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NEWSLETTER – May, 2004

Committee 2003/2004

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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 May 26th 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. AGM Nominations
2. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution
3. Smoking at field
4. Field Maintenance
5. Club Uniform Orders
6. Strategic Plan

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Annual Display Post Mortem

The Annual Display held on March 28th was discussed at length and the following points made.

- a) Nick K. raised concern over aircraft proximity to kids during the lolly drop event.
Action: It was decided that landing should not be attempted while kids still on the field.
- b) Nick also raised concern about aircraft flying over a downed model whilst being retrieved.
Action: Callers must be vigilant and advise pilot of any such situations and to instruct pilot to stay high during retrieval process. Flight line control officers should wear orange vest.
- c) Tom Jobling suggested that a small committee analyze display day.
- d) Peter Barnett pointed out that if the suggestions are recorded in the minutes then everyone will be made aware of them.
- e) Sandra Anstis stated that the serving counter is too high.
Action: Max Rowan to investigate a temporary ramp.
- f) Lawrence stated that the fire ban obviously deterred a lot of people from turning up (Pilots and spectators). Totally un-seasonal for the time of year.
- g) Glenn White suggested that we should investigate accommodation discounts for pilots to encourage staying overnight.

- h) Murray Anstis suggested an auction of second hand gear which could be held on either the Saturday or Sunday. Also raffle ticket sales should start earlier.
- i) Malcolm Miles stated that the road signs at Gordon should display distance to field.
- j) Peter Barnett pointed out that it would be advantageous to move one of the banners to Spredaeagle Road on the Sunday morning.
- k) Nick suggested attaching date to banners with Velcro so date can be changed readily.

2. Club Uniform Order

Graham Waterhouse said that he requires 5 cloth club badges.

The meeting decided that the club would buy 2 dozen cloth badges.

Gordon Hicks to source.

Nick K. has a coat size 3XL that does not fit correctly and wishes to sell it.

Peter Barnett's coat is to be swapped for a new one which the club will keep to sell.

3. Membership Participation Scheme

Dean Farnsworth sent an email to all members stating his views on the member participation scheme. Discussion pointed out that every member is entitled to voice his/her opinion.

The final outcome of the scheme is yet to be finalized.

4. Strategic Plan

Due to Graeme Allen's absence this item was carried over to the next meeting.

5. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution

Due to Roger Carrigg's absence this item was carried over to the next meeting.

6. Field Maintenance

Max Rowan reported that not much is happening at the moment regarding field maintenance. The main jobs to be done at the moment are a new flue for the wood heater and a side door into shed.

7. Model Safety

Graham Waterhouse (Safety Officer) pointed out that there are one or two models at the field that are not airworthy. We need two or more members to check models and advise the owner of the necessary modifications. ARF's especially.

Graham W. also submitted a safety report to the meeting critically detailing an incident that occurred whilst Lawrence Fisher was flying on Tuesday 20th April 2004.

Lawrence F. responded by saying that he had no problems with being told not to fly over the club house but will not tolerate being verbally abused. L.F. pointed out that G.W. apologized later for his abrupt manner.

Glenn W. stated that if you fly over the pits you will be told off and that the rule is in place for safety reasons.

Max R. thought that more consideration should be shown to new members.

Nick K. added that there are two main issues here, conduct and flying. We need to handle the transition better from beginner to solo. (This reinforces the merits of the Bronze wing certification.)

8. VFSAA Round 6 - 2005

The meeting agreed with VFSAA request to run round 6 at our field on **Sunday May 1st 2005.**



Club Uniform

Now that winter is around the corner (feels like it's already here) Gordon is now taking orders for club jackets etc.

To prevent problems arising with sizes it is advised that you call in to the Hip Pocket in Howitt Street (opposite Top Gun) and try on the size that you require, noting the actual size on the label. For any further information please contact Gordon on 5332 4572 or 0427 033 981.



Smoking at Field

It is proposed to change the rules on smoking at the field. At present we have a ban on smoking which seems unfair to some members. To rectify this it is proposed that we set aside a smoking area. Ie Bus Shelter. Anybody who has

thoughts or an opinion on this subject should attend the next meeting when this item will be discussed.



Club Trainer

An update on the club trainer. Max spent some time on our current trainer making sure it is airworthy and ready at a moments notice. Rob Beardall has replaced the receiver aerial which was found to be broken at the exit from the receiver. We have always had a problem with the buddy box system and only having one master Tx which is on mode 2. This problem has now been solved as we were fortunate enough to pick up another complete radio set at a reasonable price. This radio is what we were looking for because it is a computer Tx with 3 model memory.

Glenn is in the process of building an Aeroflyte Hustler which will be donated to the club. It is envisaged that this model will be setup on mode one with the new radio. With the two slave Tx's that we already have gives us all the combinations of Master with mode 1 or 2 and student with mode 1 or 2.



