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Upcoming Events:

7/10/16 to 9/10/16

(1pm Fri to 4pm Sun)

Heli Gods FunFly

Refer this issue for details

19-20/11/16 (Sat/Sun)

State Championships

Venue: TBC

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<http://www.mrchc.org.au/contact/>

Editor's Bit

Ray Close

Today's edition has been released to help all of us prepare for the upcoming heligods funfly to be held on the 7th to the 10th of October (next Friday 1pm to Sunday 4pm).

Thanks goes to all the club members who helped in preparation for this event which is anticipated to raise the profile of RC Helicopters and the MRCHC.

The help offered by everyone to date is greatly appreciated and hopefully the weather is kind to us during the event.

I hope that everyone comes along and adds to the jovial spirit this type of event traditionally provides.



Working Bee – Thank you everyone.

Well the working bee was a great help. We mostly moved the mound of dirt and filled the tyre tracks. We washed the outside of the clubhouse and mowed walking and flight line paths.



Some of the working bee team messing around - Ben, Gary, Peter and Peter

Working Bee - Continued

Some people had blisters and callouses... evidence of the hard work from removing the dirt pile.



The Mountain of dirt has now been leveled to only a hump. The flightline is now pretty smooth thanks to manual leveling - good work guys.



The club house is a bit cleaner due to a bit of a scrub.



HELIGODS FUNFLY NOTES:

Things which all members should be aware of:

- 1) *We are guests at the school so please help ensure that nothing occurs that could jepordise this relationship. This means that all club members should observe whats going on around them and report any incident that could be an issue to either myself or Jeff. Also you have permission to politely remind event participants as well. If there is any objection please see Ray or Jeff to personally address the issue.*
- 2) *There will now be two tables at each flight station. One table - the closest table to the pilot - is to be used for arming and disarming helicopters. The other table is to be used for general purpose activities including transmitters or models.*
- 3) *Meals will be offered and we are after volunteers to cook/handle monies etc. This also applies to when we are collecting pilot registration fees and issuing wrist bands on Friday and Saturday*
- 4) *Please observe and keep things clean. If you see any rubbish on the ground - pick it up.*
- 5) *No alcohol is allowed on the school grounds*
- 6) *On camping nights (Friday/Saturday) the gates will be shut from 10.00pm.*
- 7) *If you have a moment spare, please come and ask either myself or jeff if there is anything you can do. Most the time we will respond only with simple tasks - but your assistance adds to helping us focus on the event and as there will be a lot going on.*

EVENT START: FRIDAY 1PM OCTOBER 7th through to 4pm SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th

FRIDAY: Used primarily for Kyle Stacy training though second flight line will be open for flights

All pilots MUST be registered and have MAAA insurance.

GENERAL FIELD LAYOUT and BOUNDARIES



PILOTS BRIEFING:

There are three flight lines: 1) the main flightline - the 2nd Main flight line and the back flight line. All of these are marked with white paint.

All pilots flying on these flightlines must be accompanied by a spotter. The spotters role is to keep observing the airspace around the pilot to ensure there is no risk of collision between models or there is no danger to existing personell.

Pilots on the flightlines must be MAAA registered and have at least bronze/silver wings certification. You must have your MAAA registration number available and recorded against your name before flying. You will be identified as a registered pilot by the wrist band. No wrist band, no fly.

If by some chance you loose control of your model and the helicopter flies back over your head please hit throttle hold. This also applies if the helicopter is approaching the boundry of the trees at the rear of the flight line.

Drones can be flown at the area behind the clubhouse and below the tree line adjacent to the main flight line path.

There are two tables positioned at each flight line. The table closest to the pilot is to be used for arming and disarming. Helicopters should not be armed beyond the arming - disarming table. The second table is to be used to general purpose objects like models and transmitters etc.

The pilot should be 9 meters away from his model when taking off and landing

All onlookers and others at the event must be 30 meters behind the pilot.

Toilets are at the school or at the Radio Club's shed behind our Club House. Please respect these amenites as we are borrowing them in good faith.

When charging please do not load more than a couple of batteries at one time as we need to be mindful of avoiding tripping any power circuits.

Keep your wrist band on at all times.

The two ovals to the right of the school entry driveway can be used for flying Saturday and Sunday only and only if there is a representative from the MRCHC present and as well spotters.

If there is any person requiring medical assistance for whatever reason, please note the first aid sign next to the exit door closest to the flying field. There are GPS co-ordinates that will help the ambulance/police find the clubhouse.

Most importantly have a good time. We want this to be a jovial event - one which you can look back on and still have a smile on your face.

MRCHC Inc Club Flying Rules

The MRCHC has an outstanding safety record. The safety of our members and our visitors is foremost to the Club and so the following rules are in place to help maintain a safe flying environment. Please observe the following rules at all times.

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 behaviour 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.
16. 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.