



60th MAAA

Model Aircraft Championships
ALBURY / WODONGA



December 28th 2006 through to January 6th 2007

Bulletin Number 2

On Behalf of our Senior Sponsor, Model Engines and the Nationals Committee we are pleased to supply you with the following information to assist with making your plans to attend the 60th MAAA Nationals.

ARRIVAL and REGISTRATION:

9 am to 6 pm on Thursday 28th at the Albury Sports (basketball) Stadium in North St. Albury.

We have been able to extend the closing date for entries to December 16th due to an improvement in our computer capabilities!

Late entries may be made after December 16th and up to & including Registration Day (Thursday 28th) at double the Administration Fee (\$60 instead of \$30). Event fees stay the same. No entry shall be accepted after December 28th.

People who have pre-entered may register at the Registration centre the day **prior to their event**.

Please help us to help you... entering early allows enough time for us to post your receipt back to you.

Presenting your receipt to us at the Registration Centre will speed up your Registration process a lot.

Bring all necessary paperwork and transmitters with you to the Registration Centre, including your valid FAI card (or your club's receipt for membership and full insurance/s), heavy model / turbine permit/s, and some cash for New-Years Eve tickets, t-shirts, hats, badges, etc.

All models entered in FAI events, must have the appropriate FAI numbers except where FAI ruling differs. MAAA-approved frequencies on 20 Khz separation using two-inch keys shall be used at the 60th Nationals.

Transmitters to be inspected by the CD's at the fields to confirm they have been checked (special sticker applied). You must satisfy your event CD that your frequency is OK and your Tx is certified.

A 'contestant's goodie-bag' will be given to all competitors upon registration, which will include your pre-ordered items, maps showing where the fields are, programs of events, and a free cap!

WEATHER, FIRE SAFETY AND SMOKING:

It's summer, so expect it to be quite warm. And as with any outdoor event, it's wise to bring whatever you need for protection and comfort, including sunglasses, hat, shade tent, sun block, water, folding chair, aeroguard, etc. It's been very dry around the area for a long time now (and not just in the summer) so we would ask everyone to be aware of the extreme fire danger. The owners/managers of the various fields have asked that smoking is to be expressly prohibited in the open air (including tents) at their fields at any time, except if a designated area has been allocated. Please don't spoil the fun for yourself & others by forcing your event's CD to make an unpleasant decision!

CATERING:

All fields have catering from about 10am onwards; it's advisable to at least bring some water to drink.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

We will be publishing a free daily newsletter, and a complete version of the 60th Nats with lots of photos will be available as a souvenir purchase at the close of the Nats. Trophies will be awarded at the field to the first three place-getters in each event, upon conclusion of all the events of that discipline

SOCIAL & SPECIALTY EVENTS

SWAP & SELL MEET: (Trash & Treasure!) 7.00 pm Saturday 30th at the Registration Centre. Why not make some room in your vehicle to bring along those items you don't want anymore... someone else may well be looking to own them!

R/C INDOOR: We have a fantastic venue in the Albury Sports Stadium for indoor flying... 4 basketball courts in size to fly in!

There are two separate nights for indoor R/C, Saturday 30th December and Friday 5th January, both from 6 to 10 pm.





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Saturday night will be "competition night" where you can participate in very simple events. Friday night will be just general flying with times designated for 3D, scale and aerobatics.

NEW YEARS EVE FUNCTION:



The Twin cities model aero club will be hosting the 2007 New Years Eve party.

For your dining pleasure the following will be on our menu.

- Roast lamb with mint sauce
- Roast pork and apple sauce
- Roast beef with garlic
- Chat potatoes in parsley butter
- Assorted salads

For those of you with a sweet tooth (and if you can still fit it in), a choice of two desserts will be served. Refreshments include tea, coffee, beer, wine and soft drink.

