



HOLDFAST BUZZ

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Bader Aero Visit

Have you made your booking yet? Your Club has arranged a free conducted tour over the new Electric Aircraft project at Edwardstown.

See page 2 for details.

Well Done Dave!



Congratulations to Dave Graham on reaching Bronze Wings Standard recently. Dave has been one of the most dedicated students in recent times. He is returning to the hobby after a bad experience with helis. Right after his flight test Dave checked out on his own Biplane model and is now enjoying plenty of fun flying. Instructors on the day were Kirk Winters (L) and Bryan Christie (R)

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 The Editor at buzz@holdfastmac.asn.au for inclusion in a future edition of BUZZ.



Geoff Haynes

"...I often think about the low usage of the flying field by many of our members and how this can be increased. "

From the President

It has been pleasing to see some fine weather patterns emerging lately, with members able to spend more time at the flying field. Dealing with swooping magpies is giving way to swatting pesky insects!

We had almost perfect weather on September 10th for Round 4 of the MASA Challenge. Team HMAAC took out first place, putting us into the Grand Final on Sunday, November 19th. We will be hosting this event, so please come and support your Club while enjoying a cooked breakfast/brunch.

As many of you are aware, Tony Clifford sadly passed away just recently. His presence at the Club will be greatly missed. The memorial service was well attended, a fitting tribute to Tony's popularity. Unfortunately I was at another memorial service that same afternoon, but my thoughts were with Tony's family nonetheless.

Don't forget to register for the tour of the Bader Aero facility on Saturday, October 21st, which promises to be a very interesting event. More details can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Wet weather has limited our progress with erection of the new safety fences, which we originally planned for completion by the end of August.

Bringing heavy equipment onto the field would have caused considerable damage to the field while the ground was so damp. We will soon resume work on this project and will be calling on some volunteer help, so watch this space.

I often think about the low usage of the flying field by many of our members and how this can be increased. In past years we had regular "fun-fly" events that placed enjoyment above competition. I would dearly like to see the return of this activity to foster more member participation and social gathering. But it requires more than just a committee announcement – you, the members, need to indicate your desire for this type of event, to suggest the kind of activities that would be a lot of fun, and then help organise and/or take part in the events. I sincerely hope you respond to this request.

Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. We will hold our Annual Christmas lunch & Award Presentation at Club Marion again this year, on Sunday December 3rd. The lunch cost will be subsidised by the Club, so please save the date and join us for the celebration. More details will be given closer to the date.

Geoff



Have you booked for the Tour of Bader Aero Facility?

If you want a first-hand glimpse of what's to come in full-size electric aviation, join us on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 am for a tour of the Bader Aero facility in Edwardstown. Booking is required, so head over to our website at:



www.holdfastmac.asn.au/events/bader-aero-visit/

for full details and to reserve your place (partners welcome). This will be a most informative event. We hope to see you there.





Vale, Tony Clifford

29/01/1940 to 20/09/2023

Tony joined the Club in 1985 and he remained an active Member throughout all the years. He enjoyed building and flying model planes, and he especially enjoyed the company of fellow modellers. Tony served on the Committee and held the position of Treasurer for two years.

Like many boys who had emerged from the threats of World War Two as a youngster, he had a great interest in aviation. In fact, Tony recalled seeing contrails in the sky and hearing the clatter of spent shells falling from the aerial battles overhead.

Tony was a dedicated scratch builder. He liked nothing more than building from plans, the good old-fashioned way. He was very good at building and flying his models. Being a very social person, he was an inaugural member of a subgroup who met on a Monday evening in the sheds of one or two other members including John Modistach. In fact, the remnants of that Monday evening group somehow became today's Monday morning Coffee Club, where people sit about and discuss everything and anything, rain hail or shine. Tony often had the floor, with a solution to solve all the world's problems.

Tony and Bernadette always enjoyed the Club's social activities and trips including a famous one where we managed to get approval to occupy the Wirrinna Cove resort and fly our planes all over the golf course and the freshwater dam.

Tony was known for his great sense of humour, generosity, and flying skills. His most recent favourite machine was a De Havilland Tiger Moth monoplane, which preceded the DH 82 biplane by a few years. When asked "What is it?" Tony would reply, "A Tiger Moth!" Most people doubted him, as a Tiger Moth is commonly known as a biplane, of course.

We will miss Tony from our club activities very much indeed. He endured his final battle with amazing strength and courage over a number of years.

He was farewelled at a large gathering of family from the UK and friends from all over Australia. HMAc was very well represented by fellow members and partners. Tony will be sorely missed.

On behalf of all Club Members, we wish to express our sincere sympathy to Bernadette and family on the passing of our esteemed member.

We like to think of him as flying on forever.

Kingsley and Merv

Holdfast Success In MASA Trophy Southern Round 4

The HMAc Team consisting of Kirk Winters (captain), Geoff Haynes, John Jefferson and Mike Schneider had a great day competing with clubs from South Coast, Noarlunga and Strathalbyn at our field on Sunday September 10th.

HMAc accumulated sufficient points to win this round and their total for the 2023 events put them in first place overall in the Southern chapter. Therefore we will compete in the Grand Final on November 19th, to be hosted at our field. There will be a BBQ brunch and everyone is encouraged to come along and support our team.



Competitors in Round 4 represented South Coast, Strathalbyn, Noarlunga and Holdfast, held at the Holdfast field

It is a friendly competition. Those guys from other Clubs are just like us. They (and we) can be a bit enthusiastic with barracking support now that the Soccer, Football and Rugby seasons are over. But it is all in good spirit.

The competition at this top level is tough but we will give it our best shot. Come and support the boys on November 19th.



