



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - September 2014

President's Report

From Brad Jory

Strong Club Support

Thanks to the members present at the August AGM for their strong show of support in the election of the new management and committee members. No additional formal nominations were received so hopefully this is an indication that we are doing something right.

Have your Say

For those members who have held committee positions (in this or any other club), you would appreciate the effort required behind the scenes to keep a club active. Correspondence, bills, ground keeping, statutory requirements and membership satisfaction are just a small part of running any club. I understand how easy it is for those members not directly responsible to criticise any incumbent committee - It's always easier to criticise than to offer suitable solutions in frank and open discussion. If any member has any criticism, gripe or angst against any of the committee decisions made in good faith - please bring them to our attention first so that we may be able to offer justification, don't just gripe to your mates because nothing will be achieved if it's not actioned correctly.

Thanks Greg & Barry

I'm sure those that attended the air-show would agree it was a great success. To those of you that gave up their time to make this the wonderful event that it was, thank-you. Special thanks also to **Greg Petherick** for his organisation of the airshow and **Barry Evans** for his tireless commentary throughout the day. The contribution made by the club members that showed up to assist was invaluable.

I'm sure there are some suggestions as to how it could be improved upon, so if you do have one, don't be shy, put your hand up and offer to assist next year.

MAAQ To Visit Friday

Mick Dallmann - Vice President MAAQ - has offered to attend the next SAAMBR general meeting. For those members that have any questions for the



MAAQ - now is the time to show up and ask. This is your opportunity to ask the questions directly to an MAAQ representative. If you cannot attend, please pass your question to another member, or send them to

the President or Secretary so they may raise it on your behalf.

Editorial Comment

Thankyou Mick for turning up to the club next Friday. Earlier this year we had another organisation address the meeting. In order to get a balanced view and both sides of the important issues at hand you are urged to attend... *even if you don't like meetings!* Some members are unaware of the developments unfolding, therefore in order to make an informed decision as to the future direction of the club it is important you attend and listen to what Mick has to say so you can get all the facts from both sides.

Next Meeting: Friday 26 September 2014
Community Hall : Cnr Todd & Ellis Streets
LAWNTON 7.30pm

Next Working Bee: SID BRAY FIELD
Sunday 5th October
8.00AM

Breakfast to follow \$\$\$

A married man left work early one Friday, but instead of going home, he spent the weekend partying with the boys.

When he finally returned home on Sunday night, his wife really got on his case and stayed on it.

After 30 minutes of swearing and screaming, his wife paused and pointed at him and made him an offer.

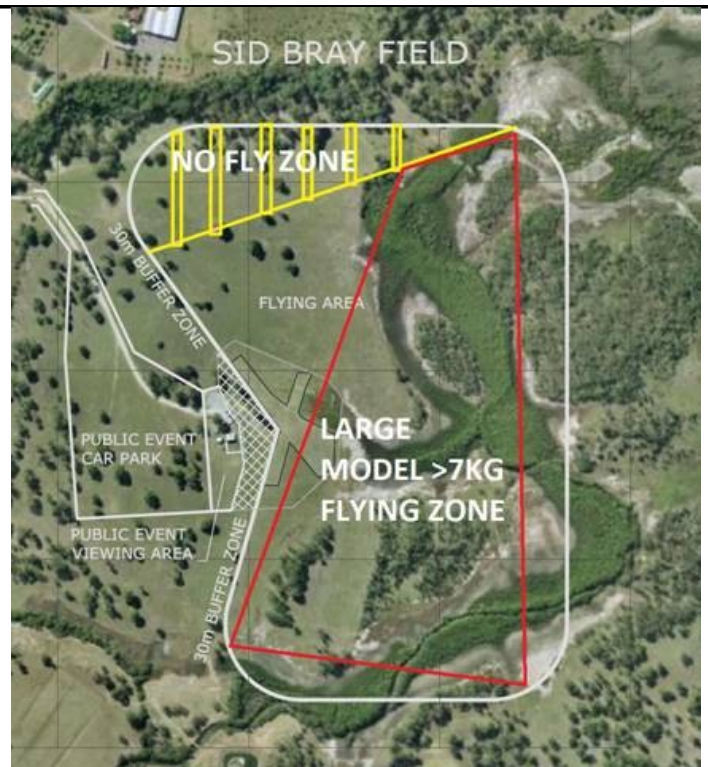
"Ok then, How would you like it if you didn't see me for a couple of days..."?

