

The Free Flighter

Journal of the NSWFFS Inc

March 2015



Christopher Birch, Andrew Linwood, Roy Summersby, Warren Leadbeater, Phil Poole, John Goodwin, Wally Bolliger, Bruce Smith, Mark Godfrey & Brian Hoggan.

Muswellbrook

Old Boy's Having Fun

8th March 2015

Minutes of General Meeting

16th January 2015

Meeting opened: 7.30pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Roy Summersby, Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Michel Towell, Jim McFall, Phil Warren, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Potter, Gary Pope, John Corby, Bill East, Michel Towell, Peter Braid, Adam Braid, N Fraser

Apologies

Goran Milosavljevic, Matt Hannaford, Donna Grey, J. Mee, Alan Harvey, Wally Bolinger, Jim Christie, Garry Goodwin

Guests

Reg & Lyn Towell

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved sec Ed Mahoney sec Gary Pope

Business arising:

Nil

Correspondence In:

VFFS newsletters Dec, MAAA re Asia Cup, Notes from Gary Pope re MAS submission.

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter January,

Treasures Report:

Accepted, Phil Warren SEC Michel Towel

Financial Summary

November-December

Credit		Debit	
Comm Bank int	.06	R Bruce Bloor & Son (W W lease)	660.00
Registrations	1,530.00	NSW Dept Fair Trading	53.00
West Wyalong Friends + Event fees	250.00	West Wyalong (Road Base TB)	245.00
Total	\$1,780.06	WW R & R Meacham "	245.00
		WW M Campbell (AB photo)	52.74
		WW Opening expenses (banner etc)	601.68
		WW Equipment (ladders etc)TB	396.00
		Affiliations	1500.00
		Total	\$3753.42

General Business

Chris Bush levelled road base at W Wyalong and is looking good, one more load still needed, Reports on MAAA meeting 15/12. MAS, CLAS & NSWFFS meeting on 9/1. Gary will put together all relating details on unification this will be sent to all members for consideration.

Editorial March 2015

This year has been the busiest I have ever experienced and we are not quite in to the contest period. We still have the amalgamation to sort out if it ever happens and we still need replies either emailed or written to the secretary. Gary Pope is still on the ball and you will be hearing more from him.

While that is going on I am still working on the Business plan for the AOC (Asia/Oceania champs) the risk assessment for that competition plus medical and fire plans. At the same time there is an announcement that the Queensland Nats are cancelled and the future of Australian free flight is threatened by CASA.

For those who know little of what has happened between MAAA, CASA and the AFFS nothing has really changed. You can still fly your toys and have some fun doing just that. Unfortunately CASA had received information that free flight models fly huge distances uncontrolled at enormous height and were a significant danger to commercial aircraft. We know this not to be the case but CASA were concerned and issued instructions to restrict free flight model flying. (Somebody planted a story)

These restrictive rules would have almost killed FF in Australia. Negotiations were held in Brisbane with CASA, the MAAA executive and FF representatives. A solution has been negotiated and we return almost to normal. Administrative actions need to be taken and that will not bother the average FF flyer. As much information as possible will be provided at the next meeting.

The AOC is pretty much dead in the water, the need for a business plan and a risk analysis were required in short order and the CASA restrictions plus the amalgamation placed too much effort on that matter to get the AOC documentation ready in time. However the business plan and the risk assessment can be used for future events. We also with your assistance and approval start planning for an AOC in 2018. Most of the work has already been done.

There is a new set of instructions for those using the house at West Wyalong. On a working bee recently Percy Wright and I turned the power on at the house not realising that a fuse at road had blown and we were only getting low power leakage into the house. That is not enough to start the water pump or the fridges. It could have been expensive but we managed to work out the problem in time. The new number for Origin is in the instructions.

The house at WW is now being painted and three external walls have been stripped of paint and given a primer coat and two top coats. Hopefully we will have another working bee before the SCC, I will publish some dates in a week or so for volunteers.

