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NEWSLETTER – August, 2004

Committee 2004/2005

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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 August 25th 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. Strategic Plan
2. Life Member Protocol
3. Club Uniform - Merchandising
4. Field Maintenance – BBQ Area, Empty rubbish bins
5. Fund Raisers
6. Bunnings Display

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. **Strategic Plan**
Held over until next meeting.
2. **Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution**
Held over until next meeting.
3. **Field Maintenance**
Roger Carrigg advised that water is still getting in at the western end of the kitchen. BBQ area between shed and kitchen is to be developed.
4. **Bronze Wings/Gold Wings**
Graeme Allen (Chairman) formally awarded Peter Evans his Gold wings which were received from the VMAA. Peter passed his flight test on the 4th July 2004.
5. **Club Uniform Orders**
Gordon Hicks reported that that the items ordered should be ready shortly.
A quote has been received for 20 cloth badges that members can purchase to sew onto their own garments.
Gordon then presented the meeting with some sample clothing items to gauge interest from the members.
Items on display were:
Poly Fleece jackets (\$27 light weight), (\$33.44 heavy weight).
V Neck Jumper (\$44.88).
Wind Cheater (\$22)
The members preferred the light weight Polo Fleece jacket in black with red collar. The color then matches our club logo.
Gordon then went on to present the meeting with some merchandising possibilities. We can get ball point pens with club inscriptions, wine glasses with

club logo (36 @ \$7 each - \$252). The meeting thought that the wine glasses would make good prizes instead of trophies at our open day etc.

To be placed on the agenda at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. **Caption Competition**
The Secretary read out the entries received for the June Newsletter caption competition. (The one where Graeme A. has his Spitfire on the judges table at Wagga). There were about 8 entries and the meeting voted that the entry from June Waterhouse should be the winner. June gets a bottle of super glue courtesy of Top Gun Models.
7. **Fund Raisers**
The Secretary reminded the meeting that we have two sausage sizzles booked this year. The first is on Saturday 11th September at Safeway Sebastopol and the second is on 16th October at the same venue. Helpers are required. Get prices from Ballarat Meat Works (Wendouree Industrial Estate) also meat works in Wiltshire lane.
8. **Roy Gladman Round 2 Aerobatics**
The Secretary advised that this has been rescheduled to 15th August as was reported in the last newsletter.
9. **Entertainment at next meeting**
The Secretary reported that Brian Johnson from Melbourne has been invited to give a talk at the next meeting on his latest scale model creation. The model is a Petlyakov which is a twin engine Russian WWII bomber with a wing span around 105 inches. Brian is a magnificent scale builder and gives a very interesting talk on his work.
10. **Bunnings club display**
The Secretary stated that Bunnings Hardware has asked the club to provide regular displays on a

Saturday morning to promote our sport/hobby. The meeting thought that it was a good idea and that we should look at 2 or 3 times a year. Also, it would be advantageous to make the displays coincide with our Xmas raffle and open day.

Action: Secretary to confirm dates with Bunnings

11. Other Items

Lindsay Dyer commented on the push to achieve Bronze/Gold wings and thought that it might be offensive to some of the older modelers who have been flying for a long time. Lindsay also thought that the crash report in the newsletter might give the wrong impression about the safety of model flying, particularly where insurance companies are concerned.

New Presidents Report

I think that the main point of interest from the last meeting was the very poor attendance. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black as I was unable to be there myself but that was the first meeting that I have missed for the last few years.

It was nice to have been voted in again as President but it's sad to see that there were no other nominations and the same goes for all the other positions thankfully the other committee members were happy to carry on.

I have just received the minutes of the July meeting and noted the comments re the push for gold and bronze wings accreditation. This has been a point of contention for some time, it seems the older we get the more we want to resist change we have to look to the future and like it or not you are going to need a minimum of bronze wings to be able to fly solo. These awards are not to show how good you are but to show that you are a competent pilot. Don't be surprised if you are not allowed to fly at other clubs if you don't have bronze wings. Soon you will not be permitted to fly at public display days without gold wings. The days are long gone when you could just front up and do anything. We cannot live in the past and if this upsets "older" members so be it.