The husband couldn't believe his luck! He looked up, smiled and said, "That would suit me just fine"!!

Monday went by, and the man didn't see his wife.

Tuesday and Wednesday went by and he still didn't see her.

Come Thursday, the swelling went down a bit and he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.



Watch The Boundary Boys

All flyers are again reminded where the flying boundary is and to keep well away from the new Sea Breeze housing estate. There have already been complaints that planes are flying too close and members are still overshooting the mark.

Please take another look at the map and be aware where the no-fly zone is.

Where the red line is drawn along the cross strip facing north east this is the boundary for planes greater than 7kg.

Unfortunately it is necessary to impose rules and regulations which are there for everybody's benefit.

When people are unable to regulate themselves and pose a risk to others and the future of the club it becomes necessary to remind flyers again.

Be Aware... Fly Save ...Stay Safe

My Adventure to the Skies

Or - How I got my Wings

By Bruce Parker

I have a Grandson, who many of you know, and his name is Isaac. For two years before I bought my first (now deceased) plane, Isaac would insist on sitting down with my iPad or sit at my iMac and say "Grandpa can I watch remote control planes on YouTube". For much of this time he watched the planes, changed to trucks, cars and boats, but continued to come back to the planes.



As a doting Grandpa and wanting my Grandson to follow his 8 year old dreams we marched off to a large hobby store in the north side of Brisbane and was talked into by a salesman to buy him a yacht as a prelude to learning to use RC controllers. This was our first foray into the RC world and we enjoyed it until we half filled it with sea water and was unaware of the consequences of not cleaning the electricals sufficiently to deter permanent and bank account reducing repairs.



Sometime in the later part of last year and upon return to the same afore mentioned hobby shop I was assured that the purchase (at what I now know as very expensive) of a simulator known as Phoenix 4 along with a 5 Channel controller would get us started and I headed home with Isaac to learn to fly. Well as you probably guessed we learned to fly and landing was so easy, so back to the store for an overpriced Cub and off to the park we went, after being assured by the salesman that it would be easy and the council does not mind you flying in the parks as long as there was not many people around.

Well with Phoenix 4 confidence and a new plane we headed for a park in Geebung opposite my daughter's place in what I thought to be a large area for flying and endeavoured to get airborne. With 2 Grandsons, 1 Granddaughter and daughter watching I found trees, rough ground and wind going in the wrong direction, I managed to lose my first propellor and engine cowling along with both wing struts. I knew then that there had to be another way.

I decided I would employ Google to find someone who could teach us to fly. Behold, on my first search I found that there was some club north of Brisbane that may be of interest. So, with a simple click some group named SAAMBR appeared before me, a secretary named Andrew was mentioned upon the pages and I figured that an email should be sent. Within a very short time I received a reply and was assured I would be most welcome to come and have a chat and to look for some guy named Bob Moore.

The next Saturday morning, absent of plane and relevant controllers, we both set out to introduce ourselves to find out what was required etc. Well it wasn't long before Bob had his plane in the air, a buddy box for me and an assurance that the plane would not crash, I tried the art of flying RC planes. The first left hand turn with the ailerons as practiced with the sim went well, the second wasn't as pretty and the plane actually falling earthward scared the pants off me, the excellent skill of my instructor assured me all was well. From that moment



forward with vibrating fingers and my heart constantly in my mouth I set out to learn to fly, really!

After a few weeks of buddy boxing and Bob showing me that my newly repaired Cub would and could fly I ventured to be a little daring and returned to the park opposite my daughter's once more. Assured that with a little attention to detail I could manage to get it up and down and still have a plane to present to Bob on the following Saturday for further instruction. Alas, not so, the tree that somehow swallowed up my little plane was unsympathetic and the little plane flew no more.

Further investment was required. Upon searching the net once more I found a little glider called a SkyScout going for \$69 at a different hobby store. Upon receiving it I found out that I needed something called a brushless motor, ESC, servos and Lipo battery also (more money). Over the weeks of learning with Bob and getting to know others I was assured that Hobby King was the place to go for most of my hobby needs so I sent a message to HK telling them of my needs as written in the SkyScout manual and ended up with all that I needed along with four oversized servos, another learning curve. Two weeks, more investment in proper micro servos, and the little glider was ready for its inaugural flight. With Isaac in tow, a new plane along with further investment in a new 6 channel controller, my own buddy box system, Bob and I took to the skies. What a moment in history that was for me, after having Bob instruct me I could fly this plane.



