



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – December, 2002



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### Committee 2002/2003

<i>President</i>	Matt Billett	<i>Returning Officer</i>	Rick Pimblott
<i>Vice President</i>	Glenn White	<i>Public Officer</i>	Roger Carrigg
<i>Treasurer</i>	Rick Pimblott	<i>Safety Officers</i>	Wayne Goodwin, Max Rowan
<i>Secretary</i>	Roger Carrigg	<i>Newsletter Editors</i>	Glenn White, Roger Carrigg
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	Graeme Allen	<i>Field Maintenance</i>	Max Rowan

The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre (corner of Howitt and Doveton Streets) on **Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2003** commencing at 7.30PM. Please come along to the meetings and support your club and be part of the decision making process. Don't forget to bring a plate for supper afterwards.

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Mower Replacement
2. Avalon Bus
3. Life Member Protocol
4. Annual Display
5. Field Maintenance
6. Roy Gladman Round 1
7. Raffle Ticket Equipment
8. APA Model Engines Trophy

### President's Resignation

With much regret Matt Billett tendered his resignation as President at the last meeting effective from 24<sup>th</sup> December 2002. Matt said that he and his family will be leaving Ballarat early in the new year, initially expecting to spend some time in Wagga.

The committee and members wish Matt and his family all the best for the future. I am sure we will see Matt at our open day and at the regular flying events.

Many thanks to Matt for his participation in the club and his enthusiasm will be sadly missed.

As Vice President, Glenn White will step in and assume the President's responsibilities until the end of the financial year when a new president will be elected.



### Points of interest from the last meeting

#### 1. Roy Gladman Round 3 – Scale

Glenn White pointed out that we require three judges and that the emphasis is on the flying. The event is being held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December which is the day after the Xmas Party.

#### 2. Avalon Bus

Roger Carrigg reported that Rob Beardall advised prior to the meeting that his quote from GOLD Bus Lines was well over \$400. The meeting decided to book the Bus through Peter McMahon of Davis Bus Lines.

#### 3. Life Member Guidelines Report

Tom Jobling reported that he is looking at three organizations in which to model our membership types. Constitution makes no reference to Life members. Expect to have it finalized within a few weeks.

#### 4. Annual Display – March 30<sup>th</sup> 2003

Max Rowan advised that preliminary planning is in hand.

#### 5. Site Inspection

Max Rowan reported that he has just spoken to the relevant officer at Moorabool Shire Council and was advised that all the necessary paper work has been signed off. The council does not want to inspect anything on site. An inspection will eventually need to be carried out on the toilet but this will not be required for at least 5 years. Noel Findlay and Glenn White still thought that the plumbing work will need to be inspected and signed off.

#### 6. Xmas Party

Roger Carrigg advised the meeting that a table for 35 has been booked at the Buninyong Hotel for Saturday night 14<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 7.00PM.

#### 7. Xmas Raffle

It was thought that we need to organize an event at one of the shopping centres ASAP to sell raffle tickets while promoting the club at the same time. Tom Jobling offered to make enquiries. The meeting thought that Friday night 6<sup>th</sup> December, at say 5.00PM to 8.00PM would be ideal.

Raffle tickets have been distributed to all members with the last newsletter.

**8. Field Maintenance**

Max Rowan presented the meeting with the following report and comments:

- a) Propose to site the bus shelter next to the shed on the west side.
- b) Propose to make the fence around the buildings more permanent and provide gate access at each end.
- c) We need to water the trees that we planted fairly frequently. There is plenty of water in the drums beside the toilet.
- d) The windsock now locates in a pipe sunk into the ground where the bus shelter used to be.
- e) It was pointed out that the rubber sheaths are coming off the starting stakes.
- f) Matt Billett stated that we need some pipes sunk into the ground that removable stakes can be located in to restrain the larger models. Need to be about 600mm apart.
- g) Rob Beardall and Max Rowan propose to make a wind meter. Max thought that it would cost about \$20. The meeting agreed that the club would cover the cost.
- h) **Mower** – Max Rowan stated that he would like to replace both mowers with a new ride on mower. Preliminary investigations indicate that a 36” cut mower would cost around \$3000 to \$3500. Around \$600 needs to be spent on the existing mowers and unfortunately the gang mower is not really suited to the tough conditions. Westag might be interested in some limited form of sponsorship. Hope to replace mowers for around \$2000. It is important that our fundraisers are effective to enable these expensive items to be purchased.



