



The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. June 2015

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TMAA AGM

The TMAA elections held last Sunday with the following results;

Clive Butler was returned as TMAA President.

Tony Sheppard was elected as Secretary

Michael Rutledge was returned as Executive Vice President

There was some good news from the meeting the MAAA/TMAA fees for the 2015/2016 remained unchanged.

The meeting was attended by Mike Hawkins and Garth Wilmot on our behalf, they will I'm sure fill you in on the happenings.

If any member is interested in the TMAA Minutes, contact Mike on mike.vk7dmh@gmail.com

HMAC AGM reminder

The 2014/15 HMAC Annual General Meeting will be held at Kelly Field on 21st June 2015 starting at 10.30 am, followed by the 2014/15 Special General Meeting

Nominations are still required.

Nomination Forms, must be returned to the Public Officer (Mike Hawkins) ten days before the AGM, i.e. is by 11th June 2015

More from Peter's camera



It's catching Nils



It's amazing what's on the kitchen table when the wife is away





Silver Wings and instructor requirements

As a preamble to this request for membership assistance regarding additional instructors, there have been a number of changes to the MAAA rules and procedures some of which affect training operations.

In that promulgation of the amendments only arrived a few days ago there has hardly been time to read and digest changes so this is my interpretation of rule changes and subject to further reading.

Silver wings have been added to wing requirements as follows:

Bronze wings now cover models under 2Kg ready for flight.

Silver wings are for models over 2Kg ready for flight.

This is in recognition of changes in models, particularly the very light foamies now readily available and to ensure pilot competence over a wider range of weights.

The test requirements are the same for both but if bronze wings were received on models under 2Kg a competency check will be made if models exceed 2Kg. This should be routine and pose no problems.

Now to the guts of the matter ----- For the ATTENTION of all club members.

The club is in need of additional qualified instructors.

The models we see everyday are getting heavier, more and more complex and require greater in-depth knowledge of instructors. We need to keep abreast of these changes, as the MAAA and the Civil Aviation Administration now require with an increasing need to instil in students, safe standards from the word go particularly in relation to electric models which are quite capable of inflicting serious injury. As some have discovered the hard way .

To be an instructor you need to hold Gold Wings and to complete a theory course.

If there is enough interest, we will organise both theory and flying training sessions for prospective instructors. At this stage the length and number of lectures is not decided and will depend on numbers but I expect something like four 2 hour sessions possibly on a Sunday morning. (see below)

Please note Any member who does not currently qualify , or want to become, an instructor, but who would like to reach a greater understanding of the mechanics of flight is welcome to take the course. Should you wish to go further and ultimately become an instructor, the theory will cover future progress.

The only restriction. The ground course which will cover flight and instructional theory does require commitment so - please - do not enrol unless you intend to see it through. Anyone with a basic education will be comfortable and hopefully we can eliminate some of the serious gaps in knowledge seen every day at Kelly Field. I recall at least two beautifully built, heavy models , normally competently flown that were destroyed because of a lack of fundamental knowledge of flight physics .

Contact Nils (nibi108@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. When we have an idea of numbers participants will be contacted to arrange times and dates convenient to most.

Safe flying guys. Nils