



59TH MAAA NATIONALS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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The **59th MAAA Nationals** will be held in South Australia on the **Fleurieu Peninsula, South of Adelaide between the 18th to the 24th of April, 2006.**

Free Flight competitions will be held in Narrandera NSW from the 13th to 19th of April 2006. Old Timers competitions will be conducted in the Riverland district of Loxton, South Australia commencing 22nd to 28th of April, 2006.

The 59th Nationals is unique in that the events will be hosted by individual South Australian Aero Model Clubs located throughout the Fleurieu Peninsula; all clubs are self sufficient and within 20, 40 minutes driving distance from each other.

The natural appeal of deep blue waters and wide sandy beaches combined with a rich array of colonial and Aboriginal heritage makes the south coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula a beautiful and fascinating area. Wineries are in abundance, and include the famous McLaren Vale Wine and Langhorne Creek Wine districts.

The 59th Nationals will centre on the historic town of Strathalbyn. This town is surrounded by rolling hills, picturesque valleys, tall gums and wheat fields; the charming historic town of Strathalbyn is recognized as one of South Australia's loveliest country towns the centre piece of which is the Soldier's Memorial Garden, and nearby is St Andrew's Church (one of the most famous and most photographed country churches in Australia). Historic High Street is lined with heritage-listed buildings and is home to many antique, craft and gift shops.

A wide range of accommodation is available – from grand homesteads, cottage B&Bs to caravan park sites and motel rooms. Take time to explore this lovely town and its surrounding scenic countryside.

Interestingly, the town of Strathalbyn was the host of the 24th Nationals, run over Christmas 1970.

SCALE – Will be flown at the Strathalbyn Model Aero Club’s flying site and work is proceeding to make this event comfortable and enjoyable for all contestants and spectators. The flying schedule has been given a lot thought to cater for the rush to complete three rounds in one day. With this in mind individual events will be run over two days i.e. one round one day and two the next or in the case of Stand Off Scale, two the first day and one the following morning. This should allow a reasonable starting time for all events. We are attempting to make the whole event more enjoyable and less stressful for all.

FAI scale is the exception to the above, as is normally the case, small numbers are expected. The three FAI Scale events will be flown in their entirety on the one day. If it is your intention to fly in this event please notify organizers as soon as possible; if insufficient entries are received the event will be cancelled.

The Strathalbyn Model Aero Club’s facilities are ours for the entire week: Practice will be allowed at all times where those times do not interfere with the competition events.

To all contestants – please read the contest rules early.

To ensure the event is truly national, we would ask that contestants make themselves available to help run the event. We need Judges for both static and flying. Please direct any questions to robefish@tadaust.org.au

Awaiting you 10 minutes east of Strathalbyn is Langhorne Creek, one of Australia’s first wine growing districts. Here on the flood planes of the Bremer River, vineyards sprawl in all directions. A visit to the districts wineries will introduce you to the areas quality produce and to some of its local history. A look at the enormous Red Gum wine press is a must.

Right opposite Bremerton Wines, is the **Langhorne Creek Turf Farm** at which the **Aerobatics and Pylon** events will be flown.

Contact Tom Jacobsen TomJacobsen@bigpond.com if you have any questions concerning the **Pylon Events** and Greg Mildren at gmildren@chariot.net.au for information concerning the **Aerobatics**.

Turn right at the heritage Bleasdale winery and 10 minutes South you will arrive at the river port of Milang, situated on Lake Alexandrina. Milang was established in the early 1850s and soon became one of South Australia’s busiest inland ports.

Milang is the home of **Southern Soaring League (SSL)** who is hosting the **Gliding, Electric and Indoor events**. All information on these events can be found on the Southern Soaring League website at www.ssl.org.au.

SSL are also at the same time are hosting the **FAI International F3B Event** and the team trials for the **F3B 2007 World Championships**.

