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Frequency control

Members have advised that, on occasions, their frequency keys have either been moved or taken off the board. This is a definite No, No!

Under no circumstances may a key be moved without the express consent of the owner!

We don't need any accidents due to misuse of frequency control rules.

President's report.

I was going to comment on the improvements made at the field over the past few months, however I have been 'beaten to the post' so to speak by the letter from Erwin Boot (reprinted in this issue) that left me speechless. I need add no more than to say that Erwin himself must not be forgotten as to his input to the club, along with the other club Instructors. I would think that every member would be equally as proud of our club, I know I am, and believe it to be a first class club by any standards.

As you are aware with Jamie Sheehan re-locating to Launceston we needed a new club Secretary for which we asked for volunteers. David Harcourt kindly offered to temporarily fill

that position, however it was realised by the committee that under our constitution it was not correct protocol to just elect a new office bearer, so to keep things in order, I will take on the role as Secretary until our AGM when new office bearers will be elected. If anyone is interested in filling a committee position please contact me or any committee member.

Our website has been in serious need of up-dating, the reason being that the site is run by an independent body that has to be contacted to do any updates. Arrangements have now been made so that we have direct access to the site to do online updates and post notices etc. Our thanks are to go to Peter Ralph for achieving this and

also for taking on the role of 'Webkeeper', we look forward to seeing lots of those great photos he takes.

On a more sombre note I need to point out a couple of matters that have been brought to the committee's attention. Firstly some members who have not yet achieved 'Bronze Wing' status and have been flying unsupervised. I wish to remind members that it is a requirement and club rule that any member who has not achieved this status must be accompanied by a proficient pilot, there are no exceptions. Secondly, a reminder that any visitor or prospective member who is to fly must sign the visitors book
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Around the hangar.

It was expected that the wild windy weather would ease up after the new year, however this was certainly not the case for the first couple of weeks this year. Very hot weather and blustery northerly winds brought the fire lighting idiots out of hiding. Those fortunate enough to be on holidays and the retirees got the occasional good day at the field.

Wednesday 9th January provided ideal conditions and there was a good attendance. Ian Knott joined the club on the day and is enjoying flying his electric powered Junior 60.

David Harcourt's new Phoenix Classic EP was test flown and trimmed out and should provide good flying for the owner.

On Saturday 12th Andrew Hutchinson wheeled out his magnificent Model 18 Twin Beech now equipped with Magnum 4 strokes. The model took off and flew extremely well until it decided to go haywire. In spite of the pilot's best efforts it pan caked in and did considerable damage.

We have two more new members in Krysz Smietanski and Ian Knott. Both new members are electric fliers, so this branch of the hobby is expanding all the time. Krysz has returned to Hobart after working overseas for a considerable period of time and is certainly a very keen flier.

It is pleasing to see that the control-line circle is in regular use. In particular, David Christian and Peter Allen are often seen participating on Wednesdays.

It was rather sad to see my old Stormer bite the dust recently. New owner Steve Hedges failed to complete a sound radio installation by omitting to screw the aileron servo down, and son Joe has promised to check his father's handiwork in future.

Keen builder Mark Slade has been buying up old kits on EBAY. Most of these have been out of production for some time and I suspect they come from the old Kraft Systems which closed down some time ago.

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at each day of attendance. Both of these issues if not adhered to could seriously affect the club's future, should there be an incident it might not be covered by our insurance. And finally, please supervise children if they are accompanying you, and please collect and wash up coffee/tea cups and not leave them for the ladies to do. Small complaints I know but it does promote better harmony. I will leave these matters in your hands.

This year HMAC are hosting the state Electric 'Fly-in', and committee have set the date for the weekend Sat 5th and Sun 6th of April, this was chosen so as not to conflict with other events around the state as well as Easter. For the new members' benefit this is not a competition but a fun get together of members from all clubs in the state to fly and discuss aspects of Electric flight. During this event it is customary not to fly i.c power models, and to those members who are unable or do not wish to participate in the 'Black Art' we seek your acceptance of this and task you to join in as a spectator. Let's hope the weather gods are kind to us on this weekend.

Well that's enough from me, let's go flying, and see you at the field.

Mike Hawkins.

Fuel sales

Erwin advises that fuel with 0%, 5% & 10% nitro is still available at the field.

Proceeds from sales help with club finances!

Wanted

Building board in good condition, reasonably priced.

