



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - January 2018

President's Report

Giddy modelers,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Party. I'd like to thank all those modelers, wives and partners, turned cooks for all the effort they put in. The food was of restaurant quality. Thank you again.

We now have fuel at Gibson Field. See Dave Mount or Graham Tattersall.

It was proposed that we have a lunch once a month at Bray field on a Wednesday and the following month at Gibson Field. Dates for this event will be forthcoming. I'm looking forward to this as Eric has a new hotdog cookbook.

By the time you are reading this I'm hoping the lease on Gibson Field will be finally sorted.

We have some money for some more clearing of bush at Gibson Field but at the moment it is too wet so that may have to be put off till next winter.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and are in Good Health so that you can continue modeling.

Please note the date for the **February meeting is on the 2nd Feb.**— in a few days from now. (not the last Friday).

God Bless you all.

El Presidente

Bill.

You've got such nice buns, Tatts.



Gibson Field/Vice President Report December 2017



2017 is done and dusted and a few models converted back to unbuildable kits (but we won't go there!!!) Some may even still be looking for their models (just sayin).

The field has progressed well this year with more ground development being done and shade over the pit area at the start of the year. We also have the Improvement Works Applications in with the Council for cover over the containers, cover over the BBQ area and concrete hardstand under the pit cover. The expenditure is already approved so by this time next year our facilities will be exceptional. All this has only been made possible with the support of the members, so well done.

More recently we had a very successful inaugural **Gibson Field SAAMBR Christmas party** with 84 people attending on a day of great weather, great friendship and camaraderie. Although it took some effort to organise, the end result was great. I must thank my wife for a huge effort in helping me out with purchases and all her preparation work for the desserts.



Thanks must also go to **Steve Glasson** for doing the roast pork, **Robbie Potter** for the roast chicken, **Geoff Hunwick** for the roast lamb, **Lorrie Tattersall** for the ham and desserts, **Michael Lewis** for his work with serving and power supply and a big thankyou to all the regular Gibson Field flyers and members from Bray field that assisted with the preparation for the day and on the day. Special thanks to

Bob Moore and **Eric Pond** for there assistance with extra chairs, tarp etc from the Bray field.

Thank you all. Even the "Lollie Dropper" got finished in time and flew, although the late afternoon storm approaching meant only one lollie drop was done. A great meal was had by all and we learnt a few lessons about catering volumes as well. Apparently 16 litres of ice-cream and 10 litres of gravy was a tad too much!!! But we won't mention any names Robbie. Next year we will endeavour to improve on this years' effort and would like to see more children and spouses there and perhaps a visit from Santa himself?

Personally wish to thank the many members who have supported me and put in a lot of work this year to make the field what it is today. It is the members that make a club what it is. The committee members may take responsibility for doing things or driving things but we are nothing without the support and hard work of the general membership.



A special mention must go to **Danny Hollis** for all his work behind the scenes with membership processing, notifications sent out, airwaves and much more that we all take for granted.

Well done and thanks, Danny.

Finally I hope you all had very safe and Happy Christmas and your presents too big to fit under the tree but just big enough to fly!

See you in the new year.

Tatts.



On Your Bike

I went to Dan Murphy's yesterday afternoon on my bicycle, bought a bottle of Bundy Rum and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break.

So I drank all the Rum before I cycled home. It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.



Paul Murphy takes to the Skies

My son, John and I visited Evans Head in northern NSW on Sunday to attend an Airshow. There would have been approximately 3000 people, plenty of food outlets and all reasonably priced. Hot rod and Classic cars and a surprising big selection of aircraft available for hire. Everything from a Trike and a Gyrocopter for \$70 for 40 minutes to a Waco biplane and a T 28, to a Yak 3 for \$1500 per hour and a P 51D at \$3000 per hour, plus a selection of Helicopters. John and I both had a fly in the Gyrocopter, a most satisfactory day. Evans Head is a nice unspoilt area that has not yet received the "blessing" of developers. Hope it remains as it is. Nice to have another flight.



See his flight here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWKwlae3ics&feature=youtu.be>

Many Thanks



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Meeting Dates 2018
NO MEETING JANUARY
Fri 02 February
Fri 13 April
Fri 08 June
Fri 03 August
Fri 05 October



West Wyalong Hosts 70th National Model Aircraft Championships April 2018

In April 2018, in what is sure to be one of the most exciting events on the MAAA calendar, the New South Wales Free Flight Society, in conjunction with West Wyalong Model Aero Club, are hosting the **70th National Model Aircraft Championships**.

Featuring **84 events** across five sites, it will showcase the very best in every facet of aeromodelling, including Radio Control, Control Line, Free Flight and Indoor flying.

Why You Should Attend

The **70th National Model Aircraft Championships** will have something for everyone, whether you're a novice flyer or an experienced pilot. It's quite simply a terrific occasion to observe aerobatics, graceful gliders, replica scale models and thrilling control line combat.

The Nationals present a rare, eye-opening opportunity for all MAAA members to witness events from different disciplines and gain an insight into other modelling events. And that's not all ...

"We're going back old school by having an opening ceremony where the town mayor will declare the Nationals are open and there's going to be a night scramble too which is always a lot of fun," says 70th Nationals Coordinator, Tahn Stowe.

"The Nationals isn't all about competition between the elite. It's about people coming together to spectate other events and see how other people do things to enable an exchange of ideas and an exchange of technology."

