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## NEWSLETTER – June, 2004

### Committee 2003/2004

|                          |               |                           |   |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| <i>President</i>         | Glenn White   | <i>Returning Officer</i>  | Rick Pimblott                                 |
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| <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 June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004** 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. **Set Date for Open Day 2005 (Avalon Airshow – 15-20 Mar 2005)**
2. **Field Maintenance**
3. **Committee 2004/5 Nominations**
4. **Club Uniform Orders**
5. **Strategic Plan**
6. **Life Member Protocol**
7. **Roy Gladman Round 2 Aerobatics**
8. **Member Participation Scheme and Fees 2004/5**
9. **Video player at meeting place**
10. **BJ at meeting**

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

#### **1. Bronze Wings**

The President presented Rick Pimblott with his Bronze Wings.

#### **2. Nominations for 2004/5 Committee**

Several members were nominated and nomination accepted.

Only safety officer positions require nominations.

#### **3. Incorporate Life Member Protocol into Constitution**

Secretary to do.

#### **4. Smoking at Field**

The meeting decided to designate the bus shelter as a smoking area. Lawrence Fisher is to organize a sand bucket where butts can be disposed of.

*Action: Lawrence Fisher to organize sand bucket.*

#### **5. Field Maintenance**

The need for a ramp in front of the servery window became apparent during the last display day and was mentioned in the post mortem held after the event. Murray Anstis offered to construct a ramp. It was thought that the ramp should be about 300mm high.

*Action: Murray Anstis to construct a 300mm high ramp in front of servery window.*

#### **6. Club Uniform**

Due to Gordon Hick's absence this item was held over until the next meeting.

#### **7. Strategic Plan**

Graeme Allen to do.

#### **8. Member Participation Scheme**

This item was discussed at length and generated some enthusiastic comments.

Lawrence Fisher thought that we may lose some members if it is introduced.

Rick Pimblott pointed out that if we do not run fund raisers then the fees would need to be raised by around \$25 to cover the shortfall. The crux of the matter is that it is a handful of members who have been involved in the fund raisers over the last few years that has enabled the club to keep the fees down.

Those members don't want to feel that they must continue to do so, so that the club can continue on a sound financial basis.

Dale Deppeler disagreed with the points system and would sooner see the fees rise to cover the shortfall.

Nick Katsikaros was away on business but raised these issues in an email sent to Secretary.

*There are some points I would like to have raised at the next meeting regarding the participation scheme:*

1. *The target points should be reduced to 25 (or 30?). The number of points to be collected is too high with respect to the way points are accumulated I suggest the "average member" should be able to earn their points by participating in about 4 events and 6 meetings. (I have no objection to the President and secretary getting all their points by virtue of their position.)*
2. *Points should also be earned for participating in each round of the Roy Gladman or any other event organised by the club.*
3. *Participation by spouses should not be discounted. (But junior participation should not be counted as part of a senior's total.)*

Roger Carrigg then moved a motion that we raise the fees by \$20 to head off the objections to the points scheme. The motion was voted on and carried.

(I suspect this matter is not dead and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Maybe the fee increase needs to be evaluated more thoroughly – Secretary's comment)

**9. Sausage Sizzles**

The Secretary raised the issue of sausage sizzles. Should we still run them?

Max Rowan and Graeme Allen thought that we should still run sausage sizzles even though it was voted on to raise the fees to alleviate the need for these types of fund raisers.

*Action: Secretary to book two dates at Safeway Sebastopol.*

**10. Caption Competition**

The captions submitted from the last newsletter (April 2004) were handed around the meeting. Gordon Hick's entry was selected as the winner. Gordon wins a bottle of Super Glue.



**Committee 2004/5**

Just a reminder that all committee nominations need to be submitted to the returning officer (Rick Pimblott) ASAP. The AGM is on July 28<sup>th</sup>, the meeting after next. We still require nominations for the two Safety Officer positions.



