



# MAAQ

*"KEEPING YOU INFORMED"*

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### **President**

Since our last Bulletin we have commenced a 12 months advertising campaign with Win 9 to promote the sport of aeromodelling, this program will alternate around all country areas and in different time slots. In addition to this there will be a classified ad in the RACQ magazine for the next 12 months using the theme "come fly with us" and directing people to the MAAQ web site.

The RACQ mail out over 1 million copies making it one of the most read magazines in QLD.

We are doing this to boost interest in model flying with a view to increasing membership through out the State, this is necessary as members are aging in our organization, and there are fewer younger members joining.

Many of us have enjoyed the pleasure of flying model aircraft for a great number of years with little thought of the next generation, and now we can see the results as we travel about the State.

Figures released by the MAAA as of March this year show juniors as only 5.26% of the National membership.

Attracting juniors is very difficult in today's environment, but I believe the MAAA schools program is a step in the right direction. Interested clubs should contact Michael Snabaitis for further information.

I commend those clubs who are making a conscious effort to attract young people to our sport, and hope that any new members to your clubs are welcomed with open arms.

Many clubs are on large and valuable blocks either owned privately or by councils and could be seen by some people as being under utilized, by building up memberships and usage, clubs receive more attention. "There is strength in numbers"

Please embrace all new members of any age as they are our future.

Last weekend the Treasurer, Barry McDonald and I spent 4 days on the road visiting Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Burnett, Bundaberg, Wide Bay Electric Sport & Soaring, Gladstone and Kingaroy.

We have a small club called Callide using part of the race course at Banana, but due to work and other commitments it was not possible to meet with members. We wish Jeffrey Herrmann every success in his efforts to grow the club and appreciate his generosity in inviting Rockhampton to use the field recently when theirs was unusable due to flooding.

The generosity and welcome given to us by all members was most appreciated by Barry and me. At our first stop Lyn Brockley from Maryborough set new standards by providing a table cloth for our morning tea at the field, thank you Lyn it was a great spread.

Maryborough are installing a large generator in a container at their field which will be of great benefit for the jet event with a loan provided by the MAAQ. All clubs with the capacity to repay a loan and meet the criteria are encouraged to apply. Please contact the Treasurer.

Next stop was the Hervey Bay field which is looking like a park at the moment; it is located on part of the privately owned Susan River Resort on the way to Hervey Bay. Laurie Mudle President and members were on hand to greet us. Congratulations Laurie on becoming a dinkum Aussie this year.

From here we traveled up to Bundaberg calling into the hobby shop of Simitar down under owned by Steve Raskin at Howard. I can recommend a visit if you are ever going up that way as Steve is always on hand with a cup of tea whilst you view the large range of goodies. Prior to booking in to our motel we visited the Bundaberg club field which is looking great with planning well under way for the World Pylon event in August.

That evening we were entertained by President Trevor Nielsen and his wife at their home with other members also attending. It was a great evening and Barry could not resist a trip to Trevor's shed.

Saturday morning was spent at the home of Dallas Laing the President of Burnett, who provided morning tea for us, club members Peter Barlow and Kevin O'Dea. I was amazed at the miniature indoor electric models Dallas builds as they seemed to be everywhere in this home.

Dallas and Kevin then took us to lunch at their local services club, making it a most enjoyable morning.

After lunch we paid a visit to the home of Richard and Patsy Brown from WBESS.

This couple has amazing skills and work together to produce great models with life like miniature pilots manufactured by Patsy. A recent RC&M magazine featured an article on Patsy's work, and she has kindly offered to forward the article to Doug for reproducing in the Airflow. Richard has a well equipped work shop that any model builder would kill for.

Sunday morning saw us at Gladstone where a fun fly weekend was in full swing with perfect weather to boot. The President Paul Dowley and Secretary Brian Sonter showed us around and introduced us to other members helping on the day. Thank you Brian for keeping up the cups of tea!