Gary and Roy will give the latest news and views on the current state of the suggested amalgamation and advise on future plans

The next council conference will be held on 16-17 May 2015. Roy Summersby our secretary will be attending the conference in my absence. We will have a number of items on the agenda. They will be discussed at our next meeting on 20 Mar 2015.

Remember free flighters keep it up longer. Fly well and often.

President NSWFFS
Terry Bond



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Recognition of National Sporting Organisation by the Australian Sports Commission

What a start to 2015! The MAAA, the leading body for aeromodelling in Australia, through its membership with Air Sport Australia Confederation (ASAC), is now formally recognised by the Australian Sports Commission as the National Sporting Organisation for Aeromodelling. In short, the MAAA has secured Sporting Status.

MAAA is the only aviation aeromodelling member of ASAC and is linked to FAI through ASAC. As a National Sporting Organisation (NSO), we are now all able to make use of the benefits this sports recognition brings.

For State Associations and Clubs affiliated with MAAA, there are definite benefits when applying for State and Local Government grants. Previously, many of our clubs were not eligible for these grants as aeromodelling wasn't formally recognised as a sport. Only States and Clubs affiliated with the MAAA can take advantage of this recognition.

To assist with the time taken in processing grant applications, all State Associations and Clubs are asked to advise the MAAA Secretary by email of any applications being made utilising ASAC/MAAA recognition as criteria. This is so confirmation of MAAA affiliation can be made to the grant provider.

Neil Tank

President MAAA

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Next Meeting 20th March

No doubt there will be plenty of talk regarding the CASA problems. I was lucky to be away while most of this was going on, giving others plenty to do. Paul Rossiter president of AFFS certainly would have had sore fingers, along with Graham Maynard from Qld.

CASA needed information and a meeting was held in Brisbane on the 5th of March. We were represented by our President and Secretary of MAAA with Graham Maynard and Malcolm Campbell showing the type of models that we fly. I am happy to say the outcome looks to be very good and full details will be fourth coming soon.

Also at this meeting there will be more talk on the proposed unification of NSW. There has been quite a good response from our members with accepts and rejects, if you haven't replied please do so as soon as possible as we would like to get this matter resolved.

There are some very nice scale kits in the model shops at present. They are laser cut and produced by Dnmas Products in USA. According to Garry Goodwin they go together nicely. He has built the Fieseler Storch and is now flying it. The range of kits is quite large and includes some very interesting aircraft. Garry can you bring it along to the meeting for show and tell. Garry's kit was in the 300 series, that is roughly 30" span and there are 32 kits in this range.

Electronic Timer. We will have at this meeting one of Harry Sokol's timers for show and tell. They were detailed in Septembers FFDU now you can see one in the hand.

The AFFS champs and the SSC will be here very soon, 17th-21 & 23-24 April if you haven't entered please do it ASAP.

Hunter Valley Champs

This was mainly control line and radio as the field is not big enough for serious free flight. There was to be a scramble on the Sunday morning, but something went wrong.

Flyers gathered and started flying, they just couldn't be stopped, the boys were having far too much fun. Two minute flights were landing within 100ft from the launch; this resulted in having 5 or 6 models in the air at once. Andrew Linwood had a new purpose built scramble model flying very nicely; the other models were all time favourites Tomboy's etc. I think there were 8 models in total and flying went from 7am to 9 am, Mass launches were on for the photo boys which were ducking as the models flew over their heads. Overall it was a great weekend with some good racing and combat events.

Victorian State Champs 14th to 16th March

Sadly this weekend did not turn out as good as it should off. The farmers sheep were lambing which restricted us to one paddock. The wind on two days sent the models to the trees at least three models found them; Terry's Shaw Cup open rubber model was one of them, a broken wing put paid to his chances. Jim dropped the first round by going out of sight behind a tree so I guess we will be back next year to try and relive the Vic's of the trophy. The end result was Leigh Morgan winning with a perfect score.



Leigh Morgan receiving the Shaw Cup at the Victorian Champs.



