



# HOLDFAST BUZZ

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### June Social Meeting

Join us at 8 pm on Fri June 5 when Murray Scott will demonstrate his 3D printer with advanced capabilities.

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## MEN AT WORK

Volunteers for Pylon marshalling duty at the recent Golden Era Air Races included John Anthony, Mike Mildren, Graham & Kathy Paterson, Ted Carter, Max Thomas, Ross Lloyd, John Jefferson, Gian Young and Trevor Baudinette. JA & Mike are shown here wearing their high visibility jackets - great promotion of our Club! More details of the event on page 3.

(photo courtesy of Ross Felix)

The HMAc newsletter is your vehicle for sharing information, experiences, building projects, etc with your fellow members. If you have photos of your latest model, a construction in progress or handy tip you'd like to share, please send it to [Geoff at buzz@holdfastmac.asn.au](mailto:buzz@holdfastmac.asn.au) for inclusion in a future edition of BUZZ.



Kingsley Neumann

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## From the President

I enjoyed my recent road trip holiday with my wife Jill in the new car. We went to Tasmania via the ferry and I can thoroughly recommend it. Thanks to Graham for stepping in while I was away.

The Committee is quite pleased with the new shelter and have noted that it has been put to good use on those windy and drizzly days. We are addressing the comments regarding breezes that can still blow in from the west through various openings. Certainly the ground level gap will be blocked off as soon as possible. The open windows will probably have to be closed with a removable window or flap. Designs are being investigated. We don't want to lose too much light. The grass is struggling now that the light and natural rainfall has been removed so the next logical step is to lay some pavers.

It was a great privilege to play host to a group of students from Blackwood High School on a recent Tuesday. They were entertained by some spirited flying demonstrations thanks to Ashley West and Horst Dahms, despite some rather nasty windy conditions. Several of the students were given a chance on the sticks and performed really well. One of them, Matthew Jones is a Member of the Club. The amazing thing is that each of these students is affected in some way by autism. They were a happy and enthusiastic bunch and we will probably invite them back again later in the year.

The state of our flying field is coming under close inspection by the Field Committee. We have had our soil analysed and we are about to undertake a concentrated fertilising and topdressing program. Those horrible cracks might close up a bit in winter but we need a

more permanent solution. It is likely that better sprinkler coverage and eradication of weeds will improve the situation. Extensive topdressing may still be required.

The Club recently set new fees for 2015/2016. A modest increase was approved and it is a good thing because we need a balanced budget to counter the inevitable increase in fixed costs such as ESL, DEWNR rent, Water rates and Electricity rates. Fortunately our affiliation fees will most likely not increase. The final figure will be known after the MASA AGM on Friday 29th May. Members then have until the 30th of June to pay the annual fee. A notice will appear in the BUZZ and there will be an electronic notice sent to Members.

There has been some discussion in Committee about a "Membership Drive". HMAc will be part of a National program in October. Interestingly despite our efforts to attract young people, most of our new Members come from the more mature age group such as retirees who have time and possibly a bit of money to spare. Of course we encourage Members from all sections of the Community. The Club has attended various Council Meetings to learn how to promote ourselves. We will be trying a number of initiatives. We are also investigating cash grants and low cost loans from MAAA for our development program. The association is now officially recognised as a "Sporting Body" and this will help our cause.

Meanwhile take great care out there and Fly Safely!

*Kingsley Neumann*



## Full Size Heli Landing at HMAc

The committee has had a request from a private charter helicopter pilot to land at the HMAc field on Saturday October 17. DEWNR has sanctioned the activity subject to CASA and HMAc approval. The disruption to any model flying is likely to be less than 15-20 minutes. The Committee approves this request in principle, but any Member objections should be directed to the Committee before June 30th.

## Volunteers for Static Display?

We have had a request from the family of an ex-pilot, who is celebrating his 90th birthday in August, to provide a few models for static display at the celebration venue (nursing home).

If any members can help out, please contact our Secretary, Ian Faulkner for further details - [secretary@holdfastmac.asn.au](mailto:secretary@holdfastmac.asn.au)



## Heli Pilots Take Note!

Check out the "Buy & Sell" page on our website for a range of heli items for sale.



## Golden Era Air Races - a Summary - by John Anthony



Holdfast played a major part in the running of this event and the Club has been rewarded for their efforts. Ted Carter, Max Thomas, Ross Lloyd, Mike Mildren, John Jefferson, Gian Young, Trevor Baudinette, Graham and Kathy Paterson and John Anthony all helped with the Pylon No 3 duties. Some managed 3 days, some 2 days, and a couple for a single day. All efforts were much appreciated. MASA officials commented favourably on the striking "Holdfast Pylon Crew" safety vests, kindly printed at cost price by Club Member Peter Oliphant. There are 10 vests of varying sizes, so please feel free to use them at our Events Days and other Club's functions. Flyers participating at the Constellation Pylon Meetings are encouraged to use them. They are not only for the Pylon marshals. See Mike Mildren or John Anthony if you would like to advertise our Club in this way, and be seen for safety reasons also.

HMAC Life Member John Modistach officiated as Contest Director, while Noarlunga Members Paul Kumela and MASA President Neil Tank acted as Starters. The cage at Pylon 1 and the Timing cage were manned by Members of various SA Clubs. The weather wasn't ideal, reducing spectator numbers, but it did at least co-operate most of the time, only blowing up at around 3:30 pm every afternoon. The Saturday rain was very severe and the gazebo tents were not up to the horizontal driving rain. Vin Pike and Peter Smyth were looking like drowned rats in their coats and SHORTS! They were not the only ones to get soaked. Thanks to Trevor Baudinette for having heated leather seats in his car, VERY welcome on the way home! Ron Deam, Klaus and Jenni Rudloff camped at the grounds from the Wednesday in Ron's camper and they coped very well with the conditions overnight.

