



**The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc.
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From the camera man



**Garth has done an excellent job with his
training efforts**

I think Ray may even be smiling



If only we could fly this well



Jason`s Sebart. Pity about the lack of blue sky and sunshine



Bill's best friend

Presidents corner

Well we have had a few very good days amongst the mostly unfavourable conditions lately, I did notice it never stopped our editor from test flying his 'Big E' and Peters float plane surely must have been at home in the damp conditions on the strip!

During the week, a few of gathered to bolt down the new charging shed. The stainless dynabolts supplied by Nuts and Bolts at a very favourable price, thanks to Phil H. Also a big thank you to Ian Ganon for fabricating and supplying the brackets that secure the two sheds together.

The shelf for charging should be installed this week and the charging points moved over soon by the ever helpful Bob McAllister.

During the week I bumped into Jack Tonks and had good chat about most things RC. He informs me he is nearing completion of two new planes, an airborne plan the 'Roaring Forty' and a large FW190. I also saw Colleen and you will all be happy to hear she is doing well. I am sure that I say collectively, 'hope to see you at KF soon'

Phil H has been doing an admirable job, along with a few others, in keeping the grounds very tidy and manicured. Phil has expressed a desire to try and keep grass on the taxi ways due to traffic and is also as you know mowing small section of the strip 'closely shaved'. This takes a lot of work and will do more so as the weather warms up, so if you don't mind the smell of freshly cut grass, please discuss with Phil how you can help out!

Phil has also discussed with me where some additional popups would be beneficial, (taxi ways), so this is something that will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

You may have also noticed a few changes in the club house. In the next week or so there will be a small reorganisation. The self serve 'canteen' will move to the display cabinet (donated by Ian Ganon), so if you walk in and can't find a wagon wheel don't panic, check in the display cabinet. Just be sure to leave one for me! Excess chairs and tables will also be moved to the equipment shed, to reduce clutter, once the charging area is moved.

The Instructors course has to be run/overseen by the CFI(South). Peter is onto this so once he has all details sorted, those Gold Wing holders that wish to do so, can obtain their instructors rating (assuming they pass!)

Lastly, with ongoing grass cutting being our major hurdle, year in year out, it is my intention to apply for various grants for funding to purchase a small tractor and slasher for our club. Of course we have to be eligible, and importantly where there are no onerous commitments placed on the club in return for any funds. These are all a longshot but worth trying for. As they say, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Phil Wardle has already put in considerable effort with our Tas Community Fund application, so thanks Phil for all the hard work.

See you at KF Cheers, Jason Bedelph

PS The AXN's have landed so hopefully we see a bunch of them flying soon! And we can organise our first fun day with this new club plane. Unfortunately I have had a few mishaps with the Rare Bear vac formed cowls and have to make a new plug after it got stuck in the new cowl! Stay tuned if you need a Rare Bear Cowl (like I do) I should have them out soon.

Regards, Jason

More MAAA crap

The following is an extract from the Aeromodellers NSW News letter 378 Sept 2015

Dear Clubs and members

It has taken some time to digest the presentation by Mr. Carl Bizon (Vice President of MAAA) that formed part of our monthly meeting on Friday the 14th August at our usual venue, Dooley's Waterview Club in Silverwater.

The meeting was attended by 40 people representing clubs across NSW.

The purpose of Carl's presentation was to explain the latest decision from the MAAA on the unification of NSW under one body. This was the first time the plan by the MAAA was presented to NSW clubs and the Aeromodellers NSW Executive. We previously understood that the intention was merely to unify the existing three bodies – Free Flight, Control Line and Radio.

Carl advised that at the end of the current financial year, 30 June 2016, Aeromodellers NSW will not be recognised by MAAA as the representative of NSW Clubs, nor will Free Flight or Control Line. It was quite clear that the MAAA has already made this decision, without consultation.

The MAAA intends that Carl Bizon will head up a new incorporated body that will manage the activities that each of us presently accomplish in our respective committees; but other than himself, Carl did not say by whom or how.

Even though I am on the MAAA Council, as are the Free Flight and CLAS Presidents, we were unaware of (blindsided by) the decision to impose a 4th body on NSW, a body that will be run by Carl Bizon, from Melbourne, assisted by a team that he will select.

We, the current organisation are to have no opportunity to be involved in the creation of this new body's constitution, a body that Carl Bizon will retain control of for the following two years.

Carl could not say what the name of the new organisation is to be but was adamant that it will not be Aeromodellers NSW. For the purpose of calling it something, he put forward a name synonymous with the past, MAA NSW.

Carl also advised that the MAAA intends in time to move to a federalised model. He noted that NT, WA and TAS are ready now to move to a federalised model in which the MAAA will control all activities across Australia without representation by state bodies. He stated that Victoria is also looking at moving to a federalised model, leaving only NSW, SA and Queensland indicating continuing support for state representation.

There is much to consider, and rather than jumping to any conclusions I ask for your patience whilst we explore the full ramifications of these proposed changes. As in the past, I will continue to be transparent and communicate our findings and any further developments. Be assured, we are working diligently to ensure that the sport of Aeromodelling continues to strengthen rather than becoming depleted and fragmented.

The second last paragraph should be of great interest to our members.

My question is: "what happens to all the funds that TMAA, our state body holds" watching the MAAA dictatorial manner in this matter, I could see those funds going to MAAA rather than being returned the Tasmanian Clubs.

If the TMAA is wound up, that is forced by the MAAA, Clause 32 and 33 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964, should protect the interests HMAC with respect to the assets (funds) of the TMAA.