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MERRY CHRISTMAS - MERRY CHRISTMAS



Committee 2004/2005

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held **out at the flying field** on **Wednesday January 26th 2005** commencing at 7:30PM. Weather permitting we propose to have a BBQ tea and a fly before the meeting. Please come along to the meetings and support your club and be part of the decision making process.

**** Remember there is NO meeting in December ****

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Solar Charger
2. Mower – Progress Report
3. Avalon Airshow – 20th March 2005
4. Field Maintenance
5. Strategic Plan
6. Constitution Amendments
7. Open Day – 3rd April 2005
8. Roy Gladman Round 1

Xmas Party – Saturday 11th December

It looks like it is going to be a great night. If you haven't already confirmed that you are going, give Glenn a ring straight away on 0412 641 188. The venue is once again the Crown Hotel Buninyong (Under new Management) Try and get there by 7.00PM. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Xmas Raffle

The highlight of the Xmas Party will be the drawing of the raffle. It is imperative that you remember to bring any sold raffle stubs with you as this will be the last chance to get in the draw.

Please don't wait until the last minute to get tickets back, forward them to me (Roger Carrigg) as soon as your books are sold. This helps me to keep things organized and to see how we are going.

Up until now (Tuesday 7th December) we look like having a record year so a big thank you to all those members who have gone out of their way to make the raffle a success.

There is still plenty of room in the barrow for food or drink donations. Some bottles of wine would be great. The

Barrow will be located at Top Gun Models until Friday night or early Saturday morning. If you have something for the barrow, get it up to Wendouree Village by early Saturday morning.

The barrow will be located at **Stocklands Wendouree** on **Saturday 11th December** from 8:30AM. It would be appreciated if members could allocate some time and assist in our raffle drive and club promotion. Our stall is outside the AFL store. As usual we display a few models to attract people's attention.



Points of interest from the last meeting

Note: Some of these items may have changed since the meeting.

1. Xmas Party/Raffle

Max Rowan has been requested to purchase barrow as per last raffle and take to Top Gun Models where it will be on display to assist in the sale of raffle tickets. Members have been asked to donate Xmas non perishable food items or wine etc to fill barrow. Dummy boxes will be used until barrow filled. Raffle tickets have been distributed to all members to sell.

The Secretary advised the meeting that we have booked **Stockland Wendouree** (Wendouree Village) to sell raffle tickets on Saturday **11th December**. Stockland now charge community groups \$22 for a casual lease. Murri Anstis (Top Gun Models) offered to pay the \$22. Many thanks to Murri.

There was considerable discussion trying to resolve where the Xmas Party would be held. Glenn White had tentatively booked the Buninyong Hotel for 11/12 and 18/12. To put this matter to rest the meeting decided to book the Buninyong Hotel for **Saturday night 11th December** commencing **7.00PM**. Glenn then rang the hotel and confirmed the booking for 11th December for 30-35 people.

2. Avalon Airshow – Bus to event 20th March 2005

The President asked for a show of hands to gauge interest in this event. (In the past the club has hired a bus to the event and sold tickets to members and friends) Members showed plenty of interest.

Secretary will contact the driver we had last time and get costs etc.

3. Field Maintenance

- a) Peter Barnett thanked the members for mowing the field – grass is growing rapidly at the moment.
- b) Graham Waterhouse stated that the small ride on mower needs some repairs. Gear knob is missing.
- c) Sandra Anstis suggested that we trade the three mowers in on a new one.
- d) Murri Anstis offered to get prices for a new mower. Meeting felt that we must have a demonstration before we purchase another mower given that the current ride on mower which was purchased only 12 months ago is thought to be inadequate by some members.
- e) Murri Anstis reported that the ramp for the servery window will in place after Xmas.

4. Strategic Plan

Graeme Allen reported that he has made good progress.

5. Constitution – Disputes and Mediation Clause

The Secretary advised the meeting that before the membership protocol constitution amendment can be formally adopted (Sent to Consumer Affairs) we must now incorporate a Disputes and Mediation clause. (The VMAA came across the same situation when they made constitutional changes recently). The clause adopted by the VMAA was distributed to the meeting for discussion and previously sent out by email. Nick Katsikaros presented a modified clause containing the necessary changes to make it appropriate for BRMFC.

