

QMAC F3A

7-8 Feb 2026, NSW F3A Precision Aerobatics Round 1



QMAC's Jamey Bellicanta presenting Andre' Lombard with his certificate

Mixed Weather Greet the NSW F3A Season Opener at QMAC

On 7-8 February, the Queanbeyan Model Aircraft Club hosted the first NSW F3A Precision Aerobatics competition for the year. Competitors came from right across the state, stretching from Mudgee to Newcastle, down to Wangaratta (Victoria), and even a visitor from South Australia.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't quite cooperate. A Total Fire Ban on Friday meant the field was closed, so



Waiting for the fog to lift

there was no chance for competitors to get in any last-minute practice before the season opener. Saturday didn't get off to a great start either, with heavy fog delaying the first round, followed by strong winds cutting the day short. By Sunday, some much-needed rain set in, bringing the competition to an early close with no flying possible.

In the end, only 3 of the planned 6 rounds were completed. Results were as follows:

- FAI – Rod O'Neil
- Expert – Jason Arnold
- Advanced – Richard Chard
- Sportsman – André Lombard

Despite the conditions, we kept all the competitors well fed and hydrated. Everyone kept a good sense of humour and made the most of the weekend.

QMAC has been a regular host for NSW F3A events over the years, and we're looking forward to having everyone back again next time—hopefully with more blue sky and a little less wind!

Tim Voigt
22 Mar 2026



Tim Voigt's Glacial and Rod O'Neil's Aurora



Competitors still waiting for the fog to lift



Sportsman Andre' Lombard preparing for his first flight



Kahl Eckersley's Scorpio in the ready box



Peter Newman's Fantasistas