



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

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More from the camera



Another biplane. A very good model. Same size range as the Skybolt models in the club.

The Beast has now had the 3D settings toned down, (to suit Barry), and handles as a top of the range sport/aerobatic model with excellent, very precise, pleasant flying characteristics.

Suspect Bill, Jason and myself, and our Skybolts, may have been upstaged by Barry with his new bipe.....sad.....lol.

Has a much higher power to weight ratio than Bill`s and my Skybolts, (Maybe even better than Jason`s with a 125 Saito I suspect).

The full size Skybolt was designed by Lamar Steen in 1968.

Think the development of the radial engined Pitts started around 2006/7 and has continued until the Pitts Bulldog/Beast model that Barry now has.

Regards, Peter Ralph

A message from Garth

We are fast approaching the time of the club A.G.M. and the traumas involving the election of club office bearers.

I would assume that the meeting will be held during the month of June and the interim there will be pleading and cajoling to find members to offer themselves for election.

Unfortunately there is a preponderance of attitude that “I just want to fly my models without any commitment”. This attitude is not unique to this club and many other clubs have similar problems. Eventually the core of willing workers must find that they are a little tired and would like to join the rank and file of ordinary workers.

The time has come when some members need to step up and assume some responsibility. From my understanding we at least need a Treasurer for the coming year and it is not possible to continue beyond 30th June without this position being filled.

I have just realised that, due to my life membership of TMAA/MAAA, I would be the only member licenced to fly after 30th June.

I would really miss all you fellows!

The following positions need to be filled in the coming year:

President, Vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three committee members.

It would be very pleasing to see that there would be a ballot for some positions at the A.G.M.

One can only hope, but I won't hold my breath!

In addition I would like to recognise the job that Phil Hubbard does around the club. The airstrip and surrounds have never been in better condition and I am sure that we are all very appreciative.

Garth Wilmot.

For sale FMS Explorer



Absolutely as new –has had about three flights – probably beyond my aging reflexes. Cost over \$300 landed – yours for \$200. Complete apart from receiver and battery.

Garth Wilmot

Presidents corner

Well the end of the financial year for HMAc has ended. As most will know already, I have taken on the additional role of treasurer until the AGM. To recap we have a few new assets that have been added to the club over the past 12 months, the charging shed (project from the previous committee year), a reel mower and the new fire trailer (courtesy of the RACT and Clarence Council grants).

I would like to acknowledge the work done by the previous committee members in their role as treasurer, Phil Wardle and Nils Powel. It is certainly a challenging role as I have discovered in the last month finalising the books for the club. Thanks to both Phil and Nils.

Also helping out with some detective work on the books in preparation for the Auditor, was Stuart Smith, so thanks there Stuart!

So with all the financials dealt with it is now off to the auditor with them.

At the most recent committee meeting the updated HMAC Operations Manual was ratified and will be put to a vote by members at the AGM. Copies of the manual are available in the club house to read whilst at Kelly Field and an Electronic copy will be sent out to all members before the AGM. Thank you to all the members who made submissions and had a hand in shaping the manual.

Earlier this month we had a visit from the executive of the TMAA, Clive Butler (President) and Tony Sheppard (Secretary/Treasurer). During the meeting Clive explained the MAAA's desire to recruit members to the hobby and to also get feedback from HMAC on our perception of the MAAA's marketing and advertising strategy's. Clive also answered questions fielded by members. I also asked Clive and Tony if they would organise an MAAA representative to be flown down to run the new instructors course. Since then I have been informed that a MASA (Model Aero Sport South Australia Inc) representative will run the course at a date to be set. HMAC will be the host club for the instructors course. I urge all who are capable of becoming instructors to attend this course and attain instructors rating. The experience and knowledge attained from other experienced modellers attending and/or running the course is invaluable.

Garth Wilmot and Bill Jennings were nominated as the club's representatives at the upcoming TMAA AGM (TBA). For those who are not familiar, only two representatives from each of the Tasmanian affiliated clubs attend to elect the TMAA Executive and other perform other AGM business.

I would also like to thank Garth for filling a casual vacancy at the last committee meeting. His experience in club, TMAA and MAAA matters is most welcome and valued. Thanks Garth!

It was great to see a buzz of activity at the recent scale day. I for one enjoy these club events and it is made even more enjoyable for all by those who step up and help out to 'make it happen', including those who participating and even just enjoying spectacle of it all! Looking forward to Ray's next outing as 'Tong Master'

It has also has been brought to my attention that HMAC will turn 50 years young this year! Some suggestions have been made on how the club should celebrate this milestone, so stay tuned for an announcement on how we will mark this special occasion.

Till then see you at KF!

Jason Bedelph

Proposed amendments to the HMAC Constitution

The following proposed amendments have been proposed by Garth Wilmot and seconded by Stuart Smith

Proposal 1

4. Objects and purposes of Association

(1) The basic objects of the Association are;

Remove the following

(a) To promote, organize and encourage in every way the building, flying and development of model

aircraft and model aeronautics generally in and in connection with Tasmania.

- (b) To become an affiliated association of the Tasmanian Model Aeronautical Association
- (c) To affiliate with the Model Aircraft Association of Australia, thus providing members with membership of the M.A.A.A. together with its insurance cover and F.A.I. licence.

And replace with the following

- (a) To promote, organize and encourage in every way the building, flying and development of model aircraft and model aeronautics generally for Tasmanian members
- (b) To affiliate with an appropriate Association thus providing members with its insurance cover.

Proposal 2

5. Membership of Association

- (1) The types of membership are;
 - (a) Members being persons who have been duly nominated and seconded for membership of the Association by two financial members, who have paid the relevant joining fee and have been accepted for membership by the committee.
 - (b) Honorary Life Members being persons who in the unanimous opinion of the committee have performed some outstanding service of definite benefit to the Association.

Remove the following

- (c) Junior Members being persons as defined by the MAAA, who have paid the relevant joining fee and have been accepted for membership by the committee.

And replace with the following

- (c) Junior Members being persons under 18 years on the 1st July, who have paid the relevant joining fee and have been accepted for membership by the committee.

Proposal 3

22. Officers of the Association

- (1) The officers of the Association are as follows:
 - (a) a president;
 - (b) a vice-president;
 - (c) a secretary
 - (d) a treasurer;
- (2) The provisions of rule 24(2), (3) and (4), so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices referred to in subrule (1).
- (3) Each officer of the Association is to hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of election, and is eligible for re-election.

(4) If a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-rule (1) occurs, the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office, to hold the office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

Add the following Sub-rule

(5) In the event that the appointment under Sub-rule (4) cannot be met, the Committee may appoint an ordinary member to fill the vacancy subject to that member being nominated and seconded by two ordinary members.

HMAC AGM

The 2015/16 HMAC Annual General Meeting is getting close, it will be held 19th June 2016.

It is believed that a number of the present Office Bearers and Committee Members will not be re-nominating for coming year, so give consideration to putting your name forward for the coming 2016/17 season.

Office Bearers: President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Three Committee Members

We hereby nominate for position of.....

Nominated by Signed

Seconded by:Signed

Ihereby accept the nomination for the position of

.....Signed

Nomination Forms, must be returned to the Public Officer (Dave Ellis) ten days before the AGM, that is the 9th June 2016.

There will be spare nomination forms in the Club House.