



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - January 2016

Name Tags still awaiting collection at the Sid Bray Field



Robert Dawson, Robbie Potter, Kel Bartlett, Ludo Ludovic, Lizzie Holmes, Edward Holmes, Mark Thompson, Pat Loeffler, Charlie Holmes, Dennis Burdett, Gary Cantle, Scott Magee.

Jim Fagan's Lancaster prior to covering





Membership Drive

How much thought have you given about membership numbers in five years time? Everything in life changes, including this. Each year there are non renewals and it's necessary to attract new members to keep the props turning (to state the obvious!). Having two fields places immense financial pressure on the club purse. Below is an article reprinted courtesy of **Airborne Magazine, No. 167 issued February 1999**. It's as appropriate today as it was then. <http://www.airbornemagazine.com.au/>. Thankyou John Rogers.

.....and there's a similar article in the current issue of **2015 Dec-Jan No. 265** .

" Where's The New Blood?"

" It never ceases to amaze me the narrow blinkered view that come clubs have when it comes to making non modellers or would be model- lers welcome and the facilities they provide, even for their own members.

This hobby/sport transcends all age groups and sexes but when I look around alot of clubs, the average age group is 40 years and up. Where are the young and junior modellers who are going to be the lifeblood of clubs in the not too distant future and what is your club doing to foster interest in younger modellers?



Firstly, what does your club do to attract new aeromodellers ? Do you have a sub committee who's sole purpose is to seek out and encourage young people to take up aeromodelling? Do you advertise in your local newspaper special events such as display days and competition days or seek an editorial feature in that local newspaper to publicise these events?

Do you send literature to local primary, secondary and TAFE schools encouraging students to come and fly an aircraft under supervision or learn building techniques from skilled aeromodellers? If not you are condemning your club to an almost slow but certain death.

No longer do aircraft have the “Wow” value they held thirty years ago unless you show youngsters what aeromodels can do, how it’s done and more importantly how much fun it really is. Today we compete heavily against computers and TV games which don’t give any hands on experience to the next up and coming generation. It is up to the clubs to get off their collective backsides and CHASE prospective members, not sit back and wait for them to just arrive at the club.



Prospective members will also look at your club facilities and first impressions are the most important.

Is your club a tin shed stuck in the middle of a 40 acre paddock? Do you have a ladies only toilet? Do you have a decent area under shade to sit down and converse with friends and family while watching others fly? How about cool drinks and snacks or facilities to boil water for tea and coffee?

If you havn’t got the basics how are you going to attract new blood when they have a higher standard than what you can offer? I know of one club not far from our office that has been going for over 40 years yet has only one lousy excuse for a shed. Not very inviting to

new modellers especially when the club has been established for that long a period of time.

Look beyond your own interests and ask yourself if you were wanting to take up membership at this club, would you be impressed by what you see?



The next decade will almost certainly decide the future of aeromodelling, it us up to you get new people interested and keep this fantastic hobby alive.

Go to it ! “

(Images added by Ed.)



Mueller College v SAAMBR Fun-fly Challenge

Top Guns from each team to compete in a family day of fun and fellowship followed by a BYO Bbq.

Date: TBA.

Now is the time to start preparing your planes for a day of carnage and laughter.



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

A glass of wine at night before turning in could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted nights sleep for many people.

Seniors will be pleased to know there's a new wine produced by Claire Valley Vintners which primarily produces Pinot Blanc & Pinot Noir.

Grigori wines have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-duretic. It is expected to help older people make fewer trips to the bathroom in the middle of the night.

The new wine will be marketed as Pino More.

I heard it through the Grapevine.

Meeting Dates for 2016

(last Friday of the month)

26th February

24th June

26th August

25th November.

New Noticeboard

This has been re-located on the metal cabinet at the back of the club house near the sink. Messages should be more secure and not be blown off by the wind. Please ensure magnets are used and not sticky tape which leaves unsightly marks.



Incase You didn't Know

In the last Airwaves we asked if you knew what these were.



