

Wingtips & Tales



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Thanks for the feedback—we appreciate it!

Welcome to our second edition!

First off, thank you to all who have emailed, called or just tapped me on the shoulder to say how much you all liked our first edition of Wingtips & Tales.

We shall have to see how we go for stories, so it may be a bit scratchy at first, but we will endeavor to put out something to you (even if it is only a page or two) at least every other month to try and keep you up to date with all the hot gossip.

As many of you know, I was away for the month of April and some of May training in soggy Queensland (don't let them tell you it is beautiful one day, sunny the next—hogwash!!) and while away the Jet event was carried off with great aplomb—more on this with pics inside.

Up front I would like to express my sincere thanks to Kim Gaden manning our canteen and putting in a herculean effort despite being stood up by some helpers. She managed to make you all \$870 from the canteen over this short event. Well done Kim—you little beauty!! Rob take a bow for the donkey work.

And onwards and upwards we go.....

With nearly a meter fall off the

end of our main runway, we need to get the field more level to allow the extensions to proceed. So now we would like to start stockpiling clean weed free fill in the form of road base (for the runways) and soil for the landscaping to come later. This is going to probably tax us most resource wise with the need to identify good cheap supplies and also transport to bring it to the site.

Should any members out there have access to road base, soil, transport or all three, your project team would really like to hear from you.

We would also like more feedback on our multi-purpose clubhouse.

Some might recall during the time of the last council's reign, that Boomerangs club presented several options for all delegates to consider when they intended to build their own clubhouse.

Apart from all clubs expressing a desire to make it a state clubhouse to house all clubs, nothing more was done on that front. We need to push this along in concert with what is planned for the airside. More feedback please on what you want.

So what do you plan to contribute to your State Centre?

Let your committee know.

Cameron

WAMASC Chair



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WAMASC lease renewal — 21 years plus 21 years option,,,,, YES please!!!

The WAMASC field lease as most of you know is in its twilight years and will soon need to be re-negotiated.

In light of this and our wish to invest significantly in infrastructure upgrades, I approached Whiteman Park and asked if we could commence negotiations on a lease renewal and was initially told that we could expect to enter into negotiations with a new officer in the next few months.

Well the weeks passed and started to turn into those months and without any further indications from Whiteman on when we would start talks, another approach was made. While assurances were sort and given about WAMASC tenure within the park, still nothing concrete was forthcoming. So—what was happening?

I then touched base with AWA to see if they knew what was going on.

Talking to the state president Peter Brien, I got a better idea of what was happening behind the scenes at government level and to better explain, I have cut and pasted an email I received from him last month. This looks like it is going to be the first of many on this subject as we work our way through this.

"Hi Cameron

Further to recent discussions with WA Planning Commission (WAPC), it would seem appropriate to look at the likely future management of Whiteman Park as it pertains to the lease for WAMASC. It would seem that WAPC is looking to relinquish management of the park and it will soon be handed over to Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). It seems the present Government feels that it is more appropriate that DEC manage parks rather than WAPC. WAPC manages land that is generally being held for a purpose (future development & planning for example) and does not generally manage parks. This is a role more suited to the DEC portfolio. It would seem that the Whiteman Park board has been removed (dismissed) and a caretaker manager put in place until the transition between responsible

departments can be arranged.

Currently there are two airfields and an application for a third field being considered by DEC. Both of the current fields, Wanneroo and WARMS, had leases with DEC. DEC has decided that it wishes to deal with only one body for each special interest group. In this case (aero modelling) leases will now be granted to and held by AWA and the clubs will in turn sublease from AWA. New leases are being drawn up that will be considerably longer than the original lease in the case of Wanneroo. The new leases will be 21 years with a further 21 year option. This was negotiated by AWA at a recent meeting and is a huge improvement on the expiring 10 years plus 10 years of the current WAMASC arrangement. Thank you AWA!

Given that the WAMASC lease is coming up for renewal, it is now almost certain that any new lease will be negotiated through DEC, granted by them to AWA as the state body and then a resultant sub-lease through AWA to WAMASC.

Reading the requirements this now appears to necessitate a reworking of the (WAMASC) constitution as for WAMASC (the current lease holder) to qualify as the sub-lessee when the AWA are granted the new lease, will need to revise its constitution to re-align with DEC requirements for sub-lessee eligibility.