Over a few more weeks I learned to take off, fly and land. One of my major concerns was my vibrating fingers caused by the demise of my first aviation attempt. Bob advised me that to get my wings I needed to get a plane with wheels so that I could take off properly, and land, so I invested in a small pair of Bixler 2 wheels and setup my little glider to take off and land like a real plane. T'was great, but still could not fly without the vibratory fingers and the anxious heart palpitations. One Saturday morn (I sensed Bob needed a break from my aviation skills) Bob organised some bloke named Paul to take me up and for that one moment in history I learned something important. I was doing the obligatory finger vibration along with the lack of breathing and internal heart palpitations when Paul said "Bruce the plane will fly by itself, let the plane fly and take two deep breaths", being an eager student I did as requested. At that moment the revelation came to me that I could force myself to again invoke my normal human motor skills and relax. Thanks Paul.



My birthday was just around the corner and I showed my wife a plane at HK that I would like to buy as a Trainer. The thrill that followed verbally was so great a temptation I could not refuse. She said "*let me buy it for your birthday*". "Yahoo!" a real Cessna type plane that I could head skywards with and get my wings. It was amazing. It flew great. Take off and landings where awesome and I knew it was time to go for "The Bronze Wings".

I had arranged with Bob to do this one Saturday morning. Excited I was. Bob wanted to watch me take off, fly a circuit and do all the necessary skill requirements. Away I went. Great take off, plane rising to the left then flying safely up and straight. At that moment I knew it needed a trim, so, I was trimming it when I noticed that my little plane had flown just a little bit further north than was advisable. Beyond the line of trees and still going. That was it, we watched while the little plane spiraled beyond the trees and the wetlands and was never seen again after many sojourns into the swamp, tall trees, tall grass and the dreaded Lantana. One pair of good white shorts lost to the barbed wire fencing along with many cuts scratches and abrasions. Not being one to give up easily, Bob asked me if I wanted to take the SkyScout up and try again, I immediately said "Yes". With that I flew my little glider with relative ease, but with the mandatory vibrating fingers and heart palpitations more pronounced.

I did fly again that day, though not as comfortably as Bob liked in my manoeuvres, but with what seemed sincere determination. I was not granted my wings that day, but was granted the right to fly solo as long as someone was with me to watch over my straying too far away etc. I did that over a couple of more weeks along with coming down to the flying field with nobody else around late in the afternoons during the week. I learned to take control of my plane with renewed confidence.

I bought a new plane, a Thunder Tiger trainer and what a plane it is. I knew I needed to get my wings so with both planes in tow I arrived at Sid Bray Field with absolute positive affirmation that today would be the day. Not trusting myself with my new aircraft I flew my little Sky-Scout with wheels and proceeded to fulfil Isaac's dream that became my own. I had done it. The wings where mine.

At this time I would like to say that without my superb instructors Bob, Paul and Steve the dream would have never come to fruition. SAAMBR as a club gave me the confidence at 64 years of age to fulfil a dream. Isaac still does not fly, but is eager, if only his desire for aerobatics was a little more controlled on the Sim. I know he also will do it one day. He is currently only 9 years old and still loves to get onto the iPad/iMac and watch YouTube.

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Safety Is No Accident

Unfortunately some members are having a lapse in awareness and need reminding that some practices can lead to severe injury. Please think twice about where you start your plane. Some are doing this on the repair tables with no restraint and hold it by hand only. This photo shows what happens when an electric plane bites. The member had to call an ambulance and received 12 stitches. He advised that electric planes can be very dangerous and flyers need to be extra vigilant when making repairs or handling planes while the battery is connected. Be safe , fly safe. Always disconnect.





Photo Competition

He was in it, he won it!

Last month we had this photo competition and the winning entry received a scratchie. There were 12 entries with answers ranging from "what's-his-name's-heart-starter" to a "powerboard connection". Correct entry was *"the aerial wire inside a transmitter. When you take the back off it this is what you see."*

The winners name was NFP for fear of attracting unwanted "friends."