Fred Willis phone 62578258.

Wing a ding- ding!

A pylon day was held at Tony Gray's Mangalore property on Sunday 6th January for the electric wings . It was a good day except for the totally lousy weather. It was windy and , I have to say, the worst turbulence I have ever flown in. We had a pretty good bunch of wings.

Winner for the day was Steve Ralph, and Gavin Hallam finished second. Best crash went to Tony Gray, maybe not the best individual crash, but he certainly made up for it with quantity.

Best hit was made by Michael (Figjam) Ralph on Gavin's wing, removing both fins and a control horn, ramming Gavin's prop right through Figgy's wing in the process.

Steve's wing was a rocket, causing discussion amongst the punters, in regard to illegal modification !! Steve flew the final against Gavin, taking the win with smooth, fast flying and with no cuts.

Great hospitality and wonderful spread of food for lunch was provided by Elaine and Tony Gray.

Mark Leverton.



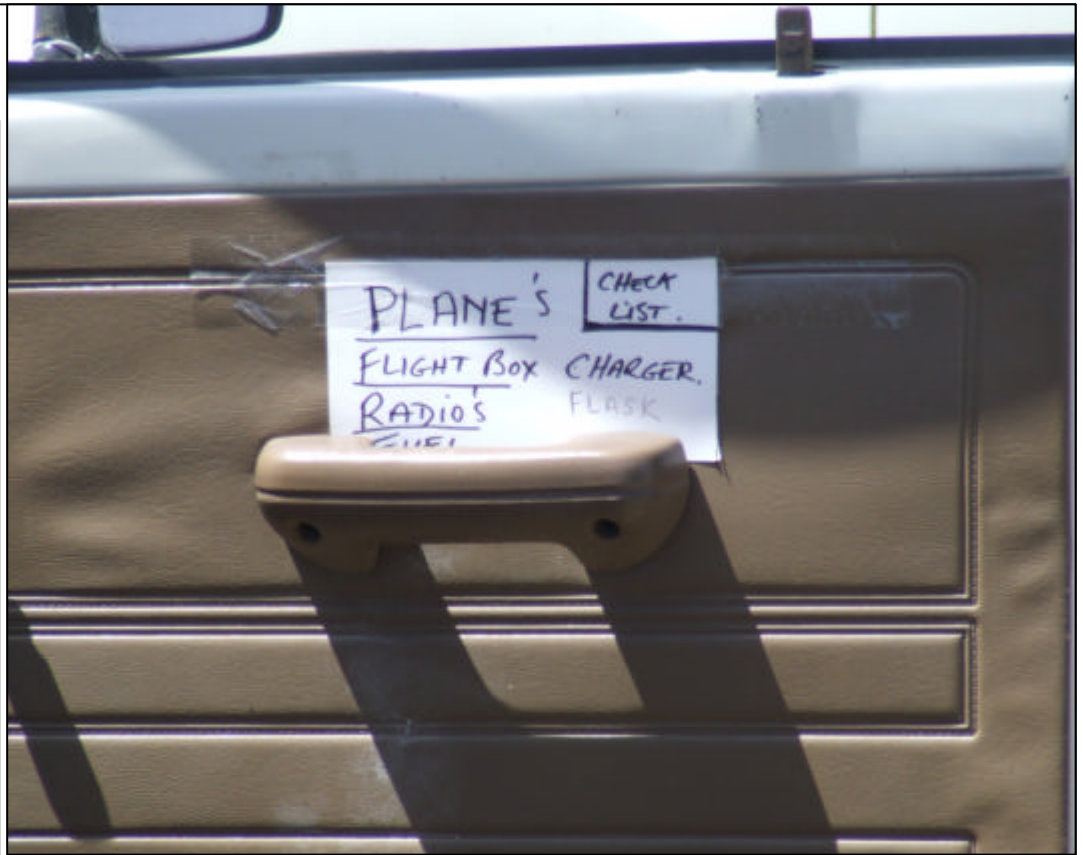
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This is a notice inside the door on a member's utility.

This apparently prevents him from leaving anything at home or at the field.

No name, but it is rumoured that he gets his inspiration from Heath Robinson!

Unfortunately this did not prevent him from leaving his transmitter at the field recently.



Andrew Hutchinson's ill fated Model 18 Twin Beech in flight.

