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Club Growth & Safety

Well, the club continues to grow in member numbers. Currently we have about 140 members on the books. I was talking to someone about this the other day. When I joined about 4 1/2 years ago the membership was about 80. As you can see there has been a huge amount of growth in the club.

As a result we are seeing more and more regular flyers at the club. Considering its winter at the moment, I'm sure the numbers will get larger as the weather gets warmer.

This is then a timely reminder about a few of the key club flying rules. With this larger number of people at the field it becomes increasingly important that these

rules are followed.

There have been standing blocks installed on the flight-line for the east-west runway as a guide for where to stand. All members should be taking off into the wind and must not



Dale Packham with his probuilt Extra, powered with 3W 106CS, this model is ballistic! (Fully Sick)

be taking off past any other member on the flight line. Once you are in the air you can occupy a posi-

tion on the flight line as you see comfortable. This will prevent people from taking off past anyone else, which is a safety hazard and should not be done under any circumstance.

A model should not be in the air closer than 30 metres from yourself or another person unless taking off or landing.

Also you must let other flying members know when you are on the field, taking off and landing. For example, if you are placing your model on the runway prior to taking off, then you should call out that you are on the field before placing your model on the runway.

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Reminders

All members would have received their invoice for club membership for 2007/08 either in the mail or via email. These club fees are now due. If you haven't paid you have until the 31st July to pay up and become financial or you will not be able to fly.

There are no events on the MASA calendar for CMFC for August. The next MASA event is the 100 lap pylon on 23rd September.

Sunday pylon is continuing and will be run on Sunday 12th August and 2nd September. The dates have been posted on the wall in the club rooms. If there are any changes to these

dates that will be updated there.

I was reminded during the last week that I haven't mentioned that Luke Heinrich had been awarded his bronze wings. Congrats Luke, sorry for not mentioning earlier, I try to include everyone.

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A close up of Todds' Eurofighter.

“...three simple rules that..will make flying a lot safer for all members.”



Todd Morris & son with his new turbine powered Eurosport (fighter).

Growth & Safety cont.

This makes it clear to other pilots that are flying what is happening as someone may have called landing or deadstick prior to you walking to the flight-line.

Calling taking off, landing and dead-stick is self explanatory and always call 'on the field' if you head past the flight-line.

These are three simple rules that when followed will make flying a lot safer for all members. These rules have been in existence for some time, they are not new but a number of members are not following them. Please keep these in mind.

For members on email, a copy of the current flying field procedures will be sent out in the near future. For other members a copy of this policy will be posted in the club rooms for your reference. Please take some time to have a read of this important information.

We were also reminded at the club meeting about leaving frequency keys in the frequency board. With our growth in member numbers there may be new members operating on your frequency. If you do not require the frequency please remove it from the board. There have been a few occurrences

where there are 3 members flying and 8-9 keys in the board with some of those keys belonging to members who are not flying or preparing to fly.

Please leave your frequency free when you are not using it.

If you are flying a petrol model please use a drip tray when refueling as spilt petrol is killing the grass in our pits area. There will be trays provided in the transmitter trolley for this purpose.

For Sale

1 x GMS .40 2 stroke motor. As new, bought April 2007. Includes 10.5 x 7 prop and spare plug. \$70. Please phone Jack Simmons 8337 1690.

John Willis has for sale a Super Tigre 30000 engine. He tells me that it has had very little use and is in a very good condition. It comes with three new plugs plus a radial mount.

Sorry that should have read Super Tigre 3000. Sorry John for getting it wrong in

the last newsletter.

John is asking \$250 for this, if you are interested please give him a call on 8277 3077.

I still have my on-board glow available for sale. It is also in good condition and works very well. Will consider all offers. If you are interested send me an email to:

Simy.h@kern.com.au or give me a call at home after hours on 8395 1069.

New Transmitter Pound Christmas Show

The construction of the transmitter pound will start shortly. It will be constructed of a timber frame with a colorbond roof and the external walls as per our club rooms. The inside will be decked out with racks for transmitters and transmitter cases as well as the frequency board. Once this is complete the frequency board we currently use on the trolley will become obsolete except for special occasions.

The Christmas show has been set for the 8th December. We intend to have a similar program and catering as last year. Unfortunately I wasn't able to make it last year but I heard all the great comments. Hopefully I will be there this year.

Next Meeting

Next club meeting Iain McLeay will give a short presentation on the ins and outs of the new giant model class and a DVD will be shown entitled 'Flighter Pilot'. This is an IMAX presentation about operation Red Flag. This is the biggest military air warfare exercise carried out in the world today and involves participation from many countries. It is an interesting program and I thought I would share it.