

July August 2018

NewsLetter



Upcoming Events

September 29th 30th and October 1st Control Line Comp

October 13th and 14th APA Championships

October 13th and 14th Scale event Bowylie Canberra

October 19th 20th and 21st Seaplane Weekend



Presidents Annual report

This year has once again been mostly smooth flying.
Some of the highlights

Seaplanes at Tabletop had a more than adequate number of entrants, 31, and by all accounts, a great weekend. Thanks to Ken Osborne who did a sterling job on Raffle Ticket Sales. Thanks also to Rob & Ken, Albury RC

Mod- els for providing a valuable prize for the raffle. Not having a Saturday evening dinner has proven to be the better preference. Having 2 of our Members camp there is necessary for security, for the members and also the site, and is unlikely to cause any problem with ACC. We acknowledge that there is some area of concern here, as No Camping is the policy and this is not just a Tabletop issue wrt Council.

Shortly after that we had the opportunity to put on a static display in a hanger at the Albury airport open day, an opportunity to promote our Hobby and the Club. We were one of the popular exhibits, everything from a Piper Cub or two, a Turbine, foamies , C/L. Many members were seen engaging with the public. Thanks for a great effort.

Our Autumn Scale Rally, while not having eclipsed the record number of entrants and airplanes we saw at our 10th Anniversary event, was very well attended. Some 39 entrants and 60 models. Autumn turned on a very non-typical day of lousy weather for Friday, but otherwise we enjoyed good conditions. Good rollup of helpers with the Canteen, some new procedures and new faces and it worked well. Special thanks to Libby Sargent & Jenny Tulk, who put some hard work into keeping the canteen ship shape. Net profit of \$1600 from the event.

Club membership finished the year with some 65 members, more than 54 members have already joined. FAI cards should arrive soon.

Several working bees have been held, sometimes with little notice, and pleasing to see well attended and some newer members pitching in.

Thankfully we now have a very good tenant leasing our Field, Brian Hodge. Unlike the two previous who took us for a ride, while lining their pockets, Brian is on time or prepaying. His name and contact details are on the wall in the Clubhouse. Any problems with the cattle, we will notify him. If a Committee member is present, please pass that job onto him.

Our Field maintenance team, headed up by Tony Small, has kept the grounds in an extremely well cared for state. The purchase of the Toro 60" cut mower has been vindicated.

The 800' height extension has been put to use many times and works very easily. Please do this via a Committee member if at all possible. Sometime further down the track we may try for approval for 1,000' or more. Nothing in the pipeline ATM.

The modellers' weekend away to Porepunkah was once again a great success, with thanks to Rear Commodore Neil Sharp for putting in the organizational effort. If you haven't been, put it on your to do list. A reciprocal visit by the Bright Club is planned.

VPA F3A Pattern comp in April was well attended, Peter Webb, Rob, Hullett, Warren Leach and Chris Henry were our Club entrants. Some 20 entrants in total, profit approx \$400 from the canteen

The Craig Coleman memorial event held on Sunday 20 May was well attended, despite being deferred twice. Alwyn Bruton claimed the winner's ticket.

The C/L circles show a steady increase in regular usage which is pleasing.

Competitions held have been the State champs in June and the Nationals in October last year.

The TCMAC Facebook page continues to do well and promoting a bit of interest will become a good way of marketing **TCMAC**. We are proposing to be able to use the **TCMAC** website as a way of posting onto Face book. **David Tulk** has put a huge effort into reworking the **TCMAC** website, Matt who has done a great job over the years was finding working and keeping the website up to speed a bit onerous, and at the same time David had mentioned his interest in helping out all too smoothly we have had a progressive handover.

Work in progress

Mention must be made of

Ron Hammond for keeping our Club newsletter to a very high standard

David Balfour, VP, who is always a great source of information and has good contacts in high places. He has continued with the roles of CFI, Public Officer and Safety Officer. He also writes up a report after each major event, including a list of attendees and any feasible improvements to better run the event.

