



Airwaves

Sports Aeromodellers Association Moreton Bay Region

Monthly Newsletter - June 2019

President's Report

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of Airwaves. Hopefully you are enjoying the great weather and conditions on offer for us here in SEQ. Our fields are in excellent condition at the moment due to the hard work of our maintenance teams and credit must go to these tireless workers.

The club is planning to hold an **Airshow on Sunday 1st September** at Jim Gibson field. I encourage everyone to help where possible please. I know this date is also Fathers day, and members may have family commitments, but there are lots of things to be done for planning and clean-up to make the event a success. If you are able to help please contact either **Mick Dallmann, Mark Brown** or a member of the committee. We need your support to make this happen.

As requested by members there have been some additions to the Jim Gibson field to help with landing approaches. Guidance markers have been positioned to provide alignment to the middle of both strips, and should provide good visual assistance when needed.

I would also like to remind members about safety around models. There have been a few minor incident to members over the past few months and these have not even happened at our fields. So please be careful when either arming or testing engines, or even carrying equipment. Just a few more seconds to checking settings and or restraints may make the difference between enjoying the hobby or having to visit a medical professional.

Discussions are still ongoing with council on the future direction of the Sid Bray field, and I am hopeful that we will be provided an update on their future plans in the coming weeks. As soon as these are known they will be shared with all members.

Membership renewals have be emailed to all members and the club agreed to pass on creases charges from the MAAA and MAAQ, unfortunately this is the reality of the increase costs to our sport, and cannot be avoided.

I look forward to seeing you enjoying our club

Greg Petherick

CASA Briefing -Newsletter May 2019

From Shane Carmody.

Strong response to drone proposals.



There was a strong response to the consultation undertaken on proposed drone accreditation and registration. More than 2850 people and organisations submitted comments on the proposed requirements, which are scheduled to be phased in during late 2019 and 2020. All recreational drones weighing more than 250 grams would be covered by the registration and accreditation requirements, unless they were model aircraft operated at CASA-approved model airfields. To gain accreditation people will need to do an online education course – watching a video and answering a quiz on the relevant drone rules. People who already hold a drone licence will not have to do the accreditation course. There will be a modest fee for registration of \$20 or less for recreational drone flyers, with a higher fee applying to commercial drone operators. The exact fee levels have not yet been finalised.

Flying a drone in Canada without a license could cost you \$5,000

https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/flying-a-drone-without-a-licence-you-could-be-fined-up-to-5-000-1.4447790?fbclid=IwAR0tWBg_AApXMuLQZVMHO5028qMnyTjC4Pm57ucWi0-wc5nSEaexq1yU1nQ

Dear SAAMBR,

Thankyou for the membership at SAAMBR,
This is a wonderful experience at this Airfield. The
Runways are set out perfectly and the members are kind.

The instructors have the perfect experience to train beginners for
Flying RC planes.

Recently my poppa who takes me to this airfield has modified my j3
piper cub foamy I usually fly, he has added a stronger motor and
landing gear with ailerons so it's better to fly.

Also a big thanks to Michael, Greg, Rocket and much more
for helping me fly RC planes.



Thanyou SAAMBR
Yours sincerely, Elijah Hayward.



From Bazza, "The Windsock man."

The remote windsock was installed at Gibson Field at the last working bee. Now you don't have to look away from your model to the pilot area windsock for a wind check for take off or landing. Thanks to the industrious crew who waded through boggy, mosquito infested, densely vegetated land to erect the windsock. '



The windsock pole has been designed so that to change the sock you only have to remove the top bolt at the windsock pole base, swing the pole down, remove the old sock, apply some lubricant, install the windsock and push the pole back up, then reinstall the top bolt without losing any of the nuts or washers. SIMPLE.

Bazza.

PS: Colour and size may differ from image (Ed).

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New Opening Times

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 5:30pm

Saturday

8:00am to 12:30pm

Safety woes continue

In previous Airwaves safety reminders have been mentioned due to the number of lapses in members' procedures resulting in injury and close shaves.

Members continue to place aircraft on the two tables under the awning of the club house. We all know this can be a dangerous practice, yet it continues.



Only recently a member placed his electric aircraft on the table and had the motor facing directly towards seated members less than one metre away. One safety conscious member picked it up and turned it away.

These tables are supposed to be off limits to aircraft for obvious reasons and must be placed on the tables in the pit area when being worked on. They are not for repairing planes on.

Safety is everyone's business so don't hesitate to speak up and enforce our By-Laws for everyone's sake. We can lower the risk of injury by being aware of our surroundings.

Here's a link to the By-Laws: <http://www.saambr.asn.au/content/pdfs/bylaws.pdf>

Horses on the loose

On the weekend of the working bee at Sid Bray Sunday 26th May the first member to arrive and unlock the top gate saw it had been left unlocked and open. As he approached the empty car park he noticed the gate next to the cattle grid (with Sid Bray Field sign) was also open and at least a dozen horses were on the strip and around the storage sheds and pit area.