The Secretary also advised the meeting that we need a “wind up” clause in the constitution to satisfy the requirements of the Gaming Commission so that we can become a “Declared” Community Group. This will enable us to fully comply with fund raising requirements. The wind up clause must state that our net assets would not be distributed to club members, but would be distributed to:

- i. a fund with objectives similar to those of the club or association; or

- ii. a fund which is appropriated exclusively for a purpose referred to in Para (1) of the definition of “community purpose” in the act; or
- iii. a community or charitable organization.

The meeting agreed that we would choose option i) and nominate the VMAA.

Lawrence Fisher proposed that we incorporate the two changes as discussed into the constitution; the proposal was seconded by Nick Katsikaros.

Secretary is to formally draft the changes and incorporate into constitution for submission to Consumer Affairs.

6. Open Day

The Sub-Committee failed to meet during November. A meeting date has been set down for Wed. 8th December at the home of Roger Carrigg (11 Lawrie Drive Alfredton) commencing at 7:30PM.

Murri Anstis advised that the Air Cadets would like to come out on the day and set up a tent to promote their organization.

Murri also advised that the Modellers of Ballarat would like to participate as well.

The meeting agreed that both organizations would be most welcome.

7. Solar Charger

There seems to be some doubt as to whether the solar panel on the toilet roof is operating correctly. It is thought that it does not operate under the sunlight conditions that it used to. Rob Beardall and Rick Pimblott to investigate.

8. Roy Gladman Round 3 - Scale

Round 3 was scheduled for Sunday 12th December – the day after the Xmas party. (This is the same day as last year)

9. Container Keys

Graham Waterhouse raised the point after the meeting, that while he is able to get out to the field during the week and do some mowing he cannot get into the container to get the mower out because he does not have a key. To overcome the situation the Secretary gave Graham his key.

For the record, the current custodians of the 8 keys are: Glenn White (Key 1), Peter Barnett (Key 2), Graham Waterhouse (Key 4), Max Rowan (Key 6), Rob Beardall (Key 7), Hugh McCormick (Key 8).

Keys 3 and 5 are still unaccounted for. Would all members please check if they have one of these keys.

Also if you feel that you no longer need the key or someone else who is at the field on a more regular basis could make better use of it, please let the Secretary know.



VMAA News

Airshows Downunder – VMAA Executive has made the decision that model flying will not be on the main runway,

and will be restricted to the Hargraves oval as per last year.

VMAA Newsletter – Next newsletter is to be published in January 2005, mid December 2004 is cut off date for articles.

VMAA Video Library – With the growing popularity of DVD format the VMAA librarian is to purchase a DVD recorder. DVD's are now becoming the only option to purchase, fortunately postal costs are less than VHS tape.

Bronze/Gold Wings – Approximately 40 bronze/gold wings have been awarded in the last month (October 2004). An Instructors course is to be held at the State Field on 12th/13th February 2005.



New Models seen at field

Graeme has been keeping his latest project a secret. He surprised us all at Hamilton when he produced a large scale Super Cub powered by a Magnum 120FS.



Graeme (aka A1) and the Super Cub with the vast expanses of the Hamilton field in the background.

With all the bad luck that Graeme has had recently with new models it is good see him have some success and enjoy his flying. (See report on Hamilton).

Lawrence is flying again now that he has his new ARF Boomerang in the air. This is a model he really feels comfortable with and he is putting in some quality flying time. Look out, bronze wings on the way soon.



Crash Report

Thankfully there are no serious crashes to report this month, only a couple of minor incidents. One being Wayne, he missed the runway with his Hornet catching the long thick grass in the centre triangle, causing model to cartwheel and damage a wingtip.

The other was Peter Barnett with his Citabria. Unfortunately Peter had an engine out while practicing a 360 deg descending circuit. The engine didn't pickup after

completion of manoeuvre leaving Peter low with no where to go. He did a good job keeping model into wind landing in the long grass on the eastern side of the field damaging one of the wing struts.



