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FAI Award

Congratulations to the MAAA President, Mike Close, on being awarded the Paul Tissandier Diploma. This FAI award recognises Mike's outstanding contribution and dedication to aeromodelling which includes:

- Involvement in model aviation administration at Club, State and National levels for over 20 years.
- Membership of the NSW State Executive including 3 years as President, before being elected as National President of the Model Aeronautical Association of Australia over 10 years ago.
- Vice President of the ASAC (NAC) since 2001.

Mike has put countless unpaid hours a year into both organisations. The setting up of the MAAA Manual of Procedures system has drawn warm appreciation from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. Recently Mike instituted national procedures for the collection of information for the FAI Database.

F2 World Championship Team

Congratulations to the F2 team and supporters on their recent performance in France. Special mention goes to Hugh Simons and Grant Potter for their 1st place in the F2C World Championship event and for establishing a new World Record (provisional) and to Robert Fitzgerald and Mark Ellins on their 4th placing. A job well done by all.

Manual of Procedures

The Manual of Procedures is a "live" document and is continually being updated. Please check the MAAA web site from time to time to ensure that you are aware of the latest editions of the documents.

The MAAA has recently released the following new or amended documents in the Manual of Procedures:

MOP001 Accident Reporting Procedure.
MOP042 Policy for Visitor Insurance at Flying Fields.
MAAA Statement of Rules.

MAAA Fees for 2008/09

The MAAA Council set the MAAA fees for 2008/09 at: Seniors & Pensioners \$60.00 and Juniors \$30.00. These figures see the Senior and Pensioner fee reduced by \$10 from last year's fees. This was due to a reduction in insurance costs. Members can claim part of the credit for the reduction, as a result of our good safety record. State Association and Club fees are in addition to those set by MAAA.

The MAAA Council maintained the Commercial Instructor fee at \$50.00. For those interested in becoming a Commercial Instructor, MOP023 will provide all the details.

The Public Liability excess payable by the member on all claims was also left unchanged at \$250.

62nd Nationals

The 2009 Nationals is being hosted by the NSW Associations and will be run as a 'split' event. **Control Line and Free Flight** are to be held at Albury NSW from 28 December 2009 to 3 January 2009. There will be no registration day. Registration and late entries will be processed prior to each event at the event site by the Contest Director. Full details can be found on the MAAA web site www.maaa.asn.au

Radio Control will be held over the Easter period from 12 April to 24 April 2009 at the MAS NSW State flying field at Cootamundra. Details have not been confirmed at the time of writing.

Insurance

One of the most frequently asked questions from members relating to insurance, is whether they are covered by the MAAA Public Liability cover if their intended flying activities are from private property. Private property includes open fields as well as indoor venues. In any of these situations there are three criteria which have to be met to remain within the cover:

- Permission from the OWNER of the property which is to be used must be given (preferably in writing).
- All operations must be in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations Part 101 and Part G Model Aircraft specifically.
- All operations must be carried out in accordance with the MAAA Manual of Procedures.

Public Flying Displays

When is model flying activity considered to be a Public Display requiring a permit? Whenever clubs are faced with this question, it may be helpful to consider the following, based on CASA and MAAA MOP requirements:

There are two documents regarding public displays: the MAAA Procedure and the over-riding CASA 1998 Part 101. Organisers have to comply with both. The first test is: does it comply with the CASA requirements? Part 101.410 states, to paraphrase:

It is a public display if spectators (which could be interpreted as members of the general public specifically there to watch) are present. The MAAA MOP019 expands this as: This procedure applies to all Displays of Model Aircraft Flying organised and conducted by the MAAA, MAAA Ordinary Members (State Associations), State Association Clubs and Affiliate Members of the MAAA to which non-Affiliate Members of the MAAA are invited or expected (because of the nature of the event) to attend.

Team Trial Notification

Organisers of Team Trials for World, CAOCC Championships and Trans Tasman events are reminded of their responsibility to advise the MAAA Secretary of the dates of intended team trials a minimum of six months in advance. MOP024 states the procedure. This is to give all members adequate notice.

F3C Helicopter Team Trials

The team trial for the 2009 F3C World Championships will be held in conjunction with the Victoria State champs to be held on the 29-30th November 08. This will be at the MRCHA field.

F3D Pylon Team Trials for the World Championships in Germany 2009

Notification of team trials as follows:

- 26/27 April 2008 at Cohuna Victoria (Concluded)
- 7/8 June 2008 AMPRA Champs in Maryborough Qld (Concluded)
- Aug/Sept 2008 - either Qld State Champs or Vic State Champs

F1 A, B & C Team Trials for the Trans Tasman Event 2010

Notification of the Team Trials as follows:

Tentative Team Trial Dates are:

62nd Nationals

F1A Mon 29 Dec 2008

F1C Tue 30 Dec 2008

F1B Fri 2 Jan 2009

To be held at McMahon's Field Springhurst.

Proposed program for AFFS Championships and Southern Cross Cup.

SCC

F1A Tue 7 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

F1B Wed 8 Apr 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera

AFFS Championships

F1A Sat 11 April 2009

F1C Sat 11 April 2009

F1B Sun 12 April 2009

To be conducted at Narrandera.

2009 R/C Scale Trans Tasman

Team trials for this event will be held as part of the 62nd National Scale event at Cootamundra in April 2009.

The Trans Tasman Scale event will be held at Monarto SA between October/November 2009.

Competition Rules Year

Members are reminded that 2008/2009 is a Competition Rules year. Australian competition rules are available through the MAAA web site www.maaa.asn.au All disciplines are requested to review their particular section of the rules and make any suggested amendments through the relevant Subcommittee. Subcommittee members for the discipline will collectively review all amendments prior to submitting the final recommendations to the MAAA Secretary. All received recommendations will be added to the rules agenda to be presented to the MAAA Council in May 2009.

World / Continental Championships and Trans Tasman Events Calendar

2008	
EVENT	Information
F5B, F5D	Ukraine – Kiev Dates: 14/09/2008 – 21/09/2008
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Chinese Taipei Dates: 08/10/2008 – 26/10/2008
2009	
EVENT	Awarded to
F4A FF Scale	Trans Tasman - Patetonga, Sth of Auckland 4-5 April
R/C Scale	Trans Tasman – Monarto SA October/November
F1A, F1B, F1C	Croatia Dates: TBA
F3A	Portugal Dates: August 21 – 29 2009
F3B	Czech Republic Dares: August 2 – 9 2009
F3C	USA - Muncie
F3D	Germany Dates: July 20 – 26 2009
2010	
EVENT	Bids From
F1 A,B & C	Trans Tasman
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	Hungary - July
F3J	France Dates: August 14 – 22 2010
F4B, F4C	Poland
F5B, F5D	Offers Invited
Space Models	Serbia
F3A Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
F3C Asia-Oceanic	Offers Invited
2011	
EVENT	Bids From
F1 A,B & C	To be Awarded - 4 Bids
F3A	To be Awarded - USA (tentative)
F3B	To be Awarded - Spain (tentative)
F3C	To be awarded - Italy
F3D	To be awarded – Australia has bid