So, it looks like that structure and future management will need to change, WAMASC will need to evolve and develop to take the Centre into the 21st century.

I trust that we can all work together to the benefit of all concerned. I will keep you informed of any developments. Cheers PB"

So as things evolve and become clearer over the coming months, your delegates and this newsletter will keep you across the issues and make sure everyone is in the loop as we deal with this opportunity.

Exciting times ahead so watch this space!!!

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More on the Constitution

I have left the article on the Constitutional debate from our first newsletter in this newsletter so you can readily reference it and refresh yourself on the concerns I expressed about certain passages denying natural justice to our members and other minor issues that are not in step with today's world.

So, did you review the Constitution like I suggested and make a list? I hope so!

In light of the changing environment outlined by Pete Brien, it is perhaps opportune to piggy back off those change requirements and use this to put a broom through the place.

I have found it both frustrating and amusing that our Constitution in its present form denies us any prospect of obtaining grants from our parent body—that being the AWA.

In order to qualify, an applicant must be a member club and show that they have a minimum of ten members.

In our present unique/strange at times unworkable situation of being an affiliate having seven members (being the clubs themselves) we do not qualify and have that affiliate member status by virtue of what the council was originally formed to do.

Because of this strange situation, we have seven entities (the clubs) as our full members when really it should be the people themselves. I find it extraordinary that 243 “real people” are therefore defined as affiliate members almost as if they were an afterthought in the Constitutional process. This has the unsavory by-product of making them of lesser import than the clubs they are represented by. This is clearly wrong as the people should always come first.

There is a solution however.

A simple and expedient remedy to this is to swap the definitions around. That is, the 243 “real people” become the members of WAMASC and the club entities become the

affiliate members. Nothing really changes, just two definitions.

This way WAMASC immediately qualifies by virtue of its whole membership (look 243 and not a limp seven!!!) to gain recognition as a full member and therefore access to grants that should have been pursued and assiduously applied to benefit us all.

I have been here five years, so from my perspective that is five opportunities at least that have been squandered and the field left wanting. What an absolute waste of a grant opportunity!

The AWA calls WAMASC field home so it is not unreasonable that they would wish to see us prosper and be a place that is worthy of the mantle of State Centre.

It must be equally frustrating for them that their hands have been tied by this aberration in our make up that has prevented the premier state location from benefiting from state sponsored improvements.

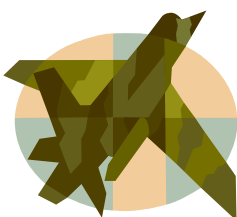
That is not to say that they have not helped us along the way in spite of this handicap. I cite the AWA's support for WAMASC in gaining a significant loan from the MAAA in years past. Their support was both critical and real in that they went guarantor for that loan on our behalf. A move that, by virtue of our non-member status, they were not obliged to pursue.

So, with this simple expediency of a definition swap, we can fix this.

From my point of view we also need to think about and address the following, so I shall bullet point for your convenience:

- Include a redress mechanism for appeal against lesser disciplinary actions other than expulsion of a member.
 - The Constitution needs to be amended to better define our role and form in a more acceptable light
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More on the Constitution (Continued)

- before it comes to bear on our negotiations as a possible impediment.
- This might mean more definition changes to certain roles within the organization
 - There is a need to better define the situations that would require voting by members,
 - Update behavior standards
 - Change naming definitions (the "M" in WAMASC) to "miniature" aircraft instead of model aircraft to better reflect our status as a sport and not a hobby

- Is the Constitution in its current format flexible enough to embrace all of the natural justice and democratic process rights of our members under Australian Law or are we in violation? This needs to be addressed with proper legal scrutiny of our document.

So, these are just a couple of ticklers to get your gray matter working. I would really appreciate your input, so please put pen to paper and give us your thoughts.

Thanks.

WAMASC Chair & Committee

"If you see someone dumping what is obviously non WAMASC rubbish, challenge them"

Rubbish removal from WAMASC field

You may or may not be aware that we pay a monthly fee to have the large skip available to remove the rubbish we generate from month to month.

This cost you all a minimum of \$240 a year just to have the bin sit there and more (around \$60/month average so far this year) to have the contents removed.

The grounds-man, Mike Henry, has recently advised the council that somebody is

using our bin to dump their personal house hold rubbish and junk.

