



The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. June 2018

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Around the hangar

Continual windy weather during May provided less than ideal flying conditions and I went nearly three weeks without a flying fix. At this point I was considering a choice of knitting or stamp collecting as a new hobby.

As most members know, Nils Powell underwent very serious surgery during mid-April followed by a further two operations within two weeks. His recovery was set back considerably and improvement is very slow and he is still very weak. He is still a long way away from being fit again and at the time of writing, not yet in rehab.

To further complicate matters his wife Billie suffered a slight stroke and was also hospitalised. Their dog Hamish came to live with me and we became quite good friends.

Fortunately Billie has made a complete recovery and does not appear to have any lasting impediment.

During the whole period to date Ken Ward has been truly magnificent providing a great deal of support to Nils and Billie and he certainly has my thanks and appreciation.

There is little to report from Kelly Field, but I must say that I am impressed by our new roadside wind sock and it certainly draws attention to the field.

That time of the year is coming round again with the AGM and election of officers/committee and as usual, we will find it difficult to find volunteers to fill the positions. Peter Gard indicated that he cannot continue as treasurer and this is an important position which must be filled.

The only reluctant candidate we have at present will be away interstate for the first three months of the new membership year and this is not a really satisfactory position. It is time to step up and put something back into the club. At my age, I did not think I would have to serve on the committee, but I consider that I have little choice.

Garth Wilmot.

Presidents Corner

Recently I made the mistake of leaving the Clubhouse unlocked whilst I became distracted with other matters.

I was not the last to leave on this occasion.

If you are the last, could members make a last minute check to see that all is secured before leaving unless they have been told that all has been locked up.

Regarding the past Scale Day, I should mention that our thanks go to Bill Jennings for supplying the book prizes for the event.

Our AGM is here once again next month. I cannot emphasise enough that if you make an EFT payment for your membership fees that you identify your name along with it. We had last year some vexed issues trying to identify payments with members.

There have been comments recently regarding Taxiing in the pit area. I know that some flyers of larger aircraft, especially gas, find it difficult to manage both transmitter and plane in hand.

We have one taxi runway at the South but it is impractical to get a large electric aircraft right across the front of the flight tables to get to it.

I propose that the access at the Northern end also becomes a Taxi Way as per the South and I would appreciate any thoughts on the matter. It is far enough away in my view as to not present a safety issue.

We have paid our \$150 to CCC for our sign on the Richmond bypass road and we should see this in place shortly. Well maybe!

Our man Nil's is still in recovery at Hobart Private after major surgery and we wish him well in what is going to be a long road. He must be longing for cake.

As we all know flying has been very much limited by the wind but it can only get better. A beautiful couple of days recently made for good flying.

That's all folks and safe flying

Barry Gerrard

A Report on the TMAA Annual General Meeting and General Meeting 27th May 2018

The TMAA AGM/GM was held at Zep's, Cambelltown and attended by the TMAA executive and representatives from all the Tasmanian Aeromodelling clubs. Tony Shepherd, TMAA Secretary, sent his apologies. Barry Gerrard and Ken Ward attended on behalf of HMAAC.

The meeting opened at 11am and went as planned with reports from the TMAA and all the club presidents.

The main points raised in most reports and discussed were

- The need for new members, statistics available on request

- The need for instructors

- The promotional funds available from the MAAA and TMAA

Elections were held for the TMAA Executive

- Mike Rutledge was elected as President

Tony Sheppard as the Secretary/Treasurer

Dean Williams as the Vice President

The need for an auditor was discussed due to changes in audit requirements from the Department of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading.

The position of auditor

was made optional

the need for an auditor is to be decided at each AGM

was not filled for the coming year 2018/2019

Peter Ralph, HMAc, was appointed Deputy CFI, assisting Ben Good with South TAS

Events planned are:

Pattern Champs 3rd/4th November 2018

Glider Champs SEAT, 17th/18th November 2018

Australia Day Fly-in ECRCF 26th January 2019

Electric Fly-in/DLG HMAc, date to be decided

Scale Fly-in PFL, 7th April 2019, backup date 14th April

HMAc, date to be decided

The meeting was closed 3:30pm