Terry Bond with P30 Trophy he won at the Victorian State Champs.



Brian Hoggan, Andrew Heath, Christopher Birch, Roy Summersby, Phil Poole, Warren Leadbeatter & Bruce Smith.

Contest Report 22 Feb 2015 – P30, Combined Vintage – State Champs CD Terry Bond

Eight starters in the P30 comp is almost a national record, even a national championship only has that many competitors. Of course we did not have the national champ (Donna Gray) with us this day so that reduced the field and gave the also-rans a chance. I would like to say that early flyers got the best of the weather but the weather was good all day.

Early flights went almost according to plan with 4 of the 8 maxing out. Scores were

Terry Bond 360 Team Hannaford (Matt, Josh, Tim) all 360 Jim Christie 341
Sam (Team Hannaford) 330 Roy Summersby 242 Gary Goodwin 200

Sam was a bit of a surprise by not maxing out but Dad was a bit busy on the day. There was a fair bit of sledging on the day as always with P30, and I think Jim might have succumbed to that plus a bit of bad trim disease. Gary Had a new model and dropped the first round due to poor trim but looked good heading toward the post, only recorded two flights.

The fly off for me was an anti climax. Mass launch and last to the ground 'rules' applied. Unfortunately I reached the ground first followed by Matt H. We were well out of it. Team Hannaford, Josh and Tim both tied so a second fly off was ordered. I went off and had a sulk while Josh managed to get the win. Team Hannaford wins again.

Combined Vintage is almost a Jim Christie gift. He is a talented rubber flyer and his models are light and well trimmed. Four starters with following results; Jim Christie (Bilgri) 540, Roy Summersby (Amazoom) 394, John Corby (Gollywock)123, Terry Bond (Stomper) 100. You can add the vintage points but nothing changes. Despite as much sledging as possible Jim put up his last flight for a max and smashed everybody. He does not need vintage points.

Dear Secretaries,

Following recent events and actions involving individual members contacting the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) which resulted in large amounts of time and effort by MAAA to resolve, the MAAA President requests this email be circulated to all clubs.

CASA has been advised that they are to only deal with requests from MAAA clubs and members, originating from the Office of the MAAA Secretary. Applications for display and area approvals should still be sent direct to the Sport Aviation Safety Assurance Officer, however it is asked that the MAAA Secretary be copied in on these applications. All other related issues involving CASA should be channeled through the MAAA Secretary.

It is envisaged that by following this path, speedy solutions and unnecessary time will be lost in obtaining outcomes.

Regards

Kevin Dodd
MAAA Secretary
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Contest Report 25 Jan 2015 - Scramble

Scramble is going from strength to strength. I was surprised by the number of cars on the day at Richmond (16 counted) and amazed by a field of 6 for the scramble. Organisation was a bit slow so we did not get underway until 8.15am or so. A short Le Mans start as usual saw a couple of the starters sweating before the whistle with others champing at the bit.