**President's Report**

Just a word or two about the reward scheme proposed by Rick. I personally was disappointed to see it voted against at the last meeting; the idea had a lot of merit. Maybe I am biased and only see things from my point of view. Our club is made up of many different types of members those that are madly keen to those that are only just interested. You cannot expect everyone to put in the same amount of effort when it comes to field maintenance and money raising etc. I am sure that the same situation applies at

most clubs, it may appear to be a little unfair but I know that the ones that put the most in also get the most out. Club fees will always be going up, it is something we just have to live with. However, as a club we should do everything we can to keep them as low as possible.

With the members we have we haven't done a bad job and we should be congratulated so keep up the good work and have some enjoyable days flying.



**VMAA News**

See the new fee structure further on in newsletter. Won't fit here!

1. World Champs Poland July 2004 – Team manager Gary Lamont, team members David Law, Noel Whitehead, John Lamont.
2. State Field is to be promoted to all clubs by way of an invitation to come and fly at the state field. 2 or 3 clubs at a time are being asked to attend a "Come and Fly with us Day". Clubs and members do not require an invitation. Please contact NFG and invite yourself.
3. VMAA honorariums have been increased. Secretary from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per member, CD from \$0.45 to \$0.50 per member, President's expenses from \$160 to \$250.  
*(I think these guys deserve every cent – they put in a lot of time and effort for us. Ed)*
4. It has been reported that several large ARF models have malfunctioned in flight. All members are warned to inspect construction carefully.



**New Models seen at field**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May Rick brought out a surprise model that none of us new anything about. It was a Great Planes Ju 87 Stuka powered by an OS 91FS. The model is fully built up from the kit and around 72" wing span. Rick must have been in a bit of a rush to get it out to the field because the canopy glue was still partly wet and showing white.



*Rick's Stuka the week before its maiden flight.*

Rick was planning on doing an engine run but had trouble with the fuel filler valve. (Sometimes the pin stays jammed in and doesn't seal allowing fuel to escape).

Rick fixed the problem during the week and brought the Stuka out again the following Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> June (D Day).

This time the Stuka was also ready for its test flight. Rick ran the engine up and made sure it was running smoothly and reliably. Graeme Allen was appointed the chief test pilot (with arm in sling). On the first attempt the model nosed over. The motor was restarted and this time more elevator was used and the Stuka tracked straight down the runway and climbed gracefully into the air. In fact, Graeme did a very nice take off. Model flew with authority and showed no bad tendencies with the exception of the landing. The landing approach was fast and Graeme noted that he had to hold full elevator at touch down. More elevator throw is required for the next flight.



Tom's brightly colored Fly Babe – should be easy to see in the sky.

On the same day Tom Jobling brought his latest model. This one is a brightly colored Fly Babe powered by a VMax 52. This is Tom's first low wing model.



### Crash Report

To the best of our knowledge there hasn't been any mishaps to date, and this is not due to a lack of flying. Most of us have been out every weekend and Lawrence has been out nearly every day. We must all be improving.



### Tips & Tricks

Anybody got any good ideas to pass on?



### Field Maintenance

Since we have had the rain the grass is beginning to grow. This means that the mowers have to be manned. A big thanks to the guys that gave up their Saturday recently and

gave the field a good going over. We think that Lawrence had more exercise pushing the hand mower than he has had for a long time.



### Events

#### VFSAA Trophy Shepparton – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June

Five members made the trip to Shepparton to attend the annual VFSAA trophy event. Two of us took models really with the intention of making up the numbers as of recent years entries have been on the low side. There were 15 entries with one withdrawal prior to the event.

We arrived at 10.00AM and assembled the models just in time for a quick test flight before the competition started.

Glenn had his trusty Beagle and Roger had his P39 Airacobra. Glenn, not being the builder of the Beagle did not enter in the static judging. Rick and Pam Pimblott, and Graeme Allen arrived around midday.



David Law's magnificent turbine powered Vampire being prepared for flight.

The weather conditions were not the best, being very overcast and cold (even by Ballarat standards). One and a half rounds were completed on the Saturday before the judges pulled the pin. They were frozen sitting out on their chairs beside the runway. You can't blame them. Unfortunately the weather conditions deteriorated further on Sunday and we barely managed to complete the second round.