Des Piltz, who has ensured that the fire is going and the Clubhouse warm & accommodating.

Adeh and Jack who are helping with our efforts recycling, please note that the bar codes must be clearly legible, so keeping everything undamaged is the go.

Ray Chapman,

Technically retired off the Catering Committee, but Ray continues to help out with advice & assistance whenever he can

I thank the Committee for the assistance throughout the year, as we run the Club by Committee, in consultation with the club members. Tony Small has elected to stand down this year, and we must all thank Tony for his help on the Committee and also his hard work as heading up Field & Equipment maintenance.

Presidents Report



Thanks to all for a very good attendance at the recent AGM. We go forward with about 54 members renewed and FAI cards already received. Thanks due to Rod and Mike for a very efficient process there. The recent Bunnings sausage sizzle went very well, it was great to see some of the regulars as well as some new faces, as well as some of the ladies helping out. In the background, Tim Knight, Michael Guinness and Rob Hulett put in a lot of preliminary work with schedules, rosters and food purchasing- kg's of sausages & onions, bread, sauces etc etc. it's a long time, ? 6 years+ since our last one. The Club raised more than \$800 from this outing, a full report follows in this newsletter.

Most members seem happy with continuing Club Meetings at Parker field, so we will keep to that method.

The Safety officer as such, will now be any Committee member, so if you have any concerns, approach a Committee member, and if it can't be resolved, then the Committee will meet together to fix the problem. Safety has to remain high priority at all times.

I neglected at the AGM to thank Tony Gyoles for organising a very successful Club day, this coming year we may hopefully have 2-4 of these, lots of fun and minimal carnage is the idea.

David Tulk has been working away quietly on our website, please log in and check it out. Send Dave an email if you are having any issues with log in or access.

Our FB page continues to promote the Club, also check it out. Articles can be added, but have to be approved to be uploaded, so if you have some good pictures or whatever, load it and we will get it approved.

A bit off the cuff, but currently "on holidays" and an iPad is not the greatest computer, IMHO. Till next time, Happy Flying.

And now for something different

After having a "Joyflight" in an Autogyro about 12 months ago, I have finally done 3 Hrs of official instruction, the limit before becoming a paid up member of Australian Sport Rotorcraft Association. In that time I progressed fairly well and started landing approaches, 55kts with a reasonably step attitude. Some observations as a newbie, rotor speed is reasonably constant, about 380 rpm, more to do with all up weight, a little to do with pulling higher "g" in a steep turn. Takeoff is pre rotate the main blades to say 200 rpm, full back stick and accelerate. Liftoff is followed by flying along until 55 kts & then climb away. Landing with no power, the rotor speed decay is quite rapid with the flare & hold off, and minimal forward speed touchdown. Oli's training machine is an MTO, Rotax power.

All in all, a great experience. I suspect I have been bitten by the bug.

Picture shows me with Oli Mueller at Tyagarah Airfield, just N of Byron Bay.

A bonus of training here is whale watching for free from as low as 300', stingray sightings and a pod of 12 dolphins.

For the people who worry about the "Jesus" bolt, it does have 1, unlike Helicopters which have probably closer to 300.

Oli has trained Qantas Captains to fly Gyrocopters.

Hopefully more to follow.



Des Piltz Birthday Celebrations

Des Piltz recently celebrated his 90TH Birthday and TC-MAC Members arranged a 'surprise' birthday breakfast at the Ripe Tomato Café in Albury. Des was so appreciative of the gesture, he penned a letter of thanks to the Club Committee and Members.



