



NEWSLETTER

Sydney Radio Control Society

September 2010

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New Field Special Edition

"The Missions"



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You are cordially invited
to
The Official Opening Ceremony
of our new field
“THE MISSIONS”

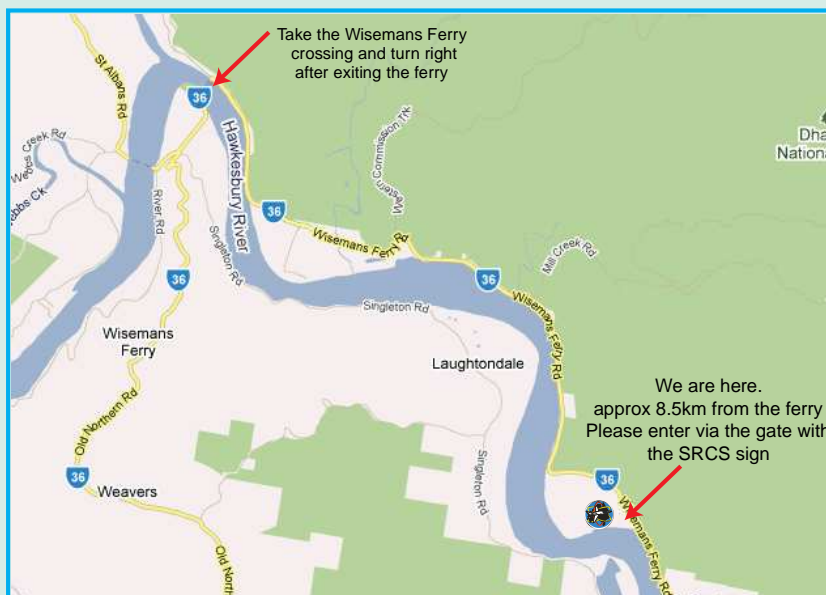
This will be a really festive occasion,
please feel free to bring along
family and friends.

Please RSVP to Stephen.liseo@gmail.com

Where: 6425 Wisemans Ferry Rd, Gunderman
When: 10am Saturday 25th September

Programme

10:00 am Opening Ceremony
10:30 am General Flying Commences
12:30 pm BBQ Lunch and refreshments provided



The Missions Report

Well a great deal has been happening since the AGM in August. Work at the new field has been going ahead in leaps and bounds with great progress being made. Our new strip and pits area have been marked out, slashed and mowed and are already greening up very nicely, in fact the whole area looks magnificent. Work has been done to improve access with the addition of gates and some changes made to fence lines. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have a new toilet and the Philip Hibble shelter will have been re-constructed. We already have a new (non -leaking) container setup at the site. The safety barrier has be-rebuilt and most importantly we have a wind sock. The paddock has been transformed into a really great flying field. The strip is in great condition considering it was a paddock three weeks ago and whilst some more improvement work to level it a bit is planned it is almost ready to fly off. Smaller models may need to wait for the grass to improve a little but at this stage a 40 size with decent wheels should have no trouble.

Thanks to all those that have been helping out at the working bees, the rate of progress has been great. Once people have a look at this property they just can't wait to get flying and everyone is keen to get the work done. We have had crews working at the site Friday and Saturday for the last three weeks.

No doubt you have noticed in the newsletter there is an invitation to the official opening ceremony for the site. This occasion marks the official beginning of flying at the field and whilst we envisage there will still be work to be done we will try to ensure that we strike a balance between flying time and work time.

The more I visit the site the more I realise how lucky we are to have the access to this property that we do. What we now have is arguably one of the best fields in the state. It is absolutely critical that all members do everything in their power to ensure that nothing is done to jeopardise our use of the land. This is not just limited to doing the right thing yourself but proactively ensuring that all members, guests and visitors do the right thing as well.

