



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – July, 2001

### Committee 2000/2001

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The **Annual General Meeting** of BRMFC is to be held at Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre (corner of Howitt and Doveton Streets) on **Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2001** 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.

The ordinary meeting will then be held with the newly elected committee.

### **Agenda Items for the next ordinary meeting**

1. **Roy Gladman Trophy Round 2 (Aerobatics)**
2. **New Field**
3. **Fund Raising**
4. **Visitor and Incident Books**
5. **Payment of Fees**

### **Points of interest from the last meeting**

#### 1. **Club Fees**

The secretary passed copies of the proposed member structure and fee schedule around the meeting for discussion prior to a vote to accept the recommendations. There was some discussion before the meeting voted unanimously to adopt the new fee structure. (See the fee structure further on in the newsletter.)

#### 2. **Field Development**

- a) Footings are in place for the toilet and old toilet from Bowes Road has been dismantled and is now on site.
- b) Footing holes have also been dug for the new shed.
- c) Max Rowan said that he will try and get a trencher for this Saturday to fix the flooding problem along the drive in.
- d) Max also said that he will recheck the price of the shed at Gay's tomorrow.
- e) Murray Anstis volunteered to do a tip run from Bowes Road to cleanup the rubbish remaining.
- f) We will leave the old freezer at Bowes Road until the new shed is erected.
- g) The meeting agreed that we don't need the old water tank that fed the toilet at Bowes Road.
- h) Max Rowan advised that Martin Tuddenham maybe able to obtain some old telegraph poles that we can lay on the ground in front of the pits as a model safety barrier.

#### 3. **Promotion of Club on Internet**

Murray Anstis advised that Sean Anstis is working on a Club Web Site. Many thanks to Sean.

#### 4. **Committee 2001/2002**

All positions with the exception of Treasurer and Vice President come up for election this year. (It was voted at the last AGM that the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected for two year, periods on a staggered basis).

The Treasurer and Vice President indicated that they are prepared to remain in their positions. On that basis all positions with the exception of Treasurer and Vice President will be re-elected at the AGM to be held next month.

#### 5. **Fund Raising**

- a) Glenn White advised that he is looking at a "*Last Man Standing*" night out format as a club fund raiser.
- b) Max Rowan suggested a "*sausage sizzle*" outside Safeway with a few models to attract interest. The meeting thought it was a good idea and worth following up.

#### 6. **Roy Gladman Trophy Round 2 - Aerobatics**

Glenn White thought that we could run this event using the Sporty Forty aerobatics schedule outlined in the June 2001 VMAA Newsletter. After consulting the calendar it was decided to hold the event on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 7. **Visitors & Incident Books**

Glenn White suggested that we should maintain a *visitors* book, particularly for those who come out to fly and are not VMAA members and therefore not covered by insurance. Also an incident book should be maintained to record mishaps.



## Membership Fees 2001/2002

Membership fees for the next financial year are now due and payable by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2001. Shown below is the membership and fee structure voted on and adopted at the last meeting. Please fill out the membership renewal form attached to this newsletter and forward to the Secretary or Treasurer.

Note: Pension rates with 10% discount, are shown in brackets

1. **Senior member** plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.

Definition: Any person over 18 years and not on a pension.

Club	\$60.00	(\$54.00)
<u>VMAA</u>	<u>\$62.00</u>	<u>(\$52.00)</u>
Total	<b>\$122.00</b>	<b>(\$106.00)</b>

2. **Senior member** – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.

Definition: Any person over 18 years and not on a pension. VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly regularly at our field.

Club	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>(\$54.00)</b>
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3. **Junior member** plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter. 50% of senior membership fee

Definition: Any person under 18 years.

Club	\$30.00	(\$27.00)
<u>VMAA</u>	<u>\$28.00</u>	<u>(\$28.00)</u>
Total	<b>\$58.00</b>	<b>(\$55.00)</b>

4. **Associate member** – Benefits: Gate key & newsletter. VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly infrequently at our field. Probably live remotely.

Club	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>(\$36.00)</b>
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5. **Social member** – Benefits: Newsletter. Non flyer.

Club	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>(\$13.50)</b>
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6. **Family membership** – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter. Consists of one senior rate plus \$10. Family members must pay VMAA fees as specified (Junior or Senior). Applies to immediate family residing at same address. There is no family VMAA fee arrangement.

Club	\$70.00	(\$63.00)
<u>VMAA</u>	<u>\$62.00</u>	<u>(\$52.00)</u>
Total	<b>\$132.00</b>	<b>(\$115.00)</b>

### Notes:

- All members receive newsletter.
- VMAA fees are based on 2001/2002
- \$10 Joining fee.
- \$5 Administration fee, if fees are not paid by end of July 2001. This is because the Treasurer has to send off multiple VMAA fees. (More work)



## Annual General Meeting

Don't forget that the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting where the committee for 2001/2002 is elected.

This is an important event so please try and make the effort to attend.