**New Models seen at field**

We had two extra large models at the field on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December to be certified by Murray Anstis.

The first model was Max’s Extra 300 that he acquired at Shepparton on our recent visit. The model has a wingspan of 82 inches and is powered by a 75cc Webra petrol engine and weighs in excess of 12kg. On the first attempt to fly the Extra nosed over and broke the propeller (not a cheap item on the big models). After changing the prop another attempt was made.



*Max starting the big Webra 75cc. Watch out for those fingers Max. Des Fay holding the Extra 300.*

As soon as the model became airborne it was obvious that Max had a handful. Model was pitching totally out of control and would not fly straight and level. After two or three attempts to turn the Extra back to the strip Max decided to chop the throttle whilst it was into wind and over the line of blue gums on south side of the field. This may have been fortunate as the trees had a cushioning effect and saved the model from major damage.

On reflection it was apparent that the Extra was too tail heavy making the elevator extremely sensitive and virtually impossible to control.

Model will soon be repaired and the C of G position will be investigated more thoroughly.

The next model on the day was Rick’ 100+ inch wingspan Beaver powered by a Zenoah 38cc petrol engine. Another mammoth scale model brought back from Shepparton. Unfortunately the wind was a little strong for a test flight, however Rick ran the motor. Rick had difficulty starting it and has since invested in a starter spring. We look forward to seeing its first test flight early in the new year.



*Rick making some final adjustments, with Pam and Murray looking on.*

We are pleased to report that the new club trainer is now in service. It was test flown on Saturday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> December. The trainer is a Precedent HiBoy powered by a Tiger Shark 40 and was purchased at Hamilton by the club for \$125. Model is setup for mode 1 and 2 and is ready to give prospective new members a taste of aeromodelling.



## Crash Report

See Max's Extra in the *new models seen at field* column. Other than Max's we do not know of any others.



## Tips & Tricks

The tips and tricks cupboard is a bit bare this month. We should have some info next month regarding OS 4 strokes with pump and regulator. Other than that stay sober!!!!



## Events

### Hamilton Fun Fly and Swap Meet – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The Hamilton Fun Fly and Swap meet was attended by Rick and Pam Pimblott, Gordon Hicks and Family, Graeme Allen, Max Rowan, Glenn White, Wayne Goodwin and Roger Carrigg. Peter McNorton of the Hamilton club who was on the PA system all weekend gave an aerobatics display early Saturday morning in his full size Pitts Special. Saturday was very hot and it was fairly windy on both days. The Strips are fantastic to fly off being long and wide.



*A line up of some of the models at Hamilton.*

The Club (BRMFC) bought a new club trainer for \$125 at the swap meet. (A Precedent Hi-Boy with a Tiger Shark 40).

Roger, Wayne, Rick and Max managed to sell some of their unwanted treasures at the swap meet.



*Graeme Allen flying his Cessna 182 at Hamilton.*

The presentations were made at 3.00PM and our club members managed to bring back several trophies;

Max Rowan – Best Scale Model under 72" (Curtiss Jenny). (They must have big rulers)

Roger Carrigg – Best Civilian Model (Cessna 182).

Matt Billett – Scale Aerobatics (Edge 540).

Pilot's Choice went to Barry Angus with his Sea Fury powered by a large petrol engine (78cc I think). Barry flew the Sea Fury very realistically and deserved the trophy.

### Roy Gladman Trophy Round 3 – Scale

The final round of the Roy Gladman Trophy was contested on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December (The day after the Xmas Party).

Disappointingly there were only 4 entrants on the day due in part to the strong northerly winds. Fortunately the wind died down as the day progressed.

The entrants were Roger Carrigg (Cessna 182), Max Rowan (Spitfire), Wayne (FA18 Hornet???) and Glenn White (Beagle Pup 100)

Many thanks to the judges, namely Hugh McCormick, Graeme Allen, Graham Waterhouse and Rick Pimblott. Also thanks to Rick and Pam for organizing the food and Gordon for cooking it to perfection.

The scale scores and the total scores for the 3 rounds are shown further on in the newsletter.

