



NEWSLETTER – September, 2018

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Note the meeting location.

The next general meeting is to be held at the **Eastwood Street Leisure Centre in the Canteen**, on Wednesday September 26th commencing at **7.30PM** (Turn left after entry to the Complex, and the Canteen is on the left again). **Don't forget to bring a plate for supper.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Trawalla Estate Update
Expanding BRMFC's area, lease negotiation
2. Strategic Plan
3. Field Maintenance
4. Burrumbeet Airstrip
5. October BRMFC fly-in
Working bee, catering
6. Monthly training day
First topic and trainer?

Points of interest from the last meeting

Extract of newsworthy items from the minutes of the last meeting. Note: Some events/activities may have concluded or been modified as circumstances change.

8. General Business
 - a. Trawalla Estate Update – Cattle to be run on the Trawalla site, which means the electric fence, will have to be installed.
 - b. Strategic Plan – Refer to Start-up tables item below.
 - c. Field Maintenance - Mowing needs to be done, Cape weed particularly an issue.
 - d. Pump was installed to the kitchen sink by Roger & Alan, works a treat.
 - e. A new battery was installed to the charging station and is functioning well.
 - f. Burrumbeet Airstrip – Nil to report.
 - g. Start-up table's construction & maintenance.
 - Alan has designed and built three from treated pine and they have been placed along the edge of the pits. Their design is such that the aircraft,

starting equipment and radio can be placed on it. Well-done Alan on an excellent job.

- h. BAMJ joint fly-ins – No date has yet been set.
 - i. October BRMFC fly-in – Flyer to be edited to include the description of, "BBQ lunch, hot and cold drinks, relaxed fun flying".
 - j. Monthly training day – email sent requesting educators/trainers. Topics can include,
 - Wings practice for fixed wing Silver.
 - Throttle curve setting for electric motors and IC engines.
 - Aerobatics, from beginner to advanced.
9. Other Business – Bulk purchases, if any interest a single order may be placed for items, for example Depron sheets or balsa.
 10. Agenda items for the next meeting
 11. Meeting Closed 8.22pm – Next meeting date 26th September 2018.



Goin's on at the Field

Electric Fence

Trawalla estate notified us just before the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd August that they intend to run cattle in the paddock we occupy by the following weekend.

We organized a team at that meeting to erect the fence the next day Thursday 23rd August. Plastic pipe sockets were already in the ground along the perimeter of the field which Murri had been working on since the last time it was erected a couple of years ago.

Murri Anstis, Nigel Newby, Ted Burke, Alan Crisp and Roger Carrigg arrived at the field around 9:30AM and gathered all the gear out of the container. We knew some new insulators would be required so Nigel and I went into Beaufort's Farm Supplies (can't remember the exact name of the business) and bought what was needed.

Locating the post holes took a bit of doing but we managed to find them and drop in the star pickets. Then ran the wire around making sure electrical continuity all the way. The battery in the charging unit was a concern but it was fine although we gave it a charge first to make sure.

It's been up for almost four weeks and seems to be keeping the cattle out. On club flying days or when anyone feels the need the fence can be laid down where desired to avoid any nasty accidents.



The fence commences at a star picket adjacent to the water tank next to the farm shed. It can be dropped down there for vehicular access via the spring loaded connector. At this stage the connector must be hooked on to the insulator and NOT the star picket.



The fence encloses the field and terminates at the boundary fence along Church Road via a spring loaded insulator.



Laying out the posts and threading the cable through the insulators on Thursday 23rd August.



The power charging unit is mounted on a post next to the toilet and chained as well for security. We replaced the earthing rod with a length of gal star picket which seems to have made the unit work much better.

The general opinion is we should run another wire around to make sure any smaller cattle can't get in. The unit is capable of energizing 4.5km cable length. It's about 650m around the three sides which encloses the field.

About 2 or 3 weeks ago when Ted arrived at the field on the Sunday morning (possibly the 9th September) there were a few cattle in the compound. They had gotten in near the water tank where the wire was disconnected. It wasn't damaged so it seems the farmer may have dropped it down and forgot to hook it back up again. Fortunately they didn't have time to make much of a mess. Those members that arrived early had some fun chasing the few that were inside the fence out into the paddock.

We haven't had really good Sundays this month but there's been a little bit of general flying going on. I think Sunday 26th August would be the pick of them. Hopefully spring will bring us more favourable conditions. Sometimes it not that the weather is no good for flying but no good for pilot standing on the flight line freezing their "you know whats" off.



The new start up benches are getting plenty of use.



Nigel had his chopper out for a spin on Sunday 2nd September.



Peter Evans taking off to do a bit of cattle mustering!!! Sunday 2nd September.



Peter's OS91FS powered Piper Cub on take-off.



Events

Flight in a Commander 1000 Turbo Prop

By Alan Crisp.

Hi all. I was lucky enough to hitch a ride from Stawell airport to Ballarat on Sunday 9th September in a Twin Turboprop Commander 1000. The objective of the flight was to test the new autopilot system recently installed in the aircraft, I suppose we were guinea pigs, ha ha. This plane is used as a guide plane for NSW Fire, leaving a trail of smoke for the larger water bombers to indicate where to drop their water.

It was a bit of a turbulent day making for an interesting flight at 7000 ft. The autopilot seemed to do a good job, guiding us to Ballarat and into the first turn of the holding pattern, but decided to keep going NNW and in a matter of minutes we were over Maryborough. So much for modern technology. The whole trip did not take very long at 508 km/h on ¾ throttle. The approach and landing were absolutely text book perfect thanks to the skills of Pilot Jason Oliver and co-pilot Ben Pigdon. It was a really great experience.



