

RAAF Amberley Flying Club

NEWSLETTER July – September 2011

AGM 2012

The next AGM will be held on Sunday 19 February 2012 at 1000 hours. As usual, all club positions will be up for grabs. Please put this in your calendar as an event not to miss.

The club needs a strong attendance at this (and every) AGM for a number of reasons. First, we need new talent to come forward and offer their services to the club committee from time to time. Whilst the current committee do a fine job, they and their families can't carry the load forever. If you want to know what is required for any of the committee positions, please ring the incumbent for a chat.

Second, the club needs to show the Base that the club's membership is active and involved. A good way of doing this is a strong turnout at things like the AGM. This is especially true for the full members of the club.

One position that will be vacant and **MUST** be filled by a full member of the club is that of President. Dallas will be stepping down at this meeting and a replacement is required.

2011 Spot Landing Competition

This year's only flying competition day was a spot landing competition and was held on 11 Sep. the weather smiled on the club, as the winds that had been blowing the day before went away leaving a perfect day for flying and landing.

As usual, the club invited the SAAA to participate in the competition. Unfortunately, due to a conflict on their calendar meant that only one of their members could make it. To make matter worse, he won! The winning club member on the day was Rob Shortridge.

Hats off to every body who turned to either fly or just be part of the day. Special thanks go to Andy, Ravi, Julian and Jonathan for organising the day.



Briefing the competition Rules



Hugh from SAAA and his 10 point landing!



Jonathan on finals



Ross flares (short!) while Andy watches on



The RAFC 2011 club champion with the judges

Safety Message

The investigation into the UAL prop strike incident was completed by the Club's acting safety officer, Dale Bode in August. A copy of the report has been posted to the website. Please take the time to read the report and learn a number of valuable lessons.

Dale made a number of recommendations in the report. The committee has considered all of the recommendations and is moving forward on a number of them. You will soon see some changes to the club SOPs as a result. Please make sure you are up to date with SOPs before next you fly.

A couple of the recommendations are outside of the committee's control. The committee is working with the Base to see what we can do what we can on these matters.

Visit to AsA Centre Brisbane Airport 12 Nov 11

The next club activity will be a visit to the AirServices Australia flight centre at Brisbane Airport. This is your chance to expand your

knowledge and understanding as to where GA fits into the overall ATC system.

Numbers are strictly limited to 20, so first in best dressed. Please send your RSVP to dallas.haggarty@defence.gov.au. Due to the tight numbers, I cannot accept requests for non-club members (e.g. children, wives, husbands, etc) at this stage.

Start time for the event is 0945. Access to the centre is via the OLD airport road (Airport Drive) not the new one (Moreton Drive), as this bypasses the Centre altogether. Go to the roundabout at the International Terminal. Announce yourself via the intercom on the front gate (Security will have names). Parking is available out the front, take a sharp right once through the gate.



Slip road just after overpass.



Intercom button on orange pole, Right hand lane.

End of Year Function 25 Nov 11

The club's end of year function will once again be held at the Ipswich golf club on Lobb St West Ipswich. See the attached flyer for details. Bookings are essential and should be made to Henry at henry.taylor@defence.gov.au. Hope to see you all there!

Your Committee

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