A summary of performance by HMAC competitors follows. Apologies if any details are missed.



Vin Pike, with Peter Smyth as Caller, had a new Bob Jung built Aquarius Formula 1 but it unfortunately only completed around 2 laps in his first heat before being taken out by a mid-air collision at Pylon 3. Apart from some radio gear, the model was a total write-off. Very bad luck Vin, some of our money was on you. The other flyer retired to interstate immediately after collecting his wreckage! Vin and Peter also competed in AT6 Class (120 size Texan) with good results.

Peter Smyth, with Caller Vin Pike, flew a McEwin kit El Bandido in Formula 1 consistently, but out of the major placings. It was impossible to compete against the new breed of models that are not built to the original F1 specs. These planes were quite small with the fuselage depth very prominent, and have a huge advantage. The Klaus Rudloff Midget Mustang is the closest to a proper scale Formula 1. Peter and Vin also competed in Golden Era Inline Class with the venerable 17 year old Miles Sparrowhawk, with an equally old Precision Eagle engine. They finished out of the major placings, but the smooth teamwork and flying is really something to see. At the end of the Meet the plane was officially retired - the foam wing is becoming a bit worrisome.

Mike O'Rielly, with Caller Rob Nottle, flew a large P47 Thunderbolt in Reno Class to a Third placing. Mike and Rob competed in Golden Era Inline Class with his venerable Peter Goldsmith built Percival Mew Gull and garnered a well-deserved Second placing. Just to keep busy, the Team also competed in Formula 1 with a Fang, but finished out of the placings.



Bob McEwin, with Caller Jenni Rudloff, flew a McEwin kit El Bandido in Formula 1. Again competing against the cartoon-scale, "skinny" models, they finished out of the top placings, but the Team performed well. Bob and Jenni also competed in Reno Class with the Goodyear F2G Corsair in the true scale Reno colours of red and white. Again out of the top placings, but the Team worked well and the model looks striking in the air (as well as on the ground).

Klaus Rudloff flew his McEwin kit Midget Mustang (built by Ron Deam). With specifications to the original rules, it had no chance against the "skinny" models, but flew consistently. Yes, Klaus is now a full Connie Member, but everything he flies, including the Formula 1 model, is unsuited to our field. He is a Holdfast Social Member, and can have his 3 flights per year with a suitable model.

Entries were 20 down on the 2013 Event, with few interstate competitors. The economy may be playing a part, and there were a few complaints about those "skinny" models making it impossible for true scale Formula 1 models to have any chance of a placing. Full credit to the Connie Club for hosting the Event, and to the SA Clubs that helped out .

### Membership Renewal

It's almost time to renew your annual HMAC membership. Keep an eye out for an electronic renewal notice, which will be sent out as soon as MASA levies are confirmed





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Newcomers to R/C modelling are catered for by setting aside every Sunday morning from 10 am when qualified instructors will teach all aspects required for the safe operation of the model. During the training period no other models are allowed to fly, ensuring the least possible distractions to the student.

## Pylon & Combat Competition Results - May 3 2015

### Open class pylon

Tom Jacobsen (Noarlunga) 106  
Vin Pike (HMAC) 100  
Pete Smyth (HMAC) 96  
Finn Kanck (Noarlunga) 84  
Graham Paterson (HMAC) 77  
Greg Leigh (Noarlunga) 73  
John Yianni (Connie) 41

### Standard class pylon

John Jefferson (HMAC) 71  
James York (Noarlunga) 69  
Les Mephram (HMAC) 63  
Ian Cole (HMAC) 58  
Mike Keele (HMAC) 50  
Peter Oliphant (HMAC) 42

### Electric class pylon

Bob McEwin (HMAC) 91  
Ian Cole (HMAC) 71

### WW I combat

Barry Grivec (HMAC) 1  
Merv Harris (HMAC) 1  
John Jefferson (HMAC) 1  
Max Thomas (HMAC) 1

### WW II combat

Barry Grivec (HMAC) 1  
John Jefferson (HMAC) 1

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Fri May 29 - MASA AGM
- Wed Jun 3 - MASA Meeting
- Fri Jun 5 - HMAC Social Meeting
- Sun Jun 7 - Pylon & Combat
- Wed Jun 17 - Committee Meeting



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## Instructor Roster (June - July)

Date	Instructor	Instructor	Assistant
MAY 31	John Jefferson	(Open)	Max Thomas
JUN 7	Ross Lloyd	Graham Paterson	Ted Carter
JUN 14	Kingsley Neumann	(Open)	Trevor Baudinette
JUN 21	Peter Robertson	John Jefferson	Max Thomas
JUN 28	Graham Paterson	Ross Lloyd	Ted Carter
JUL 5	Kingsley Neumann	Peter Robertson	Trevor Baudinette
JUL 12	John Jefferson	(Open)	Max Thomas
JUL 19	Graham Paterson	Ross Lloyd	Ted Carter
JUL 26	Kingsley Neumann	Peter Robertson	Trevor Baudinette

Our thanks go to those keen instructors who offer their assistance to train new pilots. Some even turn up even when they are not rostered on. Advanced Flying Training is available on request, so if you want to brush up your flying for a Wings test, please arrange a session with one of the Instructors. There are still a number of "Solo Only" flyers out there who could easily qualify for the Bronze Wings.