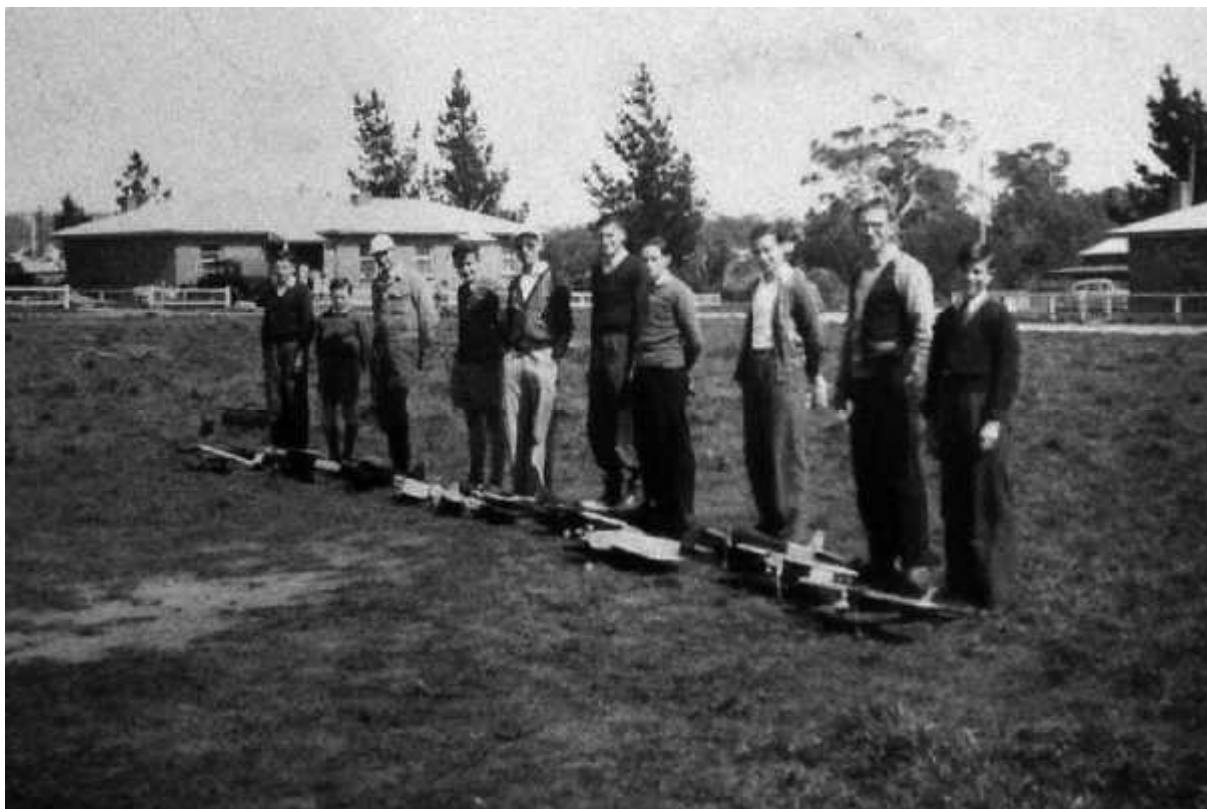
There has been resurgence in the Brady household and we now regularly have four generations of the Brady Bunch (BB1, 2, 3,) on the field. The bunch has certainly smartened the scramble field, young fit men sprinting for their models leaves the old school wreckage in its wake. My excuse for not competing is that somebody has to run the show! There is nothing more satisfying than to call 'only 59 minutes to go!'

Results are; 1st; Michael Towell 1056, 2nd Scott BB3 942, 3rd Adam BB2 909, 4th Tahn Stowe 907, 5th Peter Scott 831, 6th Peter BB3 771.

Scott was probably the standout on the day, arriving on the line with a can of Red Bull and a packet of ciggies. One to get the liver working and the other to increase lung capacity. He complained bitterly that the day before he had a serious workout in the gym prior to his football training. Dad, Peter works almost full time on the day to get all models for the bunch ready. His only problem was the engine on his model would not cooperate and his score does not really show his capacity.

Michael was pretty much a surprise at first but he has a really good trimmed model. He seems to be on some sort of fitness kick lately and has lost a bit of weight. He could be a real danger at the Stawell gift next year if he continues to train.

With the power house 'Bunch' on a charge it is difficult to see the prodigious past coming to the fore again. We also have a few dark horses in the wings who did not compete on the day, Bruce, Wally, Andrew, le Bronne, Hoffo, Woodsy from the Gong and others. Long live Scramble!!!!



I have been told that this was take at Doonside 1952. Is there anyone you can recognise?



MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



68th NATIONALS BULLETIN 2015 - 1

Hobby Craft Pacific



As the countdown to the 68th MAAA Nationals continues, organisation of the event is well under way. The entire Nationals Committee are committed to seeing that these Nationals will continue the grand tradition of bringing together MAAA modellers from around Australia as well as visitors from overseas.

