



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Monthly Newsletter - January 2017**

## **From the President's desk .**

We are into the new year and the shade areas are complete. We would like suggestions as to how we can finish the job. That is, do we concrete, pave or use artificial turf to seal the areas under the roof? Maybe we should leave it unsealed. Concreting is permanent and virtually maintenance free. With all other methods ongoing maintenance will be required.

There are plusses and minuses for all. Think about it and get back to the committee with your ideas. I envisage the cost will be about \$30k to \$40k depending on what is decided.

NOW for the important thing . The question is do you want to keep the Uhlmann Rd field operating as it is now? The next door neighbour who has been very tolerant of our operations has expressed concern about models flying over his property. So far no complaint has been made to anyone other than the committee. Let's hope it stays that way. If these complaints find their way to council, council will probably react by ending our lease, decreasing our hours or days of operation, or restricting the size and type of model than can be flown there. Who knows, but for sure it will be restrictive. I have already had earlier discussions with council after previous complaints were made and I know what will happen as it was discussed then about restricting our operations. If we ever want to have night flying at Uhlmann road we had better have our complaints slate very clean indeed.

The outer boundaries for our flying rights are only within the leased area. NO flying is to be done north or northwest of our entrance road or over Uhlmann road. If you extend a line continuing from our parking area entrance due east that is our northernmost boundary and no model is to be flown further out than this. It is also prohibited to overfly Uhlmann road.

We have a large leased area in which we have council approval to overfly so let's keep within

Next Meeting  
**Friday 24th February 7.30pm**  
Community Hall  
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.  
LAWNTON  
7.30PM

### **Meeting Dates 2017**

Last Friday of month	Aug 18	(AGM)
Feb 24	Oct 27	
Apr 28	Nov 24	
Jun 29	Xmas Party	Dec 9th

this area.

The committee has discussed the overflying of the neighbours property and Uhlmann road and we are quite serious about taking action against any member who disregards the flying boundaries. If it means terminating that persons membership for the good of the club , so be it. YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER our neighbour is watching at all times and your car description and reggo will be noted to confirm the identification of those involved in flying outside our boundaries. We have nearly 92 acres that we can overfly at Uhlmann road.

You have been told so if you fail to comply with the rules you only have yourself to blame for the consequences. The club does not want to loose its present privileges because of a few uncaring members. If you cannot fly within our boundaries you should give the sport away.

The Xmas party was enjoyed by those who attended and the food as usual was delicious and plentiful . The trophies were presented and then night flying commenced. A very pleasant evening was had by all attending. I would like to thank all those members who prepared the setting up of the table etc.

Further into Airwaves you will find an article referring to drones, their pilots and the misdemeanours done by the them. Also the consequences meted out by CASA. That is the \$900 dollar fines handed out to the culprits. To CASA this a rich source of revenue and CASA is not in the habit of going easy on people who flout Civil Aviation Regulations.

Once again I will spell it out for you. All pilots must fly their drone or other type model while standing in the pilot area at both fields except at Brays road where there is a dedicated drone and helicopter area for rotary wing models. Pilots can stand in this area to fly the drone while the drone remains within this area . Drones are to be airbourne only within the club area property boundaries. If you choose to fly your drone outside of SAAMBR areas you are regarded as a member of the public and will receive no support from SAAMBR or MAAA in the event of an incident involving you. It will be between you and the authorities. These are very simple rules and if you find them unacceptable you may be happier in another club.

At the November meeting it was decided by the members to restore the position of Vice President by nomination for the position and if more than one nomination a vote will be taken and the position filled. You can either advise of your wish to nominate, to the Secretary or at the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting. You do not have to be at the meeting to be elected to this position provided you have advised the committee that you are willing to accept the position if elected. Another TWO safety issues have arisen at Brays Road.

Unfortunately the grass areas between the right side of the main strip and the gum trees has been mown to almost the same height as the runway grass. This has led to one aircraft trying to line up on the old runway and the model then flown out of sight behind the trees. It subsequently ended up near the new estate houses before control was regained and the model flown back to the field.

The second incident was when another model was lined up for a landing on the old runway

and nearly ran into the pilot area much to the dismay of the occupants .

Please ensure that you are lined up on the new main runway.

The grass to the right of the main runway will NOT be mown in the future and allowed to grow to full height so as prevent a nasty accident.

The next meeting is on 24th February 2017. See you there and happy flying.

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## **CFI Report**

**By Steve Lightowler**

I was recently at the Gibson field on Uhlmann Road for the IMAC competition for the 3 days and 2 nights in early December and I must say that I was impressed with the way everything went, and especially the conduct of the people that came on a day to day basis or camped over for the week-end.

I think events such as this should really be supported by the club and its members because as well as generating an income for the club, it also generates a lot of good will between clubs.

A special vote of thanks must go to the volunteer members who helped with the running of the kitchen for the weekend and all the people involved in the organizing of the event because without them it wouldn't have been the success it was.

The only disappointing part of the week-end for me was that I didn't win the raffle at the end of the event. (Oh well, maybe next time).

