



MAAQ



"KEEPING YOU INFORMED"

Bulletin 13

OCTOBER 2011

At the beginning of this month I attended the QORF Outdoor Expo at Manly on behalf of the MAAQ to promote aeromodelling as a sport and recreational activity. I was ably assisted by Paul Kranen President of Hellcats who gave up his Saturday to assist me along with helpers Lachlan Kranen and Jess Heron. Lachlan and Jess were able to engage with young people by letting them try out the simulator whilst Paul and I chatted with parents and older interested people.

As we were in Tingalpa's backyard all enquiries were directed to that club, so there may be some new members there in the future. My thanks go out to Paul, Lachlan and Jess as it would have been difficult to manage without their help.

Coinciding with the Expo MAAQ released its new brochure promoting aeromodelling which is available to any club planning to run a public campaign for new members, please contact the Treasurer for copies.

Next year the Expo will be held in another location.

Please find a media released from QORF attached and a few photos at the end of this newsletter.

Recently members of clubs have been busy promoting aeromodelling through the use of MAAA supplied delta darts for educational purposes and I would like to mention that Nanette Dodd a member of the Brisbane Free Flight Society ran a very successful program at the girl's school where she is employed. I believe these programs help sow the seeds for future modellers and I thank Nan for the effort.

Another member who has worked tirelessly for many years with young people is Kevin Heise from the Coominya club in his capacity as a Cadet Instructor with the Air force. Kevin has taught many young people to fly model aircraft with the recent school holidays being no exception. With help from Instructors provided by the RAAF Model Aero Club 4 cadets soloed by the end of the week at a recent camp, a great outcome. Over the years Kevin has been getting swamped by Cadets wanting to fly model aircraft, so the RAAF club has now put in place plans to help Kevin in all future courses held. This is another way aeromodelling is being promoted and I thank all concerned.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, the new set of rules replacing the outdated rules and by-laws are now in all member clubs hands and to date we have received only 2 responses for changes.

These new rules represent significant changes to the way MAAQ is to be managed in the future and we expect more submissions for discussion and so to that end we will not be trying to push them through in November, but instead will wait until the New Year, to ensure as much discussion time is made available as possible. Although we have stayed away from quasi legal rules I am sure those legal minds amongst us would like to contribute. Remember there have been no changes since 2000.

The web site is now nearing completion with only the club listings and locations to be sorted out. We removed the listings due to privacy considerations and replaced them with a temporary list of clubs without any contact information. The Secretary will be notifying all clubs shortly of these concerns and requesting information as to what you want the public to see.

Doug is now up to speed with how to manage the calendar and is requesting events for next year.

The SFI Michael Snabaitis has been preparing for the first national conference on flight training being held in Brisbane next weekend which he will chair in his capacity as National CFI.

Many changes to the way we instruct will come out of this conference which longer term will improve flying skills and above all safety at all fields. The Treasurer and I will also attend this important conference.

The Secretary is enjoying a break in WA with family and received a surprise gift of a flight in a near full size replica Spitfire. He can't stop talking about it!

Whilst he has been enjoying himself, he is still attending to MAAQ work so that no one is inconvenienced and I thank him for his attention to duty.

The Registrar has also been kept busy with renewals still coming in along with many new members.

Numbers to date are: Seniors 2037 Juniors 230 and Life 6 Total 2163.

Last years total was 2308 so it looks like that should be achieved by June 30 next year.

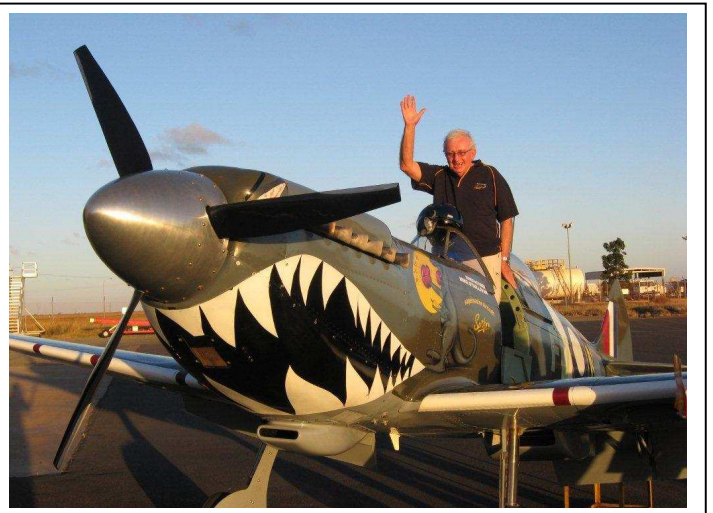
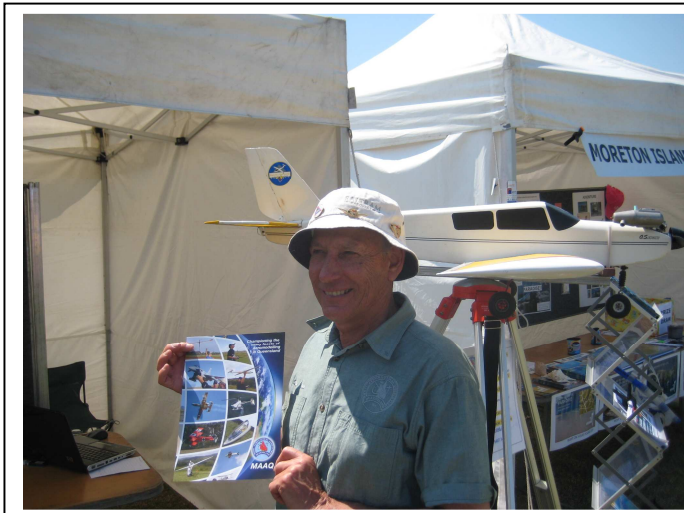
Our CL Administrator Lindsay Price has been working diligently to provide a great State champs to be held next year and will be communicating more on this later.

Robin Klau.

President

Below left MAAQ President displaying the new brochure at the QORF Expo.

Below right MAAQ Secretary indulging himself with a flight in the Spitfire. He just can't stop grinning!



These photos were sent to me by John Taylor from recent control line events.

On the left are place getters from the Bendix team race held at Ipswich. Spot the well known Pylon Pilot in this group!

On the right are Mouse team race competitors with new Secretary of Dalby club Rod Williams competing in his first C/L competition coming third. What a happy group of chappies they all are! Large photo is from Rocky during the 200 lap event