Clubs where events are to be held have all been keen to assist in any way possible and this is appreciated to help run a smooth operation. The MAAA have been a tremendous help in taking over the required repairs to the Logan C/L hard circle and also securing this site, under license agreement with the Logan City Council, for future use of MAAA C/L members.

The MAAA Marketing company, Sustainable Marketing, have been engaged to coordinate public relations and plan to attract television and radio coverage leading up to and during the Nationals.

We encourage you to be part of this major event. Please submit your Nationals entry form, which can be downloaded from this website, and remind your MAAA aeromodelling friends to get their forms in early too.

Details for the 68th MAAA Nationals Dinner are now also available from this website.

Following are various reports from Event Coordinators.

See you at the Nats.

Tyson Dodd
68th Nationals Committee Chairman

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Free Flight Announcement. Due to issues beyond our control, the Organising Committee of the 68th Nationals advise that the Free Flight segment of the Nationals is cancelled. This issue has nothing to do with the facility at Dalby or the Club, but is an Australian wide Free Flight issue which MAAA is working through with CASA to ensue safe skies for all. We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and a full refund on any free flight fees will be made to those members who have submitted entry forms.

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Control Line at 68th MAAA Nationals

Report N0.1

By:- Kerry Ewart

Date :-12/02/2015

Field preparation is going along nicely with the repairs to the tarmac circle due to be completed late March followed by the remarking of the circle.

Four grass circles will be available with one being for racing, one for aerobatics and others for practice and other events.

Equipment requirements should be finalised this weekend with a list sent ASAP with what has to be purchased and required for control line.

CDs AND HELPERS:- While a few people have come on board with offers of help and to them I cannot say thankyou enough, "I JUST DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE IN QUEENSLAND" needed to run events, in particular the "FAI" events; and as you all are aware they are WC Selection events for Perth 2016.

I know we all want to fly but helping with just one event may mean the difference between the event going ahead or not.

So any event you can CD or help with would be a great help. Send me an email at :-

cladministrator@maaq.org **or contact me on 0428647658.**

Let's all make these Nationals a great event.

Safe travelling and see you all on April 11.

Regards

Kerry Ewart

(CL Administrator)

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RC Admin Report:

I can report that things are going well with the organisation of the RC events. The fields and program for all events are set and CDs have been appointed for each discipline. Representatives of the MAAQ Nationals committee have been visiting the host clubs and liaising between them and the competition CDs to make sure that the facilities and personnel are ready for the event. Where possible the SIG (Special Interest Group) will be running the competition on the day and no doubt bringing their specialist expertise and equipment to the role.

