

FROM THE FLYING FIELD



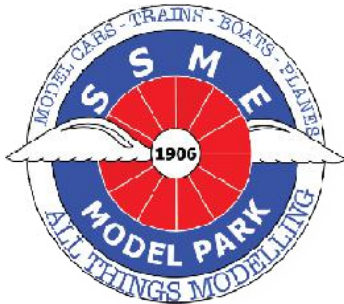
MAAA 75th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
SPECIAL EDITION 28th - 30th OCTOBER





All Things Modelling at the Model Park

Fantastic day out for the whole Family



Celebrating 116th Anniversary of the Society

What can we say other than our big flying event for the year was a huge success over the weekend of Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th of October and Friday for a very keen people who just couldn't wait!

The All Things Modelling at the Model Park event was held over the October open day weekend to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the MAAA, as well as coinciding with the Society's 116th anniversary (typically always remembered at the this open day), and the 52nd anniversary of the Model Park at the Luddenham property which is also in October.

One of those weekends where the weather starts out quite rambunctious but progressively improved to an utterly faultless day for the Open Day. Friday involved setting up some signage for our event sponsor Desert Aircraft Australia.

The DA guys generously gave us \$800 in prizes to give away. From Li-Ion batteries to high-quality 20g extension leads this donation was greatly appreciated for our humble event.



Friday kicked off for the die hards amongst us, who just couldn't wait for the weekend to begin with delicious hamburgers cooked on the bbq, a couple of movies on the big screen and lots of flying talk, before we settled for a 'camp out' in the main clubhouse.

Saturday, we awoke to an absolutely beautiful sunrise without a breath of wind at the model park, which is quite serene early in the morning, especially looking out over the boat pond. However that serenity was broken pretty early on when the president hopped on the zero-turn mower to ready the bottom car park and picnic areas for the coming open day, and the rest of us got to work with whipper snippers and hand mowers to lend a hand.



Tim Thornton with his new DA Prop covers for his beast that even match the plane!



Saturday started out windy but got better as the day progressed and we got to see a huge amount of flying done. We had a good turnout of local MAAA members flying and visiting along with some of the locals from AMAS-affiliated clubs coming for a visit. The car park was totally full and cars stretched out parking down past the 1/5th large scale off road track.

The buy, swap and sell meet was well received, with quite a lot of bits and pieces for sale. With a lot of members made the effort to do a shed clean out with many bargains to be found. I purchased my new trainer, thanks Bob for the Ultra Stick.

Bobs offerings



Avian really put a lot on offer!



Lunch and breakfast were on offer and generously prepared by a team involving Dave Lewis, David Kennedy and Rob Masters.

Saturday really also brought us a great revelation, the beauty of incorporating FPV drone flying with RC fixed-wing aircraft. The very talented Angus Permewan visiting from the Warringah Radio Control Society (WRCS) club had a go at chasing my models and immediately was getting some breathtaking and simply unimaginable footage.



My edit of the footage from Saturday
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVZI214dGFs>

Angus's premium edit from his channel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXj5J4rb4eU&t=398s>

Late on Saturday afternoon the flyers and visitors were treated to some unplanned but greatly appreciated and much fun train rides from the railway folks preparing for the open day on Sunday. It doesn't matter how old or young you are everyone loves a train ride!

Saturday evening saw around a dozen people stay for pizza's and a viewing of Top Gun Maverick on the big screen in the Clubhouse.

Sunday morning was another gorgeous sunrise and early start to the day with the president again jumping on the zero-turn mower to finish off the bottom car park in preparation for the public open day ahead.

One of the highlights of the weekend was how well the visitors to the event paid attention and followed our local club rules. David and I had our jobs made easier by the sense of respect the visiting fliers showed, in regard to airspace and general procedures.

We also got to witness everyone working well together. We are all safety officers and if you see something that is not right, it is easy to correct if you deal with it in the right manner. A few times I saw people walking up to people flying and just quietly mentioning things along the lines of "Hey mate, nice flying, looks solid. Can we just tighten it up on the left-hand side of the circuit a bit".

Below, Doug doing a DLG launch demo for the crowd on Sunday while the prizes were given out. As usual, I would like to thank Doug for his massive effort to share our hobby with the general public.



Whilst the Sunday Open Day didn't have the huge attendance we have become accustomed to of late, there were good crowds (approximately 400 visiting public) and our members and guests really made a great effort to engage with the people watching.

I would like to thank David Bolstead for doing all the instructing on his own model as well as taking a great deal of time to fly and discuss the hobby with onlookers. It goes without saying that I believe we picked up five new members over the weekend and that is something we should all be very proud of and reflects upon the inclusive and friendly community we are all a part of.



One thing that I believe we should all keep in mind with these busier days and open days is utilising the sky as much as possible.

It was nice to see people naturally grouping up to fly, at one stage we had three foam Velocities doing 3d shenanigans together and it was a real spectacle. I noticed the glider guys getting ready together too.

A suggestion is if you are waiting for clearer airspace to fly in, please start getting ready, and even better when you get ready with somebody flying a similar style as you.