We will be reviewing the current rules and operating procedures in detail in the coming months however in the meantime we have drafted a set of interim rules for operations at the new field. Please read these rules thoroughly and ensure you are familiar with them. It is not just up to committee members to ensure the rules are adhered to but rather is up to every member of the club. It is safe to say that the existence of our model aviation as we know it is under serious threat in the Sydney basin, SRCS has been given a great opportunity to ensure that our hobby continues to develop. Please do everything possible to ensure our continued and long term use of the property.

Special Membership Offer

To mark the special occasion of the opening ceremony of our new field the committee has decided to waive the \$150 joining fee for anyone who was a member of SRCS who did not renew their membership only for 2009/10. You will however be required to pay the membership fees that you missed in 2009/2010 as well as this years fees.

Anyone who was not a member for 2008/9 needs to pay the normal new member amount plus the joining fee and also be subject to approval by the committee before they are allowed in. Anyone who did not renew their membership just for 2009/10 we will allow in automatically once they pay the correct amount.

Full Senior	\$260
Full Pensioner	\$164
Associated Senior	\$146
Associated Pensioner	\$61

This offer is valid for one month only and expires 10th of October 2010. Any ex-member applying after this date will have to pay the full joining fee of \$150. This is a great opportunity to get back into flying at our fantastic new field.

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THE 2010 – 2011 COMMITTEE

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These items can be purchased from the Club Treasurer

Club metal badges	\$5 ea.
Club cloth badges	\$5 ea.
SRCS stickers	50c ea
Club tee shirt	\$25 ea
Club caps	\$15 ea.

At the moment the Club has plenty of stock of caps and shirts available, so why not lash out and invest in a new Club shirt and cap. Don't forget that the Club badges issued to this years financial members must be worn at all times. A perfect place to wear it is on your new cap.

These items are available from Rick Pearson at the field.

Sizes for the shirts are small, large and extra large in blue or grey.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at Castle Hill RSL Saturday 21st August
Meeting opened at 10:30

Apologies	Associate Members	Members	Visitors
Col Lyttle Corrine Pelat John Crockford Rick Rapley	Barry Franklin Tim Owen Norm Bantin Col Bruce Jodie French Stewart Clarke Ben Burrell	Stephen Liseo Ewald Klinkenberg Mike Close Noel Dalton John Howard John Cahill David Fisher Wayne Laycock Phil Chapman Phil Norris Matt Holloway Wayne Waddington Peter Thompson Baldo Polizzi Richard Pearson Ian Stewart	John Hanna Bob fear Colin Bacon David Bacon

Chair: Mike Close

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of AGM 29th August 2009 Distributed
Minutes QGM 19th June 2010 Distributed

Presentation by Mike Close

Mike gave a detailed Power Point presentation detailing the issues that have faced the club since the closure of the Vineyard field. And then went on to describe in detail with maps and photos the proposed new site at Wisemans Ferry.

Key Points re the new site

- Large area with existing aviation use
- Land owner is Aviation enthusiast and happy for us to fly on his property
- We believe we can be flying at the site within 4 weeks
- No cost to use the land
- 45 -55 Minutes from a line drawn between Sydney and Pennant Hills
- A fantastic flying site
- Available to fly when we like
- Other benefits include camping, fishing, swimming and a Bed and Breakfast on the site
- Work to be done, working bee's organised
- The field has been registered MASNSW

Question: re need for a DA

Mike Close: Land owner (Roy) believes a DA not required as the site has historically been used for aviation

Question: Does Roy know what RC aircraft sound like

Mike Close: Yes, Roy used to fly models himself, he is also aware of our current and past membership numbers

Question Phil Norris: Any restrictions on Membership Numbers?

Membership is still technically closed, will remain that way for the time being. Distance to the new field may have an effect on membership. Will wait and see what happens re numbers, get the field and procedures etc. established and re-evaluate in the future.

Question Norm Bantin: Will mid-week flying be permitted

Mike Close: Roy has indicated this will be OK.

