

POSITIVE INCIDENCE

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

This second newsletter is being rushed out so you all have the agenda for the AGM on the 23rd.

Stockie sent some photos to me last night and I'm expecting a shed load from John Fennell soon too. Here's one Michael took showing the planes all set out on the field ready to go.....



In future the newsletter will have some small photos inserted into the text like this, with a link to more of the same on the club Web-Site.

Nick Parsons and I will be getting the web-site up and running as soon as possible, aimed at better overall communication within the club the 'GO TO' place for all club matters. It will include sections like:

- photo library
- events calendar
- newsletter back issues
- club history
- special interest groups
- members feedback

If you have any suggestions for such sections, please email me with your thoughts.

OK – let's get down to business – on with the show.....

1: Balloon Regatta – Come and Try Day

Well, what a weekend!

I don't know about you, but I am '*combuggerly pleased*'.....I must have walked about 20 kilometers over the two days.

What a terrific turn-out on both days.....if we get that sort of enthusiasm at all scheduled club events, then the future of the club looks very good – which is what I'm all about, and I get the feeling you all are too!

Nick Braithwaite is going to give a personal report of the weekend at the forthcoming AGM on the 23rd, so I'll keep my words here brief.....OK, OK keep the sniggers down!

I'll just say here that I am absolutely chuffed with every member who turned up and gave freely of their time and talents on both days. Without exception you all jumped in and went about things so well.

The Balloon Regatta static display was a great hit with the public and despite 'less-than-salubrious' accommodation....we presented a well organized show with something for everybody. I think we all agree that we should have had some actual flying presence there – more on that later.

The Come and Try Day ‘compressed club flying’ session was achieved with an easy co-operation that was a delight to see. The audience saw a club who went about their combined flying with safety, confidence and a sense of fun.....which is exactly what we need to project as a club – thank you all – take a bow!

As predicted, we altered things to suite the general public’s response for Buddy- Box flights, which brings me to the point where I have to thank all the instructors who just flew and flew till there was no one left to take up. Well done you guys, your involvement was really appreciated. And let’s not forget the other members who gave of their normal flying time to assist the instructors – I saw lots of battery charging, refueling, buddy-box re-setting, flight-line co-ordination, student/instructor organizing and announcements, simulator instruction, model retrievals, food purchasing, sausage sizzle, generator set-up, child-minding etc etc.– it was a perfect example of co-operation and dedication to a common outcome. There were some things that we can easily improve on, but without doubt it was a very positive outcome. I’m purposely not going to single out any one person – I’m bound to miss someone and then I’d never hear the end if it...☺

It showed me that when we get a targeted membership recruitment drive going in future, the training of newcomers will be far easier than it used to be – things have improved out of sight in that regard.



Here’ another of Michael’s photos of ‘you know who’s’ Piper Cub on finals ...again...after one of it’s many, many training flights. Good shot eh?

A little birdy was telling me that the Cub did more flights that day than it’s done in the last year!!

Well done again to all the instructor pilots.

The next item leads on from the success of last weekend and the probable repeat of our involvement with the Balloon Regatta.

2: Display Team

I’ve often spoken to various members privately about the club forming a display team...one that could be called upon to give demonstration flying sessions both at our club field and at other MASA/CASA approved event venues, such as the Balloon Regatta. I’ll bring this up in future and see how the club responds – it’s something I’ve been involved with in the past, and am keen to see implemented by SMAC. It would need to be set up with strict performance boundaries and rigid safety adherence – incorporating the highest level of flying skills and choreographed sequences that project visual drama while actually being extremely safe and uncomplicated – ‘allusion’ if you like – but a real spectacle. As well as the pilots, it would need assistants and helpers.....a real combined club initiativemore on that later.