These lazy sods are costing you money people! If you see someone dumping what is obviously non WAMASC rubbish, challenge them or better still report them to your council delegate so that we can take the matter further.

We have finite overheads that

we have to service from your membership fees and they are inexorably rising as each year passes. You can do your bit in helping keep costs under control by policing this sort of unacceptable behavior.

CLAW building approval from Swan Shire

It is with great pleasure that I can tell you all the hard labors of our CLAW brethren are paying dividends big time with another milestone in their improvement plan being passed.

The guys are about to commence construction on their two storey clubhouse.

This is a great credit to the

team spirit and sheer bloody hard work put in by all the control line guys and we should take our hats off to them.

On behalf of the WAMASC committee and council I take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your efforts.

May your clubhouse bring you many years of enjoyment and

be a place for much convivial relaxation and comradeship.

Well done!



WAMASC fees for 2010/2011—up slightly

At the council meeting held on the 2nd June, the matter of membership fees was discussed.

It was decided by council that, due to the massive increases in basic services such as water and electricity, that the fees structure for the coming year be amended.

To this end, the coming year 01 July 2010 through 30 June 2011 fees shall be:

Full member: \$132

Pensioner: \$66

Junior: Unchanged

This is a modest rise of only \$1 per month for full members and 50 cents per month for pensioners.

I am sure you will all agree that this is a very modest rise indeed when considered against the approximate 20%

rise in most utilities we have seen this year (with more to come in the new financial year) and is something we shall have to keep a very close eye on.

AWA shall be setting their fees at their next meeting and we shall advise as soon as we know the outcome of that decision.



**“Remember—
pull back on
the stick and it
makes the tress
get smaller!”**

Ever considered being a delegate?

The new year approaches and it is that time when we ask all members to consider serving on the council.

This is a task that at times can be onerous but at others very rewarding. It is a chance to put something back and to help steer the centre into the future.

If you have integrity, can abide by the umpires decision and support council resolutions even when they don't always

go the way you wanted them to, then you are the kind of person your fellow members and the council need to serve the centre.

If you have the energy and will to get things done and promote the best interests of the field ahead of other considerations, then we would like to hear from you.

Please consider.

To the present delegates, I think you all have done a sterling job this year and, if the committee remains in its present form, I think we would all love to see and work with you again in the coming year. Please also consider re-nominating as there is still much work to do!

Cameron
Chair

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Constitutionally and Procedurally speaking.....

Of late, several members have taken a rather passionate viewpoint on interpretation of the Constitution and the By-Laws.

At the risk of boring the pants off most of you, we would like to take this opportunity to correct a few misconceptions, point out a few glaring Constitutional shortcomings and perhaps at the end of it all, get some new understanding of just what can and can't be done within these legal requirements.

Also it might provoke some discussion on (what to us seems) an obvious need for change.

Misconception 1:

"The council has no right to impose a disciplinary hearing upon a member without first giving that member three warnings as stated in the Procedures Manual."

Response: While the manual may state three strikes, the Constitution is clear: Clause 11.4.4 states: "any and all things that the Council may consider expedient for the maintenance of the flying and behaviour standards defined in Sub-subrule 11.4.3, including the imposition of fines, suspensions, withdrawal of privileges or expelling Members or Affiliate Members as the Council deems necessary,"

Misconception 2:

Under By-Law 8 WAMASC Council has no right to hear a matter without it first being referred to the club for their adjudication.

Response:

Actually what the By-Law states is "The following policy

is to be followed when a member is deemed to be causing problems.

In the first instance it is preferable that a club mediates its own disputes. Where this cannot reach a successful conclusion or there is an impasse:

WAMASC must be notified in writing by the club giving all details of complaint.

WAMASC council will then decide what (if any) action must then be taken pursuant to its obligations under the Constitution Part 9"

Response:

The problem here are the words "impasse" and "obligations under Constitution Part 9". If a member feels he has reached an impasse with his club or feels that his complaint, for whatever reason, cannot be heard fairly by that club and then approaches WAMASC, the council is bound to hear his grievance.

The club then no longer has jurisdiction by virtue of the member's express wishes. Also, WAMASC council can only discuss expulsion under Part 9 and that clearly is not the intent of the powers conferred by Clause 11.4.4. so By-Law 8, on several levels of reference, does not apply.