Meeting Entertainment

To save embarrassment, due to the lack of numbers at our recent meetings, it has been decided to cancel the invitation to Brian Johnson to demonstrate his latest scale model of the Petlyakov bomber. We plan to get some videos from the VMAA library shortly.



Field Condition

The track in to the field is taking a beating with this wet weather. Be careful not to run off the side or you will get bogged. We will need a few trailer loads of road fill to patch up the pot holes. There was a lot of surface water at the eastern end of the east/west runway last weekend (Aug 14th/15th). Rubbish bins also need emptying. We need volunteers to attend to this job. This has to be done! We

now have a nice new axe that Graham W. picked up from Bunnings a couple of weeks ago. All we need is to collect some more firewood and someone to swing the axe. I was known as a lightning wood chopper – never hit the same place twice.

Many thanks to the member or members who mopped and cleaned the toilet recently.



Secretary's Column

Would all members please make sure that you receive your MAAA membership card. If you have not received it by say the first week in October please advise the Secretary (Roger Carrigg) so it can be followed up.

We now have some cloth badges available at \$10 each. These are ideal for those members who prefer to sew our badge onto their own garment. I (Roger) will try to remember to take supply of badges out to the field otherwise contact me on 5334 2189.

There are still a few members who have **NOT** paid there subs yet. If you are one, could you please advise the Secretary of your intentions.

Just received a flyer from Ballarat City Council regarding temporary food permits. Over the 12 month period between July 2003 and June 2004 657 temporary food permits were issued and 200 inspections were carried out. As a result several operators were asked to change their setup, some have been required to re-attend Council's information sessions. What this means to us is that we have to ensure we are observing the food regulations whilst running our sausage sizzles. It also goes on to say that a probe type thermometer must be used where perishable foods are concerned.



VMAA News

Nothing to report this month.



New Models seen at field

Rick Pimblott has another new model, this one is a nice looking A.R.F. pattern ship. It is a larger model of Max's late Lark, this one is called a Swallow and is powered by a Magnum 91 2 stroke.

A1 (Graeme) took the Swallow for its maiden flight without any drama. Rick has had a few flights since and is very pleased with the way it flies. He should do really well in the Roy Gladman pattern comp if the weather ever lets us hold it!!



Rick preparing the Swallow for another flight. Model flies very nicely and is well worth the investment for anyone looking for an aerobatic ship.

We have a potential new member in Karl Schaefer. He has been out to the field a couple of times now and now has a Boomerang trainer. Although the weather conditions were not the best I test flew it. After a few minor trim adjustments the Boomerang flew very predictably. Karl flew a few circuits to get the feel of it and did very well.



Boomerangs are a familiar site at the field these days. They fly so well and are an excellent trainer.

On Sunday 22nd August Rick had his big petrol powered Beaver out for a test flight after it had an altercation with a fence at Hamilton last year. This time the model is white with red trim. Graeme A. test flew it for Rick. The Beaver took off gracefully under the skilled guidance of Graeme and flew around for about 5 minutes before Graeme brought it in for a smooth landing. Rick is taking the Beaver to Shepparton next month.



Crash Report

As of today Aug 14th we have nothing to report.

Note from sub editor. Comments have been made that the crash report we run may give the wrong impression especially were the insurance is concerned. If this is the general consensus we will drop this column. I personally

think it would be a shame. When a full size aircraft crashes it makes the headlines, people want to know why it happened and how can it be prevented from happening again, surely a model crash can be treated the same. Our club has an excellent safety record; I would say that we have as many crashes as any other clubs and its not just good fortune that we have had no insurance claims we have an excellent set of safety rules and endeavor to see that they are adhered to by all pilots.

Please forward your thoughts.



