. Once these sites are confirmed, the MAAA membership will not be required to undertake any further registration or accreditation for these sites. Documenting these sites in the MAAA exemption list will require your clubs' involvement with your State Association. The MAAA has again worked tirelessly to achieve these exemptions.

### In summary:

1. No operational change or registration required for any MAAA member flying at a MAAA Club.
2. No operational change or registration required for any MAAA member flying at a MAAA flying site outside of a club location (locations to be identified and included on a flying site list to be established by your State Association).
3. Clubs or flying sites currently operated with a current Area Approval (height extension etc.) are NOT affected by any proposed CASA Registration or accreditation scheme. (i.e. These sites already have an instrument and conditions in place for MAAA members at those sites and are exempt from impacts).
4. Operation of non-motorised models/gliders is currently exempt from CASA registration at any location (all MAAA clubs/flying sites and other locations). This includes but not limited to Discuss Launch Gliders and slope soaring activities etc.

I hope this information serves to further reduce any of our memberships fear on the impact of the CASA Registration and Accreditation scheme and demonstrates the continued dedication of the MAAA to our members, clubs and state associations. On saying this the MAAA will continue to work with CASA to ensure the rights of MAAA members are considered in any further discussions. We will continue to monitor the progress to ensure what has been agreed is implemented.

**Tyson Dodd , Secretary MAAA.**



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**Saturday**

**8:00am to 12:30pm**

## “A modern day classic” review by Mike O’Reilly

The Phoenix models scanner 46 size ARF hit Australian shores in early 1998. It was the brainchild of the late Tony Farnan and Phoenix Models who saw the need for a ‘second’ model for beginners to transition to once they achieved solo status. The Scanner was awarded the Best Hobby Product of the Year at the 1998 ATA Toy and Hobby Fair and since then, thousands of MAAA modellers have successfully flown a Scanner.



This low wing model features a thick airfoil, parallel chord and a long tail movement, which makes for very forgiving flight characteristics. It has proven to be an ideal model for the new flier who wants to graduate to something that is a bit more agile than the typical high wing trainer. Coupled with an OS46 engine, it makes for a great flying sport model.

Shortly after the Scanner hit the Australian market, Les Davis of the Bendigo Radio Controlled Aircraft Club recognised the possibilities that this model offered as the basis for a one-model class of Pylon Racing. It proved to be so successful that in May 2018, the 20th Anniversary Scanner Challenge was run at the Bendigo club. Held every year for the last 20 years, this has become one of the premier events on the pylon racing calendar. It is a bit like the Formula Vee of model planes. Word has spread and Scanner races are being held in other parts of the country with a lot of fun being had by all involved. As they say, “*close racing is good racing!*”

OMP is proud to be the Australian agent for Phoenix Models and to have the opportunity to keep this modern day classic available for novice fliers and budding pylon racers.

As the Phoenix Scanner prepares to turn 21, chances are you will see one or two at your local club. If you are interested in Scanner racing you can follow the Scanner Challenge on Facebook.

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Wingspan: 1444mm, Length 1668mm, Engine OS 46AX or OS 55AX, flying weight 2.4—2.6Kg

Contact our club sponsors for your flying supplies and equipment.



## ***For Sale***

### **BLACK HORSE SPEED AIR 40**

<http://www.blackhorsemodel.com.vn/?product=speed-air>

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All reasonable offers considered.

Complete bind and fly. Full electronics with control box, engine starter, fuel etc. This plane is fast as the name implies. Very aerodynamic has only had about 8 flights. New OS engine, all electronic flight controls of top quality, 4 channels, 5 servos. Wingspan 1500mm (59"). All balsa—plywood construction. Similar to a Phoenix Scanner. This is a good buy with so much gear included. Would suit new flyer looking to progress from a high wing trainer.

Dog not included.



A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 59 and 60 degrees north latitude and between 107 and 108 degrees west longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist.

"I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be a politician"

"I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault and you're about to tell me I've misunderstood what you've just said."



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### Brainbuster

$$8 + 2 = 16106$$

$$5 + 4 = 2091$$

$$9 + 6 = 54153$$

$$7 + 5 = 35122$$

$$20 + 3 = 602317$$

$$30 + 1 = 303129$$

$$18 + 4 = 722214$$

$$10 + 5 = 50155$$

**High IQ  
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## Events Calendar 2019

### Southern Cross Airforce Dates

May 4-5th Tin Can Bay. Neil Low 0417072878  
Jun 1-2nd Bundaberg. Mark Linwood 0417 500 213  
Jul 6-7th Coolum. Tony Thornton 0408 791 484  
Aug 17th Phoenix. Tom Markwell 0400 449 875  
Sep 21-22nd SAAMBR. Bill Sharpe 07 5496 6870  
Oct 26-27th Maryborough. Neil Brockley  
0417 071 056

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April 28th Open scale day SAAMBR Jim Gibson field  
0800—2200

24th—03 May 71st Nationals West Wyalong

May 5th Working Bee Jim Gibson field 8.00am

June 1st Club meeting Sid Bray Field 10.30AM

August 6-12th World Pylon Racing Championships  
Maryborough.

October 26th-02 November Norfolk Island fly-in.



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## Next Meeting 2019

Saturday 1st June, 10.30am Sid Bray

## Next Working Bee.

## Jim Gibson Field

(Uhlmann Road)

## Sunday May 5th 2019

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am

Now that my weekend detention obligation has been completed my parole officer has released me of all my appointments so I am able to devote my time once again to the production of Airwaves. Please remember all material for the next edition must be submitted by the 15th of the month. Many thanks. Dick Hall



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