Question: Should Roy be encouraged to join the club

Mike Close: This has already been discussed by the committee and we are happy to offer honorary membership to Roy

Question: Is there an option to create a cross strip

Cross wind probably won't be a problem, cross strip could possibly be an option but probably not necessary.

Question Phil Norris: Could chopper fliers have an area on the other side of the car park, option could be looked at.

Stephen Liseo commented that here is no height restriction on the site and this will be good for gliders

Mick Close corrected Stephen to say there is a 3,500ft ceiling.

Question: Will we need to go 2.4ghz

Mike Close: No, there are no clubs in the area

Question: Re. Access to the property.

Mike Close: Bitumen road all the way to the property

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Phil Norris commented that the site might be boggy after heavy rain due to the site being alluvial soil

Mike Close Believes road base is not necessary

Mike Close Mentioned that the Ferry does not run on the first Thursday of the Month between 9 and 12pm, however access via the M3 might be an option

Question Norm Bantin: Can you get a boat into the river easily from the property

Mike Close: Yes definitely

General discussion ensued regarding the best way to access the area

Question Norm Bantin: How do you convert from an associate member to a full member

Mike close: Re-join the following year as a full member

Question Phil Norris: Can we get involved in the aviation museum?

Mike Close: Maybe, we will talk to Roy about this

Phil Chapman: Thanked all those involved for their efforts in finding the place.

Question: Do we have to wait for MAS NSW to reply or confirm

Mike Close: No

Motion to accept the new site

Proposed: Phil Norris

Seconded: Phil Chapman

Unanimous

Working bee for following Friday and Saturday was organised, work to be carried out, marking out the strip, pits etc. mowing and slashing

Volunteers to assist called for, sign-up sheet provided

Motion to give Roy a gift of 12 bottles of wine

Proposed: Phil Norris

Seconded: Baldo Polizzi

Carried unanimous

Motion to approve \$10,000 be made available from club funds to prepare the site.

Proposed: Phil Chapman

Proposed: John Howard

Carried unanimous

Question: When can flying commence

Mike Close: Let's get the field right first, but should be up and running in about 4 weeks

Discussion about using existing keys and locks took place.

It was agreed that we should purchase new locks and keys.

Question: What signage we should put up at the field.

Mike will talk to Roy regarding what is appropriate.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of AGM 29th August 2009

Minutes accepted as true and correct

Moved: Phil Chapman

Seconded: Wayne Laycock

Matters Arising: None

Minutes QGM 19th June 2010

Minutes accepted as true and correct

Moved: Phil Chapman

Seconded: Wayne Laycock

Matters arising: None

President Report

See attached

Treasurers Report

Audited by Rex Broadbent

See attached

Accepted as true and correct

Moved: Noel Dalton

Seconded: Wayne Laycock

Carried

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Motion to refund fees for the following committee positions

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Moved: Wayne Laycock

Seconded: Phil Norris

Carried

Nomination of Committee 2010/20100 Members

President: Mike Close nominated by Noel Dalton, seconded by Wayne Laycock.

Vice President: Matt Holloway nominated by Noel Dalton, seconded by Wayne Laycock.

Secretary: Corrine Pellatt nominated by Stephen Liseo, seconded Wayne Laycock.

Treasurer: Richard Pearce nominated by Wayne Laycock, seconded by Baldo Polizzi.

Newsletter Editor: Stephen Liseo nominated Baldo Polizzi, seconded by Phil Norris.

Ordinary Member: Baldo Polizzi nominated by John Cahill, seconded by Phil Chapman.

Ordinary Member: Wayne Laycock nominated by John Cahill, seconded by Phil Chapman.

Nominations accepted

Phil Chapman thanked Ewald Klinkenberg for the job he has done as treasurer over the past ten years.

General Business

Mike Close: Craig has been looking after current webpage for 5 years but other business commitments prevented him from providing timely support.