New Models seen at field

No new models have made their way out to the field as yet this month. Come on all you would be modelers lets see some new models.



Crash Report

On Saturday the 24th April when flying at the Wagga event Graeme Allen had a very eventful first flight with his new Spitfire.



Graeme Allen's Spitfire at Wagga awaiting its first flight.

After a shaky takeoff his first maneuver was to be a loop. As the Spitty climbed it ran out of speed and stalled into a spin. Graeme was a little too quick with the elevator; the Spitfire lifted its nose and immediately did a snap roll. How Graeme managed to save it is beyond me (and Graeme). Anyway I think this put Graeme's nerves on

edge as the rest of the flight wasn't the best and just to finish things off Graeme neglected to flare on landing causing minor damage to one of the retracts.

On Sunday 2nd May during the Scale comp. Noel Whithead had an engine out with his Winjeel and just failed to clear the fence dissecting our field. The wheels caught the top strand flipping the large model over. The only damage I could see was a broken wingtip.



Events

Wagga Military & W.W.11 Anzac weekend

What a great weekend this was. This is getting to be one of the events that is getting more and more popular each year, that is as far as us Ballarat modelers are concerned. I really look forward to having a four day break at this time of year. At seven o'clock on the Friday morning things weren't looking very good at all, it looked like the drought had finally broken here in Ballarat. We (Roger, Wayne, Gordon and myself) set off in the rain fully expecting to leave the inclement weather far behind. It didn't happen! We joined up with A.1 then Rick and Pam. Brian Johnston was the last to join the convoy as we made our way up the Hume hwy. We never did lose the rain in fact the further we went the worse it got. We didn't let it dampen our spirits and once we got into N.S.W. it began to brighten up.



What a line up!!! Gordon, Pam, Rick, Wayne, Brian, Roger and Graeme at the cabin indulging in pre-dinner drinks.

It was just after three o'clock when we arrived at the Wagga field and guess what? Shortly after we arrived so did the rain. Not much was happening at the field so we continued on into Wagga and wasted no time in getting around to Col Taylor's hobby shop.

Seeing as we were rained off on the Friday we had to make an early start on the Saturday morning and be out at the field by 8.00 a.m. Roger, Rick and Graeme registered themselves and lined up to have their models statically judged. Rogers P.39, Rick's Kawasaki Hein and Graeme's Spitfire.



Graeme being judged – boy he needs judging

There was no sign of rain on the Saturday but it was bitterly cold and we were all thankful we had warm clothing with us. As usual there was a great array of models from all over Australia, to really large entries from Tasmania.



Some of the magnificent models that Wagga attracts.

There were two flight lines and planes were in the air continually. Each competitor had to fly three rounds with ten maneuvers over two days. The flying was generally of high standard with the odd exception. There were one or two mishaps. The one of note happened after we had left late Saturday afternoon it was Don Murray's Dauntless. A beautifully finished model that I am sure would have been hard to beat. Apparently Don was going to do a high speed low pass over the runway but in the diminishing light he misjudged the trees on the Wagga side of the field and ploughed through the center of one. The force was so great that it snapped a 40mm branch out of the centre of the tree. Naturally major damage was sustained but Don said he will repair it.

The eventual winner of the WWII category was our friend Brain Johnston with his trusty Heinkel Owl. Brian has had this model 7 years now and on his last round of the competition he had some drama when he lowered the UC to do his low pass the port side landing gear dropped away leaving the leg. Brian continued on to finish the round and then decided to do a wheels up landing which he completed successfully accompanied with oohs and aahs

from the crowd. The landing was a text book belly landing and half an hour later Brian had the UC repaired ready for a demonstration flight for the general public.



Don Murray's superbly finished Douglas Dauntless.

Other winners were Don Murray in 2nd place WWII with his Douglas Dauntless (Crashed), Peter Gow 1st Place in Military with his Texan.

The Wagga club had a very successful weekend. Donations taken at the gate were in excess of \$1500 and this was donated to a local charity.

All entrants took home a nice prize which they were able to select off the table.

All in all a good weekend was had by all and we look forward to going again next year.



Coming Events

It's that time of the year again the next round of the Roy Gladman trophy is not far away. For those club members wishing to do a little practice following is a list of the maneuvers and their K factors.

As usual there will be a small entry fee to cover the cost of the trophy and a B.B.Q. lunch. It would be nice to have all flying but anyone not wanting to fly we will be looking for judges.

Sunday 27th June looks like being a good date, check your calendar and if this is not suitable let me know.