Saturday 13 September Working Bee

Many thanks to those members who turned up the day before the airshow to help get things shipshape and presentable . Many hands made light work and everyone got into the spirit to make the show a success. Your help was greatly appreciated .



Thank you



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Minutes: General Meeting

Date: 29/08/2014

Chair: Brad Jory

Present: Quorum present as per attendance book.

Meeting commenced: 7:30pm

Apologies: Barry Evans, Steve Lighttower, Greg Petherick

Previous minutes – correct as published in Airwaves.

Moved: Ian Swadling

Seconded: Pat Dunn . All members in favour

Presidents Report: Brad reminded members that volunteers are still required for the air show.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary welcomed new members including: Ken Meyers & Eric Galliers.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer offered up a written treasurers report current as at 29/08/2014. He went on to advise members that there were no outstanding accounts and thanked Eric Pond and Barry Evans for their ongoing subscription to RCM&E magazine.

Motion: That the auditors report as presented be adopted .

Seconded: Wayne O'Halloran. Carried – all members in favour.

The President thanked **Peter Edmonds** for his work as Treasurer .

CFI Report: Bob Moore advised he would be standing down as the club CFI and that Steve Lighttower will be taking up the position effective 01 September 2014.

The President thanked **Bob Moore** for his work in the CFI position.

Fuel Report: Bob Moore advised that there is plenty of fuel available.

Pro Report: The President delivered this report as Greg Petherick was absent and advised that Pat Dunn had provided air show fliers for members to distribute and thanked Pat for his work printing the fliers. He went on to seek volunteers to assist with the sausage sizzle at the air show.

Airwaves: Dick Hall thanked contributors for their material to date and reminded members of the photo competition.

Motion: That reports be accepted as read. **Moved:** Graham Tattersall, **Seconded:** Dave Mont. Carried – all members in favour.

General business

Jim Fagan advised of an incident during which a club member flying a large IMAC style aircraft flew over the club house and the trees behind the club house. He advised the meeting that he had approached the member regarding his flying outside the designated flying area and had felt threatened by the member's response. Jim told the meeting that the member

Minutes continued...

then took off from behind the pilot area with the plane leaving the ground before it reached the pilot area.

The President addressed the meeting regarding the issue and stated that the secretary had written to the member in relation to the incident. The President told the meeting that normal processes would be followed in dealing with the matter in accordance with club requirements and the constitution. Jim indicated he was happy for the matter to be dealt with according to the constitutional process.

Dave Mont raised the timing of the Warbirds day in November (15-16th) advising that it conflicted with the G20 meeting during which air space restrictions may prohibit flying.

Danny Hollis advised the meeting regarding the variation in airspace restrictions during the G20 event and went on to state that he had made a written request to Air Services for clearance to hold the Warbirds event on the scheduled date. The meeting resolved to await the outcome of Danny's request to Air Services before rescheduling.

Uhlmann Road Field.

Graham Tattersall spoke re the acquisition of a club house at Uhlmann Road. He advised he has now obtained 3 written quotes. The difference between the three being \$13 000. He reported that the original Shed Zone quote remained the cheapest at \$37,000 while Titan quoted \$44,618 and North Brisbane Sheds \$50 300. Quotes will be submitted for publishing in Airwaves.

Dick Hall is to speak with Graham re quote matching from another provider.

Meeting closed: 8:10pm.



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September

22-25 "Outback Joe" UAV challenge Kingaroy
26-28 Ron de Chastel Memorial Pylon event Coolumb
28 TARMAC Funfly with **Paul Dalton**

October

12 Fun Fighter Pylon Racing
18-19 Southern Cross Warbirds Maryborough
26 Sunshine Coast Funfly with **Paul Dalton**

November

Electric Day at Suncoast
15-16 Southern Cross Warbirds SAAMBR
16 Tingalpa Funfly with **Paul Dalton**
SAAMBR nightfly 18:00

December

TBA SAAMBR Christmas party at Sid Bray Field

SAAMBR TRADER

This Space reserved for members wishing to sell, swap or give away planes and equipment

Send your details to dickiehall@hotmail.com at least one week before the next meeting.

A passenger put his baggage on the weighing machine at the check in counter and asked the ticket agent, "Please can this bag go to Sydney and the other one go to Perth?" "I'm sorry sir but we cannot do this on the same flight." "Why not?" said the passenger, "You did it last time!"



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