



# Airwaves

**Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region**

**Monthly Newsletter - March 2017**

## **President Bazza's Report**

Hi fellow flyers. Sunday 11th March saw an influx of TMAC flyers. They had a warbirds day scheduled so the non warbirds flyers came over for a fly at Bray's Rd.

They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being able to fly where and how they wanted. They were actually surprised that we also had the Uhlmann Road field. It is quite regimented at TMAC with most flying confined to circuits only.



**Sunday 2nd April** is the day scheduled for the FPV Rebels to try out the field at Bray's Rd. They will be conducting operations on the main runway with racing. There is a working Bee at Brays on that day so FPV flyers will only be flying after the working Bee as per normal. Depending on the numbers of them attending general flying may be allowed at certain times.

Bill Sharpe and myself attended a meeting with MBRC at Caboolture recently and numerous items including conditions of the new lease and mosquito spraying were discussed in depth. One thing that is not negotiable is that to be a member of SAAMBR you MUST supply the club with a mobile phone number and an email address. Should you find this unacceptable you will not be allowed to be a member of the club. This may possibly affect about 10 members, going on the current members list. The reason for this is for notification of mosquito spraying. PLEASE, if you hear a Helicopter, even before seeing it, assume that it is mosquito spraying and land IMMEDIATELY. Mosquito spraying generally occurs from October until April on various days, depending on conditions. Spraying happens on approximately 10 to 12 days per year. Records show that for the last two and one half years spraying has occurred on only three weekends with the rest being weekdays. Flying will not be allowed on the days that spraying is going to occur but members will still have access to facilities. Signs will be erected to this effect on the entrance gate and the pilots area fence. In view of the restrictions for mosquito spraying council has requested that we confine all special interest flying events from April to the end of August AND all events are to be notified to MBRC before the end of December for the following year.

Outside of this period any scheduled event could be cancelled with only 24 hours notice. It will be discussed at the April meeting as to when you as a club want to allow special interest groups to use your field. At the moment we have 4 different groups that use the field. If the

FPV drone people also want access that will make five groups that will want to use our field over a 5 month period and some of these groups schedule two uses of the field during one year.

The matter will be fully discussed at the April Meeting and the reasons for the amended conditions of membership will be explained. It will be to your advantage to attend the April meeting. Should you wish to discuss the matter before the April Meeting please contact me.

I will NOT discuss it via email. Actually the meeting with MBRC went well and we did much better out of it than was anticipated.

Councillor Peter Flannery has agreed to be our patron. As a gesture of good will he has indicated that he will donate \$300 to the club for the purchase of First Aid and snake bite Kit. I will be submitting the required forms in the near future. It is proposed to have the official opening of Gibson field on the 23rd of September in conjunction with a Warbirds day. It is Hoped that Councillor Flannery will do us the honour of opening the field. There will be a free sausage sizzle, sponsored by the club, for all persons attending on the day.



Recent trials have shown that a hotdog catering event is quite popular when organised. Eric has organised these on a few days and the Hot Doggies sell for \$2 each on a fresh bread roll. There has been an enthusiastic response to these days. We have had them on a couple of Sunday lunches. Any profits made will be put back into further caterings. This system overcomes the bad feelings generated by people indulging in the Sunday Sausage sizzle lunch without making any contribution

to food.

The thought for this month..." If you always stay behind the yellow line you will never catch the train." Think about it.

Happy flying

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## **TAVAS Great War Flying Display**

**22-23 April Caboolture airfield.**

**(The Australian Vintage Aviation Society)**

See the only collection of WW1 type aircraft flying in Australia.

See aircraft from WW2, Vietnam and Korean wars. Sit in a jet fighter cockpit. Joy-flights available in a range of ex military and civilian aircraft. Plenty of food vendors on site.

**Entry \$20 adults Children Under 16 Free.**

Gates open 9.am.

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## Membership Raffle

By Rob Moore

G- Day members , How would you like to win your membership for next years ' **2017-2018 Fees** ? 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. Almost all numbers have been bought so get in quick to be in it. It will be drawn on the night of our renewals in June this year.