BUY & SELL DAY

Sat Nov 4th 2023, 09:00am



This popular event continues at our Club field this year. Admission is free but you must provide your own setup (e.g. table, chairs, shade etc.) if you bring items for sale. No commission taken. Sell direct.

The field will be open from 8:30 am to set up. MAAA members with Bronze Wings or higher are welcome to fly at the field (no turbines). A sausage sizzle will be available. If last year's event is anything to go by, there will be some great bargains to be had!



Free Admission

**Sausage Sizzle &
Refreshments
available**

Come & Fly Too
Must be MAAA member with
at least Bronze Wings

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Pylon Racing Results

6 August 2023

Open class

Tom Jacobsen NMAS	103
Greg Leigh NMAS	90
Graham Paterson HMAC	88
Pete Robertson HMAC	82

Standard class

John Jefferson HMAC	79
Bryan Christie HMAC	74

Electric class

No racing undertaken

3 September 2023

Open class

Tom Jacobsen NMAS	90
Pete Robertson HMAC	86
Graham Paterson HMAC	76

Standard class

No racing

Electric class

Trevor Pearce CMFC	91
Craig Spratt CMFC	72



Flying Safety Incidents



Electric Ducted fans are very sexy pseudo jet models. They fly fast and look fantastic in the air. However, it can be very difficult to maintain good orientational awareness when they are some distance from the field, especially if they are executing a turn such as the base turn of a landing approach. When those skinny little wings dip and dive it can be very difficult. So much so that we have lost a couple of models recently.

The answer? Try and stay within the Club boundary fences to maximise visibility and thus maintain orientation. Try to slow up a bit and stay close in to the landing area. You can do fast runs of course but the outcome can be more manageable with a vertical climb at the end. Fly Safe!





John Jefferson

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Will HMAc Survive?

In 1956 a group of passionate aero modellers established the Holdfast Model Aero Club. Flying was conducted at various locations until the 1970s when our current site was leased from the state government. At the beginning the club had 14 members, and over the years that number grew to approximately 100-120 members. Currently we have 101. Over time, the committee introduced monthly meetings, various competitions, training programs for new students, and even a building workshop on Monday nights. Organising all this were dedicated committee members who gave their time freely to improve the club’s ongoing operational capability; and they still do.

In years gone by the club’s annual general meeting was attended by 30-40 members. In recent years the number of attendees has dropped considerably, which is a cause for concern. Not every member likes going out at night in cold weather, so a Zoom meeting was arranged and members invited to participate. This year’s AGM was extremely disappointing as only 12 members participated (2 over the quorum) and 2 apologies were received. This made it difficult to elect a new committee; indeed nobody put their hand up for the position of vice president (same as last year). This will become a problem in March/April 2024 when our current president moves to New South Wales.

Some newer members have not been attending meetings or getting involved in the club’s operations. It is crucial to have adequate committee members to undertake all the necessary administrative tasks. Some of these tasks include dealing with:

- Department of Environment and Water (our government landlord);
- Model Aerosport SA;
- Model Aeronautical Association of Australia;
- Other model clubs;
- Safety and risk management;
- Training programs;
- Field maintenance;
- Website, Facebook, Come and Try bookings, Zoom meetings;
- Financial arrangements;
- Publicity.

We are all keen to come up to the field, have a few flights, socialise with other members and then go home. But please give a thought to what the club has provided you with. You may think “I pay my annual subs” is sufficient input to keep the club going. No, it’s not. Our structure is based on voluntary work by members; we don’t have paid “employees” who are tasked with daily operations. The club needs a committee to manage its ongoing commitments. Indeed, there are legal obligations because we are an incorporated entity. If there is no committee then the club will cease to exist, which would be a sad end to the dreams of the original 14 members.

How do we ensure HMAc survives? Play your part – put your hand up and get involved in the committee. It’s a small price to pay to be able to come to the field knowing there is a long term future for the club. Don’t forget that many of you started model flying courtesy of our structured training program, an initiative the committee has improved over time.

Some new blood in the committee would be welcome. Bring your experience and know-how to the committee and help the club prosper. We don’t want to see the club die!

John Jefferson



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri Oct 6, 7:30 pm
Social Meeting

Wed Oct 17, 7:30 pm
Committee Meeting

Sat Oct 21, 11:00 am
Bader Aero Visit
(Booking required)

Fri Nov 3, 7:30 pm
Social Meeting

Sat Nov 4, 9:00 am
HMAC Buy and Sell Day

Sun Nov 5, 12:30 pm
Pylon Racing

Sun Nov 19, 9:30 am
MASA Trophy Grand Final
Hosted at HMAC

Fri Dec 1, 7:30 pm
Social Meeting

Sun Dec 3, 12:00 pm
HMAC Xmas Function
(Club Marion)
TBC

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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.

New Members

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following:

Carlo Espartero (Associate - NMAS)

Kris Duda (returning)

Waldek Duda (returning)

Aristo Ku

We trust that you will enjoy the facilities at Holdfast and have a great time flying RC

Flying Achievements

Name	Award	Instructors
Dave Graham 24/09/2023	Bronze	Bryan Christie, Kirk Winters



Wanted To Buy

New or used OS10 R/C , any age or model, But must be a runner.
Contact Merv on 0421 591 350



Prime RC Mini S Cub 450mm RC Plane

The Prime RC Mini S Cub 450mm RC plane is the perfect entry-level model. It comes completely Ready to Fly with everything you need in the box. It is made from crash resistant EPP foam and with the inbuilt gyro stabilisation system, it is easy to fly for a beginner. As your skills progress you can reduce the level of assistance and perform simple aerobatics. It can be safely flown in an area as small as a school oval due to its lightweight and slow-flying capabilities.



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E-Flite UMX Radian RC Glider