



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Monthly Newsletter - February 2018**

## **There is no President's Report this month.**

This email was sent out to you on the 23rd January and is published again as a reminder of how important it is that height restrictions be observed.

Dear Members,

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 CASA issued Instrument 96/17. This Instrument contains directions that govern all unmanned aircraft operating in Australia; that includes model aircraft. You can read the Instrument at the following link:



<https://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/mops/Direction-operation-of-certain--unmanned--aircraft.pdf>

At present the SAAMBR committee is working with MAAQ/CASA to resolve the issues around height restrictions imposed on both of our flying fields.

In short can you please ensure you obey the **"No higher than 400ft AGL"** rule imposed by the current CASA instrument 96/17 issued 18th October 2017.

We understand this will impact a number of special interest groups who would normally use spot-ers when flying above 400ft AGL for the purpose of training and or competition. Jim Gibson field will be more effected then Sid Bray Field however the rule applies to both venues.

*We as a club cannot afford to ignore the current rules or become complacent as any breach could be detrimental to our application for an Area Height Exemption which is currently underway.*

Could all pilots and non-flying members of SAAMBR please ensure that the 400ft limit is complied with until further notice by all pilots and their visitors?

Bill Sharpe  
President

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## **For Sale "Venom Zero"**

Brand new still in box— Plug and play—all you need is the receiver and battery.

Bargain price at \$70. **Barry Evans 335 99101**  
or **0407 583 917.**

(photo is for illustration purposes only)



## **Congratulations - Our new instructors**

SAAMBR now can provide instruction in both Mode 1 and Mode 2 . Four Gold Wings members from our club have recently completed an approved MAAQ Instructors Course.

They are from the left: Russell Ramsay (Mode 2), Gordon Barnet (Mode 2), Keith Berry (Mode 1), Mick Haines (Mode 1) .

Please feel free to make yourself known to any of our Instructors if you need assistance, training, or buddy box refreshing.

They are all eager to help out and promote our Sport in a fun, learning type environment.



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## **New club By-Law addition**

FYI the current SAAMBR By-Laws are being updated and will be available in due course. Meanwhile the current ones may be viewed here:

<http://saambr.asn.au/content/pdfs/bylaws.pdf>

Below is the addition:

*v. Members must keep a good lookout for Conventionally Piloted Aircraft, and if detected in the area, must descend as soon as possible in a safe manner to below 400' AGL and land as soon as practicable. Flying may resume when the Conventionally Piloted Aircraft has left the area. "in the area" is defined as a position or altitude that may cause a conflict between the Remote Piloted Aircraft and the Conventionally Piloted Aircraft. If a Conventionally piloted Aircraft is heard but not seen it is considered "in the area".*

James McAllen.

Club Secretary.

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar that way.

The man, who was a priest, said, "I am a Father"

The little boy replied, "My Daddy doesn't wear his collar like that".

The priest looked up from his book and answered, "I am the Father of many".

The boy said, "My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way".

The priest, getting impatient, said, "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to reading his book.

The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, "Maybe you should wear your pants backwards instead of your collar".

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### Undesirable Culture

Could the person who took possession of an EDF foam jet which crashed into one of the trees in front of the car park area early February return the gear to Alan Holloway. He found remnants of the plane in the rubbish bins minus the fan unit, servo's and receiver.

If it's not yours one needs to enquire who the owner is and reunite the items with their rightful owner. If it were yours you would like to get them back, wouldn't you? Then how about doing the right thing. It's not difficult to find out who owns it.

Unfortunately the "Finders Keepers" mentality exists with a minority of members.

If you are kind enough to hold these items with the intention of returning them to Alan he wishes to thank you for your honesty. If it is more convenient please leave them in the clubhouse .



#### Meeting Dates 2018

Fri 13 April  
Fri 08 June  
Fri 03 August  
Fri 05 October



## Events Calendar 2018

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

**For Warbirds contact Bill Sharp (07) 54966870**

[www.southerncrossairforce.com](http://www.southerncrossairforce.com)

<b>March</b>	9-11 Jet Flyers West Wyalong Airport 10-11 Tingalpa Warbirds 24-25 Toowoomba Warbirds
<b>April</b>	13 SAAMBR Club meeting. 23-30 70th National Model Aircraft Champs.
<b>May</b>	5-7 Tin Can Bay Warbirds 19-20 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson
<b>June</b>	2-3 Bundaberg Warbirds 8 SAAMBR Club meeting
<b>July</b>	28-29 Coolum Warbirds
<b>August</b>	3 SAAMBR Club meeting 11 Phoenix Warbirds Nambour
<b>September</b>	4-8 IMAC World Champs Muncie, USA 8-9 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson 22-23 SAAMBR Warbirds Gibson Field
<b>October</b>	5 SAAMBR Club meeting 27-28 Maryborough Warbirds.
<b>November</b>	
<b>December</b>	SAAMBR Xmas Party Jim Gibson field.

**Next Working Bee.**  
**Sid Bray Field**  
**Sunday 4th March**

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am

Next Meeting  
**Friday 13 April 2018**  
**"Pendicup"**  
**365 Samsonvale Road**  
**WARNER**  
**7.30PM**

**Guests and New Members Welcome.**  
**Plenty of off street parking.**



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