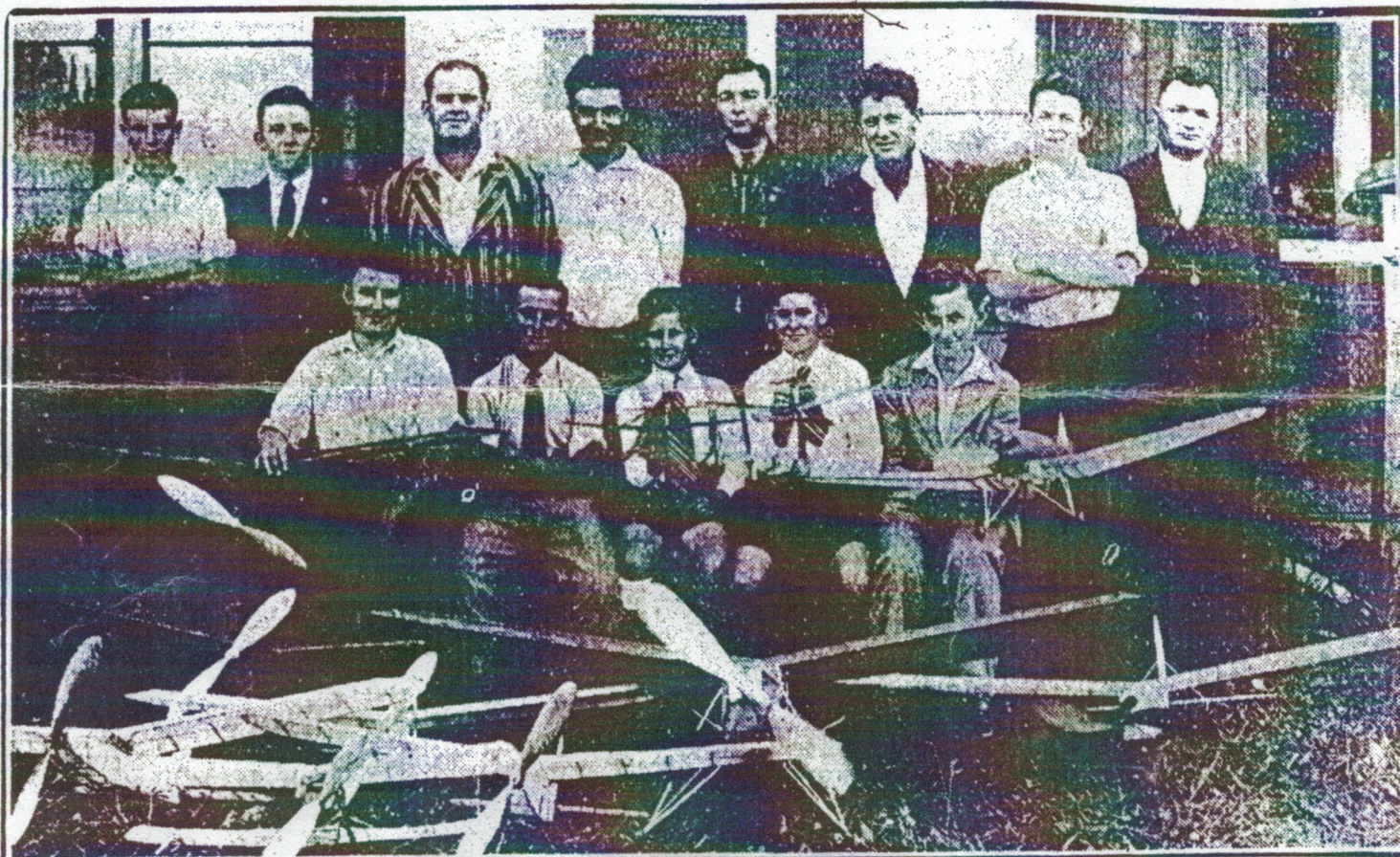
This year we have included some social events at the end of the week at the SAAMBR club (Sid Bray field). There will be a night flying event and barbecue on the evening of Sat 18th and a Fun Fighter Pylon event on Sun 19th. I have seen some video of the SAAMBR night flying and they certainly do put on a great show. What a great way to end off a big week of competitive aeromodelling with some fun and socialising.

The 68th MAAA Nationals is all go and we have fantastic venues ready and waiting for your visit to sunny Queensland for the week 11th to 19th April.

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Lismore Eagles Aero Club



Front row (seated): K. Watson, L. Ruane, F. Hayward, K. Hayward, K. Harris. Back row (standing): J. Starkey (vice-president), J. G. Habib (president), H. Pilgrim (hon. treasurer), J. Whitney (hon. secretary and official timekeeper), H. P. Habib (North Coast District Commissioner), G. K. Hunter (Squadron Commander), H. Murray (1st vice-president), A. W. Habib (timekeeper, auditor and trustee). Absent: T. McGrath (secretary and auditor), O. G. Smith (recorder), and 6 others. The club will celebrate its first anniversary next Sunday at 9.30 a.m. on the municipal aerodrome. The programme will consist of air bombing, parachute dropping, torpedo dropping, air racing, aerial acrobatics, and rope jumping with models. This will be one of the most interesting model aeroplane demonstrations ever seen on the North Coast.