They're being sold by **Rob Moore** on the weekends and will also be sold at the meeting in April (if there's any left). Ask Steve Lightowler what it's like to win this raffle . He won it last year.

Just for laughs there was a dummy draw at the February meeting which would have been won by **Bill D'Arbe** had it been authentic. Sorry Bill but you're still in it . When it's drawn you'll need to be at the meeting.

# " BRING YOUR MONEY WITH YOU !"

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## Thanks Bill Sharpe

**Bill Sharpe** was the lucky winner of the foam electric jet that was on raffle during the course of the month . He has kindly donated it back to the club to be used as a prize for our forthcoming fun fly .

And thanks also to **Barry Evans** for his kind donation of the model .



## WW11 American Spitfire Pilot

**This is an amazing story you must read, then click on the clip below.**

This is a great story about a WWII pilot .. 18 years old and just out of high school, who was trained to take pictures of damage done by B-17's to targets in Germany – in a British Spitfire with extra fuel tanks where the guns were... in other words, he flew over Germany un-armed....

It's probably one of the best WWII clips out there. Stored for 61 years, two suitcases of 16mm home movies were inherited by filmmaker William Lorton from his great uncle who served as a Flight Surgeon. Those suitcases contained 3 hours of war footage that included a compelling crash landing of a Spitfire in 1944.

Filmed in a 2005 interview with the now 83 year old pilot and seeing the expression on his face when he realizes it is him in the cockpit, is something you somehow won't soon forget.

At 18 years old, he was all alone, behind enemy lines, with no guns, no escort, and he gladly did it. They just don't make them like that anymore. It was truly the greatest generation and we owe them so much.

We owe a BIG thank you to men like him on Remembrance/Veterans Day. November 11th, do not forget .

Click on this link for the video. <https://www.youtube.com/embed/ie3SrjLlcUY>

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## Open Hangar Weekend Caboolture 25-26 March

Mustang Flights Australia and Complete Aircraft Care would like to invite you all to an open Hangar weekend at our base at Caboolture Airport (9am till 3pm) and you will be able to see our CAC18 Mk 21 Mustang while she is undergoing some heavy maintenance.

This could be a once in a life time opportunity and one that does not come around often to see this remarkable aircraft with her wings removed.

Engineers from CAC and a few of the aircrafts owner/ pilots and volunteers will be present to give tours around the aircraft and answer any questions you may have.



The tours will be at Complete Aircraft Cares Hangar at Caboolture and will be a **gold coin donation** per person with all funds going directly to the upkeep of the aircraft.



# FPV Drone Racing 2nd April Sid Bray.

You've heard about it now come and see what it's all about. FPV Rebels will be holding a demonstration race day at on the 2nd April at the Sid Bray Field, Griffin.

See what's it's like flying a 500gm racing drone upwards of 120km/h just one metre off the ground.

With the goggles on you're in the pilot's seat as he navigates the course, dives through gates and dodges other racers.



The event is open to all MAAA members, so whether you are just starting out in FPV or an experienced pro come and join us for a fun day of flying.

Classes will be held for the novice, Intermediate or Pro. If you've never flown a track before then now's the chance to give it a go.

## Program

- 7.30am - 0830 set-up
- 08.30am - 09.15am Pilot registration and safety check.
- 09.15am - 09.30am Pilot's brief and course walk.
- 09.30am - 11.00am Practice rounds.
- 11.00am - 12.00am First Heats.
- 12.00 noon - 12.45pm Lunch break & freestyle (SAAMBR canteen is open )
- 3.00pm Pack up.
- 4.00pm Field re-opens to normal flying.

The FPV Rebels will be happy to show you what it takes to get into this sport. We'll have goggles and screens so you can see it from a pilots point of view. Come and join in the fun.



Photos are for general information purposes only sourced from the internet, not from FPV Rebels or SAAMBR.

## IMAC Update

Hello Members

Just a quick update from the two IMAC held in February at Toowoomba and more recently, Noosa North Shore.