I was given the pleasure of drawing the winning raffle ticket for a micro wave oven donated by Gladstone Retravision and won by Lindsay Felgen with Rory Birch drawing the second prize, a P51 Park Zone model won by Geoff Noonan and donated by Rory's Aeromodelling Supplies from Rockhampton.

Without the support of local business, fund raising would be more difficult, so please tell your members to support them as they provide an important service to our community.

It was almost a who's who event with 5 Club Presidents visiting!

After lunch we headed on down to Murgon for the night, in order to get into Kingaroy for an early start.

Here we met with Dean Eckart Secretary of KAMS and then viewed the magnificent airport facilities where the UAV Outback Challenge has been run for the last few years. The bitumen airstrip is 1.5 Klm's long and is capable of landing quite large aircraft.

This concluded our tour and like the trip North last year, much information has been obtained to help us better understand the state of aeromodelling in Qld.

Robin Klau

## World Pylon report.

The secretary of the organizing committee, Joe Luxford, sent me the following progress report on preparations for the 2011 F3D Pylon Racing World Championships to be held in Bundaberg from 10 to 14 August 2011.

The event is sanctioned by the FAI and the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia. It is held every two years in different countries around the world. 45 entries have been received from 19 countries for this World Championship.

Pylon racing radio controlled aircraft were inspired by full sized aircraft racing in America that began in the 1930s and continues to this day at Reno.

Radio controlled pylon racing commenced in America in 1965 and soon spread globally with the rapid development of radio control equipment.

The first World Championship was held in 1985 in America. Australia has hosted the biennial World Championships three times; in 1987 and 1991 in Victoria and at Bundaberg in 2001.

The Bundaberg Aeromodellers Inc. hosted the event in 2001 and is making their field available again. The club is assisting the event in every way possible. All the equipment and facilities needed to run the event are organized and accommodation has been block booked for participants. A publicity campaign will be run over the next three months to promote the event.

More details can be seen at [www.f3dwc2011.com](http://www.f3dwc2011.com).

The biggest challenge is to find 45 officials to run the event with two complete teams of officials to run the timing & scoring system, control the pits and fuelling and do the cut judging.

That will allow officials to take breaks and enjoy watching the racing.

At this stage, we still need another 7 officials.

If anyone is interested in helping as an official, could they contact Joe Luxford on 0419 517096 or email him at [secretary@f3dwc2011.com](mailto:secretary@f3dwc2011.com) No prior experience is necessary as all officials will be trained during official practice on 10 August.

Joe Luxford

## SECRETARY

March / April has been a busy time at the desk of the Secretary. Notices and Forms were posted out to all inspectors and the response was very good. Unfortunately eight (8) Inspectors have failed to apply for reappointment, therefore their term will expire 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

The state database continues to be updated as are other records that are required to be maintained, e.g. Data Base of Approved Flying Fields. So far I have recorded Dalby, Maryborough, Mascot NQ, SAAMBR and TARMAC with CASA approval.

If any other clubs can assist with evidence of approval by CASA, I would be pleased to enter details in the data base.

Brian McWilliam

## SFI / RC Administrator

Congratulations to the following members on attaining their Instructors rating:

Lyle Mahon (Helicopter)  
Steven Lightowler (Fixed Wing Power)  
Anthony Banks (Fixed Wing Power)  
Colin Felmingham (Fixed Wing Power)  
Barry McDonald (Glider)

Many thanks to the SAAMBR club for use of their facilities for the theory segment of the course with thanks to Amber de Brueys for providing morning Tea and special thanks to David Harper for his discussions on the subject of Electrics as used in RC.

Also many thanks to the members of RAAF Amberley club for use of their facilities for the flying segment and especially those members who provided their time to be 'Students' during the 'Flight Training lessons'.

A reminder to all club instructors to please use only wings forms downloaded when required from the web site. All old forms should be destroyed.

Michael Snabaitis

The photo below was taken at the Gladstone fun fly on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