The last thing that the members of the ladies' committee appreciate finding on arriving on Sunday mornings is a quantity of unwashed mugs and other assorted untidiness in the clubhouse.

Laziness is not a virtue and surely it is not too much to expect mugs to be washed, dried and put away after use. For some, this practice of not washing mugs etc. may be standard procedure at home, but this does not mean that it also applies at the field.

The ladies do a great job and their efforts should be appreciated. Nevertheless they are certainly not kitchen skivvies! Do the right thing in future please.

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MAAA Vice President

The MAAA Executive are very pleased to announce that, at their Special Meeting on 22nd December 2007, they unanimously agreed to appoint Ivan Chiselett as the MAAA Vice President for the period up until the completion of the Council Conference in May 2008. Following the loss of Theo Merrifield, Rule 24.3 required the Executive to appoint a new Vice President for the period up to the next Council Meeting, when an election will be held.

Given the short term of the appointment, the Executive decided to appoint a person who was both free of State Association commitments and familiar with current Council policies, so as to be able to contribute immediately as an integrated member of the team. It was also important that the Vice President be a member of good standing within the organisation who would be able to stand in for the President in all roles if required.

While there were a number of members who could satisfy these criteria, it was decided that Ivan was the best overall fit. The only concern was how the reappointment to the Executive of the former Secretary, so soon after his term finished, might be viewed from outside. It was considered that a few might draw some erroneous conclusions. There is clearly no justification for these, and both Kevin and Ivan have stated that they have no problems with the appointment which they view to be in the best interests of the organisation. We are sure that all members will congratulate Ivan on his appointment and will continue to support the members of the Executive in their work.

Manual of Procedures

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MOP027 Guidelines for the Award of MAAA Wings

MOP031 Rocketry Procedure

Form: MAAA034 Flight Requirements & Test Check Sheet – Rocketry Bronze Wings

Form: MAAA035 Flight Requirements & Test Check Sheet – Rocketry Gold Wings

MOP056 Safe Flying Code has been amended to reflect the introduction of Giant Models (25kg–50kg). This Flying Code is also printed on the A4 section of the Membership Cards and the 50kg limit for Giant Models will be added once the current stock is depleted and new cards are reprinted. A note stating this is now being printed on each new membership card.

The 61st Nationals

The 61st Nationals were held in Perth, West Australia over the period 27 December 2007 to 4 January 2008. Results can be found on the MAAA web site or at www.aeromodellerswa.info/nationals/index.html Congratulations to all concerned in AWA for the effort and organisation that went into the successful event.

Team Trials

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All MAAA affiliate members are eligible to represent Australia at World, Continental and Trans Tasman

Championships. Trials for places in the teams are organised by MAAA Technical Subcommittees or National Special Interest Groups (NSIGs) which are required to publish details of team trial arrangements as widely as possible, well in advance of the trials, so that all interested members have the opportunity to take part. Your State Association Secretary has contact details for your Subcommittee representatives and NSIGs. The MAAA web site has links to NSIGs and also details of upcoming events and team trials, on the "Championships and Other Competitions" page.

F1 Trans Tasman & Team Trials

Team Trials for F1A, F1B & F1C were held as part of the WA Nationals and will be held at Narrandera NSW on 21-24 March 2008 (Easter). The Southern Cross Cup will also be held at Narrandera: F1A on 25 March, F1B & C on 26 March. 27 March will be a reserve day. The VFFS State Champs & W/C Team Trials event is planned for 25, 26, 27 April 2008 at Mc Mahon's Field Springhurst Victoria.

F4A Team Trials & Trans Tasman Competition

Team trials will be held at Richmond NSW on 16-17 February 2008 with the Trans Tasman event to be held also at Richmond NSW on 28-29 June 2008. Please contact Lloyd Willis for further details.
lloyd.willis1@bigpond.com

F3D Pylon Team Trials for the World Championships Germany 2009

Notification of team trials as follows:

- ?? 26/27 April 2008 at Cohuna Victoria
- ?? 7/8 June 2008 AMPRA Champs in Maryborough Qld
- ?? Aug/Sept 2008 - either Qld State Champs or Vic State Champs

MAAA Insurance

During December a steady flow of incident reports was received. The majority of these incidents involved fingers or hands in turning propellers. Every one of us needs to be alert to the danger of spinning propellers and the constant vigilance required to remain safe. Having insurance will not replace a finger.