They are vehicle headlight covers used in WW2 during air raids. Sold on ebay for \$4,000.

Minutes of the Meeting November 27th 2015.

The meeting commenced at 7:37 pm, attendance as per the sign in book.

Apologies : Andrew Holloway, Russell Ramsay, Peter Krause .

New members : No new members present.

The Minutes of the October meeting were put forward.

Motion to accept moved by Dave Anderson. Seconded by Dick Hall. Vote taken, Minutes accepted.



Business arising from the October meeting:

Dave Anderson addressed the meeting re replacing the cattle grid with a new one. Normal price seems to be about \$3,000 however a lower quote of \$1,500 plus delivery was obtained. To be investigated.

President's report :

Barry highlighted the CASA Regulations regarding flying FPV's at the club fields. The club procedure for no flying when the mossie spraying chopper is in the area is to apply at Jim Gibson field the same as at Sid Bray field. Members are to wait 15 minutes after the last sighting before flying resumes.

A change was made to the application form for new members due to there being less meetings for a new member to be accepted. New members will now be on three months probation.

Secretaries report :

Read by the president as the secretary was absent. One prospective member who was not present.

Treasures report : Read by the president as the treasurer was absent. Recent receipts and expenses advised.

Fuel report : Plenty of fuel. Cool power now available in 1 litre containers.

Club shirts to be reduced to sell.

Field maintenance reports, Bray field :

Eric Pond advised work needs to be done on the mower, he is seeing to that. The toilets have been pumped out. Drink cans sold, the club made \$24. Next working bee repairs need to be made to the shade cloth.

Gibson field : Graham Tattersall advised all good, plenty of mowing has been done.

Motion to accept reports moved by Eric Pond, seconded by Dick Hall. Vote taken, reports accepted.



General business :

A proposal was put forward to hold a flying competition between Mueller College and SAAMBR.

Dave Mount advised that the Warbirds day was a success and the club made a bit of money.

IMAC fliers made favorable comments about the field and would like to hold another event there.

Bill Sharp asked about availability of name badges. There are many name badges not yet claimed. The president advised that many members had not paid their Christmas party fees as yet and must be paid by 4 December.

If not enough members have paid by then the caterer will have to be cancelled. Costs are based on 50 members attending, if more than 50 attend the caterer has to put on extra staff and costs go up.

Geoff Hunwick is prepared to do the catering as an alternative.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:20 pm.



Take A Seat

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats at a concert. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat". The old man didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the Manager".

Once again the old man just muttered and did nothing.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"

"Fred," the old man moaned.

"Where are you from Fred? " asked the police officer.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied. "The balcony"...

Thank you to The Wooden Horse Restaurant.

(Licensed restaurant and bar)

Glenn Cathcart's family has an interest in this magnificent newly opened restaurant and kindly donated dinner for two to the value of \$80 which was raffled and drawn at the Xmas party . Michael Haynes was the lucky winner.

Proceeds raised was nearly \$200 which is greatly appreciated.

Trip Advisor had a number of comments from different diners.

" Amazing. Went last night for my wife's work Xmas dinner. I had a sneak at the menu the day before and it sounded great, and the food matched and exceeded the expectations. We shared several of the entrees and the prawns and croquettes were excellent. I could have selected any of the mains, but decided on sharing the chicken and chorizo pizza, which was probably one of the best pizza's I have ever eaten. The room is comfortable and great ambience, even though it was a busy Friday night. My only disappointment is the restaurant is on the other side of town to me. Looks like I could be using Legacy Way a bit more often."

Ph: 3857 3893. Location: 287 Junction Road Clayfield .



<http://www.woodenhorerestaurant.com.au/>

President's Report December 2015

I hope you had a merry Xmas and that Santa came good with all you wished for. The field is looking good and the new strip is really becoming top class. Lots of effort by some members was put into the preparation for the Xmas Party. The setting looked fantastic and big thank you to those members. Those who attended were treated to a great meal. The annual trophy awards was conducted after the dinner.