On a more serious note, there has been a complaint from field's nearest neighbour to say that a group of flyers were flying close to his house and work shed. He is a very reasonable man but understandably get worried when model aircraft are flying over where his family are working or playing. There should be no excuse for flying this far out of bounds. If in doubt as to where the boundaries are, there are plenty of people at the field to ask. This is a general letter to all members but if the same people are found to be doing the same thing again, then a more official letter will be sent to the offenders from the club committee. The last thing we need is for the club in general to be affected by the actions of a few After that been said, have fun and safe flying.

Cheers Steve

## Membership Raffle

By Rob Moore

G- Day members , How would you like to win your membership for next years ' **2017- 2018 Fees** ? Its easy; all you have to do is spend **\$5.00** on a number of your choice. Yes; you select your number of preference. They run from 1 to 104. Already 30 numbers have been bought so the squares are selling very fast. It will be drawn on the night of our re-novels in June this year.

If by chance the blocks of numbers have sold out, and most likely will , a second run will be undertaken.

They're being sold by **Rob Moore** on the weekends and will also be sold at the meeting in February (if there's any left). Just ask Steve Lightowler of what it's like to win this raffle . He won it last year. ( Note: There's no meeting this month in January).



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This is an article from [enews.media.com.au](http://enews.media.com.au) written by Kay Dibben. Courier Mail 26/12/2016

### Drones put Owners In Costly Zone



AN AVIATION lawyer has predicted a rise in high-cost damages claims due to the expected increased use and misuse of unregulated, often un-insured drones.

And a Queensland law professor says uniform national privacy and surveillance device laws covering use of drones with cameras are needed.

They are among more than 60 submissions to a Senate committee's inquiry into regulations impacting on safe use of remotely piloted aircraft systems, also known as drones.

This year Civil Aviation Safety Authority fined 11 people \$900 each for breaches with drones, including one who flew a drone in restricted airspace at the Bathurst 1000.

Others were for operation in a controlled airspace, near an aerodrome, at night, over populous areas and within 30m of a person. In September regulations were relaxed allowing drones under 2kg to be flown for commercial use without a certificate or licence, after registering with CASA five days before the first flight.

Joseph Wheeler, Maurice Blackburn's national head of aviation law, says in his submission the laws should be repealed and commercial operators required to have appropriate insurance.

"The risks of drone operators being sued are high. Drone technology moves fast, but we have a long way to go before being failsafe," Mr Wheeler said.

Insurance Council of Australia, in its submission, said insurers were using drones for building inspections and assessing disaster, hail and crop damage. It says deregulation of small drone use for com-

mercial gain may increase third party liability risks.

Peter Axelrod of Meridian Lawyers said recreational drone operation was not covered by most homeowner liability policies and users should be aware of safety rules.

He said operators could face claims for injuring someone, trespass, nuisance, privacy invasion or improper use of images and there was a risk of drones being hacked in the future.

"Parents should make sure kids are mature enough to understand and comply with the safety rules," he said.

Queensland University of Technology's Professor Des Butler said in his submission camera-fitted drones in the wrong hands presented "a clear and present risk of invasion of privacy".

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## **Bad Dad Jokes**

**Q: How do you make a Kleenex dance?**

**A: Put a little Boogie in it.**

**Q: What's the difference between an alligator and a crocodile?**

**A: One says "See you later," the other says, "In a while."**

**I used to have a job at a calendar making factory but I got the sack. I took a couple of days off.**

**"I had a dream that I was a muffler last night. I woke up exhausted!"**

**Q: "How do you tell the difference between a frog and a horny toad?"**

**A: A frog says "Ribbit, ribbit" and a horny toad says, "Rub it, rub it."**

**5/4th's of people are bad with fractions.**

**A three - legged dog walks into a bar and says to the bar tender "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw!"**

**What do you call a cow with two legs? lean beef. if the cow has no legs, then it is ground beef.**





## Queensland Pattern Flyers Association (QPFA) AEROBATIC COMPETITION

Saturday 18th February & Sunday 19th February.

SAAMBR - Jim Gibson Field - Uhlmann Rd Morayfield

Click [here](#) for a link to club information

\* Great day's competition flying of Pattern Aerobatics. Practice flights from 8.00am with competition commencing 9.00am.

\* Classes flown are, Sportsman, Advanced, Expert and F3A. Sportsman schedule is below.

Check [www.f3a.com.au](http://www.f3a.com.au) for other flying schedules and other information on pattern flying.

Take-off – Not scored Take-off – Not scored

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| 1  | Upwind - DOUBLE IMMELMAN, ½ Rolls       | 2 |
| 2  | Downwind - SLOW ROLL                    | 3 |
| 3  | Upwind - TWO CONSECUTIVE LOOPS          | 3 |
| 4  | Downwind - TWO CONSECUTIVE ROLLS        | 3 |
| 5  | Upwind - TOP HAT with ½ rolls up & down | 3 |
| 6  | Downwind - TWO OUTSIDE LOOPS            | 4 |
| 7  | Upwind - SQUARE LOOP ON CORNER          | 3 |
| 8  | Downwind - INVERTED FLIGHT              | 2 |
| 9  | Upwind - STALL TURN, ¼ roll up and down | 2 |
| 10 | Downwind - CUBAN 8 with ½ rolls in 45's | 3 |
| 11 | Upwind - TWO TURN SPIN                  | 2 |

Landing – Not Scored Landing – Not Scored

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

Please note the airfield will be closed to general flying both days. Sid Bray field is still open.

