



The SWARMS Flyer

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SWARMS Events

October 13th - Old Timer Duration/Texaco state
November 2nd - Xmas Party 9am-5pm

As you can see there will be the usual state champs in October and the field will be unavailable to club members from most of the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning during when the championships will be held. See Bernie for more details of how the event works or look at the MAAA website for the rules.

The Xmas party is being held early again this year and the following people have kindly consented to help out. If anyone else is interested in helping then please see the party co-ordinator Brenda.

Bob – Meat/vegies
Julie – Salads
Brod – Desserts
Matthew – Raffles and party games
Larry – Tent/trestles

The tickets are \$12 each for adults and \$5 for children so please confirm and pay Brenda if you wish to come along. The meal will be served around 12:30 and there will be a torching of the old caravan towards the end.

Please bring you own drinks and nibbles - there will be cans of soft drinks available for purchase if required.



Safety

There is now a new MAAA safety procedure for the reporting of any incidents involving damage to property and injuries to people. A copy of the procedure is in the clubhouse but basically you must report all accidents that may involve a claim on the insurance otherwise the claim may not be considered. This includes any minor injuries such as cutting fingers etc especially if there is a chance that any long term complications could occur eg severing of tendons etc. My advice is to **always** see a safety officer who will help you to fill the form in correctly (forms are available in the clubhouse).

There was an incident recently where there was a near accident in which a plane narrowly missed someone's head. The reason for this near miss is that the person flying was not standing at the pylon and did not notice the other flyers when landing until too late. When this was pointed out he apologised and then went and stood at the incorrect same spot for the very next flight! The pylon also is not being positioned correctly as the wind changes direction. It should always go near to the end of the runway that you are standing at when you take off. Everyone flying should then stand at this spot and the theory is that we can then see each other taking off and landing. Also anyone in trouble will not fly into themselves and therefore hopefully will miss others. These rules make sense and are easy to do but hard to police for the safety officers particularly if there are people who always think along the lines off 'she'll be right mate' or 'I've been flying this way for years and no-ones ever got hurt'.

Well it won't be 'all right mate' when one day some poor sod gets hit in the back of the head and ends up in hospital and you never know - it could even be you!

So please think **every time you fly** about safety – that's all anyone can ever ask and always be aware that accidents **can** be prevented.

Also perhaps we should all start to wear a safety helmet as seen here on Clayton...



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Items for Sale - contact Ian on 0418 932 991

Flying wing	\$30
Calibra Electric Glider /700 motor/ prop	\$300
20 size floats (Pilot)	\$50
600 size Electric Glider / motor / servos	\$300
¼ Scale Fly Baby	\$350
Doubloon Scramble Model .75	\$20
Foam CO2 model	\$5
Slope soarer (small / ready to cover)	\$10
300 size Indoor electric	\$20
¼ Scale Kittyhawk kit	\$200
Airsail Tomahawk kit	\$280
Pilot Twin Ace 2x25	\$110
OS 25 FSR new	\$130
Indian Mill 1cc new	\$100
Irvine 40 Diesel	\$180
Cox Conquest 15 with pipe	\$60
Cox 051 / plus spares	\$35
Speed 600	\$20
35A Soft switch new	\$55
35A Soft switch SH X	\$35
Deans plugs 400 / 600 electric	\$5 / Pkt
HT Pacer 3ch Fm TX	\$50
Ktronics Multicycler & Charging bench	\$50
Multiplex Combicharger	\$40
Gyro	\$30
Ajusto Gig (Wing Jig)	\$95
Plane decals sheet	\$15
Zenoah 62	\$400

Items for sale - contact Matthew on 0427 891 186

Hi-tech aircraft flight packs - 4 x 411 servos (3.7kg/cm)
+ 555 Micro Rx (no Xtal) + 600mAH Rx batt + switch
- all brand new and the lot for only \$140

Bronze wings

Yours truly (Dodgey Brothers) managed to bribe Clappy into giving me a bronze wings award the other week. Everyone should have a go at getting theirs as just having someone next to you telling you where to fly and shouting deadstick when you're way downwind is an experience in itself. Anyway thanks to Ian for his patience and guidance (for my gold wings I'll try and land in the airfield as well!). Soon it may be compulsory to have a bronze wing before another club will let you fly so its worth having a go. It doesn't matter if you fail the first time – its all good practice.

What's been happening.....

Just a quick one this month. We now have 35 members – I think at this stage we could exceed 50 this year. I saw Bernie giving Alf a hand to fly last w/e - Alf was sitting in a chair whilst flying and I wish I had had my camera to record the smile on his face. Well done both – I'm sure that's what its all about – helping each other. Remember it all goes round in circles – what you give is normally what you get. Matthew's getting soo good – his latest is a twin with OS15's which flies like a dream and sounds great. I reckon he'll make a swell instructor one day as he's always there willing to spare time to help and teach others. The shed look is coming on really well and Ian and Dennis have been hard at it for the last few weeks – I just love watching them work. As someone once said 'I love work - I could watch it all day!' I guess my only excuse is that I'm still learning to fly and need all the spare time I can get to practice!

Joke

A jump-lead walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you just this once but don't start anything!"

August treasurers report			
Receipts		Expenses	
Fees	1060.00	Gov tax on bank a/c	9.40
Soft Drinks	63.80	Food	73.20
Food	154.50	Petrol	59.50
		Motorcycle repairs	97.00
Total	1278.30	Club house keys	22.00
		AWA fees	476.70
		Increase for club house insurance	25.00
Bank Balance as at 31/08/03		Tables	110.00
Bank statement	796.60	Hardware	169.90
Cheques on hand	0.00	Total	1042.70
Cash on hand	108.30		
Cheques still payable	0.00	Assets	
Balance (credit)	904.90	Equipment (insurance value)	29950.00
		Debenture stock	3000.00
		Total	32950.00