Matters are complicated further when a particular complaint is between two affiliate members of two different member clubs. In this case, it would also be logical for the WAMASC council to hear the complaints under 11.4.4.

Misconception 3:

A member who has been suspended can appeal the decision to the AWA under Clause 9 Expulsion of a Member.

Response: Strange as it may

seem, there currently exists no mechanism in our Constitution for a member to appeal against anything less than an expulsion.

We find this an extraordinary shortcoming in our Constitution that could lend itself to abuse and think it needs to be addressed.

We would ask members to discuss this and perhaps suggest another Clause we could add specifically tailored to address lesser misdemeanours and the attendant redress of grievance mechanism that should accompany it. We would suggest that this clause reflect that a club should offer to mediate, but also assist the member if they wish to go outside their club for the matter to be heard.

The recent lively discussion and vigorous defence of individual points of view has served a great purpose by highlighting these deficiencies. It now presents an opportunity to revisit our Constitution in its entirety and perhaps update it to better reflect what we want it to say about us.

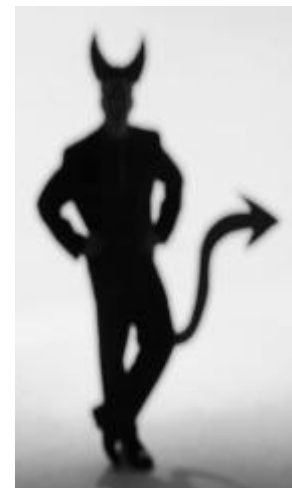
Put simply, if in doubt, the Constitution has precedence and because of this it needs to be right.

Again, we invite all 250 odd (no pun intended) members to re-read the Constitution in its entirety and highlight what you think needs changing and what needs keeping. You never know, you may find that it is absolutely fine the way it is, though in light of what we have pointed out, we doubt that.

This is your chance to influence the democratic process in a meaningful way that will have far reaching and long term influence on how we move forward.



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Jet Rally April 30 May 1 and 2 weekend

“Pilot and helper co-operation on the flight line was excellent which meant much safer operations and no conflicts.”

This event attracted 15 model Pilots and 26 very high-class Gas Turbine models. Smaller Electric ducted fan models were also given the opportunity to participate. The excellent covered facilities at Whiteman unfortunately were not at absolute capacity due to the low numbers this year. The field was prepared to perfection and looked a picture with its manicured lawns around the bitumen runways, complimented by the kangaroos that appeared in the late afternoon wondering what all the fuss was about.

Weather over the three-day period could not have been better; temperatures in the mid twenties with light easterly winds blowing down the main east/west runway meant there were no excuses to not fly.

The whole atmosphere was very relaxed and very much in keeping with many of the Jet events held around the country these days. There was no entry fee required only a simple registration and frequency listing for each pilot. The full display approvals were obtained from CASA even though the event was not advertised as a public display and no entry fee was required at the entry gates. As we all know the word spreads very quickly through the modeling community with it's many friends and the crowd became very substantial, particularly over the Saturday and Sunday.

Warwick Mitchell being the named on the approval documentation to CASA performed a great job in co-coordinating the airspace height requirements and model flying activity over the weekend

Members of the public were invited into the pit areas at lunch times for a closer inspection of the models and given an opportunity to find out more about the function and systems employed in turbine powered models. Unfortunately there were no interstate flying visitors this year. With the current economic situation this was not surprising.

Kim & Rob Gaden prepared a very successful Barbeque function after close of flying on the Saturday evening. This was financed from WAJMS funds. This proved a very tasty and enjoyable event followed by a few well-earned drinks and reliving the days flying and excitement all over again.

Some interesting points noted during the event was the absence of fires occurring during turbine

starting procedures, the overwhelming choice of 2.4 Ghz radios in use, and the lack of damage to models overall. Only models damaged over the weekend unfortunately were due to pilot judgement. Pilot and helper co-operation on the flight line was excellent which meant much safer operations and no conflicts, atmosphere overall was very friendly and enjoyable.

Awards were established for the following categories and adjudged over the weekend by experienced modelers not flying in the event.