Then and now.

When I joined "The Lismore Eagles" in the late 30's, I was under the wing of Mr Hedley Harder

{now known as a mentor.}

He told me that model flying was a unique sport. The only sport in the world where you used-----

Used your brains to design your
Your skill to build your model.
Your physical condition to find and recover your model.

NOW.

We use our brains to read and understand, price lists in many languages.
We use our skills to pick the best model, within our price.
Physical condition has taken a back seat. RDT and stuff that tells you where your model landed and the best way to get there.
Recovery can be by any mechanical thing allowed on that
Progress has kept up with old age.

Adrian Bryant



URGENT REMINDER: THE CLOCK IS TICKING

PILOTS ARE REMINDED THAT ENTRIES INTO THE 2015 68th MAAA MODEL AIRCRAFT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5PM, 27TH MARCH 2015.

Hundreds of the country's top model aircraft pilots, including the likes of Aaron Garle and Chris Callow, are expected to descend on South East Queensland for the National Championships in 2015.

The Model Aeronautical Association of Queensland in conjunction with the MAAA and host club Tingalpa Model Aero Club, **invite all MAAA members model aircraft enthusiasts to register for this exciting event** that will showcase the best of the best in Radio Control, Control Line and Indoor flying.

The National Championships to be held from April 11 – 19, 2015 presents a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of the sport and showcase aeromodelling in Australia.

Come with your family and base yourself at the Sunshine Coast to enjoy the pristine beaches of Noosa and the hinterland villages of Maleny and Montville, or go to the Gold Coast to enjoy the excitement of Surfers Paradise or nature at Springbrook or Mount Tamborine.

If you're attending events at the Tingalpa Model Aero Club and the beauty of Moreton Bay is only ten minutes' drive away.

There will also be a number of fantastic social events to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow flyers. An Indoor stadium open flying event, swap meet, night scramble, open night-flying and National Championships dinner will all be held as part of the Championship.

[REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE NOW!!](#)

Further details about individual events will be released closer the National Championships and you can join the countdown, [register as a pilot](#) and keep informed at www.maaanationals.com.au.

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NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2015

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Mar 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30pm	
Mar 29	Combined % + HLG & C/G	Richmond	7.00am-- 1.00pm	Jim Christie
Apr 12	Final Practice for AFFS & SSC	Richmond	7.00 am	
Apr 17-21	AFFS Champs	Narrandera	See AFFS	Program
Apr 23-24	Southern Cross Cup F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am-3.00pm	Tahn Stowe
May 2-3	Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook		
May 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
May 16-17	MAAA Conference	Brisbane		
May 18-23	Nationals	Dalby	See Nat's	Program
May 31	State Champs Scramble, +Combined %, Control Line Flying BBQ Lunch	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Roy Summersby
June 20-21	NSW State Champs F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am--3.00pm	Jim Christie
July 4-5	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 4 th , Sun 5th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch	Richmond	7.00am till dark	Tahn Stowe Roy Summersby
July 17	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
July 26	Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Jim Christie
Aug 9	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Terry Bond
Aug 23	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 29-30	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 13	½ Hour Scramble + Tomboy Mass Launch. Fuller Day, Stomper, Dixielander, Zoot Suit. B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 18	Annual General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Sep 20	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 2,3,4,5	Combined with SAMS State Champs F1G,H,J + Vintage Power, Rubber,& Glider , ½ hour scramble	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am- 1.00pm	Roy Summersby Peter Scott
Oct 18	Combined % Multiple Entries	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Oct31Nov1	Victoria State Champs F1A,B,C,	W Wyalong	8.00am - 3.00pm	Vin Morgan
Nov 15	Vintage Rubber + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Tahn Stowe
Nov 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Nov 29	F1G, H J, (Combined)	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Dec 13	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly. BBQ Xmas Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Terry Bond
Notes 1. 2.	All scrambles start as close to Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome	8.00 am as on AB Field	Possible at W Wyalong	Plenty of room