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Coming Events

| | | |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| August 04 | Fun Fly #4 | MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch |
| August 05 | AGM General Meeting | MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Dinner 7:00pm |
| October 06 | Fun Fly #5 | MRCHC St Leonards. BBQ Lunch |

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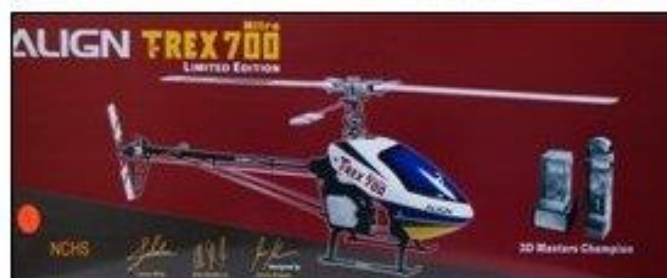
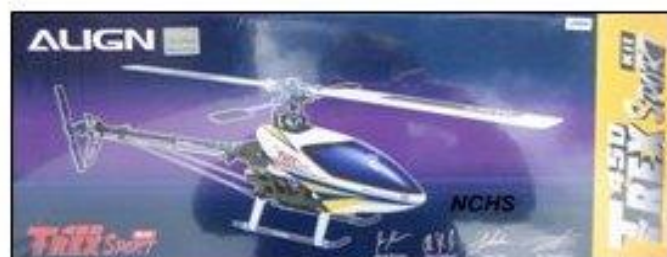
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



August 2013

Another year has flown by! Our club continues to grow and our facilities are top class. I would like to thank all the members for their contribution to the club – the camaraderie is as good as it gets and we have had an incident free year of flying.

A special thanks to the outgoing committee – I think as President I have the easiest job! With Paul as Treasurer the finances are in good shape, and with Peter as Secretary all the admin is up to date. I note the regular housekeeping emails from Peter thanking all those that contribute to the upkeep but I would like to acknowledge that he leads by example. I would also like to thank Ben who despite a significant little distraction, has made sure we continue to run our fun fly's. Hopefully one day we will see a 3D component woven into this event.

To Jason G – not an easy job being the editor of a magazine that nobody wants to contribute to! The FaceBook page is perhaps a better medium for keeping up to date with the club activities – we can discuss further at our AGM. As I mentioned earlier, our safety record is clean, and while there are some that complained about the changes, thanks to Jason R for his efforts in keeping safety front of mind. To Rob, though not having the time to fly as often I am sure he wants, when needed he gave of his skills willingly. And last but not least thanks to Roger who is responsible for maintaining our great relationship with the School and Carl for his generous contribution to our facilities.

While it does not appeal to all, interest in F3C appears to be growing. We currently have a team competing at the world championships and in November we hope to have a good turnout at our State Championships. Please also support the AFF Positive Pitch event over the weekend 25 to 27 October. They have put together a fantastic program and if you want to see the best in world class 3D flying, this is the place to be.

In conclusion, it's time again to form your committee to guide the club for the year to come. Please consider contributing or at least ensuring you have your say as to who you want to represent you in running the affairs of your club

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Monday 5th of August at our Club house

Jeff

Treasurer Report



This report covers the full financial year from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. It will be presented to the club Annual General Meeting on 5 August 2013.

Overall the club had a good year financially. We invested \$7,221 in our new club house yet still managed to end the year with a loss of only \$3,062.

Membership

Our annual membership renewals were pretty good this year, with just seven members choosing not to renew.

At the same time, we welcomed five new members in the last couple of months:

Phill Coghill

Paul Webber

Gerhard Hannemann

Ian Turner

Ian Rankin

So our current membership stands at 48.

Finances

Overall the club finances are looking healthy. Our overall income was higher than last year by \$1,600 and our expenses were almost exactly the same as last year before taking the investment in our new club house into account.

Clubhouse

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to set up the new club house! I think it's looking terrific and is certainly good value.

So far we have spent \$7,220. Planned outlay in the next financial year is around \$2,000 to replace the floor covering.

Balance Sheet

Here is the June 2013 balance sheet position:

| Account | This Year | Last Year | Difference |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Assets: | | | |
| Cheque | \$8,415.88 | \$6,217.17 | \$2,198.71 |
| Undeposited Funds | -\$55.00 | \$0.00 | -\$55.00 |
| Investment | \$23,415.04 | \$26,000.00 | -\$2,584.96 |
| Petty Cash | \$900.70 | \$397.60 | \$503.10 |
| PayPal | \$184.00 | \$184.00 | \$0.00 |
| Withholding Tax Credits | \$344.00 | \$0.00 | \$344.00 |
| Trade Debtors | \$1,275.00 | \$300.00 | \$975.00 |
| Total Assets | \$34,479.62 | \$33,098.77 | \$1,380.85 |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| VMAA & MAAA + Insurance | \$4,332.00 | -\$112.00 | \$4,444.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$4,332.00 | -\$112.00 | \$4,444.00 |
| Net Assets | \$30,147.62 | \$33,210.77 | -\$3,063.15 |

Our overall asset balance is \$30,147, which is \$3,063 less than at the close of last year. Considering the \$7,220 that went to the new club house this is a good result.