**Congratulations to Glenn White on winning this year's Roy Gladman Trophy.**



## Xmas Party

We held our Xmas Party on Saturday night 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Crown Hotel Buninyong.





Members, family and friends enjoying a good night out.



What's in that box Hugh? Glenn looks to be enjoying himself as usual.

34 members and friends attended and had a fantastic night. The food was excellent as usual and we were well looked after by the staff. The highlight of the night was the drawing of the raffle that was won by Julianne Rickard. Later on we found out that Julianne is Tom Joblings daughter who lives in Melbourne.



Rick looks very contented. As you can see, the raffle tickets found a good use as the night wore on.

We must thank Rick and Pam for donating two bottles of whiskey that were offered as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. The condition was that the winner had to be in attendance. Graeme Waterhouse was one lucky winner and the other went to an unknown hotel patron.



### Xmas Raffle

Big congratulations to all the members that made the Xmas raffle one of our most successful fundraisers to date.

Thank you to all the members that put in the time and effort at the shopping centers and displays selling tickets. Also thanks to the members that badgered their friends and relatives to buy a few tickets and to those who put their hands in their pockets and bought a few tickets as well.

We sold 814 tickets giving us a net profit of \$564. (There is the rent for the year).

Being so successful this looks like being an annual event.

A by product of spending time at Wendouree Village selling raffle tickets is that it gives us the opportunity to promote aeromodelling to the general public. The VMAA encourages clubs to promote the sport/hobby.



### Coming Events

#### APA Model Engines Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2003

The Australian Pattern Association (aerobatics) is holding a two day competition at our field on Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2003. There will be a small working bee to prepare the field and volunteers will be required for the canteen. This will be organized at the January meeting

#### Avalon Airshow – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2003

We have booked a 57 seat bus through Davis Bus Lines to take us to the Air show on the Sunday. Price of tickets will be set at the next meeting in January. Seats can then be booked from then on. It will leave from Davis Bus Lines in Norman Street at 7:30AM.



### Event Calendar

- Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 2002 to Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2003      56<sup>th</sup> MAAA National Championships at Albury/Wodonga.
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2003      VFSAA Scale rally at Werribee.
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 2003      APA Model Engines Trophy at BRMFC.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2003      Avalon Airshow.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2003      State Champs Scale – Shepparton.
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 2003      State Champs Old Timer – Haddon.

That's all for now. Good flying.  
Have a great Christmas and an even better New Year,  
G.W & R.C.

## Roy Gladman Perpetual Trophy - Scores Round 3 Scale 15/12/2002

Contestant	Aircraft	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Static	Total	Remarks
Glenn White	Beagle Pup 100	720	884	910	570	2364	
Roger Carrigg	Cessna 182	886	930	790	540	2356	
Max Rowan	Spitfire Mk5	190	728	844	505	2077	
Wayne Goodwin	Hornet Special	644	700	722	600	2022	

## Roy Gladman Perpetual Trophy - Final Scores 2002

Contestant	February 24, 2002			August 11, 2002			December 15, 2002			% Total	Remarks
	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3				
	Score	Max. Points	% Points	Score	Max Points	% Points	Score	Max Points	% Points		
Glenn White	260	340	76.5	1580	1440	109.7	2364	3230	73.2	<b>86.5</b>	Winner 2002 - First in all 3 rounds
Roger Carrigg	226	340	66.5	1489	1440	103.4	2356	3230	72.9	<b>80.9</b>	
Max Rowan	193	340	56.8	1260	1440	87.5	2077	3230	64.3	<b>69.5</b>	
Wayne Goodwin	130	340	38.2	1511	1440	104.9	2022	3230	62.6	<b>68.6</b>	
Peter Evans	247	340	72.6	1505	1440	104.5		3230	0.0	<b>59.1</b>	
Rick Pimblott	194	340	57.1	1142	1440	79.3		3230	0.0	<b>45.5</b>	
Rob Beardall		340	0.0	1188	1440	82.5		3230	0.0	<b>27.5</b>	Competed in Aerobatics only
Graeme Allen	170	340	50.0		1440	0.0		3230	0.0	<b>16.7</b>	Competed in Novelty only
Peter Barnett		340	0.0	681	1440	47.3		3230	0.0	<b>15.8</b>	Competed in Aerobatics only



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Merry Christmas to all from Top Gun Models

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