Commander 1000 Turbo Prop in a hangar at Stawell Airport on the morning of Sunday 9th September 2018.



This shot was taken on the tarmac at Ballarat Airport after the short flight from Stawell.

Shepparton Mammoth Scale – 15th/16th Sept.

It looks like the Shepparton Mammoth Scale was a success this year with a good rollup of models & pilots. Apparently Saturday was a washout but Sunday turned out well weather wise.

I read an excellent write up in the Bendigo Club's "Aloft" Newsletter on the event and took the liberty of grabbing a couple of photos to convey the scope of the event.



Coming Events

Soup for Lunch on an upcoming Sunday



June Waterhouse wants to bring some homemade soup out to the field on a Sunday and is trying to lock in a date, but unfortunately the weather hasn't been great on a Sunday to ensure a reasonable rollup.

When it's confirmed June is bringing the soup, an email will be sent out to all members probably on pretty short notice.

Fun Fly at Trawalla – Sunday October 21st



The club has a fly-in scheduled for Sunday October 21st and invites members of other clubs to come and enjoy our hospitality. We really are a bunch of nice people (don't listen to what others might say!!! Ha ha). The field is an enjoyable place to fly with no real hazards to contend with. We do have the electric fence up now but that will be laid down on the day by way of the removable posts.

The kitchen will be operational with the usual hamburgers, sausages, dim sims, tea & coffee and soft drinks at very reasonable prices.

So if you feel like a day of relaxed flying come and visit us at Church Road Trawalla.

Hamilton Fun Fly – 24th/25th November

The next club trip away event will be the annual pilgrimage down to Hamilton over the w/e of November 24th/25th. If you plan to go it would be a good idea to organize accommodation now. There is also ample room for onsite camping at the field of which many modellers from around the state and beyond take advantage of. So if you decide to camp you won't be on your own.

Many of us regularly stay at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel <http://hamiltonlakesidemotel.com.au/>

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I remember making a booking when we checked out last year.



For Sale

If anyone has the need for laser cutting model parts Skyview Multimedia may be able to help, see ad below.

Contact Bill Wheeler on 0414 325 872. Click on ad to open web site.

Graham's modelling gear for sale

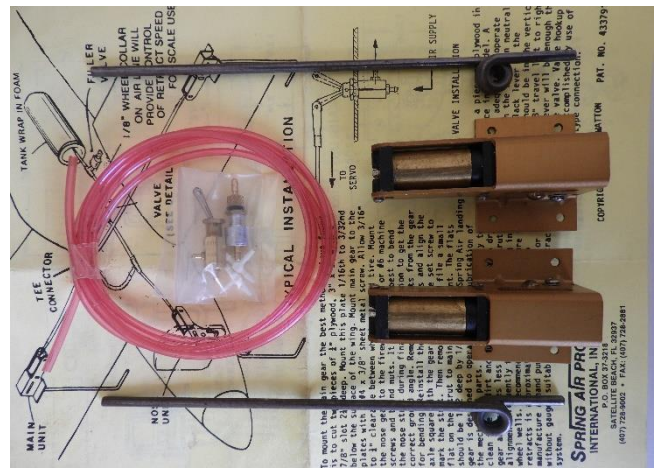
Graham Waterhouse was a collector of all things aeromodelling. He had a huge collection of airframes, engines, radios, magazines and associated accessories. You name it he had it.

Most of the major items have now been sold and it is down to a modelling accessories.

I'll bring a few items out to the field of a Sunday. Might be engines one week, paints the next and so on.

A collection of "unsaleable" used items have been left in the container on the shelving for the taking. Includes, wheels, tanks, batteries, hardware etc.

Spring Air Retracts: \$50



A set of main gear Spring Air retracts to suit (at my guess) up to 4kg models. Quite old but never used, air tank is not included.

Humbrol 14mL paint tins

5 trays of assorted unopened Humbrol paints, approx. 70 tins per tray. In many cases, there are several tins of the same colour. 40 tins have been sold leaving 266 unopened tins remaining.

SELL FOR \$1 each.



The colours are those that would be used for cockpit detail undercarriage wheel wells etc.

If anyone is interested I can send a PDF file of the list of colours with Humbrol colour number, colour swatch and number of tins available.

There are a few items of value remaining that if not sold locally within a reasonable timeframe, I'll post on the RC Trader web site.



Event Calendar

Sep 15 th /16 th	Mammoth Scale Fly In – VRF, Shepparton
Sep 16th (Sun.)	VFSAA Scale Comp – Trawalla, BRMFC
September 30 th	Greensborough 50 th Anniversary Year – GMAC
October 13 th /14 th	VFSAA State Champs. – EMMAC, Echuca
October 19 th -21 st	TCMAC Seaplane W/E. – TCMAC, Albury
October 21st (Sun)	Fun Fly – Trawalla, BRMFC
November 3 rd /4 th	"MossKosh" Annual Fun Fly – A&DAC, Ararat
November 4 th	Leongatha Airport VJAA Club Day – Leongatha
Nov 16 th - 18 th	Australian Scale Aerobatics Association (ASAA) Nationals – Newbridge Victoria
Nov 24 th /25 th	Fun Fly & Swap Meet – HMAC, Hamilton
Mar 10th 2019	Display Day – BRMFC Trawalla
April 6 th /7 th	2019 VMAA Trophy Weekend

See the [VMAA Calendar](#) for all Victorian events.

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