The Club should look at other options that will permit more timely and easier update of information on the web site

Stephen Liseo will investigate other options and report back at the next QGM

Meeting Closed at 12.29

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009/10

Obviously really the only activity this year has been the attempt to find a flying field and maintaining the club as an ongoing entity. I have covered an outline of the work that has been done on the field search in my presentation so there is absolutely no point in repeating any of it. However it is fair to record that all those involved in the search have been through several cycles of optimism, then depression, and at times total gloom and doom. Even so we were still able to keep on with the task of trying to secure the club's future. At times the rumour mill got way ahead of the facts and I was told at the AGM of another club that SRCS had folded and its assets had gone to MASNSW. On another occasion I was rung up and told that the caller, who was not a club member, had just heard we had closed and he was distressed about it.

Many people contributed to all the effort that has been put in to the extent they were able to, both from within and outside the committee. We all owe each and every one a big vote of thanks for that. It is clearly impossible to name everyone but I would like to mention two for the exceptional work they have done. Baldo must have driven several thousand miles going around and talking to people and, from outside the committee, Phil Norris has contributed greatly particularly with the work associated with the Development Applications that we put in.

Obviously the committee work during the year concentrated on the field search but the normal routine of the Treasurer/Registrar has had to be done. The Newsletter Editor's role ended up being slightly modified with no formal traditional Newsletter being produced and alternative methods being used for the communications. So thanks to those guys and also obviously everyone else on the committee, without all your efforts we probably would not even be having this meeting.

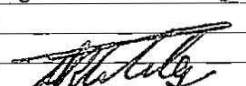
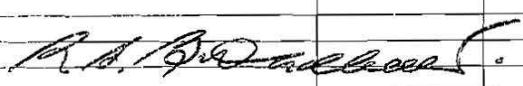
It has been a tough year for everyone who is involved with the club. Hopefully as we look forward to the next year all that is behind us, and we can consider the pleasure of flying again. Before that of course there is work to do

Mike Close

SRCS President.

20th August 2010

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Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]				
	June 2010			
	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	!
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash On Hand				
Westpac - chq a/c	\$8,114.01	\$2,913.33	\$5,200.68	
Petty Cash	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Total Cash On Hand	\$8,124.01	\$2,923.33	\$5,200.68	
Investments				
Westpac term deposit	\$20,661.66	\$20,151.26	\$510.40	
ANZ term deposit	\$39,503.15	\$36,475.67	\$3,027.48	
Total Investments	\$60,164.81	\$56,626.93	\$3,537.88	
Total Current Assets	\$68,288.82	\$59,550.26	\$8,738.56	
Buildings				
Furniture & Fixtures				
Equipment at Cost	\$16,945.23	\$16,945.23	\$0.00	
Less Accum Dep	-\$13,855.07	-\$12,339.97	(\$1,515.10)	
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$3,090.16	\$4,605.26	(\$1,515.10)	
Total Assets	\$71,378.98	\$64,155.52	\$7,223.46	
Liabilities				
Long-Term Liabilities				
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Net Assets	\$71,378.98	\$64,155.52	\$7,223.46	
Equity				
Retained Earnings	\$64,155.52	\$61,111.50	\$3,044.02	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$7,223.46	\$3,044.02	\$4,179.44	
Total Equity	\$71,378.98	\$64,155.52	\$7,223.46	
Signed: E.Klinkenberg, Treasurer				
				
In my opinion the above balance sheet and attached income and expenditure accounts present a true and fair view of the finances of the Society at the end of the financial and the surplus for the year.				
				
Mr. Rex Broadbent, Auditor.				

INTERIM SRCS PROCEDURES

'THE MISSIONS' **GUNDERMAN**

Policy.

During all SRCS operations at 'The Missions', neither the club nor any of its members shall take any actions that shall prejudice continuing use of the site. In the event of any circumstances not being covered by the rules or if there is any ambiguity in methods of operation this shall be the guiding principle to resolve the issue.

Hours of Operation

Available for use from 9 a.m. to dusk seven days a week unless otherwise determined from time to time by the owner or the SRCS Committee.

