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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre (corner of Howitt and Doveton Streets) on **Wednesday February 27th 2002** 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. Club Trainer
2. Annual Display – 21 April
3. OZKOSH – 16/17 March (Event cancelled this year)
4. Lethbridge Display 9/10 March

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Field Development

- a) Max has finished the compound behind the container.
- b) The solid laminate sheets have been removed as part of field clean up.
- c) We now need some one to lend a hand to finish off the toilet building. Fitting the remainder of the internal lining, hanging doors and painting are the main tasks to be done.
- d) We borrowed a tractor and slasher from Bruce Wiseman machinery last Saturday and cut the grass around the edges of the runways. While we had the slasher, a third runway was cut between the ends of the two existing runways forming a triangular area in the centre. This area was then cut down also with the intention that you will ultimately be able to land on it after it has been cut a few times. The runways will still define where you should land but it will give a little extra leeway.
- e) Propose to attach some of the floor sheeting to the metal frames so they can be used as seats/benches etc.
- f) Glenn said that he will get some blue gums to plant around our facilities.

2. Electric Fence

The sheep sh## around the buildings and pit area is becoming a nuisance. It was decide that we will erect the electric fence that the club owns around the buildings and pit area to see if it will

keep the sheep out. It is not practical to try and keep them off the runway and in any case the mower breaks it up satisfactorily.

3. Club Trainer

The issue of club trainer has arisen because it is recognized that if we are to have one it is essential that it is easy to fly and reliable, so it encourages potential new members to embrace the sport/hobby.

Murray Anstis said that he has an RCM Trainer that the club can have. It requires covering and takes a 40 size motor. Graeme Allen thought that he might have a motor that will suit. We will need someone who can finish it off, fit the radio from the existing trainer and get it flying. The meeting thought that a \$100 budget would be sufficient to get it going.

If we can't get a satisfactory trainer up and running this way, and the club determines that it is a worthwhile exercise, then we will need to consider purchasing an ARF trainer and motor.

Once we have a reliable trainer operational, the issue of advertising it with the prospect of attracting people into the hobby was raised. It was recognized that we will need to draft some rules/guidelines to cover its operation.

4. APA Event

Roger Carrigg advised the meeting that Henry Hutchinson rang yesterday to say that the APA has decided NOT to hold their event at our field on 2/3 February 2002. He stated that after their representatives visited our field recently they were concerned about the long tufted grass surrounding the runways and that it may damage

their fragile aircraft. Henry was advised that we have just slashed the grass and also put in another runway. He said that they would like the option of holding it at our field at the same time next year.

5. VCCC Event

Roger Carrigg also advised the meeting that last year we agreed to put on a flying display at our field for the Victorian Classis Car Club on Sunday morning 17th February. We need as many flyers as possible so that we can put on a reasonable show. There will possibly be a lunchtime barbecue.

6. OZKOSH

Max Rowan is to contact Col Pinkerton for the contact person at the airport who owns the hangar where we had our display last year. We might limit it to a single day display this year probably Sunday.

7. Annual Display

After studying the event calendar to ensure that we do not clash with other events, the date for our display has been set for Sunday **21st April 2002**. It was decided to hold a meeting at Roger Carrigg's house next Wednesday night 7:30 PM to plan the event.

8. Request to fly at Lethbridge

Hart Walker – 9th/10th March at Lethbridge Airport. Lions club is raising funds to purchase a machine to benefit kids with Cerebral Palsy. Ted Hardcastle from Dereel is trying to organize some aircraft. We need to get a permit to fly from the VMAA. If successful we will need about 6 members.



New Models seen at field

We have a new member Rob Beardall. He is starting his flying tuition with a rather battle worn Hustler that has seen better days. Glenn helped him recover the wing and with a bit of glue here and there it flies reasonably well. Luckily model is still in one piece after it suffered major radio failure. We think Rob has made a wise investment and has updated his old radio equipment.

We overlooked mentioning Wayne's latest model in the last newsletter. He has scratch built a Hornet, powered by an OS 46FX, which manages to pull it along at a reasonable speed. Wayne was disappointed with the blue and green color scheme because it is very difficult to see. He has since added some brighter trim colors. Model flies well but Wayne still has difficulties landing it.

Peter Barnett has scratch built a very attractive red and white Citabria powered by an OS91FS. It is a long time since we have seen a model of such high standard.



Peter and his superbly finished OS91FS powered Citabria

Peter has flown the model but he has some concerns about its flight performance He has since made some modifications to engine thrust lines which improved it but he is still not happy. I'm sure Peter will work it out.



Another shot of Peter Barnetts Citabria



Crash Report

We've heard on the grapevine that Rick lost his Extra 300 that previously belonged to Matt Billett. Details are very sketchy but we believe that it was caused by radio problems.

Fortunately there hasn't been many crashes lately. (Maybe we are all getting better)



Field Improvements

A big thanks to the few members who have given up their Saturdays for the last couple of months working on improvements at our flying field.

Things have gone ahead in leaps and bounds. The garage is now complete after Noel supervised the fitting of the flooring kindly donated by Graeme Allen.

The water tanks have all been erected and plumbed to toilet basin, urinal, and kitchen sink.

Rob Beardall spent last Saturday morning digging a trench and laying conduit and cable to enable generator to be located under the toilet block keeping noise to a minimum.

The Site office now has a servery at one end. New cupboards and benches are the next project. Also to fit a gas hot plate donated by Graham Waterhouse.

