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April 2010 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Greetings to everyone,

It's been a relatively quiet few months since Xmas. There has been some very fine flying, the occasional prang, some tall tales and considerable mid-week and weekend merriment at both fields. But, as usual, there are a few important things we need catch up on and an important one where your input is needed:

1. "End-of-summer" Working Bee – Saturday Feb 27th
A very successful morning's work with solid progress made on grounds, containers, thistles, field surface and the fence line. Many thanks to all who joined in; it makes light work of the chores and it's a bit of fun along the way.
The next scheduled working bee will be the "spring" bee – always the last Saturday in October – i.e. Oct 30, 2010 – see you there!
2. Frequency Testing
This was run again for members Saturday March 6th. with a good rollup and both Tx and Rx being tested. Members are reminded that a current test sticker is a requirement at most (if not all) flying events and that radio equipment can go off-frequency – especially if there's been an "event".
3. Have your say on Club facilities
Your Committee wants your input as to the sort of additional facilities/projects etc that you would like to see at either field. Yes, we know that we're somewhat limited at what can be done at Heathcote but Heathcote is an important part of our Club and receives and deserves equal recognition.
Through continued, careful use of Club funds, and the benefits we have traditionally received from our Garawarra association with Bradshaws, we are one of the few clubs that is financially strong. As a result, we are always looking for ways to improve our Club even further and to add to your experience as Members'.
So..... please take a minute or two to jot down some thoughts and mail back the attachment.
4. FPV (First Person View) flying
This may be a new concept to some (it was to your humble secretary!) but the technology now exists where you can install a camera on the aircraft/in the cockpit and run a downlink to a helmet/visor thereby delivering a "cockpit view" to that pilot. Unsurprisingly, to fly an aircraft in this manner invites very serious safety concerns including the risk of disorientation, lack of awareness of adjacent aircraft/airspace etc etc.

Your Club website has latest info. , updates and events: www.sssfa.net

As you all know, we have flying fields that are in sensitive locations. Flying fields are very hard won, need be nurtured damned carefully and your Committee takes this responsibility very seriously. A major highway, a hospital, a railway and a shopping centre are not the sort of places where we want any more risk than we can acceptably manage.

Accordingly, your Committee has determined that the use of such FPV flight is presently PROHIBITED at both our fields.

Members are encouraged to read the MAAA policy dealing with FPV flight if they want further information.

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/maaa/mop/policy/MOP066%20-%20Policy%20FPVs.pdf>

5. 2010 Annual General Meeting

This year's meeting will be (as usual) on the afternoon of the 2nd. Sunday in August – i.e. August 8th.

This “early notice” is so that you can diarise the meeting. The normal full set of paperwork (formal notice etc etc) will come out in July

Regards to all & good flying

Committee