Emergencies

Members are advised that only the Telstra Mobile network provides reliable mobile communications in the area.

Members should carefully consider the risks involved before operating model aircraft on the site without other persons being present especially if operating helicopters or large models.

Notices

SRCS have placed mandatory and safety information notices on locations throughout the site. These must be observed by all members.

Litter and other items

Members shall not leave any litter on the site and shall use their best endeavours to remove as many fragments of any crashed aircraft as possible.

IF YOU BROUGHT IT ONTO THE SITE THEN YOU TAKE IT AWAY.

Access

Access shall only be by the dedicated SRCS Gate.

In the event that significant damage would be caused by vehicles to the access track due to surface water, or otherwise, the field shall be considered closed.

The owner, or his representative, can close the field on a temporary basis for any reason, at any time, and without notice.

The SRCS Committee can close the field on a temporary basis for any reason, and if practical will provide as much notice as possible to the members.

The main road gate shall never be left unless it is closed and locked. The person opening the gate is specifically responsible for ensuring that it is locked again.

The SRCS padlock for the main gate shall be placed in the chain in such a manner so that no other padlocks are bypassed and each can separately allow the gate to be unlocked.

All internal gates shall be left in the condition they are found.

Unless for specific maintenance purposes, vehicles are not allowed to access the paddock area in which the runway is located.

No persons, including SRCS members, shall enter, or be let onto the site, for any activity that is not being conducted by SRCS on that day.

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Out of Bounds

Unless specific permission is granted SRCS Members are not to approach any of the owner's buildings on site.

Whilst camping and fishing from the site may be permitted at some time in the future this is not allowed until a protocol has been agreed with the owner.

Livestock

Livestock have priority at all times.

Livestock are not to be allowed to get through any gates whilst they are opened for the passage of vehicles.

If livestock are required to be moved off the SRCS runway, this shall be done in a slow and non threatening manner and this shall take priority over model aviation needs.

Flag

When SRCS Members are present on the site, the Australian Flag shall be flown from a flag pole. The first member on site is responsible for raising it and the last to leave to lower and safely store it.

Full Size Aviation

The site is also an airfield used by full size aviation. In accordance with CASA requirements full size aviation has absolute priority over model aircraft operations.

There may be occasions when SRCS is advised that full size operations are expected. This information will, wherever possible, be placed on the club notice board. This may indicate specific times when model flying is prohibited.

Irrespective of any formal notice, aircraft may wish to land at any time. SRCS aircraft must keep well out of the way of any aircraft that are heard or seen in the vicinity normally by immediately flying to a low altitude or landing.

An aircraft wishing to land would normally be expected to overfly a runway at altitude before commencing a full landing circuit. If any manoeuvre is seen which could be interpreted as this, or for any other reason it is believed that an aircraft is preparing to land, then all model aircraft shall land as soon as practical until either the aircraft has landed or flown out of the area.

If a full size aircraft is seen preparing for takeoff then all model aircraft shall land as soon as practical until either the aircraft has flown out of the area, or the takeoff has been aborted for the foreseeable future.

Transmitter Pound and Keyboard

Normal SRCS Transmitter Pound and Keyboard practice shall be followed.

Flight line Procedures and Safety Barrier

Normal SRCS Flight line Procedures and Safety Barrier practice shall be followed.

Other Procedures

All existing SRCS Policies and Procedures shall apply including use of aircraft restraints.

Limits of flying area

See layout drawing

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Rescue Boat

All members are advised that the Hawkesbury River in this area is deep and also has a strong tidal flow.

Any use of the rescue boat is specifically at the user's risk. Use of the boat by any member is considered to be acceptance of this condition.

Members should be aware of the rules covering the use of watercraft on the river before launching.

SRCS strongly recommend that all occupants of the rescue boat wear the life jackets provided.

After use, the outboard motor is to be removed from the boat, cleaned in accordance with the instructions provided, and secured to the container.