But wait... there's more... to follow all this up, TCMAC have planned some entertainment for you (which we will leave to tell you about on the night) it's sure to be great fun! Music will be by our local mystery DJ.

We welcome all modelers and their families to the TCMAC field to share in an enjoyable fun-filled night, (and to see in the New Year over a brew or two).

Meal Tickets are just \$15 for adults and \$8 for juniors.

Bring a model for twilight and night flying!!

SOCIAL DINNER: To be held at the Commercial Club in Albury on Tuesday 2nd January 2007 The cost of this dinner will be \$20 per head. The dinner will be buffet style with a great variety to choose from. Drinks at bar prices. Door prizes on the night, including a Great Planes 3.2 simulator program. So come along and you could be a lucky winner!!

Merchandise

POLO SHIRT with Embroidered Logo	\$30
Decals	\$3
Metal Badges	\$5
Cloth Patches	\$4

We have left prices down to a minimum for your convenience.

So be early, only a limited number available.

2006-7 Nationals Preparation.

With the 2007 Nationals almost upon us the host club, Twin Cities Model Aero Club in Albury, is well into the preparations. As can be seen on the accompanying photographs a lot of work has been achieved over the past twelve months. Two brand new toilet blocks have been constructed, these facilities include flushing toilets and wash basins. The toilets were



constructed in a joint venture between the club and the Riverina Institute of TAFE Albury Campus as a training exercise for their building trades apprentices.

Another improvement to the TCMAC field is the construction of a new grass runway, this runway runs parallel to the existing sealed runway and will be appreciated by the scale flyers. The major project being undertaken by the Twin Cities Club in





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preparation for the Nationals is the construction of a concrete control line circle. The project is a joint venture between the Club, CLASNSW, VMAA, and the MAAA. Albury City Council has also come on board in support of the Nationals and has carried out the laser leveling and grading of the site for the concrete circle. The Council have also graded and leveled two adjacent control line circles that will later be planted with grass. Unfortunately these grass circles will not be available for the 2006-7 Nationals due to the watering restrictions.



In addition to the control line facility the Albury City Council have rebuilt the access road onto the TCMAC field and constructed improved drainage along the access road and along the edge of the main runway.

Additional sites for the Pattern, Gliders, Electric, Old Timers and Helicopters have been negotiated by TCMAC and site preparations are about to commence.

All this is to make your 60th Nationals Competition an experience to remember.

Special thanks goes to the Albury City Council for their assistance with the construction of these circle's

RADIO CONTROL

A FEW CHANGES:

- The Old Timer and Helicopter events have been relocated to the TableTop Reserve, Albury, just past the Twin Cities' Club field. The turnoff is just the Albury side of the Ettamogah Pub. The relocation has been made possible due to the Council giving permission to camp at the site (for free!) and allowing unrestricted access at any time. Motels & Caravan / Camping Park nearby. For those who wish to camp at the site there are new male and female toilets, and the showers at the Registration Centre. Camping & facilities will be available free.
- The Seaplane event has been cancelled because there's no water!
- The Electric Old Timer event has been moved to Friday 5th of January due to the SIG's request.
- Pylon Racing, Scale aero and Scale events will be run at the Twin Cities field, which is about 10k north of Albury. The runways are conveyor-belt matting. The main runway is about 160 metres long, and the cross-runway is about 120 metres long. The main runway is about 20 metres wide. There is also a grass runway parallel to this matting.
- Static Judging for Scale will now be held in the Albury Sports Stadium
- Scale Aerobatics will now be held over 3 days. The first day will be demonstration flying, the second and third will be for competition.

Note:- The entry form does not have a section for Scale Aerobatics If you wish to enter please write "Scale Aerobatics " on the entry form. Cost of the event will be \$10

As the Nats R/C CD, I'm happy to say that having recently visited the new Control Line facility at the

Twin Cities club, the circle has been well-positioned to allow both C/L & R/C events to be run simultaneously. This circle facility will be finished on time for this 60th Nationals.