The Nationals are an **8-day event** that takes place across five conveniently close sites all within 15 minutes of **West Wyalong** during the week of **23 to 30 April 2018**.

As the event takes place during the school holidays, modellers are encouraged to come along with their families to enjoy one or perhaps several spectacular days out.



THE MUPPET SHOW

By Rodd Sherwin

I have lived and played a lifetime
And watched the years go round
Then looked for a new pastime
As my body started to slow down
First of all I'd thought about
Installing garden trains
But then maybe I'd have a crack
At building model planes.

So I popped on down to Bunnings
Bought a bunch of balsa wood
And stuck it all together
Though I so little understood.
But it did look rather pretty
In the livery of an old DC3,
Just like the one's we flew around
Years ago, in PNG.

It impressed all who beheld it
And they asked, 'But can it fly'
'It's supposed to, but I've really no idea'
And they all wondered why?
So with a little help from 'Google'
Some aero modellers were revealed
Not far from our neighbourhood
At the place called Gibson Field.

It was really quite exciting
When I ventured to drive in
Little airplanes buzzing all around
while making quite a din.
And sitting round a table
With their coffee, tea and cake
A group of grey and grizzled men
Engaged in deep debate.

So I showed them all my pictures
And they asked if I could fly
And I answered 'No, that's why I'm here,
Cause I'd really like to try'
'Well you'd better get a trainer'
One said in words most sage
'Son, before you fly that thing
You best be twice your age.'

So began the Friday ritual
Out at the crack of dawn
Thinking now, at any time
A 'Flying Ace' would be born.
But through the reverie I heard

In words, Oh most profound
'You should have flared that 'bloody' thing
Before it hit the ground!'

Perhaps I was a little slow
For my prospects looked quite bleak,
But at least I was determined
And endowed with a stubborn streak.
I found some good excuses
Which the trainers thought absurd
While thinking quietly to themselves
The worst I've ever heard.

The team that was around me
Showed perseverance and restraint,
Wondering if they forever could
Maintain the patience of a Saint.
But human resolve can weaken
And eventually they caved in,
'I think perhaps its time you go
And give that thing a spin.'

Meanwhile on the outside
In the wider world of men
I've been asked 'What was I up to?'
And I've sought to fill them in.
'Of this group that I'm involved with
I'm not sure I truly know
They're really an eclectic bunch
Quite like a Muppet Show'.

Overall a friendly mob
Who share in ribald jokes,
All in all it must be said
Just a bunch of real good blokes.
To assign each one a character
Would quite likely start a blue,
So the task of matching up the roles
I'd rather leave to you.
From every walk of life they've come
Having worked in all the trades,
Some retired with a golden pens
And some with golden spades.
There were those who wore collars white
Engaged in their big banks,
And in protection of our land
Others clattered round in tanks.

And out of all the rank and file
In fatigues that can't be missed,
Was it the Court Jester? - or
Someone not to be dismissed.

Who could it be, I wonder?
To so boldly make a stance
Of course it was non other
Than our Captain Underpants.

Among the hierarchy
You'll find the Baron Papps
And mounted on his old rusty steed
The noble Duke of 'Tatts'.
I haven't titled Russell
Or good old Eric Pond,
But don't forget Count Percy
With his 'Papakha' now tied on.

Then at the very pinnacle of power
On his private carpet patch,
King Billie here reigns supreme
In a manner none can match.
But with all his Heraldic blazons
Under crossed swords and shields
Our modest Monarch can still be seen
In Straw and Berry Fields.

So dawns another chapter
In the course of life's great game
For there's nothing like second childhood
To make you young again.
And I'd better not disparage
This company that I chose,
'Cause now for better or for worse
I'm just another one of those.

Rodd Sherwin.



IMPORTANT NOTE

There is no January Meeting.

**The February meeting has been
brought forward to Friday 2nd Feb.**



Dad Jokes

Q: Where to Bees go to the toilet ?

A: To the BP Station.

Q: How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?

A: 10 tickles.

Q: Do you know the story about the chicken that crossed the border?

A: Me neither, I couldn't follow it.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?

A: Spoiled milk!

Q: What do you call an illegally parked frog?

A: Toad.

Q: Where do baby cats learn to swim?

A: The kitty pool.

Q: Why are spiders so smart?

A: They can find everything on the web.

Q: Did you hear that I'm reading a book about anti-gravity?

A: It's impossible to put down.

Events Calendar 2018

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

Warbirds contact Bill Sharp 54966870
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March	10-11 Tingalpa Warbirds 24-25 Toowoomba Warbirds
April	13 SAAMBR Club meeting. 23-30 70th National Model Aircraft Champs.
May	5-7 Tin Can Bay Warbirds 19-20 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson
June	2-3 Bundaberg Warbirds 8 SAAMBR Club meeting
July	28-29 Coolum Warbirds
August	11 Phoenix Warbirds Nambour
September	4-8 IMAC World Champs Muncie, USA 8-9 Qld Precision aerobatics Jim Gibson 22-23 SAAMBR Warbirds Gibson Field
October	27-28 Maryborough Warbirds.

Next Working Bee.

Sid Bray Field

Sunday 4th February

&

BBQ Lunch

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am



Next Meeting

Friday 02 February 2018

"Penticup"

365 Samsonvale Road

WARNER

7.30PM

Guests and New Members Welcome.

Plenty of off street parking.



SAAMBR

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