

# Wingtips & Tales



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## Welcome to a new council year!

Well here we are back again for a new council year.

Before I welcome aboard the new council delegates I must again acknowledge the dedication and tireless work ethic displayed by our immediate past Secretary, Warrick Mitchell.

Warrick served a full year as the Secretary and before that as a Vice Chair. He has kept scrupulous records of meetings, attended to voluminous amounts of correspondence and generally kept us on the straight and narrow with regard to the Constitution.

Even major shoulder reconstructive surgery and a stint high as a kite on pain killers didn't stop him pitching in and helping us during his convalescence. That was an interesting time mate!

So my sincere and heartfelt thanks to a man who gave of his time to the point that both his employer and his fiancé raised eyebrows.

Warrick, thank you from all of us in the committee and on the council - enjoy your retirement from council!

To the new recruits. Welcome aboard and I trust that you will serve the State Centre diligently by aspiring to the basic ideal of "fostering miniature aviation in all its forms". This will of course test you when it necessitates you, as a council member, to think of the Centre first and your club second.

So knuckle down and help us to move the centre forward in a meaningful way this year.

Let's also just hope that this year does not throw so many grenades at us as did last year.

Last year we came to the realization that our Constitution needed some tweaking and that is already underway.

We also received strong (should I say extremely forceful) pressure from Whiteman Park to allow the establishment of a road racing model car club right under one of our flight paths. This took not an inconsiderable amount of time, representation, mediation and strident negotiation to bring Whiteman around to our way of thinking.

Disaster was averted and we probably made a few enemies along the way, but I can live with that.

The question of tenure and lease negotiations has been a hot topic. In short, no matter who our landlord is at the moment or will be in the future, our future here is assured. More on that later.

So onward and upward. Support your council delegates and let's move forward together.

Safe flying

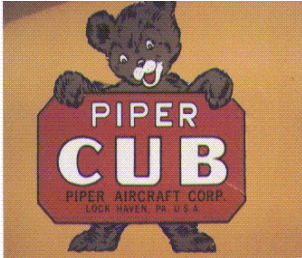
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WAMASC Chair 09/10/11



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## FAQ on Understanding the proposed changes to the Constitution



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The easiest way to help people understand what is driving the changes we have been proposing to incorporate into the Constitution is to first get a handle on why these changes are needed at all. So here is a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) summary that we hope might help you all:

**Question 1:** Why change the Constitution at all? It has served us well in its current form.

**Answer:** Like all bureaucratic governance documents, the Incorporated Bodies Act is a “living” document in and of itself. By this we mean that it is amended from time to time to keep pace with change, public demand, social moors and changing local, state and federal legislation.

As WAMASC is an incorporated body under this Act, we are required to operate within the tenets of an approved Constitutional framework.

This framework is laid out for us by the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) so that we may formulate and tailor our Constitution for them to approve and us to operate within. So, in short, as our Constitution exists as a result of a “living” legislative requirement it too should be a “living” document like the legislative premise it is based upon and should change when and if required to keep in lockstep with the wishes of the State. Along with the required changes, this also represents an opportunity to modernize, revitalize and align our Constitution with our immediate needs and our perceived needs well into the future.

**Question 2:** The question that some quarters seem to be most skeptical about is “Will the management of

Whiteman Park move to the Department of Environment and Conservation or will it stay where it is?”

**Answer:** YES it will move. The committee has been advised on several occasions that this is the long term government intention and this will happen.

**Question 3:** What does this mean for the WAMASC lease agreement with Whiteman Park?

**Answer:** DEC have indicated that all current and future leases will be through the representational state bodies. This means for aeromodelling, shooting, or any other special interest group that all future lease agreements will be between DEC and the state body representing those special interests. In our case, this will be between DEC and AWA for all leases on DEC administered land.

**Question 4:** If AWA holds the leases for all the state flying sites, what is the current model for the way AWA will then handle those leases?

**Answer:** AWA will sub-lease a site to a member club.

**Question 5:** How does this affect the current situation at WAMASC with seven clubs and what happens to my club?

**Answer:** A draft Constitutional change has already been discussed at WAMASC council which will change the status of clubs within the Constitution. In short the clubs will become affiliate members and the affiliate members will become the members. Members may still join any number of clubs they wish and so maintain any perceived traditions or historical significance of any particular club name. This

change effectively makes WAMASC a club for the purposes of holding a lease with AWA for our site.

**Question 6:** Is there an example of a group that has restructured to form a club and then gone on to obtain a grant from the AWA?

**Answer:** Yes. The control line flyers in various clubs joined together to form a new club CLAW with the aim of developing a control line facility at Whiteman Park. CLAW was the first club to receive a grant from AWA.

**Question 7:** Did this mean that the individual clubs were then disbanded when CLAW was founded?

**Answer:** No. A good example of a club prospering is the control line club Mercurians which was founded in circa 1946, yet still exists within the umbrella CLAW.

Since the formation of CLAW some seven years ago, all the clubs have continued to operate. The development of the control line area has been very successful under CLAW management.

**Question 8:** Why doesn't AWA change its rules to suit WAMASC and allow leases and grants to organizations other than member clubs with at least 10 members? Wouldn't that be simpler?

**Answer:** AWA is an organization with the clubs in Western Australia as its members. A duplicate organization to AWA within its membership is not the preferred model and it makes more sense for the State Centre to conform to AWA requirements than the other way around.

**Question 9:** Why now? Why not wait till it is forced upon us?

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**Answer:** It is far better to be prepared for change and dictate that change on your own terms than it is to have others do it for you. Delay would also see WAMASC continue to miss out on avenues of funding that have so far gone begging because of this silly situation.