You can see from the above table that we owed the VMAA \$4,332 at the end of June – this is for the next year's VMAA/MAAA membership and has now been paid.

The cheque has cleared the bank account now so I expect that we will all receive our new year membership cards soon.

Year to Date Income & Expenditure

Income

The Club income comes from membership fees (the bulk of which come in at the end of our year at annual renewal time), sale of club apparel, events, sale of drinks and BBQs at the club house (which forms the bulk of Other Income) and bank interest.

| Income | This Year | Last Year | Difference |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sale of Stocked Items | \$920.00 | \$0.00 | \$920.00 |
| Membership | \$6,075.00 | \$5,424.00 | \$651.00 |
| Events | \$520.00 | \$995.00 | -\$475.00 |
| Food and drink | \$760.40 | \$525.57 | \$234.83 |
| Other Income | \$240.00 | \$111.00 | \$129.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$761.64 | \$622.00 | \$139.64 |
| Total | \$9,277.04 | \$7,677.57 | \$1,599.47 |

As mentioned earlier, the main differences, both positive, from last year are the sale of club clothing and a higher level of membership fees.

Expense

Generally our expenses fall into the categories listed below:

| Expense | This Year | Last Year | Difference |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cost of Stocked Items | 1,351.13 | 0.00 | 1,351.13 |
| Field Expenses | 1,819.75 | 3,336.49 | -1,516.74 |
| Club House | 7,221.31 | 0.00 | 7,221.31 |
| Meeting Expenses | 0.00 | 110.00 | -110.00 |
| Club Training Helicopters | 0.00 | 465.50 | -465.50 |
| Events | 145.70 | 395.30 | -249.60 |
| Food, Drink etc. | 1,104.12 | 425.17 | 678.95 |
| Other | 697.18 | 298.50 | 398.68 |
| Total | 12,339.19 | 5,030.96 | 7,308.23 |
| Net Profit / -Loss | -\$3,062.15 | \$2,646.61 | -\$5,708.76 |

Key differences between this year and last year are: club apparel, donations to Cornish College where last year we gave \$2,000 to support creation of the new school, and investment in our new clubhouse.

The other item of note is that we seem to be spending more on food and drink supplies and selling more too... at a small loss. Not sure why except that from time to time Jeff has said "let's not charge for the BBQ today". Can't argue with that, as the occasions were the Christmas party and the working Bees on the club house.

As always, if you have any questions about the club finances please contact me.

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1. No member shall fly or operate their **helicopter equipment**, which has not been tested and checked prior to first flight, is obviously faulty or is obviously in need of repair.
2. No member shall fly or operate **equipment** to the danger of others or in a manner as to present the likelihood of harm or injury to person's or person's property.
3. The **Frequency Keyboard** shall be used at all times where possible for 36Mhz . NO person shall fly or operate any equipment unless the appropriate frequency key is in position on the keyboard. No person shall **remove a Frequency Key** from the Frequency board apart from the owner thereof.
4. **Frequency Keys** are not required for 24Ghz Spread Spectrum but transmitters must be on the approved list Refer [MOP 058](#)
5. Any member or visitor found to have **caused loss or damage** to any other member's Helicopter, property or equipment through unauthorized operation of their own equipment or by dangerous or irresponsible behavior shall be liable for such damage or loss.
6. NO pilot shall take off or land in the **pit area**, fly over the pit area or the Car Parking area. Flying is permitted in Authorised flight areas only (ref. map in the Club House).
- 7 All pilots shall maintain 9 meter separation form their helicopters at all times
8. No member is permitted to fly unless they can be identified by **wearing a current Membership Identification**.
9. **Visitors** flying at the field must sign the visitor's book prior to flying: - Visitor Rules apply. A Current member must sponsor the visitor and brief the visitor of the club's Flying Rules.
10. A directive from a club **Safety Officer** or a Committee member shall be complied with immediately. Any dispute settled later by the committee.
11. Hovering in the **hovering area** shall not exceed 5 meters in altitude. Pilot must not hover the helicopter between the Pilot and the Pits.
12. The **hovering area** is for hovering, the model must not exceed walking pace.
13. **Mobile Phones** are not allowed on at the flight line at any time, Mobile Phones are allowed in the pits and in cars.
14. **There is to be no flying on Fire Ban days**.
15. All members who wish to fly on the **main flight** lines will require to have their Helicopter Bronze wings or greater endorsement. Visitors wishing to fly on the main flight lines will be required to have a member accompany them whilst on the main flight lines until such time as they have obtained their endorsement.