

Flight Torque



Official Newsletter of the Onkaparinga Radio Aero Modellers Inc.

Flying Field - 28 The Pines Road, Sanderston, SA

Club Meetings Torrens Valley Christian Centre, 1323 North East Road, Tea Tree Gully. SA 5091

Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month (no meeting in December)

Next Meeting will be held on the **31st of May, 2017** at 7:30pm

Hello to all members,

If it feels like it has been months since the last meeting, or the last newsletter, you're not far wrong. Last month the monthly meeting was held at the field, we discussed a few things and we also had a small working bee, which removed some of the organic rubbish from under the trees and in the carpark also. We had about 8 or so members turn up. Thankyou to everyone who pitched in to help, the place looks a great deal tidier now. We had 3 fires burning which greatly reduced the amount of rubbish left behind. We also had to sacrifice a wooden table which had succumbed to the elements and was no longer deemed safe to use. If anyone has or knows of someone who has a table which would be a suitable replacement, and is willing to donate it to the club, we would be most grateful.

SAFETY AT THE FIELD!

It is important that every member who is flying at the field follow some simple safety guidelines, so we all feel safe while flying. One such safety guide we discussed at the meeting was to do with taxiing of aircraft from the startup area to the takeoff location or flight line. It was agreed upon that the following guides **MUST** be used while at the field. If you have anything you want to add, please let me know.

1. If you are the sole pilot, with no one on the flight line at the time of startup, you may taxi your aircraft under it's own power from the startup area to the flight line unless the following conditions occur.
 - A) Your aircraft cannot be taxied ie. No undercarriage.
 - B) You do not feel comfortable in taxiing your aircraft.
 - C) Strong winds prevent you from safely taxiing your aircraft. ie. Weathervaning.
2. If there is another pilot at the flight line at the time of 'startup', you **MUST** carry or walk your aircraft out to the flight line. You **MUST** let the other pilot know of your intentions, ie. Takeoff. If you cannot carry or walk your aircraft or need help carrying your aircraft, please seek assistance from another member, who is not flying to help you. If there is no other member to help you, remain at the startup area, with your engine off, until the other pilot has landed his/her aircraft. *Walking your aircraft, means holding onto the tail section securely and walking the aircraft out to the flight line.*

GAME OBSESSION EXPO at MANNUM.

As some of you may be aware, ORAM will be attending the Game Obsession Expo at Mannum on the 6th of August, 2017. Last year we had quite a few interested people, but unfortunately there were no new members from it. We require a few models to setup to try and lure possible new members to the club. If you have an interesting aircraft you can loan out for the day please contact us so we can arrange pickup prior to the event date. We have a little more space this year, so we have plenty of space available for your model. If you would like to attend the show and help us out, please contact us. You can email us at oramclub@gmail.com We will add your name to the list.

Here are a couple of flyers for the show.

Thankyou to Ron Whenham for helping us organise this.

Share your obsession if you're game!
SUNDAY 6th AUGUST 2017 9.30am - 4.30pm
GAME OBSESSION EXPO
Mannum Showgrounds
www.gameobsession.com.au
Family Friendly ~ Displays & Sales ~ Rides & Sideshows ~ Entertainment

Quidditch / Medieval / Entertainment / Toys & Collections
Trebuchet Challenge ~ Build & Fire your own creation
Cosplay ~ Come dressed as your favourite character
Jousting / LARP / Food Stalls & Much More

Admission Adult \$8, Child \$2 or Family \$20

For more information contact Gavin Pitman on P+ 0419 828 339 / E+ games@mannumshow.org
The Department for Communities & Social Inclusion has contributed funds towards this Project

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In addition to our little display, there are many other things you may wish to look at during the day. Such as a Quidditch match, similar to the famous game played by Harry Potter. There are usually other RC models there also, along with collectables and other interesting stalls. Please come along, even if you are just a visitor, the more people that attend this event, helps secure it for following years. More information can be viewed at their website. <http://www.gameobsession.com.au>

FUN FLY...

The next Fun Fly event will be held on Saturday 3rd of June, 2017. Please let us know if you can make it. Fun Fly events are organised for the members of ORAM to get together once in a while. These events are not strictly used for competitions, but as a way of members getting to know one another and having a good time. We will not be holding a Sausage this time around. If you would like to use the BBQ facilities at the field, please do so, but please clean up your mess afterwards. We don't want to be attracting any wildlife.

Memorial Tree.

I have replaced the memorial tree at the field to hopefully something that is a little more tolerant of the conditions out at Sanderston. If you are up at the field, could you please put a bucket or two of water onto the bush. It requires about 12 weeks of TLC until it becomes established. Once established it shouldn't require too much water to keep it going, but a little drink every now and then wouldn't hurt. Please use a clean bucket for this, I will put one up at the field when I can with proper labelling for easy identification. The



bucket should ONLY be used for the watering of the bush to prevent accidental poisoning. The memorial tree was put in this location as it gives a good view of the field from its slightly raised position. The tree was placed here as a memorial to my late father, John Wall, who passed away quite quickly on the 28th of June, 2012. Although originally for my own father, I would also like it to be a club memorial for those members who have departed this world to be flying free. Rest in Peace to all of you.

CLEAN WATER!



We now have clean water up at the field. Thanks to David Burge for organising this for us. A filtration system has been added to the tap inside the club rooms. I can confirm that the water from this filter is perfectly suitable for human consumption. There is a small lever on the main tap that switches between filtered and non-filtered water. The filtered water comes out of another outlet, next to the filtration unit.

Working Bee at the field.

After the last meeting was held, a few members remained to help out, do a little clean up. Many thanks to everyone who put in a little effort. It's amazing what an hour or two of little work can achieve. The place looks much neater and the gutters cleared of any debris that may have been trapped in them. We had 3 fires all going to burn off the tree litter and an old table. Now that they have been reduced to a pile of ashes, they can be spread out. Below are some photographs taken during the morning.



Minutes of a Meeting of ORAM Members held at Sanderston Flying Field on Saturday 29th April 2017 at 10.00am

Present: President Andrew Wall and 7 members signing the roll.

Apologies were received from Murray Thiselton and Ken Whenham.

Treasurer's report

Harvey presented his report for the period to 29th April (see copy attached)

Harvey reported that 19 members had rejoined during the current financial year.

There was some discussion regarding possible repairs to the tractor but there was nothing that was urgent.

The ride lawn mower has a problem with an air-leak on front tyres

General Business:

Ron advised that the club has booked space for displays at the Mannum Hobby Expo to be held on Sunday 6th August 2017 .

There was some discussion regarding the safety fence and it was agreed that it should not be a permanent structure.

"Visitors welcome" signs will be used during the scale Society's visit later on in the year.

Members discussed an issue that was of some concern and related to a pilot standing at the flying station on the field and being aware of the approach of another pilot with a plane being mobile under its own power and without any restraint.

Members spoke of their concern at the possibility of a plane becoming uncontrollable for whatever reason and possibly injuring them because they cannot see what is happening as they control their own aircraft in the sky.

It was resolved that members should either hold the tail of their plane or carry the plane as they approach the pilot currently flying.

This would not be an issue if a pilot is the only person flying a plane at the time but only becomes necessary when a pilot is approached by another pilot at the flying station.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.30am

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