Results were as follows:

TOP GUN	Michael Sonnerman	Falcon P60
Encouragement Award	Peter Brien	Boomerang XL
Pilot's Choice	Neil Giggins	Thunder bird F16
Public Choice	Peter Francis	Gloster Whittle
Best Roll	Barry York	A10
Best Electric Ducted Fan	Ian Clapp	F86 Sabre
Best Scale Aircraft	Craig Brooks	Tiger Meet F16
Best Sports Aircraft	Mark Bignoux	CARF Flash
Best Landing	Peter Brien	Boomerang XL

Appreciation must go to KIM and ROB GADEN who managed and operated the canteen over the weekend providing food and drink to all the modelers and the spectators. This of course added to the finances of WAMASC. A very big THANK YOU to all the guys in the background, always present at these events that help with the TX Pound, assist with the field preparations, the barbeque, judging and general administration. All the fliers appreciate the effort that goes into an annual event such as this; you and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Neil Giggins.

See over the page for some photographic highlights!

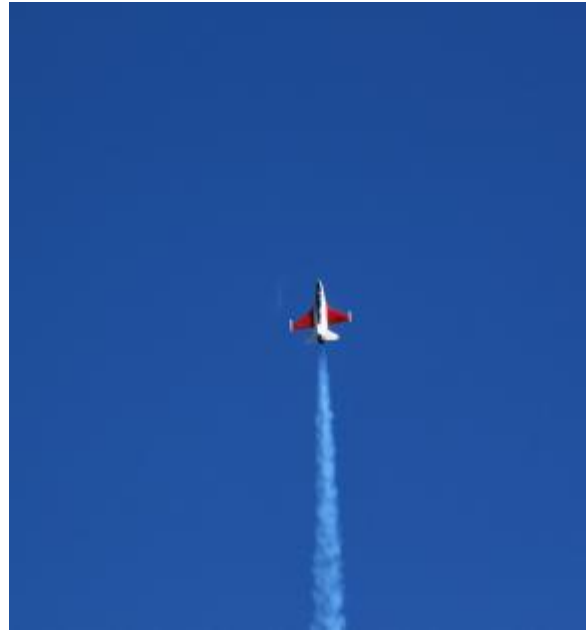
Jets, Jets everywhere!!

A great assortment of all things fast!



Marc Bignoux receiving the prize for best sports jet

Gone vertical - Like a home-sick angel



A classic flyby - by a classic! Pete Francis' Gloster Whittle



Control line F2C and F2F racing 29/30 May

Congratulations to all involved in one of the best contested Team racing events held in WA.

We were treated to some very exciting, fast and close racing.

The equipment, models and skills are definitely world class and I'm sure the teams heading to the world championships will show that Australians are at the top of their game.

At the end of the first day the SA and VIC visitors (and Dave Gannon) posted some very good times. The local guys struggled to get the best out of their equipment but improved their times on Sunday.

Mark Sherburn and Adrian Dyson never gave up despite various problems if F2C.

Great to see Shane Lecknys post 7 respectable heats times in the two events. He is really starting to assert himself as a racing pilot, young guys like the Leknys brothers are the future of Control line in WA.

I congratulate and thank all the helpers who set up the field leading up to the weekend. Graeme and Trevor are always first in to get things done behind the scenes.

Big thank you's go to ; Jim Tevaskis for BBQ and line processing duties (along with Graeme) , Georgia for looking after the food and drinks. Paul Cameron for time keeping all weekend. (I think he timed at every F2C heat) Dave Gannon for the BBQ meat supply and Tracy for the Salads. Graeme again for setting up the PA system. Steve and Jenny for hosting a great curry night for everyone to socialise and catch up with partners. Also thank you to the volunteers who did the time keeping all weekend and anyone else that was involved with helping to run a very enjoyable event.

Everyone had a good time, competed hard and showed good sportsmanship. All but one F2F model made it safely back to the hangar and we gained valuable experience competing with our Eastern States visitors. You guys are welcome any time.

With the on going improvements at Whiteman park we will have the leading Control line competition site in Australia.

The results are attached.

Take care all.

