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Congratulations Valerie Vickers

It is with pleasure that the MAAA Executive on behalf of the MAAA Members offer their congratulations to Mrs Valerie (Val) Vickers on being awarded the FAI Air Sport Medal. This award recognises the work and achievements, in model aviation in Australia, carried out by Val at Club, State and Federal level. The presentation was made by the MAAA President at a MAS NSW Annual Presentation Dinner.

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 amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MAAA MOP 042 Policy for Visitor Insurance at Flying Fields – Amendments made following a proposal put forward by the Education Subcommittee to have Education Groups included within the policy. (*See item Education Groups*)

MAAA MOP 058 2.4GHz Equipment – Amendments to Appendix 'A' to clarify that: *'The following technologies are accepted for use in the 2.4GHz frequency band only'*. The addition under Technology: *Sanwa FHSS*.

Education Groups

At the 2009 Council Conference the question was asked: *'how can groups taking part in education programs get initial exposure to flying club activities for defined periods longer than covered by the Visitor Insurance, and still be covered by the MAAA Insurance?'*

The Chairman of the Education Subcommittee put forward a suggestion based on a brief consideration following the question. This was that if a State Association

through their Education Officer recognises a specific group taking part in an education program which comes under the MAAA Education Policy, then the MAAA for a small fixed fee and for a fixed period e.g. 10 weeks, will cover the group. Providing that a club is prepared to host them, they could fly at that facility, including on weekends, under the normal conditions of the MAAA Visitor Policy. Following debate on the subject, this was agreed. This has now been finalised by the Education Subcommittee, approved and incorporated into MOP042.

Delta Dart Program

The MAAA Delta Dart program continues to be well received by those State Associations and Education Groups taking advantage of the scheme.

The Delta Darts are intended to be used to promote aviation in general and the MAAA in particular, even though the latter is a longer term aim. Under the coordination of an MAAA Education Officer the Darts are used as part of the MAAA Education program to Schools and other groups who are able to show:

- they have an educational element for their use
- their use is suitably supervised
- feedback on the benefit/promotion that the MAAA will gain

If you consider you have a project for the use of Delta Darts or know of an Education group who you consider meets these requirements and can benefit from the scheme, please contact your State Association Education Officer for assistance.

Outcome from Reported Incidents

A recent Incident and Accident being investigated by MAAA involved a member using a tractor-drawn slasher/mower. Unfortunately the member suffered an injury to his foot and this highlights the need for extreme caution when operating any machinery at home or at your club. In today's society we have a duty of care to others and this includes clubs in the operation of any machinery.

Following this incident the Club was requested to put in place a procedure for operating this machine before it was used again. It was suggested that their State OH&S would have directives on the safe operations of this type of machinery, which may be of assistance and guidance. The MAAA also recommends that, where a club has members operating any type of machinery, the club ensures it has suitable procedures for machinery operation and if appropriate, it supplies suitable safety equipment for its members. Your State OH&S will have guidelines to assist.

Australian Endurance Record

Congratulations to Anthony Mott and his team on establishing a new Australian Endurance Record. The successful record attempt was held at the Greensborough MAC on 21 & 22 December 2009 with the model being flown for 24 hours 10 minutes and 24 seconds.

2.4GHz Transmitting Equipment

From time to time the MAAA receives reports that the MAAA Policy on 2.4 GHz may not be either well enough known, or is being ignored by some individuals and clubs.

The following are the basic requirements and implications for the operation of this equipment at MAAA Club fields.

- Only MAAA accepted 2.4 GHz radio systems can be used at MAAA flying fields and under the MAAA insurance policy.
- The MAAA evaluates the basic operational performance of equipment before it is accepted.
- Some equipment that has been put to the MAAA for acceptance has had technical limitations that would cause problems if used in a typical club environment.
- MOP 058 has the details of the accepted equipment, and the standards that this equipment should comply with. (See Appendix 'A' MOP058)
- If clubs allow equipment that does not comply with MOP 058 to be used at their field it could prejudice the insurance cover of all club members.
- In the event of an incident involving 2.4 GHz equipment that has not been accepted by the MAAA then it would be expected that serious questions would be asked by both the MAAA and the insurer.

2011 F1A, B & C World Championship Team Trials

Multiple Team Trials for this event to be hosted by Argentina in early 2011 are programmed as follows:

Proposed Events Program

Southern Cross Cup

F1A	Tue 30 th Mar 2010	Narrandera
F1B	Mon 29 th Mar 2010	Narrandera
F1C	Tue 30 th Mar 2010	Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A	Sat 3 rd Apr 2010	Narrandera
F1B	Fri 2 nd Apr 2010	Narrandera
F1C	Sat 3 rd Apr 2010	Narrandera

Qld State Championships

F1A	29 th May 2010	Dalby
F1B	30 th May 2010	Dalby
F1C	14 th Mar 2010	Dalby

Victorian State Championships

F1A, F1B and F1C flown over 7th to 9th May 2010
Location: Springhurst

Western Australia State Championships

F1A	16 th May 2010	Meckering
F1B	24 th Jul 2010	Meckering
F1C	25 th Jul 2010	Meckering

Additional Team Selection event for F1A classes
5th to 7th Jun 2010 Meckering

NSW State Championships

No firm date yet but likely to be long weekend 12th, 13th and 14th of June 2010.
Location will be Narrandera or Springhurst.

International Events

All these events are to be F1A, F1B and F1C classes open to all flyers, sanctioned by CIAM and published on the CIAM website, flown to FAI rules and conducted within the selection period.

F3D (Pylon) 2011 World Championship Team Trials

The 2011 F3D Pylon World Championships are being run in Australia from the 12 to 14 August. AMPRA will be hosting the following multi team trials for the 2011 F3D Pylon event. The trials are expected to be held in Victoria, Queensland and NSW with 5 trials in all, between June and the end of December 2010. Actual dates are yet to be confirmed.

World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2010	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary Dates: 23 July – 1 August
F3J	France Dates: 28 July - 8 August
F4C	Poland - Czestochowa 30 July – 8 August
F5B, F5D	USA - Muncie 20 – 25 August
Space Models	Serbia - Irig 21 – 28 August
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited –(location and dates TBA)
F3C Asia-Oceanic	TBA
2011	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	Argentina- Late April early May (dates to be confirmed)
F3A	USA – Late July early August (dates to be confirmed)
F3B	China
F3C	Italy Dates: 18 – 28 August
F3D	Australia Dates: 12-14 August
F3K	Sweden Dates: 4-10 July