### President's Report

Yes, another financial year is over and what have we achieved? A great deal thanks to our many devoted members who have given up their Saturdays throughout the year to develop our new site into one of the better flying fields in the VMAA. I would like to thank every one of you for your time and effort, although we still have a long way to go. In particular I would like to thank Roger and Rick for keeping the records and finances in excellent order, by introducing a new fully computerized booking system which makes all our jobs that much easier. Also thank you to Glenn and Roger for producing the monthly newsletter which also takes a lot of time, effort and bull sh#\$@. (*Don't know about bull sh#\$@, but there's no bullshit Ed.*) Rick for providing the snap shots on the highs and lows of aero modelling, for those of us who actually fly occasionally throughout the year.

On a final note thanks to everyone throughout the year who has supported the club. I hope to see you all in the new financial year at our new Spread Eagle Road flying field.

Happy and safe flying regards,  
Max Rowan, President

### Treasurer's Report

As I come to the end of my first year of my term of office as treasurer, I am not happy to report that it has only been a mediocre year financially for the club.

Our expenditure has far outstripped our receipts. Not wanting to be an alarmist, there are some good reasons for this state of affairs, not the least being the setting up of our new field, which includes the grading of the landing strips. The purchase of the new toilet and the relocating of our equipment from the old field. Not to mention all the council permits.

The main sources of income came from our membership fees and the VMAA loan.

Other factors were that we did not have our usual public open day.

I am sure that the next term will show itself as a better term financially when we run our public open day again as well as all the fantastic fund raising ventures in the wind, which I am sure everyone will do their best to support.

Safe Landings,  
Rick Pimblott, Treasurer

### Secretary's Report

The Secretary's job entails looking after all the inward and outward correspondence for the club. Other duties include, taking the minutes of our monthly meetings, ensuring all the responsibilities of the club are met as defined by the Incorporated Bodies Act, and maintaining a register of members. During the year I managed to put together a revised new member starter pack. It now consists of an extensive document containing aeromodelling information, a frequency key, a gate key and a club badge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President Max Rowan for all the work he has done during the year to get the new field up and running. There is no doubt Max has been a driving force to get things done. As well as that he has done a lot of work keeping the mowers serviceable including a major rebuild to the motor of the small ride on mower.

Safe Landings,  
Roger Carrigg, Secretary

**Editor's Report**

Once again another year has slipped by and we all look back and say where the heck has it gone. We have tried to produce an interesting and informative newsletter on a monthly basis and only hope it helps to keep members abreast of what is happening. The newsletter is now being emailed to 22 BRMFC members and 7 members of other clubs/associations. This saves a significant amount of money traditionally spent on postage. Don't forget to take advantage of advertising in the newsletter. We all have items for sale from time to time.

From your scribes,  
Roger Carrigg and Glenn White.



**Field Development**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June the footings for the toilet and shed were dug using a motorized posthole digger. These had to be inspected during the week by the Building Inspector. Then on the Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June the concrete stumps for the toilet were set in the holes. It was then time to dismantle the toilet at Bowes Road. This was done on Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> June and taken out to Yendon on Graeme Allen's huge trailer.

While we were dismantling the toilet Bill Ham (the landowner) called in for a chat. He said that he had been going through his records and came across the original agreement with BRMFC to use his land in Bowes Road. It was dated October 1981, which means we have been there for just on twenty years. Bill said that he was sad to see us go and wished us all the best at our new home.

As of writing this article, the flooring has been laid for the toilet and we are now ready to erect the walls salvaged from the old toilet. This would have been done last Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> July) but the rain set in and spoilt our plans. Hopefully the building will be basically erected next weekend.

(Yes, we did get the walls erected on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July and the roof framework in place.)

This coming Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> July), we hope to get the roofing iron on and the plumbing in place ready for installation of the internal lining.

The building will then need painting green on the outside. Don't forget if you have some time to spare come out and lend a hand. The old saying "many hands make light work" is very true.



**Horsham 2001 Fun Fly** — by Matt Billett

The time had come to go to yet another fun-fly, and what better place to spend the weekend than Horsham. This would be the second year at the new field opposite the Horsham field days site.

The weather was to say the least, perfect, and there were not great expectations of large numbers turning up. The event was scheduled to be a one day event but several modellers and their families took advantage of turning it into a full weekend getaway. Matt, Amanda and Lachlan Billett were the only BRMFC members at the field on the Saturday, along with about 6-8 other flyers, and most of these came from the Mildura direction with the promoter of the Horsham club, "Psycho" Steve Hughes doing a myriad of flying.



*Ian Crowsnest's Tiger Moth – Enya 120FS powered*

Saturday came and went with two pilots going to their overnight accommodation with the VERY bent remains of their fun fly models. Luke Smith and Glenn Orchard from Mildura, both had some unexpected bad luck. Glenn's went off the air and the balsa tried to re-plant itself into the ground, with quite some success. The only part of the brand new OS46FX sticking out of the ground was the very tip of the exhaust. Luke's model suffered from lack of pre flight control surface "tug" tests, and promptly lost one elevator half before spiraling into the ground.

The Bull and Mouth (now known as the Foot and Mouth) pub was to be the venue for the evening meal. The food was great for the dollar spent and I don't think there were any disappointed people.