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DIRECTIONS TO THE R/C FIELDS (from the Registration Centre, heading North on the Hume Highway)
Pylon , Scale & Scale Aerobatics... at the Twin Cities Field. A few kms out of Albury, turn left into the Olympic Way. About 200 metres, turn left; the field is then 2 km on the right.

Old Timer & Helicopter... at the Tabletop Reserve. Continue 4 km up the Hume past the Olympic Way turnoff. Turn right into the Tabletop Reserve/Ettamogah Pub turnoff. The road swings left, then immediately turn right. The road is then straight for a few kms. Turn left into the Reserve where the road starts to curve right.

F3A Aerobatics & Electric Glider... From the Olympic Way turnoff, continue 9 km up the Hume Highway. When you get to the second of two blue road signs saying "Bell's Rest Area 500 metres", there is an entry gate into a paddock on the right. Warning: you should turn into the gravelled area beside the road, about fifty metres before you get to the sign.



Glider... At the '5-ways' intersection at Lavington, turn into the Urana Road, towards, Jindera. Some 'creative' turns might be need at this intersection! The Urana Road has the Northside Hotel on one corner, and the Telstra Telephone Exchange on the other. The turn-off into the farmer's gate is on the right, 8 kms from the 5-ways. There is a "Greater Hume Shire" road sign on the left 500 metres before the gate.



Old-Timer events Processing for Texaco and '38 Antique will be at the Registration Centre on Thursday 28th from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

You can park around the back of the stadium to be close to the processing area. For other classes, models placing first to fourth in an event will be processed at the field after that event. Remember to bring your plans!

CONTROL LINE

Processing of all Speed & racing models at Administration centre from 0900 – 1800 hrs (9am – 6pm). On December 28th. Combat models can be weighed for pull test requirements.

Special arrangements can be made for those entrants unable to attend on 28th December for processing, this needs to be done prior to the Nationals.

All models to have AUS number displayed except F4B Scale (Minimum 25mm).

Design name (& mark No.) & year of model to be displayed on the upper flying surfaces of all Vintage combat models.

Bring all documents & plans of models where proof is required (Goodyear, Mini Goodyear, Vintage Stunt), Vintage Combat (prior to December 31st 1970) if in doubt bring them anyway.

Advise an event CD if you are flying an event at another location so you can be placed into the draw, failure to do so will result in you missing that round.

Rules for Vintage Combat & F2F Team race available from PO BOX 298 SEAFORD 3198 via a Stamped, Self Addressed Envelope.

Rules for all other events as per FAI Sporting code Jan 2006 plus safety rules advised by the FAI and those as published in the Australian Rules Book June 2006.

Practice flying will be available at Grass site (Alexandra Park 8AM TO 7PM) & Hard Surface (Twin Cities MAC, daylight hours).

Hard surface to be shared by events/competitors during practice time.

Practice safe flying at all times, check to see area is clear before releasing a model, pitman to wear a safety helmet at all times even during practice.

Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.





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CONTROL LINE *Continued*

StartingTimes

		<u>ALEXANDRA PARK</u>	<u>HARD SURFACE</u>
29/12/2006	9am	F2B Advanced Rd1 F2B Expert Rd1	9am F2C Rd1, Rd2, Rd3 (alternating with 1/2A) 1/2A Team race
30/12/2006	9am	F2B Expert Rd2 F2B Advanced Rd2	9am F2C Semi's & Final (alternating with Class 2) Class 2 Team race
31/12/2006	9am	Junior 2.5cc Combat F2D Combat	9am Combined Speed & Jet
1/01/2007	9am	F2B Advanced Rd3 F2B Expert Rd3	12pm Goodyear Mini Goodyear
	10am	Junior 2.5cc Rat race	
2/01/2007	9am	F2B Expert Rd4 F2B Advanced Rd4	1pm 2.5cc Rat Race Open Rat race
	9am	Vintage "A" Team race	
3/01/2007	10am	Vintage Stunt Static	9am F2A Speed F2F Team race
	1pm	Open Combat	
4/01/2007	9am	Vintage Stunt	9am F4B Scale
	9am	Classic B Team race	
	1pm	Bendix	
5/01/2007	9am	Classic Stunt	
	9am	Vintage Combat	

Where no time is next to an event that event will follow the preceding event.

