

The News Letter of the Hobart Model Aero Club Inc. April 2016

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More from the camera

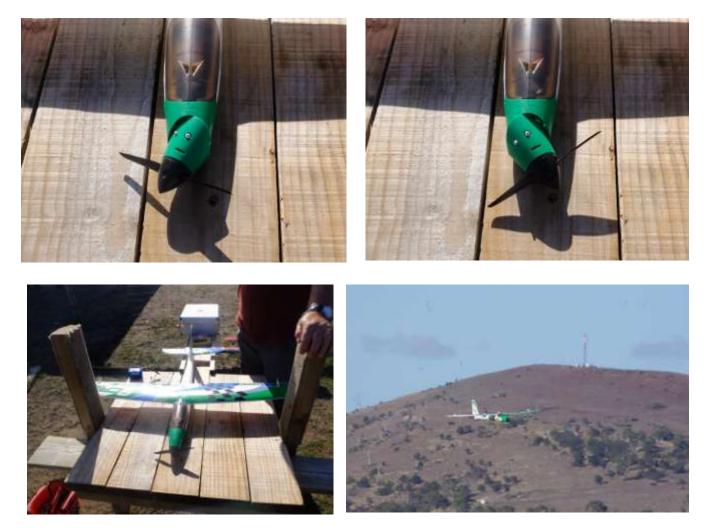


Meeting some prospective new members



If only we could fly like this.

Garths new model



It takes all sorts....lol.

He flew it very well. Model is definitely not lacking in the get up and go department.

Seemed almost as fast as a Rare Bear. Probably just an illusion.

Comments from Peter Ralph



Land/taxi/park.....all one action. Precisely done by G.W.

MAAA

The MAAA treasurers report for the year ending 30th June 2015, it make some interesting read. You can see where our fees go, below is the first page. The full report can be seen and down loaded from the MAAA web site

Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet As at June 30th, 2015

	Note	2015	2014
Current Assets			
Cash	2	3,183,531.10	3,247,186.24
Receivables	3	185,712.02	87,968.38
Stock		39,412.92	19,950.53
Total Current Assets		3,408,656.04	3,355,105.15
Loans and Investments			
Loans to Associations etc.	4	296,457.13	223,962.81
Shares: Goulbern Valley Field		10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Loans and Investments		306,457.13	233,962.81
Non Current Assets			
Freehold Land	5	526,334.95	526,334.95
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	122.00	603.50
Total Non Current Assets		526,456.95	526,938.45
Intangible Asset			
Joint Venture Control Line Circle (Less Amortisation)	18	30,000.00	32,500.00
Total Intangible Assets		30,000.00	32,500.00
Total Assets		4,271,570.12	4,148,506.41
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors & Accruals	7	143,241.25	18,879.87
Provisions	8	98,990.55	107,933.77
Total Current Liabilities		242,231.80	126,813.64
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Equity			
Retained Earnings		4,029,338.32	3,995,142.77
Provisions Written Back			26,550.00
Total Equity		4,029,338.32	4,021,692.77

I will leave members to draw their own conclusions on the value of the MAAA into the future.

Presidents corner

As many of you already know, we have had enquiries from the Vintage Machinery Club about leasing an unused portion of Kelly Field

On 20th March the Vintage Machinery Club Executive visited Kelly Field and verbally outlined to us their proposition. David Ellis and myself represented HMAC at the meeting.

In a nut shell, the Vintage Machinery Club are very interested in the unused Northeast corner of Kelly Field, from the main entrance to the toilet block (10% area of Kelly Field). Also they would like to plant a crop along the northern fence line, as part of club events to use their old tractors. This area is currently fenced as a horse enclosure.

As part of their proposal, and in giving something in return to HMAC, they would assume all grass and fence line cutting of Kelly Field, however they would only accept a lease of the North East corner of Kelly Field directly from the Clarence City Council. They have already had advice from council that this is the preferred council lease arrangement, a 5 year plus 5 lease. This appears to bring the renewal in line with HMAC. The main reason cited for direct lease from council is due to financing and fundraising limitations if they were to sublet from HMAC. Under obligations of our lease, HMAC must look at proposed recreational sharing of Kelly Field. David and I stressed that any sharing arrangement would have to be sensitive HMAC flying actives and members. The Vintage Machinery club executive were very positive in their outlook of integrating and coexisting harmoniously with HMAC.

In Summary David and I asked their executive to give us a detailed proposal in writing outlining their intended usage and development over the next 5 years. Once this has been received your executive will pass this on to all HMAC members for reflection before a vote whether or not to proceed with sharing of Kelly Field at the AGM.

In other news it is great to see the flying strip in such fantastic condition, thanks to our resident green thumbs! The new roller mower is certainly doing a fantastic job on the most heavily used part of the main strip and has shown to be a great asset.

Phil Hubbard and Barry Gerrard have replaced the blades on the large mower at quite some effort. the mower was modified to take victa blades, however the victa blades require modifying as do the attaching bolts. No easy task! Since the blades are only for a push mower they wear quickly so a viable method of easily replacing the blades in the future without modification shall be investigated. For the time being, I ask all that use the large mower to only use it on areas already being maintained and only when the grass is dry.

Earlier this year it was seen as beneficial to have an updated operations manual. Having our operational procedures clearly defined demonstrates HMAC members take flying and the safety of themselves and 3rd parties seriously. The operations manual has now been printed and several copies left in the club house so the most regular fliers can read. Once some small changes are made from feedback received, it will be distributed to the membership and a vote on the updated manual will take place at the AGM.

As mentioned in the recent newsflash Clive Butler and Tony Sheppard from the TMAA will be visiting HMAC on 16th April at 10am for a TMAA social visit. During the visit Clive will be available to answer any MAAA related questions. This should be a fun weekend too with the Scale Fly in on Sunday 17th. I'm sure looking forward to seeing some fine scale machines on show, fingers crossed for good weather!

See you at Kelly Field

Regards, Jason Bedelph

Bill's scale column

What a month I have had, not much in the modelling department except getting the book "Jeti for dummies". I would like to track about the modelling suppliers we have in the country. I have had a good service from DL Engines Australia a Western Australian outfit that sell a lot of gas engines and supplies they are top people to deal with and were one of our sponsors at the state scale event a couple of years ago. Another good bunch of people are Desert Aircraft Australia based in Qld besides these great motors they sell a large range of modelling stuff and are a very professional outfit to deal with.

I have been striping down a couple of BF109's this last week or so and I have enclosed the some of the photos of the progress. Also progress on an ARF Corsair that I am converting to an early bird cage F4U. I hope to have some of these models ready for our Scale Day on the 23rd of April. I really hope that we have a good turnout for this event, remember this is a fun event that you will enjoy. So get all your scale models to KF on the 23rd and let's have a great day.

Fair winds and safe flying Bill Jennings