*Roger Carrigg with his OS46FX BlackJack.*

Sunday rolled around and as the sun arose from its slumber, it revealed what promised to be the "perfect" day. There had been a heavy fog overnight and the still settling



ground which had been ploughed not long ago, became a little "gluggy", and this caused some weight gain on some models, in the form of muddy wheels.

This soon changed, and before we knew it, there were about 35-40 models and their proud pilots to show the Horsham public what this great hobby is all about. Roger Carrigg and Rick Pimblott both made the short drive on the Sunday to share in a great days flying. Both had a good time I feel and, it was great to see a reasonable Ballarat contingent there to support other clubs and their fun-flys. Support is what must be given if our own fun-fly's are to be successful!



Glen Orchards 40% scale Edge 540 & spectators.

There was a wide array of people and their models from small home designed and made fun fly models, to large, loud

aerobatic *thingies*. There was one crash on Sunday, which was a small, extremely fast sport model. Rumor has it that it too went off the air. Could have been pilot error though?? Of particular interest was the mounted camera placed into Glenn Orchard's 36% Edge 540, and also into Psycho Steve's 33% SU26M Sukhoi. The full flight was recorded from the ground and it could also be viewed from the tripod camera during the flight. These are the fascinating things that we all go to see at the various events that are held.

This fun fly in general was a great success, and the catering was done via BBQ and free tea and coffee for the pilots. The local community showed great interest in the event and it was heavily promoted on the radio for a week prior.



Lachlan Billett sleeping it off in Glenn Orchard's 40% scale Edge 540 powered by a 3W 150

Rumor has it that there could also be a new test pilot in the wind!!!!!!!! (see photo).

That's all for now. - Matt.



## New Models seen at field

Glen Dallenger was seen recently at Yendon with a VMAR aerobatic model. He said it flew very well. Also Nick Katsikaros has been flying a new model that he designed and built.

Although there hasn't been much activity in the new model department over the last month or so, we know there are a lot of new models almost ready to fly. So keep an eye on this column. Don't forget to report new models to the editors; we also like photos.



## Crash Report

Peter Evans had an anxious moment on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June when his 60 size 2 stroke powered Laser went dead stick in an awkward position while flying off the north/south runway. Instead of turning away in a clockwise direction, he turned left in an anti clockwise direction and flew behind himself trying to make the east/west runway and misjudged the distance. The Laser hit his own vehicle parked in front of the clubhouse causing minor damage to the taillight and major damage to the model.

This is a problem at the new field when flying off the north/south runway. **All pilots must at no time fly behind themselves, which puts the model between them and the pit area.** Even though it is not smooth, there is plenty of room in the outfield to land safely.

Under dead stick conditions, you are not always going to be able to pilot the model back to the runway.

We just remembered that Max crashed the club trainer on take off about 3 weeks ago. For some reason it peeled to the right and went in. Fortunately it didn't do any damage. Max dusted himself down and took off again this time with success. Max put it down to #\$\$@&



## Tips & Tricks

*How do I determine where to drill holes in engine cowls for needle valves etc.?* Well here's a method that works. With the engine cowl removed, tape a firm piece of cardboard about 50cm wide to the side of the fuselage and long enough to extend past the needle valve location. Generally a piece of extension wire needs to be inserted into the needle valve, which protrudes through the cowl and has a right angle bend for grip. Insert a piece of wire into the needle valve that is just long enough to reach the side of the cowl. Mark the position on the piece of cardboard, remove cardboard and drill a hole at the position marked. Reattach the cardboard to the side of the fuselage with the wire located through the hole. Make sure the attaching tape is far enough back not to interfere with the cowl. Remove the wire from the needle valve and refit the cowl securely, then drill the hole in the cowl using the hole in the cardboard as a template.

You will now have a hole no larger than necessary in exactly the right location.



## Roy Gladman Trophy - Aerobatics

The second round of the Roy Gladman Trophy has been scheduled for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 9.30AM. The first round was great and everybody had a ball. Don't be put off by aerobatics, we want this day to be fun as well. The event will consist of 10 maneuvers.

1. Double Immelman
2. Slow roll
3. Two inside loops
4. Two Horizontal rolls
5. Top Hat
6. Cuban Eight
7. Square loop on corner
8. Straight inverted flight
9. Two outside loops
10. Two turn spin

Same rules will apply as last year. If anybody not flying on the day is available to judge contact Glenn.

We know that you won't be familiar with all of these maneuvers and that you may not have a model that can even do every maneuver. **Don't worry, just do what you can do and have fun there are points awarded for attempts** – We want it to be a fun day!!



## Event Calendar

July 29 <sup>th</sup> 2001	Roy Gladman Trophy Round 2 – Club event at Yendon.
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> 2001	VFSAA Round 5 at GMAC – Greensborough
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> 2001	Mammoth Scale Fly-In – Shepparton.
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> 2001	Mammoth and All Sorts Fly-In – Sunrasia Aero Club – Mildura.
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> 2001	Mallee Rally at Warracknabeal.
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> 2001	Scale Rally at MARCS.

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



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