Graeme Wilson 60th Nationals Control line CD. Email vmaareq@ozemail.com.au

Mobile Phone 0408 034 722

Some useful Nationals Committee contacts:

Darryl Gunst	Facilitator	0408 355 626
Chris Caulcutt	Secretary	0418 515 689
Peter Harris	Registrar	0425 857 152
Brian Dowie	Treasurer	0402 918 916
Murray Ellis	Chairman	0419 522 602
Graham Scott	Nats' R/C CD	0419 400 049
Ron Bird	Nats' F/F CD	0412 360 140
Graeme Wilson	Nats' C/L CD	0408 034 722
Greg Lepp	Bulletin & Newsletter Editor	0411 732 104

Event CD's:

Pylon	Nerida Matthews	0438 823 454
F3A	Henry Hutchinson	0408 347 055
Aerobatics		
Scale	Warren Leach	02 6059 3527
Aerobatics		
Electric Glider	Ray Pike	03 5727 3446
Glider	Gerry Carter	03 9809 0172
Helicopter	Simon Lockington	0431 475 572
Scale	Noel Whitehead	03 9857 5951
Old Timer	Kevin Fryer	03 9842 4361





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FREE FLIGHT (McMahon's property at Springhurst)

Due to the extreme fire risk smoking is not permitted on the property.

Motor vehicles must stay on defined tracks and only park where requested.

Retrieval of models by vehicle is not permitted across paddocks. Vehicles must follow track to gate to retrieve models by road.

Closed gates must not be left open.



The McMahon property that we use is coloured green. The fields are entered through gates to the dividing road (Hughes Rd). We fly on either side of Hughes Rd depending on wind direction.

Directions from Wodonga.

Wodonga to Springhurst exit is approx. 40kms, continue a further 3.5kms to McMahon's Rd. Turn right across rail line for approx. 5kms. Follow signs to site, depending on wind direction.

Directions from Rutherglen.

The best way to McMahon's is to head west on the Murray Valley Highway. Turn left after about 5kms into Federation Way. Note that Federation Way has had a variety of names over the years. It used to be (and still is on many maps) Three Chain Road, and further south is known as the Wahgunyah-Wangaratta Road. Turn left off Federation Way at the Boorhaman-Springhurst Road, and then turn right at Hughes Road. If you miss the Boorhaman-Springhurst Road, turn left at McMahon's Road. Follow signs to site, depending on wind direction.

Rutherglen Accommodation.

Email ronbird39@optusnet.com.au for a list of accommodation available in Rutherglen.

Changes to Free Flight Program.

- * **Indoor CLG will be flown concurrently with Indoor HLG (F1N) on Friday 29th December between 5pm and 10pm.**
- * **Rubber Scale will be changed to Free Flight Flying Scale to include all free flight scale models. Judging of models shall be conducted at the field on the day.**





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- **F1A, F1B and F1C** will commence at 6.00am with seven 1-hour rounds.
- **F1H and F1J** will commence at 6.00am with five 1-hour rounds.
- **F1G** will commence at 6.00am for three 1-hour rounds, and recommence at 11.00am for the last two 1-hour rounds.
- **OZ Diesel** will be run between 6.00am and 1.00pm with a pause between 9.00am and 11.00am to allow for day scramble.
- **Open events** will be run between 7.00am and 1.00pm with no rounds.
- **P30** will be run between 7.00am and 1.00pm with no rounds.
- **Vintage events** will be run between 7.00am and 1.00pm.
- **HLG and CLG** will be run concurrently between 8.00am and 11.00am.
- **Day Scramble** will commence at 9.30am.
- **Night Scramble** will commence at dusk.
- **Indoor** starting times are as shown on the program of events.

