

MODEL AERONAUTICAL  
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

# Newsletter

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### Congratulations

In October at the FAI General Conference held in Belgrade, Mike Close was elected as FAI Vice President (Australia).  
At the recently held ASAC Annual Board Meeting, Mike Close was also re-elected as ASAC President.

### Concessional Membership

From 1 January 2012, 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 2010-2011 shall still pay the full fee. Clubs should note that this Concessional Membership is only available to new members and those who have not been affiliated since 1 July 2010.

### Outcomes from Reported Incidents

The latest Incident Reports have indicated several different areas where members need to be vigilant.

In the first case, as a modeller was refuelling a grass mower, the spout on the fuel container broke apart, spraying fuel into his face and left eye. Safety eye protection was being worn, however the fuel splashed under the rim of the glasses. The eye was washed immediately and medical attention sought. This incident highlights the benefits of members having some basic knowledge of first aid.

The second case involves a modeller launching an electric powered pusher type aircraft. On launch the propeller lacerated the modeller's hand.  
Looking at corrective actions, the club suggested that similar designed models should be launched by the wing tip. In closing this incident out, it was noted that the method proposed may be applied to some models but was not appropriate for all pusher style aircraft, but the danger is real and has to be considered.

In the last incident the model was suitably restrained, however while getting to his feet after starting the engine, the modeller stumbled. In doing so he swung his hand out into the spinning propeller.

In closing this incident out, the merits in the actions by the club indicating they will conduct a training course on a safe way for members to become upright after kneeling to start engines was noted. It is also important that everyone is aware of the possible reduced mobility of older members within our clubs and that assistance is offered where needed.

### 65<sup>th</sup> MAAA Nationals

Aeromodellers of Western Australia (AWA) will be hosting the 65<sup>th</sup> Nationals in Perth from 12 -20 April 2012. The central point for the Nationals will be the Whiteman Park Flying Field Complex with a number of other events being run at several other locations to the south and north of Perth.

Event Program and Entry Forms are available from the MAAA website [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au)

### Frequently Asked Questions

The Frequently Asked Questions page on the MAAA website [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au) is now broken up into three sections, one for general questions the second relating to questions and answers regarding 2.4GHz equipment and the third dealing with Insurance. The intention of the FAQ 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. It is regularly expanded and updated as we get feedback from members

### State Flying Instructor Conference

At the Conference held in October it was agreed that MAAA adopt a universal Instructor's Course for a trial period of 2 years. The structure of the course will be based on the current MAS NSW style with ideas from all states to be considered for incorporation into the final version of the course.

The SFIs were asked to agree as a starting point for all future MAAA Flight Training discussions, the role that it fulfils in the development of flying skills. The following three items were documented, and it was also agreed that the points be inserted in any relevant documents

#### 1. Purpose of MAAA Flight Instruction

To assist in the development of a student's flying skills in a new flight category to the point where they are able to fly a basic model of that type safely by themselves, coupled with the knowledge of the CASA, MAAA and club requirements, and to achieve this result as quickly and safely as is practical; to be followed by assisting in progress to Gold Wings as requested.

#### 2. Role of MAAA Instructors

To have been trained in appropriate techniques for effective flight instruction to support flight instruction at club level and through example and mentoring to

increase the level of competence of others carrying out flight instruction at a club level.

3. **Purpose of the MAAA Wings Scheme**

To establish the MAAA acceptable standard to be competent to fly a basic model aircraft flight category without minimum supervision, and provide an incentive for pilots to develop their basic skills to a higher level before, or whilst, pursuing their individual interests.

**2012 F5D Electric World Championships – Romania**

QMARA, on behalf of the Electric Subcommittee wish to advise that they intend to conduct an F5D electric pylon racing team selection event for the 2012 World Champs. The date will be 25-26 February 2012 and the venue will be the Dalby Model Aero Club field (Queensland). The selection will be conducted over the 2 days with 9 rounds flown and will be held in conjunction with other racing classes which will be advised. International competitors to this event are also welcome. Standard entry fee \$20.00.

For further information contact Bruce DeChastel at 'Big Bruce Racing Products' [bdechastel@bigpond.com](mailto:bdechastel@bigpond.com)

**2013 F3B Team Trial**

Organiser: Mike O'Reilly  
 Format: single event team trial, with the scores calculated as per World Cup rankings method.  
 Location: SSL Park, Nine Mile Road, Milang SA  
 Dates: March 23-25 2012  
 \$50 entry fee for all competitors, plus \$50 aspirant fee will be required and held in trust for the selected team.

**2013 Free Flight Team Trials**

The schedule for multi team trials as shown:

Queensland State Championships  
 Dalby F1c 10 March  
 Dalby F1a 21 April  
 Dalby F1b 22 April

New South Wales State Championships  
 Springhurst 29 Sept-1 Oct F1a, F1b, F1c

Victoria State Championships  
 Springhurst 10-12 March F1a, F1b, F1c

Western Australia State Championships  
 Meckering 2-4 June F1a, F1b, F1c  
 Special WA Trial  
 Meckering 21-22 April F1a, F1b, F1c

W A 65<sup>th</sup> Nationals 12-20 April As programmed  
 F1a, F1b, F1c

Southern Cross Cup Narrandera NSW  
 2-3 April as programmed

AFFS Championships Narrandera NSW  
 4-8 April as programmed

**2012 F3A Asia Oceanic Continental Championship**

The Trial will be run in accordance with the current F3A rules at the Australian Masters, Valley Radio Flyers field Shepparton Victoria on the weekend of 10 -12 of March 2012.

There is no extra entry fee required, only entry to the Masters competition.

Only MAAA members are eligible to represent Australia.  
 The contest will be run by the Australian Pattern Association contest director Henry Hutchinson.

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

2012	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1D	Serbia – Belgrade <b>Dates:</b> 9 to 14 Aug
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Bulgaria – Primorsko <b>Dates:</b> August/September
F3J	South Africa – Rustenburg <b>Dates:</b> 29 July – 5 August
F4C	Spain – Santa Cilia Airfield <b>Dates:</b> 3 – 12 August
F5B, F5D	Romania – Buzau <b>Dates:</b> 7 – 15 September
Space Models	Slovakia – Liptovsky Mikulas <b>Dates:</b> 31 August 9 September
F3A Asia – Oceanic	Philippines – Bacolod City <b>Dates:</b> 6 – 12 May
F3C Asia – Oceanic	Offers Invited
F1 Trans Tasman	Location TBA <b>Dates:</b> Easter

2013	
EVENT	Awarded to
F1 A,B & C	France – <b>Dates:</b> 3 – 10 August
F3A	South Africa – <b>Dates:</b> 15 – 25 August
F3B	Germany – <b>Dates:</b> 1 – 11 August
F3C/N	Poland – <b>Dates:</b> TBA
F3D	Netherlands – <b>Dates:</b> TBA
F3K	Offers Invited

**The MAAA Executive and Council wish all Members a Merry Christmas and Safe New Year.**

*Safety distances are everyone's responsibility.*