Des's letter of thanks is reproduced below

A letter from the our elder

To TCMAC;
President ,Committee, and Members;
Please forgive me for my tardiness in,
giving my very heartfelt THANKS for
the wonderful events presented to me
on my 90th birthday; Tuesday 22nd
May 2018;
firstly at the Ripe Tomato with their staff
and members of TCMAC and later at the
TCMAC clubhouse with further mem-
bers, altogether a very great experi-
ence.
I have already gratefully thanked the
Owner and Staff at the Ripe Tomato
and
reiterate my huge thanks to the mem-
bers of TCMAC.
Yours Sincerely, `

D.H.Piltz



What a load of rubbish'

The disposal of waste from the flying field has been a problem for some time. We contacted Albury City Council regarding the availability of kerb side collection, only to be told that, despite the fact we pay rates to the Council, our rates don't include waste collection. We could have such a facility if we were to pay higher rates. This proposal was considered by the Committee and decided against because only the 'Three Bin' option was the available. (We had asked for three 'Red' Bins' as we did not require a 'Green or Re-cycle'). The problem of delivering the bins to the road side was also a factor.

We have currently in place a system of recovering re-cycle rubbish and thanks to Adeh Becker, who has taken on the task of cashing in the material, we are in fact making money from the waste.

Regarding general waste from the field and kitchen, we are asking members to keep an eye on the waste bins (there are only three) and take the rubbish home to be placed in their 'Red' bins at home for Council collection.

To assist with this procedure 'PLEASE' do not dump damaged model aircraft in these bins.



TREASURER'S REPORT for the 2019 AGM

The Financial Reports for the year which have been distributed are in my opinion a fair and accurate representation of the affairs and financial position of TCMAC.

The Annual Membership fees are set so that after MAAA insurance, they equate to approximately the cost of running the club: mowers and fuel, rates, insurance, basic maintenance, coffee etc.

On top of that we get income from the various events we run and now also from leasing the paddock (hopefully long term). Also, we may sometimes be lucky enough to get a grant or bequest from someone. It is these things that give us the opportunity to improve our facilities or do major maintenance.

So it is important to understand this and for everyone to do their bit to make these events successful.

The Club is in a sound financial position however we cannot afford to be too extravagant with purchases or starry eyed about developments. For instance, our sealed driveway, which was paid for via a grant is in need of repair and the correct thing to do is to give it a second coat seal. The cost of that is well over \$10,000 and the cost of not doing it is more. The committee have in mind to repair the worst bits as soon as practicable and then apply for a grant from VMAA/MAAA when we can, which I think is next year to help with the cost of a reseal. This, or a major failure of land, buildings or equipment could easily take care of our reserves.

So as I said: our position is sound but we are not the "Donald Trump Flying Club".

Happy landings,

Rod McRae

Bunnings BBQ. 4th August 2018

The day provided a good result with a clear profit of just over \$850, the total money taken on the day \$1,277. We managed to get the day at Bunnings thanks to Michael Guinness, gaining a spot from a long list of clubs waiting for a BBQ day. Tim Knight organised the paperwork including the two permits and the roster of club members and helpers into 2 hour shifts.

The club agreed to the terms and conditions of Bunnings including pricing, set time for BBQ, health and safety, food hygiene and cleaning. I purchased the food and drinks, and all other items needs for the day. Bunnings supplying the equipment including tent, tables, BBQ and gas.

First shift started to arrive at 8.15am, so we helped Bunnings staff (Michael Guinness) with the set up, cooking by 8.40 and the barbie didn't stop all day. All the workers including members, wives, girlfriends did a fantastic job and I believe we all had a good day.

All the new shifts came on time so the changeover worked very well. We had to restock a few times during the day, but everything was sold. We had quite a few inquiries about the club, so also the day provided good publicity for the club. We sold up till 4pm when we had to pack up. The last shift and Michael helped in the clean up to the satisfaction of the Bunnings. Overall I think it was a very successful day with the help of everyone involved, providing a good financial reward for the club. Hopefully if we get another opportunity we should go for it.



We cooked 36 kilos (just under 500) sausages, 16 kilos of onions and used 26 loaves of bread. Many thanks to all involved in the Bunnings event, especially Michael Guinness, Tim Knight and Rob Hulett.

