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MAAA Life Membership

Congratulation to Joe McGuffin, MAS NSW, and Garth Wilmot, TMAA, who were elected as MAAA Life Members at the 2010 MAAA Council Conference for 'services to aeromodelling'.

MAAA Hall of Fame

At the 2010 Conference held in Adelaide at the end of May, Des Slattery was inducted into the MAAA Hall of Fame for 'long term contribution to free flight and MAAA competitions'. Congratulations Des.

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:

MOP032 Certification of Plans and Drawings – MOP032 was introduced to ensure that those MAAA members or non members nominated by the MAAA Scale Subcommittee for the purpose of certifying plans and drawings are appointed, reappointed, registered and deregistered in a standard and traceable process.

MOP030 Gas Turbine Rules - Section (e) was amended to include the requirement of additional information to allow the MAAA Executive to make informed decisions in regard to issuing Fire Ban Waivers. To assist Event Organisers to provide this information, a new MAAA Form 025 has been introduced.

MOP058 2.4GHz Equipment - Amendments to MOP058 - Added to Appendix A: Frsky V8 ACCST 2.4 GHz and the Fly-Dream V3 2.4 GHz radios.

2010 - 2011 MAAA Membership Fees

As has been the practice in the past, every three years MAAA tests the insurance market and invites quotes from other brokers. Of the two received for the 2010/11 period, the current broker, Willis Australia, provided the most favourable insurance quote with a small decrease in premium. Albeit with some increases in budgeted spending, the MAAA fees for the coming year remain the same. MAAA fees are as follows: Seniors - \$60.00, Pensioners - \$60.00 and Juniors - \$30.00. State Association and Club fees are in addition to the MAAA fee. Half year fees will apply after 1 January 2011 for new members.

Sticking Membership Cards

Members have brought the problem of membership cards sticking closed to the attention of the MAAA Registrar. This has become especially prevalent with the current card. Investigations have shown that the laminate on the inside of the card has started to break down over the two years since being produced, mainly due to heat. The problem is more pronounced with cards carried in wallets rather than in handbags. To solve the problem I do not suggest you all go out and buy a handbag!! As the current stock of cards has just about been depleted, new cards were ordered for the renewal period 2010/11 which have no laminate on the inside so the problem should be eliminated.

Outcomes from Reported Incidents

Over the last twelve months there has been a sharp increase in insurance pay outs for the repair of vehicles damaged by model aircraft or stones. In several of these cases, the uncontrolled flight path of the model due to structural failure caused damage to cars that were acceptably parked. In other cases, damage could probably have been avoided with some extra thought when parking. It is difficult to advise members on the best position to park cars at model fields or to give an indication of what is a safe distance to be when mowing is taking place. As stated in the incident reports, in the case of stones being thrown by mowers, these distances can be large. However, members are asked to consider the safety of all vehicles when parking at the field to avoid the cost and inconvenience of having repairs carried out.

In one incident which resulted in damage to a vehicle, an electric model was fitted with a 'toggle' switch to turn it on and off. Whilst the exact reason for the model being uncontrolled from the point of launch was not able to be determined due to the destruction of the model on impact with the vehicle, investigations established a strong link to the on/off switch being accidentally moved at the time of launching. If 'toggle' switches are being used, then members are requested to ensure that these switches are well protected from external unwanted activation.

In another incident, a model was launched from a part of the field which then resulted in it being flown over an out-of-bounds area containing parked vehicles. Subsequently, in manoeuvring for landing, the pilot lost control of the model and it collided with a one of the parked vehicles. Fortunately, in this case the damage was minimal.

As a result of this incident and as part of the 'close out', the MAAA recommends that all clubs should have a map of their field on their club notice board for members' and visitors' information, and it should include details of the out-of-bounds flying areas.

2010 Free Flight Trans Tasman Competition

Congratulations to the Australian and New Zealand Free Flight teams who competed for the 'Rose Bowl' in Omarama, New Zealand in April. Reports indicate that all three classes had to be flown on the same day, Friday 16th, because the preceding day, which was to have been for F1A, was extremely windy. The results are quite outstanding as Omarama is always a tricky site even when it is calm. However, it was noted that the NZ Team put in their best ever performance – it was just that the Australian team did better. Two thirds of them maxed out, including all three Wakefield flyers, which meant finding space on the flight home for the Bowl.

Wings and Forms

A couple of issues of the MAAA Newsletter ago, it was explained that irrespective of which State Association you are a member of, the insurance enjoyed by all MAAA members is the same value. Similarly, this also applies to 'Wings'. Whatever type of wings is issued, it is issued by an MAAA Instructor and Gold or Bronze Wings issued through one Association apply throughout Australia.

Following a successful flight test for 'Wings' the application form needs to be lodged with the member's **State Association Secretary** for processing. The flight test depicted on the forms only changes if endorsed by the Flight Training Subcommittee, the MAAA Executive and the MAAA Council, and then for good reasons such as safety. From time to time however, it is necessary to amend the form for other reasons, such as adding a line for an email address or clarifying a word. While the latest form should be used, common sense should also apply when processing 'Wings' applications.

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

Western Australia State Championships

F1B	24 th Jul 2010	Meckering
F1C	25 th Jul 2010	Meckering

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. Any one of the following State Champs:

Victorian State Champs, Hamilton	16 - 17 October 2010
Queensland State Champs, Bundaberg	21 - 22 August 2010
NSW State Champs, Pitt Town	7 - 8 August 2010
64 th Nationals Queensland	29 Dec.2010 to 7 Jan 2011

In addition to the competitors, the Organising Committee for the 2011 F3D World Championships would like to hear from as many members or interested people who wish to be part of this event in the capacity of a helper. A World class event such as this requires an enormous amount of outside assistance so if you are able to help please contact the Secretary of the 2011 F3D Organising Committee at secretary@F3DWC2011.com

F3K (Hand Launch Glider) 2011 World Championship Team Trial

This is a new event on the World Championship calendar, to be held in Sweden from the 4 to 10 July 2011.

Proposed Team Trial

Contest Event - Australian F3K Hand Launch Glider Championship 2010
Diggers Rest Victoria, Davis Road (Melways 351 F1)
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November 2010

Contest Organisers : Brett Anthony 0412 518 554 brett@f3k.com.au
Theo Arvanitakis 0414 626 464 theo@rcga.org.au
Contest Director - Gerry Carter

World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2010	
EVENT	Awarded to
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary Dates: 23 July – 1 August
F3J	France Dates: 28 July - 8 August
F4C	Poland - Czestochowa Dates: 30 July – 8 August
F5B, F5D	USA - Muncie Dates: 20 – 25 August
Space Models	Serbia - Irig Dates: 21 – 28 August
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Philippines Dates: 19th - 25th September, Bacolod-City
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Tung-shih (Chinese Taipei) 17-23 Oct
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