**Question 10:** When new

members come to the field, will they be advised that they need not join a club?

**Answer:** Joining members will be advised that there exists seven clubs at the field and, should they desire to do so, they may join any or several of these entities. It will not be the job of WAMASC committee or council to dis-

courage membership of any body as this goes against our fundamental tenet of "fostering aeromodelling". However the need to join or not join shall be left to the individuals.



## Charter for members flying at WAMASC

During the previous year of incumbency as Chair of WAMASC and yet again in the first meetings of my new year, I have seen some entrenched mindsets that in the least: are bordering on paranoid and at worst: are amongst the most blatant pushing of the "club first" self-interest barrow at the expense of the wider flying community at WAMASC that I have ever seen. So, I shall lay out here some very fundamental ideas which I would like all to think about from a non-club viewpoint and which I would like to include in any membership application in future. Plagiarizing what a very famous man once said "Ask not what WAMASC can do for you, but what you can do for WAMASC."

### Charter for Members flying at WAMASC

1. I understand that WAMASC is a shared facility & that it is to be shared between all members.
2. I understand that it is a requirement of the lease that events are held at WAMASC .
3. I am prepared to contribute in these events to foster and promote aeromodelling in all its forms.
4. Competition is an integral part of our sport and I am prepared to forgo whatever is required to ensure competitions can be run during the year.
5. The calendar is set by the council in December for the following year and can be altered by council from time to time as required.
6. I understand that no one club has exclusive claim to any particular flying day at WAMASC.
7. I am prepared to give of my time and effort to develop the site.

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## WAMASC PROJECTS

### Earthmoving

In spite of delays and bureaucratic red tape, we are still forging on with our planned upgrades.

We soon want to be transporting soil onto the site in preparation for leveling the field and raising the eastern end. If no members can assist with heavy machinery in the form transport (trucks) or earthmoving (bobcats and the like) then we are going to have to buy them in.

### Clubhouse

In concert with this effort, your project team has presented a draft plan for a new clubhouse which was supposed to be taken back to all members by their delegates for comment.

To assist you and them with this, I have included a copy on the following page which you are most welcome to scribble on, copy modify or whatever else you may deem appropriate to get your ideas across. Please help us to help you by giving your input.

Once it is under construction, it is too late!

### Funding sub-committee

There is still room for volunteers to join the sub-committee drafting the grant applications. Now that our finances are in a position to bear scrutiny by those with the power to give us money, we need to present a coherent proposal that appeals. So, if you think you can help, please contact the Chair or Vice and we will put you in touch with the “movers and shakers”.

### REMINDER

#### Working Bee.....Field Closure

To assist with general maintenance around the field, tidy up pre-WOW and other minor items, it was decided at council to close the field for a three day period to enable all clubs to lend a hand and make light work of, what would otherwise be a mammoth task for the few who are always willing to bend their backs on your behalf.

So, over the weekend Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of October, the field will be closed to general flying to allow you all to contribute to this task. This covers 90% of flyers who have the privilege to use our field, so all should be available to assist.

Please do not shirk this but instead give up an hour or two of your time on these dates. It would be most appreciated by your council.

### WOW 2010

Guys our annual display is fast approaching— 16th and 17th October and we still have an absolutely pathetic volunteer rate from clubs. Please stand up and be counted. There is plenty to do on both sides of the fence so get off your butts and help out!

Committee



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### **Member Product Review South Herts Glow**

**Cheers”**

One of the WAMASC members has kindly put some words together on an onboard glow system which incorporates a very innovative new design. I would have included it in this newsletter but it would have blown it out by another 6 or 7 pages. Instead, if you want to read more on this fabulous unit from “South Herts” please follow this link: <http://www.boomerangswa.org/technical/Review%20of%20South%20Herts%20Models%20Advanced%20Glow%20Switch.pdf> .



## Woodwork Show Claremont Show Grounds



We were kindly invited to the Wood Work show over the 6, 7 and 8 August 2010 at the Claremont Show Grounds to exhibit.

This is the premier event each year patronized by thousands over the weekend and once again we appreciate the invitation to participate and showcase our Sport/Hobby to a wide audience.

This year we had a minor hiccup with the our allotted area due to the Boat Display taking over the lions share, but a compromise was reached and we managed to

have a pretty good display.

The centre piece of our display was the spectacular 8 engine Scratch Built scale model of the Spruce Goose, kindly loaned to us by

Rob Woodhouse from DAMS, and attracted many to our display.

The display was very well received and we had a lot of interest and compliments from people wanting to know more about aeromodelling or just enjoying reminiscing over their past experiences. We all thoroughly enjoyed the whole

weekend.

Thanks to Graeme Cooke (CLAW), Reno Canalini (BSAA), Peter Brien (WAJMS) and Dave Nolan (CLAW) and especially to Rob Woodhouse all the way from Capel for the loan of their models. Also to our helpers who manned the stand during the weekend. Kim and Rob Gadden, Malc Nicklin Paul White, Peter Papatriandafilu, (BSAA) Dave Nolan and Peter Brien.

A big thank you and much appreciated.

Cheers Bill Davies.



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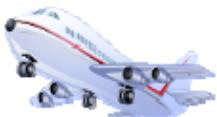
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[www.wamasc.org.au](http://www.wamasc.org.au)

## MEMBERS IT'S YOUR NEWS LETTER

Got any good stories or lessons learned ?

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

Contact the committee:  
[committee@wamasc.org.au](mailto:committee@wamasc.org.au)



## 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](mailto: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.**