



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - September 2016

From the President's desk .

The year is getting close to the end and we should all have a think about what has been achieved this year.

What do you think should have been achieved and wasn't? Let the committee know and we can consider what can be done next year.

Our facilities are top class and will only get better with the help of **ALL** members. The members attending the last meeting voted to have meetings every two months. Fine, but this will mean more expenses for the hall hire. Not surprisingly the same people turn up at the meetings and the meetings are usually very short.

By having more meetings will this mean we will finish the meetings even earlier or will more things be discussed? That is the question. Just what are you trying to achieve by having more meetings?

Before the year is out the hall will have to be booked for specific dates next year. This is imperative and the hire fees paid. The old chestnut will again be brought up. Why don't we hold our meetings at the field?

I have been in the club since 1967 and three times the meetings were attempted at the field. Once at Roghan Road and twice at Brays Road. The attendance was pathetic and only ever lasted one meeting and again reverted back to a hall. Let us not keep doing the same thing and expect a different result. Neither of the present club houses could accommodate the members who would usually attend a hall meeting.

Next Meeting
Friday 25th November 7.30pm
Community Hall
Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.
LAWNTON
7.30PM

Numerous things are against field meetings. If held at night time the midges and mosquitos will drive us mad. In winter it is cold and If held in the day time the heat and sun will get us as some of us are going to sit in the hot sun as there is not sufficient shade area provided by the sheds and awnings.

Think long and hard about this idea of more meetings and what you want to achieve by having more meetings. There is usually lots of grumbling going on around the tables at the field but the same grumblers never come to a meeting and air their concerns so these concerns cannot be that important.

A lot of work and time went into trying to arrange a grant from council for the new pit shade areas at Uhlmann Road, but disappointingly, the members chose to disregard the grant process and press ahead with the club paying the large sum to erect these improvements as soon as the Improvement Works Application is approved and the work commenced.

The council has indicated they are not in possession of an IWA from the club and until this is obtained work can not be commenced. Further information is being sought from council with regards to the IWA.

The last Saturday night fly was bit of a wash out, literally. It commenced raining about 4pm and apart from a few small breaks was continuous.

Only a few flights were managed but a superb BBQ was enjoyed by all. The food being brought along by the members continues to get better and better all the time. The night Flys are quite interesting and even if you do not want to fly the event is quite interesting to view.

It is quite easy to fly at night so why not give it a try?

Keep up the flying.

Bazza.

Name tags awaiting collection

Could these club members please come and collect your name tags from the airfield. They have been there for some time now.



Some Teachers Get 'em.



Question: 1. Expand this equation

$$(a + b)^2$$

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Teacher's answer : " Very funny Peter!"

Question: 2. Briefly explain what Hard Water is.

Peter's answer: "Ice"

Question: 3. What is a Nitrate?

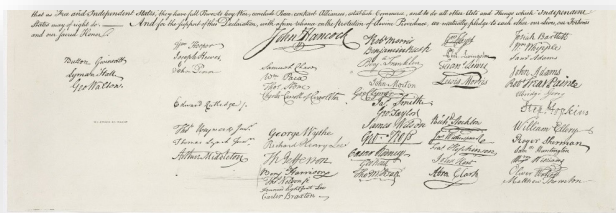
Peter's answer: "Much cheaper than a day rate!"

Question: 4. What did Mahatma Ghandi and Ghengis Khan have in common?

Peter's answer: "Useless names."

Question: 5. Where was the Declaration Of Independence signed ?

Peter's answer: " At the bottom."



Question: 6. Johanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What exactly is a stand-alone system?

Peter's answer: " It doesn't come with a chair."

Question: 7. Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Peter's answer: "Around Hadrian's garden"

Question: 8. Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 feet/second and the speed limit is 40km/h. Is Steve speeding?

Peter's answer: " He could find out by checking his speedometer !"





Bloke tells his mates he has an addiction to drinking brake fluid. "It's okay though, I can stop anytime I like," he said.

Minutes of the General Meeting August 26th 2016.

The meeting commenced at 7:35 pm. Attendance as per the sign on book.

Apologies : Lyndon and Garth Smith, Andrew Holloway, Bob Moore.

New members : Nil

Minutes of the June 24th 2016 meeting, published in 'Airwaves' and taken as read, was put to the meeting as true and correct. Motion moved by : Dick Hall Seconded by : Eric Pond

Vote taken : passed.

Business arising from the previous meeting : none.

President's report :

Barry informed the members of his meeting with MBRC staff regarding conditions on the pending lease for Gibson field. They have a concern about our members being notified of the mosquito spraying chopper in the area. The lease is still being drawn up. At the conclusion of the general meeting we will have the annual general meeting and all committee positions will be declared vacant.

Treasurer's report :

The financial statement was read by the treasurer. The club's cash position is good with membership fees being paid recently. An audit of the bank accounts is going to be done.

CFI report :

A few members have recently gained their wings.

A night fly at the Sid Bray field is going to be organised.

Field report for Bray field :

The generator is due for a service.

Some weed spraying needs to be done on the next working bee along with a general tidy up.