There were some really world class models entered. In fact one of them was David Law's turbine powered Vampire. David and model are due to leave next month for the World Scale Championships, held in Poland this year. David had two flights with the Vampire, the first with no incident but the second flight caused a rush of adrenalin when the nose wheel failed to extend for landing. However there was no need for concern as David skillfully belly landed the Vampire with no damage. (Rather it happens now than at the World Champs.)

Brian Johnson flew the Heinkel He 219 in the first round and scored very well, but chose not to fly on the Sunday as the model is very difficult to see in overcast conditions.

Noel Whitehead flew his scale competition Winjeel. This is not the one he bent at our field a few weeks ago. By the way he has repaired that one. Gary Sunderland flew his large Bristol Fighter and scored well.

The winner of the competition was without doubt David Law (Vampire), second place went to Gary Sunderland (Bristol Fighter) and third went to Anthony Mott (SpaceWalker).

All in all it was a great weekend and all competitors were rewarded with a goody bag full of great modeling stuff supplied by the VFSAA through Model Engines. It is good to report that there were no crashes over the whole weekend.

I'm sure we will be there again next year.



### Coming Events

#### Roy Gladman Round 2 – Aerobatics 27<sup>th</sup> June

Let's make this a fun day. Any model that is capable of doing a loop can be entered. Even though we fly on a sheep station, we are not flying for sheep stations.

There will be a list of manoeuvres (Tricks for Wayne) on the notice board in the club house or check your last newsletter.

We need as many flyers as possible to participate. This is good practice for would be pattern flyers and those wishing to attain their Gold Wings.

### Caption Competition

June newsletter caption competition. Please submit your caption noting which newsletter to Roger Carrigg via email [roger@startek.com.au](mailto:roger@startek.com.au) or in the box at the club house. (Soon to be)



There will be a small entry fee to cover the trophy and BBQ lunch. All members are encouraged to come and give a hand with running the day.

### VFSAA Scale Rally – State Field 18<sup>th</sup> July

The VFSAA is holding a Scale Rally at the State Field on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July and is incorporating a team entry category. The team can consist of two or more people. The builder or builders plus the pilot. Why don't some of us get together and make up a team. There are some nice models in the club. If you haven't been to the State Field, it isn't a long trip (1½ hours easy drive) and is well worth the visit, and remember, some of your dollars are invested in it. The club rooms are very comfortable should it be cold or wet and food will probably be available. Any members wishing to join the VFSAA would be most welcome.



### Event Calendar

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| July 4 <sup>th</sup> 2004                   | Large scale & F4C – MARCS             |
| July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2004                  | VFSAA Rally – State Field             |
| Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> 2004   | Pattern Aerobatics Cobram– MMAC       |
| Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> 2004 | Large Scale – Shepparton              |
| Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 2004                   | Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG |

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

*What is Graeme thinking about while having his Spitfire statically judged at the recent Wagga Military event? Gordon Hick's entry was voted as the winner of the April 2004 competition at the last meeting (May). It was for the picture of Grahame Waterhouse sitting on his chair looking up. Gordon's caption was "Built that & that & that, repaired that & that. My planes do more flying than I do!"*

### **MAAA/VMAA Affiliation fees for 2004/5**

The Secretary advised the last meeting of the following information just received from the VMAA Secretary.

1. Fees 2004/5 (The fees enclosed in () are the 2003/4 fees)

|            | <b>MAAA</b>    | <b>VMAA</b> | <b>Total</b>          |         |
|------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Seniors    | \$110 (110.50) | \$30 (27)   | <b>\$140</b> (137.50) | +\$2.50 |
| Pensioners | \$110 (110.50) | \$23 (20)   | <b>\$133</b> (130.50) | +\$2.50 |
| Juniors    | \$95 (97.85)   | \$18 (15)   | <b>\$113</b> (112.85) | +\$0.15 |

2. Some VMAA Rule Changes.

3. VMAA Club yearly Affiliation fee of \$10 abolished. (Once off fee only)



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