Now that the new year is here some of the projects at Sid Bray's field will be repairs to the grid. Further top dressing of the new strip is needed to bring it up standard. Some of the perimeter fence posts (star pickets) will need replacing due to the bottoms of the post rusting off from salt exposure. The repairs to the steering on the Kubota will be done.

At Uhlmann Rd groundsel will have to be attended to. The council has advised that whole of our property occupation will have to be cleared of groundsel.

This will be a big and not very cheap exercise. This is a serious matter and will be our first priority in 2016. The groundsel will have to be poisoned and any re-growth will be dug out. It took me more than 10 years to rid the groundsel at Brays Rd field.

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Wanted - any old outrunner motors such as cheap bell motors and smaller outrunners in any condition. I want to recover the magnets from the motors to make notice board holders.

If you have and wrecked motors laying around I certainly would appreciate receiving them.

Bazza.



NO FLYING

All members are to be aware of the requirement for all models to be on the ground when a helicopter is engaged in mosquito spraying. No model is to be flown **UNTIL 15 minutes** after the last sighting of a mosquito spraying helicopter. This applies to Both Uhlmann Rd and Sid Bray's flying fields.



This rule must be strictly adhered to.

NOTE: This rule has been passed on to the MBR Council as part of our safety plan and they have advised that any infringement of this rule will be viewed in a less than casual way.

President Barry Evans.

Working Bee 7th February Uhlmann Road

What needs to be urgently done is groundsel spraying at ULHMANN RD. Workers are requested to bring a sprayer if possible. We will be using roundup or zero (same thing) and we will require 2 members per team. One will spray the weed and the other will put a dash of fluoro paint from a spray can (probably road marking spray). This will allow us to know which plants have been sprayed and which still need to be done.



We will see if we can arrange for a large slasher to slash our whole area at some time so any future re-spraying will be accessible. This is an urgent and expensive exercise and council wants this actioned as soon as possible so all hands on deck would be appreciated. Please ensure you bring safety equipment with you.



Queensland Pattern Flyers Association (QPFA)

AEROBATIC COMPETITION

Saturday 20th February 2016

SAAMBR—Jim Gibson Field— Uhlmann Rd, Morayfield

This will be a great day's competition and practice flights start at 8.00am with competition commencing at 9.00am.

Classes being flown are Sportsman, Advanced, Expert and F3A.

Senior members of the QPFA will be in attendance to assist pilots with improving their flying and to answer questions.

The field will be closed to general flying and only open to competition flyers.

Entry Fees: \$20 per pilot. Contact: Peter Pennisi Mob: 0408 007 207.

Email: peter@pentagonsystems.com.au

IMAC Competition Uhlmann Rd. 12 & 13th March

(Closed field both days)

The last competition organised by Dan Imhoff was such a great success, and returned a profit for the club, that flyers who came from near and far want to do it all again.

It seems that Uhlmann Road field is the talk of the town and probably one of the best in Queensland, if not Australia, according to the comments made. Welcome back boys.



Events Calendar 2016

January 2016

31st F1 Air Races Sandown Victoria. Like Top Gun, experience the thrill of 300kmh jets , Heli's , aerobatics and giant scale aircraft . More info visit..

www.sandownairrace.com.au/

February 2016

20th Pattern flying Uhlmann Rd. Closed field.

26th First Club meeting of the year.

March 2016

12 & 13th IMAC Uhlmann Rd. Closed field.

NEXT WORKING BEE

Sunday 7th February

Uhlmann Rd. Field

8.00am

(Sign in book gets taken away at 8.30am)

Club shirts reduced price—BARGAIN

Our club shirts have been reduced in price, normally [\$30.00] now reduced to [\$ 20.00] Once cleared this will allow us to look at a new design in the future .

Contact **Rob Moore** or **Andrew Holloway** for purchases on the weekends.

Members can now purchase fuel in reduced quantities [i.e. Methanol, ` Nitro, ` Cool power, ` Castor oil etc.] Available on the weekends or give **Rob Moore** a call to purchase same.



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