Heading west towards scenic Victor Harbor is the township of Goolwa, once a thriving river port. The town's historic buildings have been restored and are utilized as Art Galleries, Cafes, Restaurants and B&Bs. Every Sunday and during holidays, steam trains roll in and out of the grand old wharf area. Providing both fresh and salt water, Goolwa is a mecca for fishermen and popular spots include the Murray Mouth, a great place to fish. The Murray Mouth is also the beginning of the world renowned Coorong National Park.

The Goolwa sports stadium will be the venue for all **Indoor Events**. For information in respect to all indoor events refer to SSL website at www.ssl.org.au or Mal Pring at malpring@ihug.com.au

Approximately 40 minutes north towards Adelaide, via the McLaren Vale wine district is Noarlunga, the home of **Noarlunga Model Aerosports Club** (NMAS) who will host all **Helicopter** events. Fifteen minutes further North towards Adelaide is the Holdfast Model Aero where the Helicopter practice will be also be available.

NMAS is situated on the banks of the Onkaparinga River and shares the site with the South Coast Flying Group; a club dedicated to the restoration and flying of full size vintage aircraft. If you are lucky you may score a ride in a Tiger Moth, Boeing Stearman, or De-Havilan Chipmunk. For further information concerning the **Helicopter Events** contact Bill Kent at william.kent@baesystems.com.au

40 Minutes North East of Strathalbyn is the river towns of Murray Bridge and Monarto where the **Control Line Events** will be conducted. Control Line registration will be conducted at the Murray Bridge Show ground club rooms on the 18th of April. If entering categories other than C/L or you cannot register on this day; registration may be completed on 18th of April at the main Nationals Registration Centre, Strathalbyn. Processing will occur on the 19th of April at the Murray Bridge Show grounds and club rooms – or at other times by prior arrangement with the C/L coordinator or the event CD. Flying events will be held at the Murray Bridge Showground oval; a practice circle is available at Adelaide Model Aerosport, Monarto.

F2F will be run as per the FAI F2F provisional rules. F2B will be flown over 4 rounds – best 3 to count. Classic Stunt will be run as per the MAAA Classic Stunt Provisional rules. Vintage Stunt will be run as per the MAAA Vintage Stunt Provisional rules. For further information contact Rob Fitzgerald rfitzgerald@cssp.biz

The **Old Timer Events** will again be held at the popular town of Loxton North, the home of the Riverland Model Aero Club. Block accommodation has been booked at the Loxton Hotel/Motel. For further information contact [Rex Brown on 08 8293 2214](tel:0882932214) or [Ron Adamson 08 844 99884](tel:0884499884).

The 59th outdoor **Free Flight Nationals** will be flown in conjunction with the 29th Australian Free Flight Society championship – Southern Cross Cup and World Cup – Open International for F1A, F1B and F1C at Narrandera, NSW. These events will be

flown over the Easter period. For further information contact Tahn Stowes at stowes@ozemail.com.au

Rules – Rules will be as published on the MAAA website, (www.maaa.asn.au). These rules incorporate all amendments from the Rules Conference May 2005. All AUS number must be shown on aircraft, excluding scale and indoor models.

All **Radio Transmitters** are to have a current MAAA Band Width sticker attached.

The older style **Frequency Board** with 2 inch – 20 Khz keys will be used.

Current MAAA Membership Cards must be shown at Registration.

Entrants entering models weighing in excess of 7 kgs must present the current permit to fly relating to that aircraft.

Accommodation details can be sourced from the official MAAA Website or any Fleurieu Peninsula Travel Brochure or by conducting an internet search.

The **Administration and Registration Centre** (collection of Goodies Bag) will be situated at the Strathalbyn Show Hall in the grounds of the Strathalbyn Oval, Coronation Road. These premises will be open for the entire period of the Nationals and will also be the venue for the Registration Barbecue.

A welcoming **Dinner** will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Albyn Terrace Strathalbyn on Wednesday the 19th of April, 2006. All participants and spectators are encouraged to join in the celebrations.

59th Nationals Committee