Rules.

- **Indoor CLG** is a new event offered for those who aren't as young as they thought they were. The model is launched by stretching elastic band(s) between the hands of the contestant with one end(s) firmly attached to a launching handle consisting of a rigid dowel or similar device no longer than 150mm in length. There is no limit to the length or size of the elastic bands. It is suggested that 2 x #18 rubber bands would have enough power to get a light model to the ceiling. There is no limitation on the design or size of model.
Official Flights. All flights are official flights, regardless of duration. Unofficial flights are not recognized. A flight during which any part is dropped shall be called an official flight with zero (0) time.
Number of Flights. Each contestant shall be allowed a total of six (6) official flights.
Scoring of Flights. Scoring time shall be the total of the two (2) of not more than six (6) official flights. Flight duration shall be scored in tenths of seconds. Example: 34.2 seconds.
- **F1A, F1B, F1C, F1D, F1G, F1H, F1J, F1L, F1N and F4D** will be flown to the FAI Sporting Code rules 2006 Edition.
- **P30** will follow current practice and be flown to 3 flights of 120 seconds.
- **All other events** will be flown to Australian Official Rules and Special Rules for State Events held at National Championships.

ACCOMODATION

The Grand National Motel Ettamogah has offered a **SPECIAL DEAL** for entrants. The Motel is very close to Twin Cities Field, APA Field (Table Top area), O/Timer & Heli Field - (Twin Cities Sea Plane area near Ettamogah Pub)

Grand National Motel Ettamogah
Trevor & Jorgete Hudson Owner/Manager
www.ettamogahmotel.com.au
02 6026 2271

25 rooms (some family, some with spa)
Still have 20 rooms left. \$75 - \$105
Motel is new, clean, and has good size rooms. Salt water Pool & BBQ facilities.
Special package for modellers who mention they are part of the model aircraft Nationals - reduction of \$15 - (from \$60 per night). Ask for Trevor. **NOTE: For this discount No room service so you have to make your own bed etc.**





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Motels with vacancies

Albury Coach Motel. On main road just Nth of Lavington. Indoor swimming pool, reasonable priced. 02 6025 1233

Barklay Gardens, on main highway just on the North outskirts of Albury. Closest motel to Twin Cities Field. 3 stars, 02 6025 2466.

Southern Cross Motel. On main road Nth of Lavington. 02 6025 1622.

Caravan parks that have vacant cabins and caravan/camp sites

Trek31. This is on the Hume H/way North of Lavington, rather close to the Twin Cities Field. Contact number **02 6025 4355**.

All Seasons Tourist Park. Main road just Nth of Lavington. Pool & BBQ facilities. 02 6025 1619.

SPONSORSHIP

Special thanks go to all Clubs and businesses that have sponsored events.

We acknowledge the contributions made by Model Engines, Model Flight and Echo Point Cottages. Their support will greatly assist in making the 60th MAAA Nationals a most successful event.



