

WAMASC NEWS



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FIELD SAFETY

First Aid personnel, defibrillator and Firefighting equipment are available at the field for your convenience.

NEWSLETTER

This is your Newsletter and I once again reiterate; should any individual have anything that they would like to contribute, please don't be shy – feel free to contact any of the committee or contact me directly at:

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MEMBERSHIP

A friendly reminder to all that your 2014/2015 membership has now terminated. 2015/2016 membership is now due. As always membership forms are available on our website at:

<http://www.wamasc.org.au/membership.html>.

SAFE FLYING



CLUB CANTEEN UPDATE

The canteen is doing very nicely indeed; thank you Rob and Kim. Unless you are living on another planet you will, no doubt, have noticed the recent activity and maintenance works being undertaken in an effort to improve and update our old canteen facility. As these works progress you will see a very marked improvement as the old girl receives a much needed 'face-lift' and is transformed from an ugly duckling into something we can all be quite proud of. For your information a servery will be added with much improved surrounding external shelter to expedite shop visits. Internal insulation will be added and the walls clad complete with air-conditioning. Flooring and internal cosmetics will continue to be upgraded in order to deliver a more pleasing and aesthetic appearance. Much of the old cupboard space has already been replaced as it was well past its use by date and rotten. The external canteen facia exterior will be transformed by recladding the whole structure in Colorbond® whilst the outdoor foot print will enlarge with the addition of a concrete strip incorporating the BBQ area. The canteen roof will become a double layered type to assist in insulating from both hot and cold extremes and it is envisaged that in the near future a suitable solar solution will be installed.

Some may ask - Why now? Well for many years; and I mean many, there have been varied thoughts, proposals and ideas put across the committee table with regard to a 'Club-House' for our venue. The problem was that no one had actually asked you the member what it was that you wanted. In short; this thought process had been driven by a very small minority without any consultation with the majority and no question had ever been asked of you the member.

The question to be asked was simply do we need a 'Club-House'? With that question came others that raised a lot of issues such as - do we really need to spend big on something that would put us in debt and place a burden on you, the member. A lot of the proposals were really out of reach and fraught with danger should we ever have had to relocate. I for one did not want to visit the requirement of placing a 'Building Levi' on our members in order to pay back loaned monies. This is a strain left well alone in these economic times and with the recent WAMASC membership fee increase. I think that our best option is to use what we have and not have to rely on or owe anyone else – we can achieve a great deal with what we already have and it is yours from the get go.

To clarify I did ask the very question(s) I have mentioned above in a recent small survey questionnaire that had four (4) options or proposals to choose from. Out of the circa two hundred and twenty five (225) members I received forty four (44) responses – three of which were extremely derogatory and had nothing to do with the questions asked. I thank those who had the time to respond. That figure of 44 was just less than 1/5th or 20% of our members and a decision, especially of this magnitude, should be shared with every member as it is your money. The results from that survey were inconclusive and too close to call hence the committee decided after much deliberation and discussion to remain with our existing facility and give it a face lift. It is the cheapest option and serves our purpose. We do not need a 'Club-House'. Our WAMASC Field venue is first rate and in the eyes of most already caters for all of our needs and requirements. It provides a place to fly and obtain a snack and/or drink should the mood dictate. We are moving forward and, hopefully, doing the best for our members. Look forward to some marked improvements and upgrades to our canteen we will finalize works as soon as humanly possible. In the interim should you feel the urge and need to roll up the sleeves and assist in any way please don't hesitate to step forward.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION REITERATION



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WANTS YOU

Please note that all WAMASC Membership(s) terminate on June the 30th every year.

2015/2016 WAMASC Fee renewal is now **\$300.00**. You will require you're New 2015/16 Membership Card to enter the Pits area and fly from **13th of July 2015**. Padlock Codes will be change on the **13th of July 2015**.

Fees can be paid by directly into the **Westpac® WAMASC account** via electronic transfer (EFT) using BSB 036360 and Account 109661 WA Model Aircraft Sports Centre (Inc.).

You are asked to please print a copy of the electronic receipt and attach it to your Application/Renewal Form.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Treasurer via:

✉ wamascwhitemanpark@gmail.com

or 📞 Mob: 0414402193

2015/16 WAMASC Membership Forms may be accessed via our web site using:

<http://wamasc.wix.com/wamasc/>

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR

The majority of members would no doubt be aware and appreciate what goes on behind the scenes with respect to the myriad of administrative tasks, maintenance and daily goings on that keeps our club running. This is achieved by a very dedicated bunch of people, both committee and other, both on and off the field. These individuals volunteer their services free of charge and spend a great deal of their time ensuring things are kept in order.

It is at times a very thankless task and I, the same as my companions, certainly understand that it is an impossible task to please every individual within WAMASC - we all have different views and opinions – but we do try our best. As the saying goes “***you can make some of the people happy some of the time - but not all of the people happy all of the time***”.

Your committee, in general, does its best to cater for the majority’s needs. But what makes one individual happy may very well aggrieve another - It certainly is not always an easy and straight forward task to act in the best interest of others.

That said; I will now make mention of some recent malicious acts that have occurred at WAMASC and apologise in advance that unfortunately I now air them in this Newsletter for all and sundry having refrained from doing so for some time. The problem is that it must be noted and addressed and the only way to do so is make people aware.

Being in close proximity to our venue I have been on the odd occasion called out to investigate, attend and fix problems at the field. Things such as burst water mains, torched cars blocking our entrance gate after being used to ram their way in, minor break and entry and of course facility damage and vandalism. All of which I can handle as it is unfortunately expected in this day and age but usually performed by out of control youth bored for something to do and pass the time away.

