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#### Manual of Procedures

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MAAA MOP 010 Duties of a Team Manager Procedure  
MAAA MOP 024 International Teams Procedure  
MAAA MOP 066 First Person View (FPV) Policy  
MAAA Forms 026 Team Manager's Check Sheet

#### 62<sup>nd</sup> Radio Control Nationals

Radio Control events will be held over the Easter period from 12 April to 24 April 2009 at the MAS NSW State flying field at Cootamundra. Bulletin number #1 is now available from the MAAA Web site at [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

#### Don Blackam AOM

Congratulations to Don Blackam who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the 2009 Australia Day Honours. The citation reads:

***'For service to the community through philanthropic contributions to health, youth and dancesport organisations'.***

Although only briefly mentioned in the full text of the citation, Don has also contributed greatly to Aeromodelling, particularly in Free Flight.

Don started aeromodelling during the Second World War. He was a very active member of the modelling community in Ballarat where he grew up. In those days he and his friends had to gain knowledge from wherever they could, particularly from

overseas publications. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> person in Ballarat to fly a control line model and he also flew early radio control systems. Don was a good builder and flier and was happy to share his knowledge. He competed throughout Victoria. The first big contest he won was 1/2A Power at the 22nd Nationals which were held at Warnambool in 1968.

Don's work commitments kept him out of Aeromodelling for a period in the late '70's to early '80s. Although he had flown Wakefield (F1B) in the past, it was on his return to aeromodelling in the mid to late 80s that he became really serious about it.

He was a member of four Australian Teams at World Championships, earning individual and team placings. In 1993 he set an Australian F1B record of 2295 seconds at the Livotto International in the USA. Don won the Nationals Wakefield Trophy three times. He has been Australian Free Flight Champion and has won numerous State Championships.

In his travels overseas Don has been a great ambassador for Australia, making many friends in other countries. Don's involvement in organising Nationals, Championships and competitions is well known throughout the model fraternity.

#### Australian Endurance Record

Congratulations to Anthony Mott and his expert team of assistants in breaking the Australian Endurance Record – classification 141. Following ten years of planning, testing, modifying and a false start, Anthony established the record, with a 12 hours 5 minutes and 20 second flight on 21 January 2009. The flight took place at the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club, Victoria. The model used in the attempt was a purpose built, 105 inch wingspan, 5 Kg model with drop off undercarriage as allowed by the rules and powered by a modified British PAW 8cc diesel turning a large propeller consuming 1cc/per minute fuel. Further details with photos can be found at the VFSAA web site [www.users.bigpond.net.au/vfsaa](http://www.users.bigpond.net.au/vfsaa)

#### 62<sup>nd</sup> Control Line and Free Flight Nationals

The combined Control Line and Free Flight Nationals were held over the 2008/09 New Year period at Albury NSW. Reports from the Nationals indicate that it was successful both in entry numbers and financially. The full report and results can be found on the MAAA web site at [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

#### MAAA Membership

When a person joins or renews their membership with a club affiliated with any of the 10 State Associations which make up the MAAA, they receive the same insurance cover and benefits, irrespective of which type of model they choose to fly. There seems to be some confusion and maybe misinformation that a member of a club affiliated with the Control Line or Free Flight Associations only has cover for that type of flying and not, for example, radio control flying. All members have equal cover when financial through any affiliated club. However holding an MAAA Membership card does not give the right to fly at any MAAA Club. Every club can determine their own policy on members and visitors.

### Team Trial Notification

Organisers of Team Trials for World, CAOCC Championships and Trans Tasman events are advised that MOP024 International Teams Procedure and MOP010 Duties of a Team Manager Procedure have recently been amended. Please take time to read these documents. Organisers are reminded of their responsibility to advise the MAAA Secretary of the dates of intended team trials a minimum of six months in advance. This is to give the MAAA Executive time to evaluate the notice and if needed ask for more information prior to final approval. This also assists in providing adequate notice to all MAAA members.

### F1 A, B & C Team Trials Trans Tasman Event 2010

Proposed program for AFFS Championships and Southern Cross Cup.

F1A Tue 7 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

F1C Wed 8 Apr 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A Sat 11 April 2009

F1C Sat 11 April 2009

F1B Sun 12 April 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera.

### 2009 F3A World Championships Team Trials

Team trial details for the F3A World Championships to be held in Portugal have been finalised. These trials will be held as part of the Australian Masters Contest at Valley Radio Flyers field Shepparton, Victoria on 25 April 2009. Entries will close one week prior to the event, 17 April 2009. Late entries will not be accepted. Forenquires please contact Chris Simmons 0419 362 005.

### 2010 F2 World Championships Team Trials

Team trial details for the F2 World Championships to be held in Hungary 2010:

South Australian State Championships: F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D. Adelaide Cup weekend. 7-9 March 2009 F2B and F2D at [Callington Oval](#), and F2A and F2C at Monarto.

Western Australia State Championships: F2C on 13 April 2009, F2B on 9 May 2009.

Victorian State Championships: F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D. 10-13 April 2009. F2B and F2D will be held at the Knox Field and F2A and F2C will be held at Frankston.

Queensland State Championships: To be held the Qld Labour Day weekend, 2-4 May.

New South Wales State Championships: F2B and F2D. 6-8 June 2009. Venue to be confirmed. F2A and F2C, 3-5 October at Albury.

63<sup>rd</sup> MAAA Nationals: (VMAA) F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D, 28 Dec 2009 to 4 Jan 2010.

### Australian Pattern Association

The APA wishes to announce that the calculated National Average for 2009 F3A events is **437**.

### 2010 F3J World Championship Team Trials

Team Trials for the 2010 F3J World Championship to be held in France have been approved. The League of Silent Flight will hold the selection trials at the 2009 Jerilderie Tournament (Jerilderie on 6-8 June 2009)

### 2009 R/C Scale Trans Tasman

Team trials for this event will be held as part of the 62<sup>nd</sup> National Scale event at Cootamundra in April 2009.

The Trans Tasman Scale event will be held at Monarto SA between October/November 2009.

### World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2009	
EVENT	Awarded to
F4A FF Scale	Trans Tasman - Patetonga, Sth of Auckland 4-5 April
R/C Scale	Trans Tasman - Monarto SA October/November
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia. Bjelopolje <b>Dates:</b> July 19 to July 26
F3A	Portugal <b>Dates:</b> August 21 - 29 2009
F3B	Czech Republic <b>Dates:</b> August 2 - 9 2009
F3C	USA - Muncie <b>Dates:</b> August 2 - 11 2009
F3D	Germany <b>Dates:</b> July 20 - 26 2009
2010	
EVENT	Bids From
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary - July
F3J	France <b>Dates:</b> August 14 - 22 2010
F4B, F4C	Poland
F5B, F5D	Offers Invited
Space Models	Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
2011	
EVENT	Bids From
F1 A,B & C	To be Awarded - 4 Bids
F3A	To be Awarded - USA (tentative)
F3B	To be Awarded - Spain (tentative)
F3C	To be awarded - Italy
F3D	To be awarded - Australia has bid