Special thanks to those TCMAC members and friends who helped on the day. Thank you to: Ron Hammond, Andy Gordon, Adeh Becker, Cherie Kuljurgies, Peter Webb, Robert Ormes, Neil and Lisa Baker, Chris Henry, John Nicholas, Ken Osbourne, Don Coysh, Darrell Smailes Eric Holland and Dennis Johnson.

Rob Hulett

Wellcome new Members

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Malcolm (Mal) Waters
Andrew Hofann
Stephen Hofann

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The Vic patten guys held there event at our field in April with the event sponsored by TATES RC WORLD with 21 entries fronting up to be judged, TCMAC had 4 entrants having a go.

First cab of the rank was Pete with his new all elect model and he did a great job with very good score in SPORTSMAN .

Next up was Rob H flying his new model in the ADVANCED class followed by myself flying my EPIC Now on the Friday we had been given some coaching on how to fly the shedual by F3A flyer Russ Edwards with the main point was to fly "BIG" and this is great if you can see the model and I for one could not at that height .

Mr Henry was up next in Expert were he has some very good rounds and some that were not that good.

On the Sunday Rob and I decided that in order to see it "old eyes" we would have to fly a little smaller and our scores showed a big improvement so for us and cert me that was the way to go, Now on this weekend the VPA were using this new compute score system which to me seemed to slow things down quite a bit with advance & expert group only getting in 3 rounds and F3A and Sportsman only 2 rounds were as in the past we all used to get in 4 rounds on the Sat & 2 on the Sunday but on this event we only managed to get ie a total of 5 rounds which was a little disappointing.

Now how did we all go!!

SPORTSMAN class Pete got a well earned 3rd place

ADVANCED class Wassa got a 1st place and Rob got 2nd place.

EXPERT class; Chris Henry end up a very close 2nd which he was happy with.

When one considered 2 of us had new models with very little air time on them and the weather "WIND" was all over the place prior to the event which meant not much practice we all did quite well and most importantly did our club proud so next yr why not have a go !!! any model will do.

Cheers, Wassa

Rob Hulett spreading fertiliser at the field. Will have start mowing soon !!!



NEW TCMAC Website

The new club website is up and running and has been for about 6 weeks now. If you haven't had a look yet, please check it out. When you first go in it will take you to your profile, please check **ALL** the details held on your profile and edit as required. The website will only work best if **EVERYONE** uses it and keeps accurate up to date information in their profiles.

NOW VERY IMPORTANT: Passwords and user names from the old website **WILL NOT WORK**.

I sent everyone information about their new password and user names. If you have forgotten or can't find the information, go to the website, click on the Contact Us TAB and click on Web Administrator. This will send me an email; just give me your name and email address and I will send out the instructions. Once we all get into the habit of browsing the new site you will find it a great resource for all things TCMAC.

If you have any questions/suggestions, or require any assistance, contact me via the website on the above instructions.

Web Admin

<https://www.tcmac.com.au>

Craig Coleman Timed Flight Comp

This event held annually at the TCMAC field is held in memory of Craig Coleman. Craig was a long-standing member of TCMAC who died suddenly 8 eight years ago. Craig was renowned for his long flights, so it was seen to be fitting to run an event to remember Craig with an event that was based on flight duration.

The contest involves pilots flying for as close to 30 minutes without the aid of any timing device. Pilots may fly any aircraft either solo or as a team.

The winner is the pilot who lands closest to the 30-minute mark.

The event is run closest to the date of Craig's passing, this year, the 7th year of the event was run a little late due to conflicting events, unfortunately by running a little late we struck the cold weather which made it a bit chilly standing (or sitting) on the flight line for half an hour.

Thirteen members entered the competition this year and both the winner and last place getter were awarded prizes.

Last place prize went a team comprising of Neil Baker, Alwyn Brunton and Tony Hamilton with a flight time of (1 minute and 30 seconds !!!!) a bit short of the 30-minute target.

First place went to Alwyn Brunton with a flight time of (27 minutes and 51 seconds)

The longest flight went to Michael Guinness with a total time of over 40 minutes.

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