We now have a larger mown car park area behind the toilet. Max has done a great job making a portable fence, which spans the whole front of the site shed and garage keeping the sheep out.

We are also experimenting with a third runway. No excavation work has been done, just the use of a slasher and mowers. Surprisingly it has come up rather well. There is just a couple of hollows to fill.

A special thanks to Graeme Allen for finishing off the walls and hanging the doors inside the toilet, which was like a Turkish bath in the heat we had last Saturday. Now that it is finished we expect to see some flying.



Events

VFSAA Scale Rally - Werribbee

The VFSAA conducted a scale rally at the Werribbee field on Sunday 20th January. Max Rowan, Roger Carrigg and Glenn White went down to support the event. Neither of us had been to the field before so that was an experience in itself. The field was excellent to fly off and luckily the threatening weather held off for the day although the wind was strong at times and continuously changed direction. The VFSAA was glad to see members from Ballarat made the effort to attend. There were about 20-30 models entered in flying and non-flying categories.

Max came home with 1st place in Civilian while Glenn got 3rd place.

With the quality of models that we have at our club it would be nice to see a few more attend these VFSAA

events. Make a note in your diary that the next event is March 24th at Keilor. If you are interested, contact Glenn, Roger or Max.

VCCC Display

It was a great day last Sunday 17th April. We hosted the Victorian Classic Car Club at our field for a model flying demonstration. The VCCC were running their annual Begonia Rally and the visit to our field was one of the stops along the way.

We could not have asked for a better day weather wise. Perfect blue sky and not too hot. There were approximately 100 classic cars and around 175 people.

There was a good turnout of members with their models and we put on an excellent display that was very well received by the visitors. As an added attraction Bob Bradley demonstrated his gas turbine engine that he has built which again caused a great deal of interest.



Hugh's magnificent 1/5 scale Spitfire eagerly awaiting another flight.



Some of the classic cars belonging to our visitors. It is not often that you see this many beautiful cars from days gone by in the one car park.

This was the first real test for our field hosting an event where there are a lot of cars and spectators. The VCCC organized the attendance of the local fire brigade because some of their cars would be parked over the long dry grass.



Bob Bradley about to fire up the turbine engine on the test bench. This shot was taken after the visitors left.



Some of the many spectators enthralled by our show

Col Pinkerton who is now a member of the VCCC did an excellent job commentating on the microphone. He kept the spectators well informed on the ins and outs of flying model aircraft. I believe Col was also the organizer or the Begonia Rally.



Coming Events

Lethbridge

We have been asked by the Geelong Sports Aviators Inc. to put on a flying display at Lethbridge Airpark on Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th March. The show is being run in conjunction with the Bannockburn Lions Club to raise money for the Lions Club Hart walker appeal to help children with Cerebral Palsy. We have submitted an application to the VMAA for a display

permit although the short notice meant that we were unable to get it in within the 60 day requirement. Hopefully we will be able to put on a flying demonstration. There is certainly plenty of room to fly. We will need at least 6 members to participate.

Annual Display Day

Probably the most important date on our calendar is **Sunday April 21st**, our public display day. Please keep this day available, as we will require all hands on deck, whether flying or helping with the running of the event.

We are presently organizing the raffle. We have some good prizes, which should appeal to most. As this is our biggest money raiser we have to put it on to our members to sell as many tickets as possible before the display day, which is when it will be drawn. You will receive a book of raffle tickets by mail shortly. Don't put them in a drawer and forget them. Don't put them to one side and say I'll buy them myself. Send the money immediately and get another book.!!!

Graeme Allen has designed and is in the process of printing some advertising flyers designed to go in milk bars, shops, work places etc. Your assistance distributing these will be greatly appreciated. Pick up flyers from any committee member.

At this stage it looks like being a great day. We have commitments from several modelers with excellent models. We are proposing to have helicopter display, aerobatic displays, lolly drop, ultra-light aircraft etc. etc. The important thing is to keep planes in the air at all times and observe all the safety procedures.

One thing that we do not have to organize this time is the cooking. This is being taken care of by Pat Fiskien. The proceeds of the canteen are then going to a well deserved charity.

Nothing just happens, it all takes a lot of work and effort. Please lend a hand if you are able.



Event Calendar

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| Feb 23 rd /24 th 2002 | Scale State Champs - Shepparton. |
| Feb 24 th 2002 | Roy Gladman Trophy Round 1. |
| Mar 2 nd /3 rd 2002 | Old Timer Vic State Champs – Haddon. |
| Mar 9 th /10 th 2002 | Lethbridge Display ???. |
| Mar 17 th 2002 | Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS. |
| Mar 17 th 2002 | Keilor Open Day. |
| Mar 24 th 2002 | VFSAA Round 1 – Keilor. |
| Apr 21st 2002 | BRMFC Annual Display. |
| Apr 28 th 2002 | Geelong Annual Display. |

Apr 27th/28th 2002 WW2 & Military Scale Fly-in at
Wagga Wagga.

That's all for now. Good flying.
G.W & R.C.

We have been advised that the Haddon Club is now going to run the indoor R/C electric and rubber powered flying at the Netball Centre in Norman Street. According to our sources it will be starting very soon.

Don't forget Meredith Wholesale Nursery for all your gardening requirements. We must thank Pam and Barry for their kind donation of plants and shrubs at our flying field.



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