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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 amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MOP014 – Procedure General Model Rules - has been amended to highlight minimum distances for vehicle parking at model facilities.

MAAA - ASAC President

At the 2010 Australian Sport Aviation Confederation (ASAC) AGM the MAAA President, Mike Close was re-elected ASAC President. Congratulations Mike.

2010 Council Conference

The 2010 MAAA Council Conference will be held on Saturday & Sunday, 21 - 22 May 2011 at Rydges Capital Hill Hotel, cnr Canberra Ave & National Circuit, Canberra ACT 2603. The Council Conference will commence at 9:00am Saturday. Submissions of Agenda Items and Reports should be sent to the Federal Secretary and must arrive by **Monday 11 February 2011**. Naturally, submissions will be welcomed earlier than this date.

Agenda Items

Affiliate members who wish to submit items for the Council Conference should forward these to their State Association for consideration well before the due date for submissions. Please contact the State Association for information on how to format the item.

Nominations for MAAA Executive Positions

Under Rule 29, nominations are called for the position of MAAA Treasurer and Vice President.

Nominees must provide:

- A written nomination for the position sought, signed by two Affiliate Members of the Association
- Written consent (which may be endorsed on the nomination)
- Curriculum vitae

This information must be received by the Federal Secretary no later than **Monday 28 February 2011**. Please note that the term of office is three years.

Frequently Asked Questions

A recent addition to the MAAA website at www.maaa.asn.au is a Frequently Asked Questions page. The page is broken up into two sections at this stage, one for general questions and the second relating to questions and answers regarding 2.4GHz equipment. The intention of this page is to provide members and prospective members with easy access to typical, everyday information, which may or may not be contained within the MOPs.

Concessional Membership

From 1 January 2011, a person who has not been an MAAA member the previous membership year is entitled to half MAAA fees. Current MAAA Rules require that any person who was a member in 2009-2010 shall still pay the full fee. Clubs should note that Concessional Membership is only available to new members and those who have not been affiliated since 1 July 2009.

Outcomes from Reported Incidents

In a recent incident which resulted in damage to a vehicle and destruction of the model on impact, investigations established a strong link to a faulty on/off switch on the model. Whilst the exact reason for the model being uncontrolled from the point of take off was not able to be determined, modellers are reminded that switches on models are one of the less reliable components in a radio system and should be checked or replaced regularly.

64th MAAA Nationals Dalby Queensland

Bulletin number four has been posted on the MAAA website with updates. Organisers of the Nationals are endeavouring to get as many entries for the events as possible with entries being accepted up to the day of competition with no late entry fee being imposed.

The Nationals Chairman has indicated that everything is on track for a successful and friendly Nationals and they have done everything possible to promote the events to all sections of the modelling community via an extensive advertising campaign throughout Australia. Entries are still coming in for a lot of events and some have record entries. (www.maaa.asn.au).

MAAA Membership System

The current membership system used by MAAA, State Associations and some clubs, is past its use-by date as far as underlying support programs and the ability for the MAAA to increase our requirements within the system. These problems have been apparent for several years and while an electronic patch was provided to enable the system to run beyond 2009 there is a need for the system to be replaced.

Over the last eighteen months MAAA has been investigating moving to a web based membership system. One possible problem which needs to be addressed and cleaned up to the best of our ability is the date of birth of members. It has never been a big issue in the past and this is why member/s have still been renewed if a date of birth was not provided. The State Registrars normally put in a DOB of 1/1/1901, as they still need to put a DOB in the current system for it to work. When we move to a new web based system, all the current data will be electronically transferred and questions are raised as to how the new system would analyse a large number of members with an age of 110 plus (with the same birthday)!

So that our data is able to be successfully and smoothly transferred, we are attempting to encourage members to update their details, hence the request for DOBs. We are not asking to see birth certificates but it seems questionable to enter a fictitious DOB for a member when there is the opportunity to have the correct data. Members are asked to consider this when they next renew.

F3C (Helicopter) 2011 World Championship Team Trial

With the release of Bulletin#4 of the 64th Nationals the F3C event and team trial did not gain sufficient entries and has been dropped from the 64th Nationals calendar. The Subcommittee Chairman will be contacted for further advice.

F3D (Pylon) 2011 World Championship Final Team Trial

The 2011 F3D Pylon World Championships are being run in Australia from the 12 to 14 August. AMPRA will be hosting the final team trial for the 2011 F3D Pylon event at the 64th Nationals in Queensland from Thursday 30 December 2010 to Saturday 1 January 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. Anyone able to help should contact the Secretary of the 2011 F3D Organising Committee at secretary@F3DWC2011.com

F3A (Aerobatic) 2011 World Championship Team Trial

A Team Trial will be run in accordance with the current F3A rules at the Australian Masters at the Valley Radio Flyers field Shepparton Vic on the weekend of Saturday, Sunday and Monday 12-14 of March 2011. F3A World Championships are to be held in the USA – Muncie, 23 – 31 July 2011.

2012 F2 Control Line World Championships Team Trials

Multi team trials for F2A, C and D will be held in five States from March 2011 to October 2011. A single team trial for F2B will also be held at a time and venue TBA but within the MOP time frames.

Proposed Events for Team Trials.

South Australia State Championships, F2A, F2C, F2D. Adelaide Cup weekend. 12 -14 March 2011 Monarto/Callington. (Dates and venue TBC).

Western Australia State Championships. F2C on 27, 28 and 29 May, 2011
No F2A event scheduled. F2D -Sunday, 22 May, 2010 Whiteman Park.

Victoria State Championships. F2C at Frankston. (22nd April 2011). F2A, F2C and F2D at Frankston (23 April 2011).

New South Wales State Championships F2D. June long weekend. Whalan Reserve (TBA). F2A and F2C. 1st, 2nd and 3rd October (long weekend) Twin Cities, Albury.

World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2011	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	Argentina Dates: 2 – 9 May
F3A	USA – Muncie Dates: 23-31 June
F3B	China – Dates: 23 – 29 September
F3C	Italy Dates: 18 – 28 August
F3D	Australia Dates: 12-14 August
F3K	Sweden Dates: 4-10 July

2012	
EVENT	Awarded to
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Bulgaria Dates: August/September
F3J	South Africa Dates: 5-12 August
F4C	Spain
F5B, F5D	Romania
Space Models	Slovakia
F3A Asia – Oceanic	China - Tent
F3C Asia – Oceanic	China - tent
F1 Trans Tasman	Location TBA Dates: Easter

The MAAA Executive wish all our members and friends a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

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