Rob Fry

F2F Results

Team	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Rank
SHERBURN / DYSON	4:44:02	6:22:50	4:26:84	DQ		
LETCHFORD / WALTON	DNF 28	DQ 92	4:21:69	DQ		
BELLIS / GANNON	DQ	4:26:47	4:15:22	4:08:59	DQ 134	3 rd
R.LEKNYS / MORROW	DNF 62	DNS	DNS	DNS		
G.WILSON / ELLINS	5:00:41	4:39:28	4:04:40	NO FLY	8:25:81	2 nd
FRY / KIRTON	DQ	4:23:50	4:26:85	4:30:22		
PARKS / NOLAN	5:03:50	4:56:50	4:41:53	DQ 32		
M.WILSON / POSCHKENS	DQ	3:55:04	3:55:57	NO FLY	7:55:28	1 st
TEMPLAR / FITZGERALD	6:04:41	5:18:15	DNF 43	NO FLY		
S.LEKYNYS / TAYLOR	DQ 37	4:14:03	5:08:22	4:17:18		
HOOGENKAMP / C.LECKNYS	4:29:59	4:26:73	4:44:03	DQ		

F2C Results

Team	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Final	Rank
LETCHFORD / WALTON	4:31:63	3:37:60	3:27:35	3:34:03		
G.WILSON / GANNON	3:25:61	3:24:47	3:37:31	3:28:75	7:33:56	3 rd
M.WILSON / POSCHKENS	3:15:60	3:12:50	DQ 69	3:18:94	6:44:47	2 nd
S.LEKYNYS / TAYLOR	5:02:41	4:45:37	5:22:81	4:53:50		
HOOGENKAMP / C.LECKNYS	DQ 26	3:40:15	DQ	DQ 1		
R.LEKNYS / MORROW	3:44:16	4:06:97	3:29:34	3:51:47		
FITZGERALD / ELLINS	3:14:81	3:46:06	3:08:75	3:19:41	6:37:35	1 st
SHERBURN / DYSON	DNS	DQ 34	DNS	DNS		

Some shots of an action packed weekend!

Catch!



And Release!



Let's not get too familiar—watch those hands!



Whip it! Whip it good!!



Tale feathers

WA Model Aircraft Sports
Centre, Beechboro Road
Whiteman Park

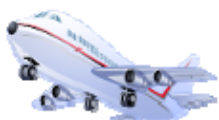
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Got any good stories or
lessons learned ?

Consider being a contribut-
ing writer. We would love
to hear from you and put
you in print.

Contact the committee:
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T.E.A.M Whiteman

Welcome to the **W.A. Model Aircraft Sports Centre Inc.** Our aims are to operate the best model aircraft facility in Australia, and to encourage and assist others to participate in our hobby for maximum enjoyment and safety.

The facility has been developed to cater for most forms of miniature aeronautics with specific areas for control line, fixed wing, and helicopters. The control line area features a concrete circle for team racing, and a grass circle for general flying. The fixed wing and helicopter areas feature covered pits, bitumen runways, and a large grassed area for helicopter training.

The spirit of our facility is summed up as **T.E.A.M. Whiteman.** A lofty ideal that we hope someday all members will aspire to.

T: TOGETHER

E: EVERYONE

A: ACHIEVES

M: MORE

Safety Procedures Manual 2010 is now in force

FOR SALE

if you have any items you wish to advertise for sale, place an advert here . It's simple to do and its free.

Safety Procedures Manual 2010

On the 8th April the council approved the updated version of the WAMASC Safety Procedures Manual. It is available with amendments from our website and will shortly be available in hard copy.

Please make yourself familiar with its contents. Some of the major changes and updates are listed here:

- Fire weather alert and flight banning
- Dual zone simultaneous helicopter operations with fixed/rotary safety pilot communications requirements
- First Person View (FPV) synthetic vision operations
- Bungee Launched powered aircraft operations
- Revised frequency control requirements
- High Alpha or 3D flight operations
- Introduction of MOP04I Member Protection

Articles for Wingtips or Articles for Tales!

Guys and Girls, there are a lot of very experienced and talented miniature aircraft builders and flyers amongst us. If you have any helpful tips or "But there for the grace of God go I" tales that you might like to pass along to the rest of us, please get in touch with the committee: committee@wamasc.org.au as we would love to put your story in print.

Remember, we will never live long enough to make all the mistakes ourselves so it is important to learn from others.

Again we hope you got something out of this, our second publication if only so you get the facts and not the rumours. Finally, if you do not want to be included in the general distribution, let us know that or if you know someone who might like to receive it too please.

Safe Landings from the Committee.