There are suspicions as to who may be responsible so please ensure **if you are the last one out to place the white pole across the entrance to the cattle grid and the top gate is locked, remembering to spin the numbers on the padlock.**





Defibrillator at the airfield.

A member recently said he didn't realise there was a defibrillator at the Sid Bray field. This was obtained some time ago and it serves members to keep up to date with what is going on within the club and attend meetings, or at least read the minutes of the meetings.

This could save yours or someone else's life.

It is located in the metal cabinet at the back of the club house near the sink. There is a sign on the outside indicating it is inside. It is easy to use and feel free to read the instructions in the pamphlet.

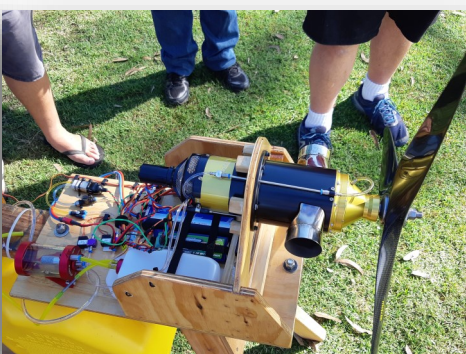
It is understood there was a grant given to the club to acquire one for the Jim Gibson field but for some reason this lapsed and didn't eventuate. It is important that both fields have one.

Working Bee Sunday 26th May Sid Bray Field.

Many thanks to the members who turned up early to pitch in and bring the Sid Bray field up to scratch. As mentioned there had been horses on the strip and fences were damaged and required repairing.



Greg Petherick's Turbo Prop Motor



Club Meeting Sid Bray Field Saturday June 1st.

35 members were in attendance plus two new members. One re-joined and the other, Matt, is a new member who has flown before. Welcome. May all your landings be greasers.

It is interesting to note the club has just over 200 members and it would be great to see a few more turn up. It's always the same people.

On Friday 31st May (hot doggie day) there were a number of visitors from the Phoenix Club in Nambour who were impressed with the quality of facilities at Uhlmann Rd field. They even ran out of hot dogs. Let's hope we see them more often. You're always welcome.

President Greg re-iterated the need for members to be more vigilant when it comes to safety and has had a couple of these signs made up to remind flyers to cut their engines when approaching the pit area.

If you are not already a member of the **SAAMBR Members** Facebook page there is a photo of a flyer who received a bad injury from an electric motor and was sporting a large bandage. Good to see he is on the mend.

NEW APPOINTMENT

The MAAA has appointed a safety officer who will be visiting clubs to ensure members are adhering to safety regulations.

Members are reminded once again there is to be **NO FLYING** whilst mowing is in progress. Some seem to think it's okay to fly if the mower is around the fences or not in the flight zone. **Note to whoever is mowing** it is up to you to get the "**No Flying Whilst Mowing in Progress**" sign (at Sid Bray) and place it in the flying compound.

If You are the last person to leave Sid Bray field you must ensure the white pipe is placed across the cattle grid as per the picture to keep the horses out.



2019 Airshow Father's Day September 1st.

Uhlmann Road will be the venue for the airshow and we ask members to pitch in and volunteer to help make it a great success.

The drawcard will be a magnificent B2 Stealth Bomber like this one. Unfortunately it won't be taking to the sky but will be a static display for all to see.



We will need members to be in attendance at the shopping centre to help promote the day. As we get closer to the date there will be more information to pass on. In the meantime if you have an interesting model now is the time to complete your project and think about how you can help.

Organisers are **Mark Brown** and **Mick Dallman** so if you have any questions please contact them for more information.



Next Airwaves will be in August. Members are invited to submit relevant articles and any interesting information they wish to share.

Items for sale will be considered depending on space available. All material to be received by the editor by the 15th of the month.



Events Calendar 2019

June 30th Membership fees due. Late fees apply.

July 6th Club meeting Uhlmann Rd 10.30am

August Sat 3rd- SAAMBR AGM 4.30pm.

August 6-12th World Pylon Racing Championships Maryborough.

September Sunday 1st . Airshow Jim Gibson field.

October 26th-02 November Norfolk Island fly-in.

December - 7th Club Christmas party Jim Gibson field.

Southern Cross Airforce Dates

Jul 6-7th Coolum. Tony Thornton 0408 791 484

Aug 17th Phoenix. Tom Markwell 0400 449 875

Sep 21-22nd SAAMBR. Bill Sharpe 07 5496 6870

Oct 26-27th Maryborough. Neil Brockley
0417 071 056

Note the date and time.

AGM - SAT AUGUST 3RD to be held at
Pendicup Community Centre
365 Samsonvale Rd
WARNER 4.30PM

Next Working Bee.

Sunday 30th June 2019

0800 Jim Gibson field

Sign on book gets taken away 08.30am



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**



SAAMBR

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