We have had a number of member's flying at these event which seem to be attracting new blood at every event. We could be excused for thinking the sport of IMAC flying is growing.

### **Toowoomba Results.**

Heath McDonald led the way for SAAMBR in the Sportsman division with a well earnt third placing. Russell Ramsay was also competitive as always with a strong showing in fifth place. John Lee took out third in Intermediate. George Falcon and Dawid Preller both from SAAMBR fought it out in the Advanced category with Dawid out-flying his club mate and taking out first position with The Falcon in Second. Mitch Heit was also promoted to Advanced class over the Christmas break but we haven't yet seen his talents in the Advanced class....Dawid and The Falcon have laid down a personal challenge to Mitch saying 'come after us if your dare'. So we wait for that shakedown.

### **Noosa North Shore Results.**

Five SAAMBR members represented Team SAAMBR at this event! The Falcon, Dimitri Martin, John Lee, Michael Haines and Dan Imhoff. We were gifted two amazing days with the weather for the event, and some amazingly close flying. John Lee was our shining star this month with a great win in the Intermediate Category. Michael Haines and George Falcon both coming second in their respective classes with Dimitri Martin again taking out first in the Advanced category.

SAAMBR will again host its 1st IMAC Event for 2017 and our well respected facility at Jim Gibson field on **May 27th & 28th**. Our IMAC comps have always been and will continue to be a great success, a lot of this comes down to the support from our club members which to date has been outstanding.

So if you're up for a fly in Basic, which all members are welcome to have a go at, get over to [www.scaleaeros.com.au](http://www.scaleaeros.com.au) and download the Basic Sequence and come and have a crack, you never know you just might amaze yourself. Also if you are interested in volunteering to help us out across this weekend please contact Dan Imhoff with your availability on **0427006290** or email [danimhoff1@gmail.com](mailto:danimhoff1@gmail.com).

Dan Imhoff

PR Manager

## *It's A Gas !*

Bob and Pete were a couple of drinking mates who worked as aircraft mechanics in Melbourne.

One day the airport was fogged in and they were stuck in the hangar with nothing to do....Bob said, "Mate, I wish we had something to drink!"

Pete says, "Me too. Ya know, I've heard you can drink jet fuel and get a buzz. You want to try it?"

So they pour themselves a couple of glasses of high octane hooch and get completely smashed.

The next morning Bob wakes up and is surprised at how good he feels. In fact he feels GREAT!!! NO hangover! NO bad side effects. Nothing!



Then the phone rings. It's Pete, who says, "Hey, how do you feel this morning?"

Bob says, "I feel great, how about you?"

Pete says, "I feel great, too. You don't have a hangover?"

Bob says, "No that jet fuel is great stuff – no hangover, nothing."

We ought to do this more often. "Yeah, well there's just one thing."

"What's that?"

"Have you farted yet?" "No."

"Well DON'T, 'cause I'm in Perth."



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Last Sunday's carnage



Home made balance device



"Who's plane was it?"

"No names. Everyone will know anyway!"



## Events Calendar 2017

### March

No club meeting in March. Details below.

**25-26.** Open Hangar Day Caboolture. Mustang maintenance and tours.

### April

**2nd.** Working bee Sid Bray field, then...FPV Rebels competition Sid Bray field 9am.

**22-23** TAVAS Great Vintage Fly-in Caboolture airfield. 9am-3pm both days.

**28th.** Club meeting Lawnton 7.30pm.

### May

**27-28th** IMAC Competition Uhlmann Rd. Volunteers wanted both days.

### June

**29th.** Last meeting of the financial year. Time to pay membership fees. Membership raffle draw.

### September

**23rd.** Warbirds day

#### NEXT WORKING BEE

**Sunday 2nd April**  
**Sid Bray Field**

(Sign in book gets taken away at 8.30am )

#### Meeting Dates 2017

Last Friday of month    Aug 18    (AGM)

Apr 28                      Oct 27

Jun 29                      Nov 24

Next Meeting

Friday 28th April 7.30pm

Community Hall

Cnr Todd & Ellis Sts.

LAWNTON

7.30PM



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