

# **POSITIVE INCIDENCE** NO: 6 10th Oct 2013

A monthly Newsletter to club members of the Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club  
From Paul Mitchell : President

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This month's newsletter will be a short one – work commitments are taking me interstate till the end of the month – but I'll be back in time for the next club general meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **INDOOR FLYING – 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

This week there were several faces we haven't seen for a while (not SMAC members) who said they had come in response to our advert in the MASA newsletter. There were also a few regular club members absent, so on balance, things are looking better each week.

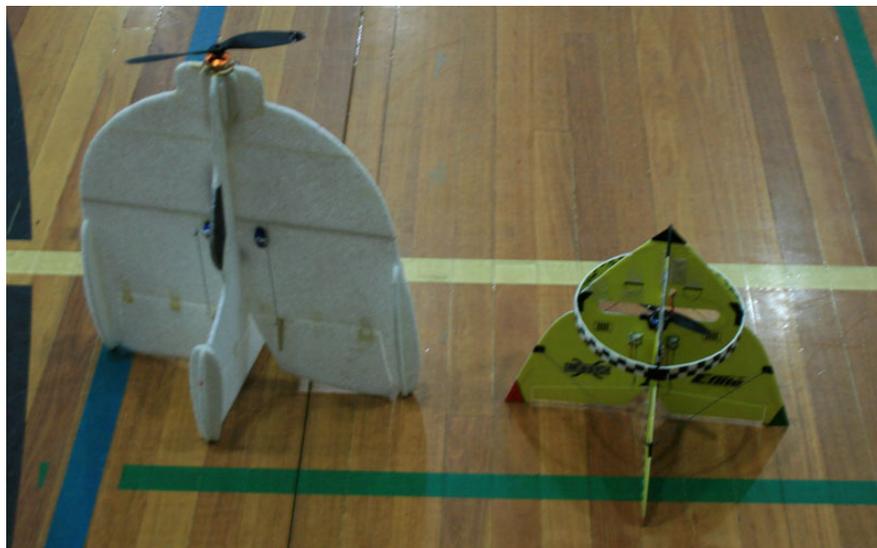
That's Phil Burt's Mosquito...I tried to get an 'in flight' shot...but all I got was blurred lines!



The Albatross was all sheet foam - flew very well.



Two VTO models sitting on their tails ready for 'lift off'.



## PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION

Last month's photo was of my grandson Ari – trying out my Bonzo for size.

I've only received one entry so far....so I'll let it run again this month to see if we get a few more....and give me time to get another photo ready!



**“Now I promise this won't hurt a bit”**

Come on guys.....with a face that cute there has to be some clever comments..... that's Ari I'm talking about.... right!

## RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT

I have been in touch with Jim Bowie regarding the estimated cost of the suggested runway upgrading, and to assure him that it had not been my intention to put him on the spot or offend him in any way at the previous meeting. His answer was that he has a thick skin and it takes more than straight talk to offend him. We agreed that we were both under a misunderstanding regarding the whole issue, and after a very constructive talk, the way forward is now clear.

In essence, the ball-park materials and transport figure of \$5000 that Brad had tabled at the meeting is basically correct – labour costs yet to be determined. It was suggested that Jim and the club should both start separate accounts into which funds would be placed from various sources. His account would be funded by sponsors and other sources, while the club's account would be filled by club fund-raising activities, the club's consolidated revenue and possibly a MASA loan....after the current one is paid off. This approach would seem to be the most appropriate one – as it puts neither party at risk until the total funds have been raised.

No purchases would be made, nor work begun until the costs have been finalized, and until all the funds are in place. As the work will all be done in one go, there would be minimal 'down-time' of field use. I'll run this proposal past the executive committee, and assuming there is agreement in principle, I'll put it to the club members at a forthcoming meeting. The fund-raising activities will certainly give the club a focus.

## ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR – FUND RAISER

And talking of fund-raisers.....I received the following letter from Trevor Woolfitt regarding a MASA request to use our field for a display fund-raiser next year.

Trevor will be at the next club meeting on the 29th, along with a couple of members of the MASA organizing team, to give us more information and answer any questions.

They are our 'guest speakers' for the night.

Hi Guys,

At last night's M.A.S.A. Meeting, M.A.S.A. had been approached by the Royal Flying Doctor Service Fleurieu Peninsular Support Group located in Goolwa to see if they could assist in a Fund Raising Activity obviously to do with aircraft.

M.A.S.A. at the time thought it would be appropriate that the Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club Flying Field would be a logical place to hold a Public Display Type Fund Raiser for the RFDS. The RFDS Support Group is in favour of the Strathalbyn area for such an event.

As we know funds are raised in the catering area & this is where the RFDS would make their money.

The RFDS has agreed in principal to do all of the catering, they have available a trailer mounted Flight Simulator they will bring along. RFDS are able to supply some items for raffles & MASA would approach model suppliers for other items. RFDS will take care of advertising with some assistance from MASA.

Some assistance from the Strathalbyn Club Members would be appreciated in helping to run the event & raffles.

The approximate timing for this event would be April/May 2014. I know that the O.S. Day will be held on the weekend of the 17th & 18th of May, Easter is from Friday April 18th to Monday April 21st.

So from the above MASA is asking for the use of the Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club Flying Field on a Sunday suitable to the Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club in April/May 2014 with some assistance with selling raffles tickets etc. with all of the Funds raised to go to the RFDS.

The Strathalbyn Club will not receive any funds from the event apart from those incurred to run the event, but will receive free advertising in & around the Fleurieu Peninsular & around the State, & will be, no doubt, be seen by our local Council in helping to raise funds for an iconic Australian Charity.

At this point any extra toilets that may be required, the RFDS, MASA &/or the Alexandrina Council would be approached to help out in this area.

Any height variations etc. needed for the day will be taken care of by MASA.

As a personal note I believe that this is a win/win situation for Strathalbyn Club as it will put us to the forefront again in South Australia, the Alexandrina Council & of course the RFDS.

Please take this proposal to the next Club Meeting & if necessary I can attend for further discussions & deliver the outcome of those discussions to the MASA Executive & the Organising Committee.

Thank you.

Regards

Trevor W.

S.M.A.C. Rep to the M.A.S.A. Committee.

### **October CLUB CONTEST – to be now held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November**

There will not be a club contest on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October as posted in the SMAC Calendar.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, Darren was to be organising the club contests, but he is currently having to hand this over to me while he sorts out such mundane issues like health, family and work....which I'm sure we all understand.

As I will be away until the 25th Oct, I'm postponing the club contest till the 10<sup>th</sup> November....which just happens to be the day of the working bee to tidy up before the John Watters Scale day the following Sunday. We can do both on the same day – too easy!

If the weather is fine ...we will have the contest in the morning...followed by a BBQ lunch....and then do the clean-up in the afternoon.

In keeping with the intended fun-day themes of these contests, I will not be revealing the nature of the contest until the pilot's briefing on the day.

Be very clear people....this is not going to be a high-powered event in any sense....it will be as relaxed as we can make it...with the emphasis on fun and probably including a big slice of chance...rather than skills or model choice.

The only hint I'll give you at this point is that each entrant will be required to make several short flights (maybe up to 6) during the event....and may even include a 'teams event'.

All club members are encouraged to enter and participate....in both the contest and the working bee!

### **CLUB WEB SITE**

Nick Parson advises me that he is back in business after having sorted out some very difficult issues regarding his permanent residency.

He, Darren and I will be getting together soon to get the web site finalized. This may not happen before the next meeting....but things are definitely moving again.

That's it for this month.....see you at the Great Eastern on the 29<sup>th</sup>.....6.00 for the meal – we start at 7.00.

Cheers

Paul