Glenn's Latest

Glenn White's latest project is a 95" span Junkers JU52 tri-motor. Glenn has been a busy boy and has made considerable progress (particularly when Judy was away). The model will be powered by a Magnum 61FS up front with 2 OS25 2 strokes in the wing nacelles. The full size aircraft was skinned with corrugated aluminium which has given Glenn some headaches trying to reproduce on the model. As you can see by the photos Glenn is achieving the corrugated effect quite well. It is a very tedious task.



Fuselage of Glenn's JU52. Note the corrugations on the upper deck. Glenn has done more since this was taken.



Another shot of the JU52. Glenn has got the stab and fin done (and corrugated). Also the centre section is well under way.

This is one hell of an ugly aeroplane, but it will be different.



Results of the June Newsletter Caption Competition

We received a lot of entries for the June Newsletter competition. The entries were read out at the July meeting and after gauging the response it was decided to award the prize to June Waterhouse. Lucky Graham (June's husband) I guess he gets the bottle of super glue.



June's entry for what Graeme was thinking was: "I've come up with this new flat bed undercarriage to assist landings". I must admit most of the other entries weren't as polite as that. Some of the other entries were – I've left the author's names off to protect the innocent, err guilty.

*What do you mean I don't get points for the hat.
At least there isn't a nose wheel to bend on this one.
Please let me go to Poland. I've bought a hat and everything.
Wish I had practiced the flight schedule before I got here!
Aren't those Ballarat guys great?
Aren't those Ballarat guys assholes?
Gee, I've only had one flight - at least the loops 'll be a breeze.*



Extraordinary meeting

Please be advised that the **September** meeting will be an extraordinary meeting. The Life Member Protocol that Tom Jobling developed some time back needs to be adopted into the constitution. To this end it is necessary to advise all members in advance that it is proposed to change the constitution.



Bronze/Gold Wings

Wayne Goodwin passed his Gold Wings accreditation on Sunday 1st August 2004. Congratulations Wayne!

This is not an easy flight test to pass and strenuously tests a pilot's flight skills. It is one thing to fly freestyle at the field on a Sunday morning but quite another when you have to perform a list of manoeuvres to the satisfaction of a judges or judges.

It is good to see that there is now a strong interest in the club to attaining Bronze and Gold wings accreditation.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 2 – Aerobatics

We've had to postpone this event again due to the forecast of inclement weather. As it turned out the day (Sunday 15th August) was ideal but no judges turned up so we just had fun flying as usual with the advantage of a BBQ lunch. We will make an all out effort to get this competition run on Sunday September 12th. The day after our first sausage sizzle for the year.

Sausage Sizzle – Sept 11th

We have a sausage sizzle scheduled for Saturday September 11th outside Safeway Sebastopol. If you can lend a hand it would be much appreciated. We have a second one booked for October 16th. The Council now charge a \$5 fee for the food permit for each occasion.

Shepparton Mammoth Scale 2004 – Sept 18th/19th

Shepparton Mammoth Scale will soon be here anyone wanting to attend and stay over for the weekend better get their accommodation as soon as possible.



Event Calendar

Sep 5 th 2004	Scale Rally at Bacchus Marsh.
Sep 11 th 2004	Sausage Sizzle – Safeway Sebastopol.
Sep 18 th /19 th 2004	Large Scale – Shepparton
Oct 16 th 2004	Sausage Sizzle – Safeway Sebastopol.
Oct 24 th 2004	Annual Display – Bendigo.
Nov 21 st 2004	Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG
Nov 27 th /28 th 2004	Hamilton Annual Display.

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

Caption Competition

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



Your entry can be for what either person may be thinking or saying. Remember the winner receives a bottle of super glue courtesy of Top Gun Models.

FOR SALE

Zenoah G26 Gasoline Engine. As new only had 3 flights \$350

Contact: Wayne Goodwin on 5334-2652, 0419 392 852 or wakejeam@bigpond.com

Engine is in perfect condition – Wayne has decided that petrol is not for him, he likes the big four strokes. (Ed)

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