

MARCH—APRIL 2012

# THE TINGALPA TRANSMITTER



Tingalpa Model Aero Club Inc

## War birds Day—11th March 2012

The second event of 2012 was a huge success with both attendance & a fine day after recent wet weather across the whole state. Congratulations must go to Gregor Kruberg for such a successful day from the field preparation by Dave Walker.

The Southern Cross Air Force was well represented with the sky full of aircraft from both WW1/WW2 & beyond, there were scale bi-planes right through to a modern aircraft.

To all members & guests who attended the day, thank you for helping make this a successful event.

For more great pictures of the day see the galleries on the club webpage

<http://www.tmac.asn.au>



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## TMAC Life Members

Doug Kent, Will Sipma

## TMAC Life Member's Trophy

Glenn Crossley

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## Heavy model inspectors. (FW25)

Ian Howard, Phil Collins and Noel Stewart

## Heavy & giant models (FW25 / FW50)

Kevin Dodd, Doug McIlwraith, Richard Symes

## President's Report: Will Sipma

Sadly we said goodbye to one of our "Life Members" Doug Kent at a Memorial Service on Friday August 12. Doug was instrumental in the Incorporation of our club, as well as serving as President. He was a fine man who excelled in his careers, his personal life and as a member of our Club. We also lost Ian Gillespie who served as Treasurer both with TMAC and MAAQ and MAAA.

The last 12 months have been quite busy for the club. We were granted an extra lease area adjacent to the Helicopter area, on the 20/9/2010 which required extra fencing.

Our lease is renewed every 5 years the current lease is due for renewal in 2015. Our annual lease cost is \$797.00 per annum, plus rates and water costs – in addition the club is obligated to spend \$5000.00 per year on improvements and maintenance of grounds and buildings.

CANTEEN - Construction of the Canteen was completed, this was achieved by club finance plus the issue of Promissory Notes to members who loaned funds to the club.

ROOF-FLOOR AREA - Joining of the old bunker and new canteen with a floor/roof area funded by a grant from Brisbane City Council. This gives the club a much greater viewing area for members and the wider community.

SOLAR SYSTEM – A grant from Queensland Gambling Community Benefit fund enabled the club to upgrade our Solar System which can supply all power requirements for running the canteen and security system.

FENCING – A grant from Brisbane City Council Suburban Initiative Fund enabled the club to install new fencing on the Eastern boundary and partially on the Western boundary. As future grants become available from this body we will endeavour to complete our perimeter fencing.

MOWER – There is an application for grant pending for the purchase of a new Skid Steer Mower to work in tandem with our current mower. This grant has been applied for through a scheme started by MAAQ. Tingalpa is the first to take the opportunity to try this system with Red Tape Busters and we are hoping for a successful outcome.

TOPSOIL-SAND – Supplied and spread by Brisbane City Council and Jimboomba turf respectively. This was supplied free of charge to the club to assist in our continual efforts to upgrade our facilities.

MAINTENANCE – Clearing at the Western end was completed to extend our approach visibility to the runways. The group involved in the One Million Trees project have planted a variety of native trees in this area and also at the Eastern end of our lease.

I would urge all members to be forthcoming with your abilities whether to help our club remain in the excellent place it is today. Communication between members is encouraged so that the small things do not get blown out of proportion.

I know that you are a member because of your love of flying however it takes more than that to ensure that the club will be here in the years to come for our children and grand-children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Management Committee, the Editor/s past and present, Web Master, the maintenance crew and all those that have assisted the club throughout the year. It is the commitment of these members that make our club strong and viable. The feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction for those involved is immeasurable.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year.

Good flying.

Will Sipma - PRESIDENT

## Secretary's Report: Phil Gartshore

### Club Membership

TMAC has been slowly increasing its membership over the past few years. I'm pleased to report that so far this year we have 247 members. TMAC facilities can easily handle up to about 300 members before we start to get contention for space in the pits and at the flight line.

Welcome to all the new members this year. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist.

### MAAA Manual of Procedures

Our national body has been making changes to a number of MoP's this year, so I thought I'd summarise some of the changes. Understanding these can be tricky, because the MoP's highlight the add's but not the deletes, so members should familiarise themselves with the manual by going to [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au). Highlights of the latest changes are as follows:

#### MOP058 - 2.4 GHz Equipment Policy

**Accepted Systems.** OrangeRX by Hextronik equipment has been added to the list of accepted systems. Note that there limitations with this equipment, so please read the MOP before purchasing.

#### MOP027 - Award of Wings and Instructor Rating

**Wings.** All wings qualifications lapse after three years of non-membership of a MAAA club.

**Fixed Wing Glider Aircraft.** Glider Gold Wings proficiency may be demonstrated with either Thermal or Slope Soaring Manoeuvres. The Glider Gold Wings Form has also changed.

**Definition of a Park Flyer.** Definition added.

**Proficiency Aircraft.** The aircraft used for any proficiency test cannot be one defined as an MAAA Park Flyer.

**MAAA Instructor.** To be eligible to be considered for an MAAA Instructor rating the Trainee shall hold Gold Wings for the type of Instructor rating required.

**Helicopter Gold Wings.** Inverted manoeuvres have been removed from the test. The Helicopter Gold Wings form has also changed.

#### MOP019 - Display Procedure.

**Pilot Competency.** Requirement for Gold Wings has been removed and replaced by "for radio controlled aircraft they shall be capable of flying their display aircraft in a competent and safe manner and complete all the display manoeuvres without any loss of control and orientation."

