

## President's Report 2011

Another year has passed and we are still going strong. Club membership is on the increase thanks partially to our Foundation courses.

Since becoming president again, there have been a few changes within the club.

Our landlord has been GRADUALLY doing more work and we now have running water upstairs (although it isn't hot, yet). The hot water system has been installed under our operating bench but is yet to be connected to the power. Hopefully this will occur in the not too distant future.

Other changes in the building have included the building of several new rooms downstairs in what was once the kitchen area. A consequence of this is that we have lost all storage space downstairs and are therefore very restricted in how much we can store in our upstairs area.

There seems to have been a decline in interest in competitions and field days over the last couple of years. In 2011 the John Moyle field day, in which the club had participated for several years, ended up not happening due to being washed out. It also appears that many members do not wish to go so far for a field day any more.

Foundation course and assessment weekends have continued albeit with reduced numbers. A couple of the courses had to be cancelled but I'm sure that Raffy will have more to say about the courses in his report.

Club meetings, project days and the Tuesday "old men's day" continue to be well attended with some interesting projects being undertaken as well as some interesting talks at monthly meetings. The Sunday morning ad hoc gatherings at the "bench of knowledge" in Centennial Park continue to be well attended as well.

A well attended special building day was held with many members bringing along their soldering irons and unfinished or even unstarted projects to start building. A fun day was had by all in attendance and hopefully we can have more in the future. Thanks to David for promoting this side of the hobby.

I would also like to thank the current committee for their support over the year and would also like to see a few new people coming onto the committee, maybe with some fresh ideas. The current committee has been very stable over the years with the president's position having been shared mainly between three people for many years. Personally, I would like to see someone else in the position and to that end, have nominated John VK2FCOM for the position this year.

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