Times as follows: 8.00am nominations and set-up field, 8.30am pilots briefing. 9.00am start.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$25 for one day or \$40 if entering both days.

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## Canteen Volunteers Required

Visitors competing in previous events at Jim Gibson field have been impressed with the facilities the club offers. Food and drinks provided and prepared by club members has been outstanding and available at reasonable prices.

Please may you assist once more for the pattern flying competition and contact James McAllen on the phone number provided above.

Your generosity and smiling faces are greatly appreciated by everyone.

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## Gate Security

If you are the last person out and need to lock the gate please ensure the numbers on the combination lock are tumbled so intruders are unable to open the gate and enter without authorisation.



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## Look What You Missed Out On...

Members and partners ( wives, lovers etc ) who attended the Christmas party had an enjoyable time but one or two were unable to make the evening for various reasons. These are the magnificent trophies made by the boys at the Men's Shed that were not handed out for this reason.

Many thanks to those who help out during the year who's work goes unnoticed. We do appreciate your commitment and generosity.



# Learn to Fly at SAAMBR

Words: Rebecca Fawcett-Smith.

**Barrel rolls, loops and other aerobatic manoeuvres are not what most people would associate with Uhlmann Road, Burpengary East. But it is there at Sports Aeromodellers Moreton Bay Region Inc. (SAAMBR) where locals are learning to fly.**

Boasting 210 members, SAAMBR is one of Queensland's largest model aeroplane clubs. It's top class facilities, including it's recently erected shade stands, has made it a drawcard for national and international events featuring warbirds, jets, pylon racing and aerobatics.

"There is a following worldwide now" said PR Manager, Dan Imhoff, of the sport. "It's getting bigger and bigger and we have to have world class facilities for it."

Catering primarily to Radio Controlled (RC) model aircraft and helicopters, SAAMBR's skies are open to 150g gliders, giant scale model planes and everything inbetween. The aircraft on display is undoubtedly impressive, leaving many would be pilots discouraged as to whether they could ever possibly afford their own— a misconception that Dan is keen to dispel.

"To get into it at a basic level, with a transmitter, a training aeroplane and some fuel, will cost around about \$400-\$500" he said. Second hand models and parts are also widely available.

Seventeen year old junior mem-



ber, Mitch Heit (above), is proof that becoming an RC pilot is achievable even for the younger generation. Flying since the age of ten, Mitch has used the money he has earned flipping burgers to fund his sport; this year winning state and national titles in the intermediate division. "He flies that plane like it's on a string," said Dan of Mitch's 3 metre Extra 260 (pictured).

The feeling of freedom once you have taken to the sky and the sense of achievement once you have accomplished a successful flight are two of the major appeals of RC piloting according to Dan (a commercial pilot).

"It's my release. Once you are in the air, you're 100% focused on that. You're not worrying about your water bill or who yelled at you at work. You're worried about getting your plane back on the ground."

SAAMBR's qualified instructors are more than happy to show would-be pilots the ropes. "What we are trying to do is have a couple of training aeroplanes available so if someone wants to come down and have a go, we can fill one up, take it out and give it a fly and see how they go."

The 'buddy-box' system whereby an experienced pilot relinquishes control to a novice pilot is the most common coaching method. "This lets him/her enjoy the experience and if they get into trouble

we just take control back over." explained Dan. "Other people teach themselves using a simulator at home."

For more information, visit [www.saambr.asn.au](http://www.saambr.asn.au) or email [secretary@saambr.asn.au](mailto:secretary@saambr.asn.au)

This article appeared in a magazine distributed in the Burpengary / Narangba areas. It wasn't possible to photocopy it or add it as an image and I have taken the liberty to type it out as originally published.

The photograph is not the same one in the article but one taken by myself at the event.

Apologies to Bass Photography Services and the young lady who took it.

Dick Hall  
Airwaves Editor

## Events Calendar 2017

### February

5th. Working Bee Sid Bray field  
18-19th. Queensland Pattern Flyers Association competition at SAAMBR field Morayfield, Uhlmann Road.

24th. First club meeting for 2017. Details front page.



### SAAMBR

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#### NEXT WORKING BEE

**Sunday 5th February**  
**Sid Bray Field**

(Sign in book gets taken away at 8.30am )

### WANTED

Someone who can photocopy Airwaves and bring them to the airfield.

Unfortunately Pat Dunne is no longer available to do it and unless there is a replacement members who do not have access to the internet will just have to miss out.

If you can assist please advise.



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SAAMBR Facebook Page?  
It's a great way to connect  
with fellow flyers!

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