### Toilet Block Progress.

Members should be aware that the septic system associated with the toilets is nearing the end of its operational life. The committee has been looking at options to upgrade the facility to incorporate the additional use by the Model Car club. TMAC now has all the required drawings and quotes, and has submitted a grant application to construct a new toilet block on a turnkey basis. A big thank-you to Allen Danvers for slogging through the paperwork, and submitting the documentation. In the interim, the existing ageing facility is being monitored, and inspected to determine if it requires maintenance or repair. Any issues with the septic system will require immediate attention, so the Committee may need to authorise expenditure quickly in these circumstances.

We will keep members informed as the project progresses.

## Secretary's Report continued.....

### Working Bees

The last couple of working bees have been well attended by members, with upwards of fifteen members participating. Remember, the field is closed during working bee's for safety reasons, so you may as well participate. We are making steady progress installing the replacement chain link fencing along the entrance road; painting of the bunker is also progressing, as well as the general upkeep of the pits, pilot's position, and car park. The team also painted the facia of the toilet block, which provide a much needed lift.

Please make the time to come along to a working bee to assist. It's always satisfying to see jobs completed. Thanks to all those who attended the March working bee.

### Jobs List

We have now published the jobs list on the web site. This list is the distilled elements of all the suggestions we receive from members. Please take time to take a look; we are always looking for members to take responsibility for forming a team to complete these jobs. Remember this is your club, and it's the members who make any club great.

### MAAQ News.

We have been advised that two members of the MAAQ executive have resigned. They are Michael Snabaitis, SFI and RC Administrator, and Lindsay Price, Control Line administrator.

Expressions of Interest are invited by MAAQ to fill the following positions:

State Senior Flight Instructor

Radio Control Administrator

Control Line Administrator

### Operations from the Dam

We have been trialling operations from the now full and expanded dam. Members are asked to stand on the far side of the dam, facing the Pilot's position, and use due caution when there are other aircraft flying in the circuit.

The committee will look at what guidance is required for members in due course.

### Flight Improvement Program

As RC pilots we are always looking to improve our skills, and the Committee has had a number of requests for a flight Improvement program. TMAC did run a program of this sort some years ago, and it was a great success assisting a number of pilots to step up from bronze to Gold Wings standard.

We're going to run the program again, and will start by publishing some articles on the Gold Wings manoeuvres, and then planning an event with MAAA Instructors assisting pilots with manoeuvres they are struggling with.

### Safety at the Field

The committee has received reports of members entering the car park at excessive speed. Members are reminded that this is a safety issue, and that speed should be reduced and maintained at not above 10kph in the car park. Stay safe everyone.

Safe flying everyone,

Phil Gartshore.

## MESSAGE OF THANKS

On behalf of the TMAC members I wish to thank Budget Hobbies for their contribution to the club of new wind socks. All members realise that the life of a wind sock is limited and replacement cost adds up over the years, so to have one of the hobby shops support us in this way leaves our funds to be used in other ways.

President: Will Sipma

## NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Willem Sipma being a financial member of the Tingalpa Model Aero Club Inc, in accordance with rule 28 (7), move that the Management Committee be given the authority to spend up \$6000.00 for replacement of retaining wall Eastern End and associated works. This is to be voted on at the May General Meeting.

## E-JET Day 2012 - Randall Mowlam

Kevin Dodd opened the day with a welcome to TMAC field followed by a pilot safety briefing to all members & guests. The format for the day was an informal one with the field open to all EDF jets to enjoy with planned demonstrations of several turbine scale aircraft to add to the line up.

Chad Barrett followed Kevin to thank all the members & guests for supporting the third year this event had been run and its popularity is indicated by the return of many pilots from previous years & a few new faces. Hosted by TMAC and Xtreme Hobby, as the major sponsor, the day was also supported by sponsorship from Mark Woodgate and Concept Hobbies.

Registration processed many pilots with a fantastic range of models on display and much flying throughout the day. Members from various clubs around South East Queensland also filled the flight line with the weather shinning throughout most of the day there was no shortage of models to photograph.

As mentioned before there was also some flying demonstrations scale turbine aircraft with Chris Dawson, who was busy flying with 2 separate turbine powered Euro fighters, yes 2 completely different models and Tyson Dodd with his F86 Sabre Jet.

The event was event enjoyed by all who attended the day and the facilities provided by TMAC. Spectators were in large numbers with cars lining the access road and visitors filling the top area near the helicopter pits, taking advantage of the shade while enjoying the flying.

There was a raffle run on the day with TMAC donating a 2012 Club Calendar, Concept Hobbies donating a Li-Po Battery for 3rd prize, Xtreme Hobby donating 2 EDF Kits for 1st & 2nd prizes.

Thanks go to Kevin & Nan who assisted with the day with drinks and food from the Canteen, a huge job from the sound of it. The field was in excellent condition thanks to Dave Walker. Finally a big thank to to all members & guests for supporting TMAC's first event for 2012, also a thank you to Chad Barrett & Kevin Dodd for their efforts in the event co-ordinators roles.

## Electric & Unusual Model Day Sunday 15th July—Randall Mowlam

The third event of 2012 was a successful day with the weather holding off just long enough to complete most of the event falling only a few hours short of the planned finish. With a wide assortment of aircraft on display there was something for all to enjoy.

Congratulations must go to Ray Perin & all the members involved in another successful day & field preparation by Dave Walker.

Special thanks to all who helped on the BBQ to keep all the pilots & spectators happy throughout the day. Also to Clair Aston for the raffle ticket sales to support the day which was won by TMAC own member Chris, which was donated by Mr Aston (Clair's father) as a prize earlier this year thank you also.

A big thanks to all the vendors for their on going support, Wired RC, Xtreme Hobbies, Budget Hobbies, Concept Hobbies, Peter Pine Models, Wings over the Downs + S&B Models. From all members & guests thank you again & we look forward to seeing you again next year.

See our website for great photos of the event



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