60th NATIONALS PROGRAM OF EVENTS

DATE	STADIUM INDOOR EVENTS	C/L GRASS ALEXANDER PARK	C/L HARD SURFACE TCMAC	FREE FLIGHT FIELD	APA & ELECTRIC FIELD	RADIO TWIN CITIES CLUB	GLIDER FIELD	OTIMER & HELICOPTER FIELD	RADIO IBIS CLUB	RADIO LAKE HUME	SOCIAL EVENTS	DATE
THU 28	REGISTRATION & PROCESSING PYLON & C/L & OT	REGISTRATION	NO EVENTS	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION PYLON SETUP	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	CLOSE	REGISTRATION	NIL	THU 28
FRI 29	5PM - 10PM INDOOR CLG INDOOR HLG (F1N)	F2B AERO ADV & EXP RD 1	F2C TEAM RACE RD1,2&3 1/2A TEAM RACE	F1C OPEN RUBBER	MASTERS, F3A, EXPERT, ADVANCED, SPORTSMAN	QUICKIE 500 (PROVISIONAL) 1/4 MIDGET	GLIDER F3J w/winches & R/C HLG	1/2A TEXACO STANDARD DURATION	RADIO CONTROL FLYING PRACTICE DAYS	THIS SITE IS NOW BEING USED FOR OLD TIMER & HELICOPTER	NIL	FRI 29
SAT 30	6PM - 10PM R/C INDOOR NIGHT (COMP NIGHT)	F2B AERO ADV & EXP RD 2	F2C TEAM RACE SEMI & FINAL, CLASS 2 TEAM RACE	F1A FREE FLIGHT FLYING SCALE	MASTERS, F3A, EXPERT, ADVANCED, SPORTSMAN	F 400 FA1 (TEAM SELECTION)	GLIDER F3J w/winches AND R/C HLG	DURATION			SWAP MEET 7PM - 9PM STADIUM	SAT 30
SUN 31	NO EVENTS	VINTAGE STUNT STATIC, JNR 2.5cc COMBAT, F2D COMBAT	COMBINED SPEED & JET,	F1G OZ DIESEL DAY SCRAMBLE	MASTERS, F3A, EXPERT, ADVANCED, SPORTSMAN	SCALE AERO DEMONSTRATION AND PRACTICE	GLIDER F3B	TEXACO			NEW YEAR EVE FUNCTION	SUN 31
MON 1	NO EVENTS	F2B AERO ADV & EXP - RD3, JNR 2.5cc RAT RACE	GOODYEAR, MINI GOODYEAR	P30 HLG, CLG F1J	NO EVENTS - MAKE UP DAY	SCALE AERO (PROVISIONAL)	GLIDER F3B	G.B. NISTALGA			NIGHT SCRAMBLE F/F FIELD	MON 1
TUE 2	1PM 6PM F1D, F1L R/C SCALE STATIC JUDGING	F2B AERO ADV & EXP - RD4, VINTAGE A TEAM RACE	2.5cc RAT RACE, OPEN RAT RACE	F1H	ELECTRIC GLIDER F5J	SCALE AERO (PROVISIONAL)	GLIDER SPARE DAY	'38 ANTIQUE 2cc			GET TOGETHER DINNER	TUE 2
WED 3	5PM - 10PM PEANUT SCALE & INDOOR RUBBER SCALE (F4D Rules)	OPEN COMBAT	F2A SPEED F2F TEAM RACE	F1B OPEN POWER	ELECTRIC GLIDER 7- CELL	F4C SCALE	NO EVENTS	HELICOPTER F3C INTERM. NOVICE			STADIUM	WED 3
THUR 4	5PM - 10PM HANGAR RAT & SCRAMBLE	VINT STUNT, CLASSIC B TEAM RACE, BENDIX	F4B	VINTAGE RUBBER	ELECTRIC GLIDER F5B	STAND OFF SCALE	NO EVENTS	HELICOPTER F3C INTERM. NOVICE			STADIUM	THUR 4
FRI 5	6PM - 10PM R/C INDOOR NIGHT	CLASSIC STUNT, VINT COMBAT	NO EVENTS	VINT. POWER VINTAGE GLIDER	CHANGE - ELECTRIC OLD TIMER	LARGE SCALE	NO EVENTS	HELICOPTER F3C INTERM. NOVICE			CLOSE	STADIUM
SAT 6	CLOSED	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	CLOSE	NO SEA PLANE EVENT	NIL	SAT 6

PRE-ENTRY COMPETITORS CAN REGISTER THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT.

NOVEMBER