What I cannot assimilate and come to terms with are some of obvious, purposeful and malicious acts carried out and directed at and toward WAMASC. These have ranged from finding Cyanoacrylate adhesive (CA Glue) being poured into numerous lock tumblers rendering them unserviceable. I do not believe that vandals carry such or would have the foresight to plan ahead for a visit to the WAMASC Field for the purpose of sabotaging locks and have to question whether it is one of our own. This act has occurred on more than one occasion. Locks have also had their internal tumblers intentionally and purposefully centre punched to prevent a key being able to be inserted. Once again there has been no sign of break-in or forced entry – just a malicious act of vandalism directed at the club. I make comment that the cost of replacing locks and any other item not covered by insurance is a growing expense coming out of your (the members) pocket.

Recently post completion of our electrical upgrade the external power box attached to the side of the ACROD toilet was sprayed with water in an effort to short the electrical components within. These events took place directly post completion of works.

Again recently while both our main and ACROD toilets were unserviceable a person (I will call them that) unknown decided to defecate on the floor of one of the male cubicles. This is not the first occasion that this has happened - and I assure you that it is not a child. Prior to this incident another wonderful person decided to paint the female toilet walls with excrement and then block the toilets systematically by cramming as much matter into them as they could find. As the plumber emptied the septic tanks on-site inspection found that a quantity of rags and paper had been purposely stuffed into the plumbing thus accumulated into a blockage at the leach drain and tank entry end of the ACROD septic tank.

As mentioned the cost of continual unwarranted and unwanted maintenance due to strange acts of behaviour is becoming astronomical. It is extremely disheartening and of course very hard to police or do anything about. I am open to any suggestions or thoughts that you may have and ask all to be forever vigilant and on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour. Whoever this or these people are they are certainly doing a disservice to WAMASC.

I remind all to be extremely diligent with security and ask that you follow correct opening and lock-up protocol whenever arriving or departing the field.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WOW (Wings over Whiteman)

A reminder that the weekend of Saturday the 07th and Sunday the 08th of November 2015 will see WAMASC once again host its annual 'Wings over Whiteman' event.

To assist with event planning those desirous of flying or participating in any manner are asked to register their intent with our **Event Co-ordinator** Rob GADEN or any member of the WAMASC committee.

Contact via e-mail can be made via:

✉ wamascwhitemanpark@gmail.com

I reiterate that you do not have to hold **Gold Wing** certification to participate. Current **Bronze Wing** holders of Gold Wing proficiency standard levels are most welcome to participate.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

WAMASC would sincerely like to thank Vincent SMITH for recently donating a .40 Boomerang High Wing Trainer to the Club for the very purpose of training our newcomers. This aircraft has been graciously assembled by Rob GADEN and Andrew SCOTT and is now nearing completion. I'm sure that our resident CFI and Club Instructors/Trainers will put it to good use.

2016 CONTROL-LINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

Just a quick reminder to re-confirm in everyone's mind that the '**2016 Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) World Control Line Championship**' will be held at our WAMASC (WA Model Aircraft State Centre) venue during the 02nd and 16th of May 2016 inclusive. Please make note that this period encompasses two (2) week-ends.

All WAMASC Members are asked to give full priority during this period to both Championship Organisers and participants who will require full and unrestricted access to the WAMASC facility.

Please be mindful that all other flying activity will have to be suspended during this period hence it may be prudent to plan ahead and make arrangements to fly at an alternate venue during this two week period.

The WAMASC Committee sincerely apologises for any disruption to non-control-line personnel during this time.

FLIGHT LINE SAFETY REMINDER

The Flight Line can be a very busy place and an area where distraction can have disastrous consequences' to both person and equipment. It's probably worth noting that we can replace equipment.

In recent months it has been noted that there have been some minor incidents that could, if left unchecked (addressed), go a little pear shaped. Members are courteously reminded that a 'Spotter' is requirement when more than four aircraft are airborne at the one time. Furthermore please be respectful of others and remember that we fly together and adhere to a circuit pattern for a reason.

I ask all members to be mindful and aware of safety at all times when in charge of an 'active aircraft' clearly announcing your intent to carry out any and each manoeuvre undertaken. This should be done in a loud clear audible voice and only when you have received confirmation that you have been heard by all in attendance should you carry out that manoeuvre – this hold true whether it is a 'Take-Off', 'Landing' or 'Back Tracking' warning etc. Simply announcing your intent does not mean that you are right; or good to go. There have been many occasions where someone has abruptly declared 'Taking-Off' and immediately entered the runway and taxied across the piano keys to find an aircraft on landing approach forcing emergency abort. Please confirm your request by awaiting approval of those present.

Aerobatic Flight is more than welcome but must be performed at the correct height and within the correct Flight Safety Envelope (corridor).

Taxiing to and from the Flight Line in a safe manner should be achieved at walking pace – one should not be running after his aircraft to capture it and restrain it. Remember that an aircraft taxiing back from a sortie post landing has the right of way. Talking to a pilot when taxiing an active aircraft is a distraction and can be achieved post shut down.

Furthermore excessive noise on the flight line can contribute to distraction and in some cases loss of aircraft – when flying it is not just a case for the visual senses – engine loss and the immediate requirement for 'dead-stick' recovery procedure can only be achieved if one can hear their aircraft hence members are reminded that the flight line is not an engine run up area (this does not negate the ability to rev and clear an engine).



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