Field report for Gibson field :

There was a good roll up at the last working bee with some weed spraying and grass cutting along the fence lines being done. Also some paving work was carried out. On the next working bee there is some fencing to be done and rocks to be cleared away.

The kitchen work is still in progress.

Fuel report :

The president mentioned that more keys for the fuel shed need to be available as some members are missing out on getting fuel at times.

Motion moved to accept reports was called: Moved by : Eric Pond. Seconded by : Ian Swadling.

Vote taken : passed.

General Business :

There was some discussion on MBRC.'s requirements for club members to be notified when mosquito spraying was to be carried out. The procedure will be written into the new lease.

The president advised that the council required the building specifications for the new shade stands at Gibson field. Also to obtain a grant from the council, they require the club to contribute 25% of the total cost. The president moved a motion to allocate 25% of the cost of the shade stands, about \$11k. Seconded by : Ian Swadling. Vote taken : passed.

More discussion followed on the council grant and it was advised that the present round of grants was closing and the club would miss out. The club would then have to wait until June 2017 before getting the shade stands. This would mean going through another full summer without proper shade at Gibson field. More members are using the field and organised events like IMAC and war birds need more bays than what is available.

It was discussed that it would be better to go ahead with the shade stands funded by the club, as the club is in a good financial position, and apply for a grant from MAAA / MAAQ. Motion moved by : Dan Imhoff. Seconded by : Graham Tattersall. Vote taken : passed.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.

“Biggles” Murphy Flies a Gyrocopter

I have had my son Peter, visiting me from The Netherlands and took them down to visit son John who lives at Duranbah, near Tweed. While there they decided to go whale watching from Brunswick Heads. I was not going to get bounced around in a shark cat so visited Tyagarah aerodrome to see if there was any action there.

Got talking to an Oliver Mueller who operates Byron Bay Gyrocopters. One thing led to another and I found myself in a Gyrocopter doing a 'trial introductory flight" around Byron Bay Light House while also watching for whales, saw at least 5 of them, a pod of dolphins, a shark, and I think turtles. This is a good way to go whale watching, you do not get wet or bounced about.



The differences between a Trike and a Gyro are a lot. I like the Gyro, you fly it like a normal 3 axis plane, with a pause to pre-rotate the rotor to about 300 - 400 revs before take off, then normal take-off speed, approx same distance run as a Trike. Oliver demonstrate the virtues of the Gyro by closing the throttle and circling down easily to line up an approach on the beach before powering up.



I found it much easier to control than the Trike, ailerons easy with minimum input required, I was not blown about nearly as much, in fact the open cockpit is a nice place to be. On landing he again did a power off approach all the way to touchdown with a full flair.

To say I was impressed is an understatement. I also enquired as to maintenance, especially the main rotor and was told that it had a life of 2000 hours, I was expecting 500 hours at the max. The Gyro uses more fuel, about 20 litres per hour as against 15 max for the Trike but carries more fuel (all Mogas.)

Now I have some thinking to do, I do not know of any people up here that teach Gyros. I will talk my CFI John Cresswell into buying one, there is a reputed "good" one for sale for approx \$55 or \$60,000 in Byron.

I can dream can't I ?

Paul.

Jason's Magnificent P47 & Glenn Parson's A10 Warthog.



Warbirds Day Uhlmann Rd Field 24-25 September

Around forty flyers (and two dogs) travelled from as far north as Gladstone, Bundaberg; Tin Can Bay; Hervey Bay and the Sunshine coast for another magnificent weekend of warbird flying. Caterers couldn't keep up with the hungry hoards and ran out of food on the Saturday. Many thanks to Mike Lewis and Geoff Hunwick for their assistance in the kitchen and apologies if anyone else has been left out. Sunday's menu was superb.



Saturday evening saw around 9 caravans and tents for those overnighing. Huddled around the two braziers spirits were running high (in both forms) with a brain teasing and interesting trivia night serenaded by someone's record player. First prize was won by the combined brains of the Parry's.

Best plane belonged to Neil Low from Tin Can Bay with this magnificent Avro 504K. Powered by a 9 cylinder 100cc Evolution radial glow motor, it took him 8 months to build over a period of around 1,000 hours. With a 9 foot wingspan it caught everyone's attention with it's magnificent sounding motor and Neil flew true to scale in every way.



Events Calendar 2016

October

2nd. Working Bee 0800 Sid Bray Field

8th. Night fly, BBQ and camp-over Sid Bray field

November

25th. Last Friday of the month club meeting 7.30pm

December

Date **TBA**: Sid Bray field.

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NEXT WORKING BEE

**Sunday 2nd October
0800**

Sid Bray field

(note sign in book gets taken away 0830)

Senior citizens' re-mixed songs.

"You're So Varicose Vein" by Carly Simon

"How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?" by the Bee Gees.

"I Can't See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash .

"These Boots Give Me Arthritis" by Nancy Sinatra.

"Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom" by the Commodores .

"I Get By with a Little Help from Depends" by the Beatles.

"Talking' 'Bout My Medication" by the Who.

"Bald Thing" by the Troggs.

"You Can't Always Pee When You Want" by the Rolling Stones.

"I Heard It through the Grape Nuts" by Marvin Gaye .



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