

**MODEL AERONAUTICAL  
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.**

**Newsletter**

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**Manual of Procedures**

The M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures is on the M.A.A.A. web site.

**Concessional Membership**

This is the time of the year, after January 1, when we get people joining and asking about paying half fees for the period until June 30. A person that has not been an M.A.A.A. the previous year is entitled to half fees if joining after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Current M.A.A.A. Rules require that any person who was a member in the previous year shall pay a full years fee when joining after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the membership year.

Clubs should note that they will be charged a full M.A.A.A. fee for members who were affiliated in the previous year even if they have not collected it from the member.

**Classification of Junior Member with Respect to Fees**

At the 2003 Council meeting it was decided to bring the classification of Junior Member in line with the membership year. A person that turns 18 years of age on or after July 1 will be considered a Junior Member for that membership year. For example, if a person turns 18 on or after July 1 2004, then they will be a junior member for the 2004/05 membership year. The junior classification for local and international competitions is still from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Birth dates**

A few State Associations have improved their reporting of member's birth dates but we still have a long way to go. Member's birth dates are helpful in "identifying" current members and those returning to the sport. You would be amazed just how many people have the same name.

Can members please support their club to include their birth dates on the MR1 forms, it really helps a lot. Middle names would also be of great assistance.

**Change of Addresses**

Would members who change their address please advise their relevant State Association and not the M.A.A.A. Secretary. It is the State Association that sends State Newsletters etc to each member and so it is them that require the member's address.

**News from the 2004 M.A.A.A. Council Meeting**

**Election Results**

The positions of M.A.A.A. Secretary and Treasure were both up for election at the 2004 Council meeting. The Secretary position being for three years and the Treasurer's position for a one year term. The reason for the one year term was to get the elections for these two important positions away from the same year. The Treasurer's term will be three years at the next election, which will be in 2005.

**Treasurer**

Garry Anderson was elected to the position and will join the M.A.A.A. Executive. Garry is a keen pattern flier and is also the Tasmanian Association Secretary.

**Secretary**

Ivan Chiselett was re-elected for a further three year period.

**Professional/Paid Instructors fee for 2004/05**

This year the M.A.A.A. Council set the fee at \$50-00 for a Professional/Paid Instructor to be listed in the M.A.A.A. Insurance policy.

To be listed on the M.A.A.A. policy as a paid, or professional, instructor the person MUST have the M.A.A.A. Instructor Rating. They should also have the permission of the club or clubs that they intend to operate from. Applications to be listed on the policy should be made through the State Association who shall verify the M.A.A.A. Instructor rating of the applicant and then send the application to the M.A.A.A. Secretary who will arrange for it to be sent to the insurance broker.

Professional instructors listed for 2003/04 will not be automatically listed for 2004/05. The M.A.A.A. will only list those Professional Instructors after they have provided the \$50 fee to be listed.

#### **M.A.A.A. Membership Cards.**

The Council decided to change the M.A.A.A. Membership cards. The new card will allow more room in the card to print the holder's flight proficiency ratings and M.A.A.A. appointments such as FAI Observer, Heavy Model Inspector and Gas Turbine Inspector. With the details of these appointments printed on the new membership card the issue of separate cards for these appointments will be stopped. The new cards will be phased in towards the end of the year as the stocks of existing cards are used.

#### **Hall of Fame**

Three members were elected to the M.A.A.A. Hall of Fame at the 2004 Annual Council Conference. These being;

Roy Summersby – for Consistent high performance in National & International contests over 5 decades and promotion of Aeromodelling both as a hobby and an elite sport.

Ray Cooper - Setting World Record; Gain in Altitude for class F5 - S, electric powered models with rechargeable sources of current.

Chris & Kevin Callow – Winning 2003 F3D Pylon Racing World Championship & Setting F3D World Record.

Note; In 2001 Chris & Kevin also won the World F3D Championship and also set a world record.

I am sure all members will join me in extending our congratulations to these worthy inductees.

The Council also directed that the names of our Hall of Fame Inductees and Life Members be placed on the M.A.A.A. web site. These will be added to the web site in the very near future.

#### **Land Bureau**

The M.A.A.A. has a system where Clubs can apply for loans for field purchase or improvements. Loans are available at extremely attractive interest rates and payback periods. The process is administered by the M.A.A.A. Land Bureau, which is an M.A.A.A. appointed sub-committee headed by the chairman Joe McGuffin.

In recent years there have been no funds available due, to a large extent, to the huge increases in insurance costs. The Association has now restructure how

funds are made available to the Land Bureau and it is pleasing to report that there are now some funds available for loans.

If your club is interested in obtaining information of how the Bureau works and the loan conditions please contact the maaa Secretary.

#### **Visitor Policy**

The M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures has a "Visitor Policy", MOP042, which defines how many flying instructional days a visitor is allowed and be covered by the M.A.A.A. Public Liability policy. The Council decided to change the current maximum two visits to four. Clubs are entitled to set a lesser number at their field, but the number of visits cannot be more than four. However whatever the flying standard of the visitor they must be under the direct supervision of an experienced member whilst they are flying in order to control the insurance risk

The Council also clarified the situation for a "prospective" member with respect to insurance coverage. A "prospective" member being a person who has submitted a properly completed application form to the club and is awaiting ratification of their membership application by the club/committee. The Council decided that a "prospective" member is, for the purpose of insurance, considered an Affiliate Member of the M.A.A.A. as soon as the Club receives the application to join the club until a decision is made by the club/committee whether to allow the person to join the club.

The formal Policy will be amended in the very near future so please check the web site for the latest version of the policy. Please read the Policy to ensure that its requirements are followed

#### **Drugs in Sport.**

Recently, at the 96<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference in Krakow, Poland, FAI accepted the World Anti-Doping Code. With the FAI accepting the Code it means that model aircraft competitors are now subject to this Code. The FAI has published the "FAI Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures" which are designed to implement FAI's responsibilities under this Code, and to reflect FAI's determination to ensure that there is no doping in air sports.

Details of the FAI Drugs in Sport Code are on the FAI web site. Australian Sports Aviation Confederation is currently reviewing the policy and its impact on Australia. Further details will be made available as this develops.