

The Rockhampton Model Aero Club Inc.



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Monthly Newsletter

October/November 2011



Saturday 19th November

Bluebirds United Sports Club

The annual club Christmas dinner has been organised for Saturday the 19th November at the Bluebirds United Sports Club, Richardson Road North Rockhampton. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun and be part of this fantastic social event for our club. The dinner will commence at **6.30pm** with dinner being served shortly after. The menu for the evening will consist of a roast meal and vegetables with a side dish also available. The cost for the meal will be \$25.00 which will include sweets.

The organiser for the evening is John Stevens. To record your availability please place your name and the number of family members attending on the list at the Gavial field or email John at irisjohn@bigpond.com. Numbers attending needs to be finalised by the 13th of November. We hope to see to you all there for a evening of great fellowship and enjoyment.

DATES TO REMEMBER



- ◆ 19th November:
Club Christmas Dinner, Bluebirds United Sports Club
 - ◆ 27th November:
RMAC Monthly Meeting, 11am Gavial Field
Biplanes and Warbirds Day with Swap and Sell, Tingalpa
 - ◆ Every Tuesday:
Indoor Flying at YWCA Hall, Robinson Street 6.30pm
- MAAA 65th Nationals: 12th - 20th April 2012, Perth
Preliminary Dates 2012:
QMARA Pylon Weekend, RMAC - 3rd - 4th August 2012
David Georgeson Memorial Competition - February 2012
Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition - May 2012

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Points of Interest...

September Meeting

- As part of the inward correspondence, the President presented letters from the Premier of Queensland, Ms Anna Bligh and the CEO of Woolworths and the Salvation Army Joined forces. The letters informed the members present that our application for the flood recovery assistance grants on offer have been successful. The club has received \$6000 as part of this grant program. Thank you to Nick Welburn for organising this successful grant application.
- The money received from the grants program will go towards further infrastructure and maintenance projects for our club.
- A proposal was put forward that an electronic pump be purchased for pumping water from our bore to the shed near the pit area. This was accepted by the members present.
- The club fees are to be increased for the 2012-2013 financial year.
- Rubber conveyor matting is to be purchased by the club. The matting is to be used to assist electric models to take off and land.

October Meeting

- The rubber conveyor matting discussed in the previous meeting has been purchased and is at the field. It was decided that the matting, which will cater for electric models will be positioned from the helicopter pad beside the main runway and rolled out towards the gate end of the field.
- The electric water pump has been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible.
- A proposal was put forward that the club hold a public display sometime in 2012.

New Members!

We welcome the following new members to our club:

Matthew and Liam

Rocky Rally Control Line Weekend

The 2nd annual 'Rocky Rally' control line weekend was held on the 17th and 18th September 2011 at our Gavial Field. The event was even more successful than the previous year with excellent support from our own club members and also from other clubs. Modellers travelled all across Queensland to be a part of the control line rally with participants travelling from Ipswich, Brisbane, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Sarina, Mackay, Townsville and of course our Rocky contingent just to name a few. The atmosphere surrounding the circles was fantastic all weekend with plenty of camaraderie shared between modellers. The weather was excellent with mostly fine weather on both days with light winds which made it perfect for control line flying. Both of our clubs two circles were in operation all weekend which allowed for a smattering of control line action. Thank you to our field maintenance crew of Laurie Chetter and Peter Cutler for providing immaculate control line circles for the weekend. A most notable event as part of the rally was the 'All American' racing that occurred on the Saturday and the Sunday. An 'All American' is a control line stunt model that is designed for a 35-40 size engine.

Several modellers participated in the racing as either a pilot, lap counter or pit crew member. The model had to complete 200 laps with a minimum of two pit stops for re-fuelling. It was certainly an action packed event and very popular amongst modellers and spectators. I am sure that the racing will be back next year. I know of several modellers who have already purchased an 'All American' kit to join in the action. Of course all of this flying made everybody hungry. This was very well taken care of by Nick Welburn and Bert Fleetwood who prepared lunch on both days. Thank you Nick and Bert for all your efforts.

During the rally, a lucky door raffle was held where everyone was given a ticket. Four prizes were on offer to all present at the event. The prizes were kindly donated by Rory's RC Hobby House and Rocky Rally participant Jim Greenwood. Thank you to Rory and Jim for their donations. The following people were lucky enough to win prizes at the rally:

Brenda Helmrich (Mackay) – Bottle of home brew from Jim Greenwood.

Trevor Fenning – Control line model kit

John Jacobsen and his wife (Maryborough) – Christen eagle R/C model

Matthew Dennis – O.S. 40 LA engine

Everyone at the event appeared to thoroughly enjoy the weekend and I am sure will look forward to next year's Rocky Rally! Thank you to all the members who made the rally possible, especially Barry Fredrickson for his organisation of the event. See Page 4 for more photos.



Above: 'All American' racing winners on the Sunday, Dave Helmrich (Pit Crew), Geoff Black (Pit Crew) and Laurie Chetter (Pilot).

The flooding of late 2010 and early 2011 was devastating for our club. But out of the disaster and damage, with the efforts of our dedicated members we are back on track, better than ever.

The shade cloth over the pit area has been replaced. We have a new refrigerator. The road to the club house has been repaired and a new bore pump has been purchased.

However we are not stopping here. There are many projects on the agenda. These include repairs to damaged boundary fencing, replacing damaged roofing on the club house, installing an irrigation system and spreading granite on our parking area. Also, a new building near the club house is currently in the planning stage.

Thanks to Nick Welburn for his special efforts for securing the financial assistance (grants) to enable us to continue these maintenance repairs. Also to Laurie Chetter and Peter Cutler. Their expertise transformed the air field from a muddy paddock to a very lush air field again. And let's not forget our resident inventor John Huxley for his ingenious locking system for the new refrigerator.

Thanks also to all the members who took part in the working bees conducted earlier this year for the various projects. Your efforts are changing our environment for the benefit of all RMAC members, our visitors and our guests.

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Above: It was all hands on deck to get this model flying.

Above Right: The field was full of action on the Rocky Rally Control Line Weekend.

Right: A variety of aircraft were on display.