Roy Gladman Aerobatic Competition – Adapted from APA Sportsman class

1. Double Immelman with half rolls K=2
2. Slow Roll K=3
3. Two Inside Loops K= 3
4. Two Horizontal Rolls K=3
5. Top Hat with half roll up and down K=3
6. Cuban Eight with half rolls K=3
7. Square Loop K=2
8. Straight Inverted Flight K=2
9. Two Outside Loops from the top K=4
10. Two Turn Spin K=2

Rules

- A. Safety – At all time fly in a safe manner, keep models well out and maintain safe height. Don't risk your model. If model flies behind judges or flight line, that round will score a zero.
- B. Due to limited time the next contestant must be in the startup box before current pilot lands. You will be given **two** minutes to start your engine. Should engine fail on take-off you will be given another attempt. Should engine fail during routine, points will be awarded for manoeuvres completed up to that point.
- C. Pilots must fly the manoeuvres in the order shown above to get a score (Make sure you have a good caller – If wrong manoeuvre called, no score).
- D. All manoeuvres are to be completed in to wind. One manoeuvre must be done on each circuit. (If you miss a manoeuvre, move on to the next one on the list for the next circuit.)
- E. Points will be awarded for attempts and each part of a manoeuvre attempted even if manoeuvre is not completed. Should you complete the manoeuvre you will gain presentation points as per the APA (Australian Pattern Association) scoring.

Good luck, remember it's a fun day; judges will be open to bribes!



Caption Competition

May newsletter caption competition. Please submit your caption to Roger Carrigg via email roger@startek.com.au or in the box at the club house. (Soon to be)



Event Calendar

June 5 th /6 th 2004	Military and Allsorts Fly in – WMAA
June 12 th /13 th 2004	VFSAA Scale Trophy – Shepparton
July 4 th 2004	Large scale & F4C – MARCS
Aug 7 th /8 th 2004	Pattern Aerobatics Cobram– MMAC
Sep ??? 2004	Large Scale – Shepparton
Nov 21 st 2004	Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG

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

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Nominations form for new Committee Members for the 2004/2005 term

Position nominated	Nominated person	Nominee signature
? President
? Secretary
? Safety Officer
? Safety Officer
? Publicity Officer
? Returning Officer
? Public Officer
? Newsletter Editor
? Newsletter Sub editor
? Field Maintenance Officer

Signature of member making nominations :-

Sign

Name in block letters

This nomination form is for the above mentioned office bearer positions that will become vacant at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on the 28th July 2004 at Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre – corner Howitt and Doveton streets, Ballarat.

Should you wish to nominate a Club member, you should enter their name on the line (Nominated person) beside the position they are being nominated for, and have that person sign on the (Nominee signature) line beside. (Any form not signed by the nominee shall not be accepted).

Associated members are not eligible to either nominate persons or be nominated for positions.

You may nominate a person for one or each position or you may choose not to nominate anyone for any position.

Persons nominating anyone must be financial members of the club and persons nominated must be financial members of the club.

In order to ensure that voting forms are dispatched within the required time before the Annual General Meeting, nomination forms are required to be returned by 13th June 2004.

You may address your return form to the receivable person :-

Mr. R.Pimblott
 Back Raglan rd.
 Beaufort 3373
 Vic.

Rick Pimblott

Returning Officer

CLUB MEMBER PARTICIPATION SCHEME

At the start of this financial year I suggested that there was no need to increase our component of the annual fee, however there has been a lack of enthusiasm from most of our members, leaving a mammoth task to a few, to raise funds, maintain our excellent flying conditions.

With this in mind I regret to propose the following.

To raise our fees by \$25.00. Payable in advance. This increase may be displaced by accruing a max. 50 points excess points not to be accrued, these points may be raised in many ways, listed below.

- 25 Points :- President (Executive Committee)
 - Treasurer (Executive Committee)
 - Secretary (Executive Committee)
- 20 Points :- Newsletter Editor (Committee)
- 15 Points :- Field Maintenance (Committee)
 - Participating at the annual display day (Saturday only)
 - Participating at the annual display day (Sunday only)
 - Member of open day sub committee
- 10 Points :- Vice-president (Committee)
 - Safety Officers (Committee)
 - Attending a working bee
 - Signing of a new member
- 5 Points :- Publicity Officer (Committee)
 - Public Officer (Committee)
 - Participating at a sausage sizzle or a fund raiser
 - Attending public promotions, three hours min.(ie Wendouree Village)
- 2 Points :- Returning Officer (Committee)
 - Newsletter articles (If published)
 - Attending each monthly meeting
 - Representing BRMFC at other flying club events (Flyers only)
- 1 Point :- For each raffle book sold

NOTE – Juniors and life members are exempted from this scheme.

NOTE – The executive committee may at their discretion award points for anything else that may arise in the future.

It is the responsibility of each participating member to ensure that the points accrued are noted by a committee member.

Also, any spouses participating at any of the above will earn 50% of the points value for the member.

Rick Pimblott
BRMFC Treasurer