For the sports models doing smooth big aerobatics, why not get ready and go up together? Being ready with engines running as others land also leaves less "dead air" time for the public which is something I think we should try to minimise when people have made

the effort to wander up the hill.



I think we all get a kick out of putting a smile on both the small kids' and the big kid's faces. Something that always delivers on this is scale pilots like Mario and Luigi in Paul's NG, or Bluey and Bingo in my Bushmaster. I would encourage all our members to try to find pilots for their planes. Remember good experiences around this hobby at a young age plant the seeds for a fun addiction to RC aviation later in life.

Angus's Qantas A380 on approach for landing, runway 1.



In summary, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the event possible. It was my first time being involved with something of this scale and I couldn't be prouder of the club that I am a part of.

I think this event was a wake-up call to what we can do with the facilities we have and how under-utilised they currently are.

While my memory is too fuzzy to thank everyone, I would like to also put out a special mention to Chris Hebbard who once again made the effort to attend our open day purely to engage with the public and communicate what we are all so passionate about. You are a true icon of the hobby Chris.

The event was the huge success it was because of the number of flyers, with around 30 flyers, both members and visiting non-members alike who attended the event each day, and well over 50 models flying and on display each day.

I need to also thank my Mum Dianne, besides supporting me in this hobby since I was in year 3, she has also made a big effort to attend the open day in order to capture some photos of the flying, so below is a small selection of photos.

The photos over the next few pages tell the story of the success of the event and the fun everyone who attended had over the two days.

If you would like a higher resolution copy of any of the photos please contact me at publicity@ssme.org.au

Joey Tavora

More video clicks worth having a look at:

[About the Model Park - JT interviews the President.](#)

[All guns blazing at the SSME Anniversary event.](#)

[75th Anniversary at SSME Video.](#)



Joey doing what Joey does!

Tim - "Yep that's the smoke switch"

Joey making noise above Dennis



Brendans gorgeous Corsair



Pauls foamy Edge 540



Joey's Laser - "have smoke will travel"



Brendans little electric jet



Laurences Leat Jet - Flies really well!



Pauls Mario & Luigi piloted Extra



Tim Nolans - 1/4 scale Cub



Angus Permewan Qantas A380



Phil Gadd deep in thought



Joey, Avain, Brendan and Angus



Joey and the Bushmaster being chased by Angus and his drone



Another great shot from Angus playing tag with his drone



Lots of planes, lots of people and lots of fun

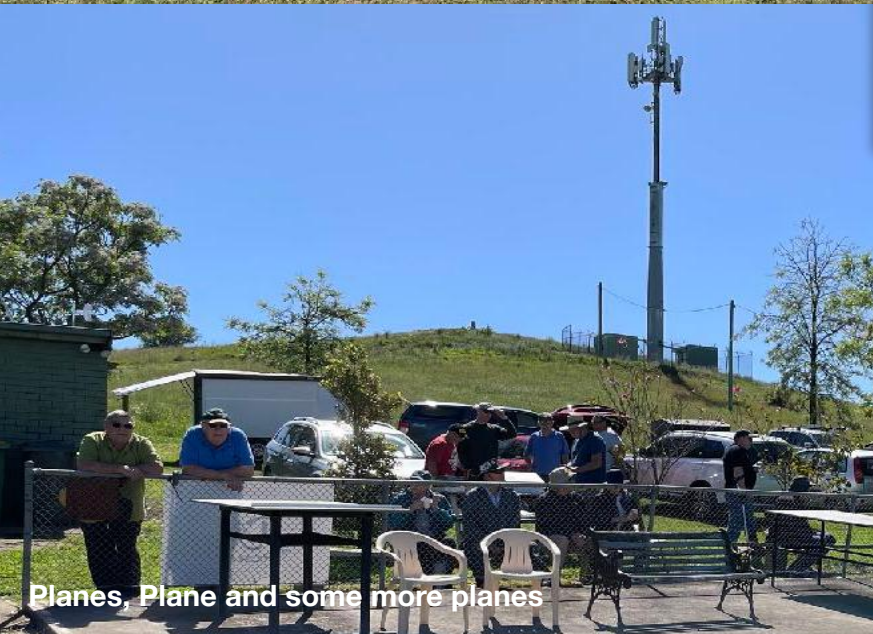




An inverted Supra Fly



Masis and his cool looking electric



Planes, Plane and some more planes



Not a view of the Model Park you see every day unless your'e a bird



Some more great drone shots from Angus - Reaching for the Sky!



Dave Lewis having fun with his BIG Decathlon



A YAK that thinks it's a P-40 is still just a YAK!



Royal Airforce Hawk owned by Brendan Marshall



Just some of the gear for sale at the swap meet





Angus Permewan Qantas A380 on final approach



Just someone at the field with his models





More birds eyes shots Curtis of Angus Permewan and his drone







And yet some more birds eyes shots Curtis of Angus Permewan and his drone



Mario and Luigi making a few holes in the clouds



Tims 1/4 scale Cub in full flight



Dave Lewis and his Decathalon



Doug showing us how it is done



The drone at the heart of a lot of these photos



Just another knife edge pass by Avians Laser

