

CMAC NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

April – June 2018



Members all,

Some important things from around the Club are covered below:

1. **Membership renewals**

Membership renewals are due for 2018-19. You'll soon receive a reminder from our Treasurer about this. Forms are on the website.

2. **Encouraging new memberships**

The CMAC Committee believes reducing the additional "one-off" first time CMAC membership levy from \$100 to \$50 will help attract some new members. Anyone with views on this, and on other ways to encourage new members can send their thoughts to the Committee.

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3. **Operating Procedures and flying rules.**

Don't forget, the new procedures are on the CMAC website and a copy is in the Clubhouse. It goes without saying that the rules apply to everyone equally.

Please be aware that we are required to follow the MAAA rule about having 30m between operating aircraft and other people (non-pilots) who are not clearly involved in the flying.

4. **Risk Assessment.**

The Club's risk assessment was recently updated and forwarded to CASA. It will be available on the website. You will see that it ties in with our general procedures at the Club. Special attention is given to the fact that we exist within 3 NM of the Canberra Airport – we ought to remember that this makes us a little more vulnerable to scrutiny than other Clubs in Australia, so we should act accordingly.

5. **Visitor's Book**

Please, make sure all visitors who intend to fly at our Club be signed in on the Visitor's Book. It's part of our MAAA responsibilities to be taken seriously. The Committee is considering setting some upper annual limit here regarding the frequency with which members from other MAA affiliated Clubs may fly at CMAC (ie, if they're flying here often then they really should join our Club).

6. **Arrester Barrier**

We now have a nice new arrester barrier at the northern end of the field. Thanks particularly to Peter May for his good work on this. Here's hoping you need never use it, but it will likely save your model from hitting the very much more damaging boundary fence if it's heading that way.

7. **CMAC hosting demonstrations.**

There has been some debate around about whether we require visiting demonstrators with specifically commercial interests to hold their own insurance. The answer is, we do require this. Non-recreational activities are not covered by the MAAA insurance. All enquiries and requests get vetted accordingly.

8. Smoking.

In line with similar organisations, CMAC now has a strict No-Smoking area – that is, no smoking within 4m of the clubhouse. This is in addition to no smoking in the pits or to the west of them.

9. David Haycraft.

Long-time CMAC member and frequent Committee Member, David Haycraft, will not be joining us at the flight line – he's hanging up his transmitter - and we will miss him. Among his many contributions, David put in big efforts to keep our website looking current and interesting - for example, he's been in charge of publishing the model of the month for years. Here's hoping he drops by to say hello from time-to-time.

10. Facebook.

Any snippets for the web? Remember you're actively encouraged to join our Facebook page and post thoughts and snaps there.

11. CMAC Scale event

CMAC's scale weekend will be held on the first weekend in September (1-2 Sept). We're hoping for slightly better weather than last year. A call out for helpers for that weekend will be forthcoming.

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