3: AGM

As Phil Crawley has advised, the AGM will be held at 2.00 on the 23rd June at Graham Willis' house at 47 Parker Avenue, Strathalbyn.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 2: Minutes of the last meeting
- 3: Business arising from last meeting
- 4: Treasurer's report
- 5: Correspondence in
- 6: Correspondence out
- 7: Election of Office Bearers for the forthcoming year
- 8: General Business :
 - Annual subscriptions – now to be \$226 (\$196 pensioner - \$108 junior) add \$10 for posted MASA newsletter *
 - Indoor flying – to renew or not? - financial drain on club funds *
 - John Watters Scale Day -
 - Safety Officer's report
 - Web-Site –
 - Noel Wenzel “most improved” trophy – Andrew Cecil
 - Club meeting frequency – every month
 - Club calendar – input welcomed
 - Membership recruitment drive and training program
 - Working bees
 - Other

* = TO BE DECIDED ON THE NIGHT – PLEASE BE READY

4: RETURNED MEMBER



What a delight to see Julie Garratt back at the field last weekend with little Izzy in tow.....or was that ‘in backpack’it will be good to see her flying again – her presence was always a joy, and she assured me she was renewing her membership after deciding to alter her work-load.

That little bundle is saying...*”Er Mum...do you think there’s enough washout on this wing?”*

Oh dear oh dear ...I think I can feel a caption competition coming on...!

Well that’s it for now...see you at the AGM...let’s all make it a beauty....your input is welcomed...just email me with ‘stuff’.

Oh yeah...by the way....I was at Phil and Ruth’s place for an Executive Meeting the other night.....and he made the big mistake of showing me his workshop.....holly s**t.....you could eat your dinner off the floor....I went home and avoided going into my shed for hours in utter despair.....Respect Dude!

Cheers Paul 83898181 0401828026

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'Captain's Log Supplemental'

**A monthly Newsletter to club members of the Strathalbyn Model Aircraft Club
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Hi again.....John Fennell's terrific photos arrived today, so I've put together some of them, plus some of the ones I took at the Balloon Regatta and get this out to you before the AGM on Sunday - and to start the **Photo Caption Competition**. This is just some of the photos that will be in the web-site album section when we get it up and running....hopefully very soon!

Ok, so here's how the Photo Caption Competition works.....you email me back your caption suggestions for the **photo below** - I'll publish your captions, pick the winner and post the result in the next newsletter....we can pick an overall yearly winner at the Christmas do, and find something suitably fitting for him/her. Have fun people. There are lots more in the pipeline.....Great shots John, thanks.

If anyone else has photos that would be good for the Competition please send them to me.



I'll kick it off with.....

"Er...could someone please help me...I've got the throttle stick stuck up my nose.....!"

But I want your ideas for this one tooso come on and get thinking.....but keep it clean you guys!

THE BALLOON REGATTA CLUB DISPLAY

Here are a few photos of the club display at the Balloon Regatta. I took these on my iPhone, so the quality is only average – I know others took lots too, please send in your best ones and we can add them to the website photo albums. I was hoping to put a shot of Noel in here somewhere, but I didn't get one...call him camera shy, but he and Jan were there on both days. Later in the day you couldn't see the display for the people gathered around....which was exactly what we were after. A really good turn out by all concerned.



And one of the hot air balloons doing their thing in unison – for those who weren't there...they were all tethered to the ground...! The center of the trotting track was empty all day – we could put on an aerial display there next time and give the club some really good exposure with the public.



Sunday's **“Come and Try Day”** was a huge success as a public relations exercise and a lot of fun.



Pilots' briefing



The repositioned pits and early crowd

THE "COMPRESSED FLYING" SESSION

Darren's Cub on finals



ANDREW'S Yak 55sp



David's Multi Rotor 'thingy' ...doing it's thing



Brian launching Adrian's "bullet" ...
...doh...I've forgotten the name already!!



Adrian's Ambraer Super Tucano



Jarred giving the crowd
a bit of helicopter magic



The old faithful Skybolt



Adrian again – this time....smokin'

Another big thank you to all who participated, and gave of their time and skills to entertain the crowd and helped made the day such a success.

THE “COME AND TRY” SESSIONS



A very typical scene – which pretty much sums up the whole day – showing three training sessions going on at once...well done all the instructors...it all went exactly to plan...without one hitch or grumble. Hey...do you recon that kid needs to go somewhere...?

The ‘terrible twins’

Hey – no one told me I was getting a bit thin on top!



These last shots sums up the whole day very well – happy students in capable hands – great pictures John – thanks

Keep em’ coming please



Let’s face it guys....without Nick’s initial impetus, his skillful negotiations behind the scenes and tireless work on the day...it would not have been possible – thanks Nick for everything.



Let’s not forget Andrew - he was on the flight line all day.



OK that’s all for this time....see you at the AGM

“Don’t forget to put your gear down...!” Paul