Incident and Investigation Forms

These forms need to be submitted as soon as possible following an incident even if it is considered that there may not be an Insurance Claim. If the incident is of a serious nature or third party property has been damaged, even before the reports are sent, please advise the MAAA Federal Secretary either by phone or email with the basic details. Ensure that the two forms are completed and forwarded to the MAAA Federal Secretary who will forward copies to your State Secretary. An Incident Investigation form containing details of the steps taken by the club to prevent further incidents of the same nature, allows the MAAA Executive to 'close out' the incident.

MAAA 2008 Federal Council Conference

The 2008 Council Conference is scheduled to be held over the weekend of 24-25 May 2008 at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Hobart. Items for the agenda and Subcommittee Chairman reports are to be submitted to the MAAA Secretary no later than Friday 7 March 2008.

Nominations for MAAA Executive Positions

Under Rule 29, nominations are called for the positions of MAAA Vice President & MAAA Treasurer.

Nominees must provide:

- ?? A written nomination for the position sought, signed by two Affiliate Members of the Association
- ?? Written consent (which may be endorsed on the nomination)
- ?? Curriculum vitae

This information must be received by the Federal Secretary no later than **Friday 29 February 2008**. Please note that the term of office is three years.

World Championship and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

(this is available from the editor if required)

State Electric fly-in. 7

This event will be held at Kelly Field on 5th & 6th April 2008.

This is a weekend of relaxed electric flying although there may be some competition for the popular combat wings.

There will be no entry fees and the canteen will be operating on both days.

There will be a limited number of prizes, but nothing hugely expensive.

This is meant to be a fun event open to all MAAA members!



From Erwin Boot.

Friday 1st February 2008

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When I was at the field last Sunday, I reflected for a while on what's been happening at the club lately, and it was all pretty bloody good.

When I look around the field, there are huge improvements which we as a club, or certain members in particular have effected, and I am very grateful (and proud) to be part of all that.

Without attempting to list all the improvements which have been made in the past couple of years, here are just a few which spring to mind:

- 1) The computer and simulation package, with sealed batteries, generator (on a trolley no less!) and now the solar panel charging system.*
- 2) The emergency-use mobile phone in the shed.*
- 3) The Toro mower*
- 4) The shade sail set-up over the pits*
- 5) The (HR Inc. !!) anemometer on the frequency trolley*
- 6) The plants, shrubs and trees*
- 7) The watering system which appears to be working so much better*
- 8) The new barbecue*
- 9) The new signage and the old signage which was upgraded*
- 10) The newly gravelled driveway*
- 11) The new cupboard in the clubhouse*
- 12) The noise-meter (although it probably hasn't had to be used for a long while)*
- 13) The control-line area*
- 14) The frequency checker (also not used for a while, but it's there, available for when the fit hits the shan)*

Although it is dangerous to single out one or two bods who have the done the work, I believe that special thanks should already be given to Peter Hubbard and Peter Ederle for their huge inputs, but not forgetting Ken Jones, Peter Ralph, Mike Hawkins, Rob McAllister and Ian Searle. There must be others of whom I'm not aware at the time of sending this, but I would like those fellows in particular to know that I as a club member, am very grateful to you for all that you've done for my club. The club's looking good!

Kindest regards to all,

Erwin.



09/05/1951 David Reynolds, Gerald Haley, Bert Leverton, at Zeehan's Jubilee Day display at Zeehan



Debatably the first Tasmanian RC model, David Reynolds, Sabre diesel, HMV New Zealand system - one of the earliest commercial RC sets available.

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Wing Status.

According to our records the following members have yet to achieve bronze wing status and therefore are reminded that they may not fly a radio control model at Kelly Field without supervision.

David Christian

David Harcourt

Joe Hedges

Mitchell Hurst

Max Keating

Ian Knott

Angus Mc Neil

Marc Prince

Simon Rolfe

Chris Rowe

Roger Scott

Peter Stanley

Ray Stidston

Paul Waller



Positive proof that Tony Bannister does fly!

Members are requested to do the right thing on the electric fly-in weekend. It would be preferred that power models are not flown, however, for those who suffer from withdrawal symptoms this may be possible in the lunch break if you must. Better still support the electric fraternity and bring your own electric model.

A fair percentage of our members now own at least one electric!



Krys Smietanski's Parkzone T-28 Trojan



Nat Vervaart's CMPRO Cessna 172.