Tips & Tricks

Sunburn Warning from Glenn White

It's that time of year again and the weather forecast for Hamilton was for hot sunny weather so I thought it might be a good idea to pack shorts. Wrong!!

On the Sunday I got my legs overcooked and by home time they were so sore I didn't know what to do with them. Someone suggested that I called in to the Hamilton Base Hospital casualty department. Wayne was good enough to take me there on the way home, thankfully they were not busy and I didn't have to wait long to see the doctor. He wasn't impressed when he saw the condition of my legs and I got a good telling off. He told me that I was the tenth person in the last hour that had been in with sunburn and that their stock of burn lotion was depleted. The only thing that he could give me to help my situation was a couple of Viagra tablets to be taken before retiring to bed. I was a little perplexed and asked him how on earth Viagra was going to help my sunburn, He replied "It won't do anything to cure the sunburn but it will help keep the sheets off your legs so you can get a good nights sleep."!!!!

Merry Christmas Glenn W.



Events

Hamilton Swap meet and Fun fly.

Several of our members made the annual trip down to Hamilton for their fun fly. They couldn't have chosen a better weekend as the weather was made to order. Wayne, Roger, Graeme (A1) and I (Glenn) were fortunate enough to be able to travel down on the Friday enabling us to be out at the field early on the Saturday morning and get the shade tents up before it got too hot.



With team work, we got the two shade tents up first of all.

The field was in excellent condition as usual; it's amazing what a club with so few members can do. There didn't seem to be as many models this year but there was always something in the air.

Fortunately mishaps were few. However Norm Edmunds misjudged his landing approach with his large Cessna Skymaster twin and landed in the long grass short of the runway causing some damage.



A very impressive looking big Waco biplane.

There was a nice Waco biplane that was being flown for only its second flight. On its first flight at its home field it nosed over on landing and the prop was damaged, it was replaced with another of the wrong size (too small). When the throttle was opened there just wasn't enough pull and the large model staggered into the air. After a few moments it stalled in on a wingtip, flipped over causing minor damage to the wing tips and breaking the prop.

Late on Sunday there was a major crash this being a small DH Beaver. I think the pilot got into trouble when attempting a landing deciding to go round again he lost the model in the sun and spiralled onto the runway vertically causing major damage. Other than those three a great two days flying was had by all.

There was a good selection of items for sale in the buy and swap tent and some good bargains to be had.



A line up of some of the models. There were a lot more there than what is shown here. It is a big field and everyone spread out.

Roger received a trophy for Best Military under 72", while Graeme (A1) got the president's trophy with his Super Cub.



Pam holding Ricks big one. I think Graeme dropped 5c.



One of the new ARF F4 Phantoms owned by Brian Munns of Geelong. Powered by a 91 2 stroke it flew impressively.



The worst part is packing up. The good part was all our models went home in one piece.

Pilot's choice went to the well-deserved Rod Mitchell with his P 38 Lightening who put on a faultless flying display.

Proceedings drew to a close around 3.00PM on Sunday after the presentations then the worst part of the whole

weekend is packing up and driving home. But it's well worth it for a fantastic weekend.

Thanks to the Hamilton Club for hosting such a great weekend. The Hamilton field has to be one of the best flying sites in the state if not the country.



Mower

There has been a lot of discussion lately about the mower situation. Some members feel that we should replace the ride on mower that we purchased last year because it is not cutting the grass as expected. There is no doubt that when it gets into thick grass the cutting deck loads up and the belt slips. The motor seems to have plenty of power.

A number of members had a good look at it last Sunday (5th December) and came to the conclusion that we should at least try and solve the belt slippage problem. Rob Beardall then kindly offered to take it "under his wing" and make sure that we get the correct belt fitted.

If the mower is still deemed unsuitable after all the necessary work has been carried out then we can in all honesty make a rational decision to replace the mower.



Annual Display

The display sub-committee held its first meeting on Wednesday night 8th December and discussed some of the preliminary planning issues.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 3. Scale. – 12th December 2005

Don't forget the day after the Xmas party (So don't drink too much and don't stay up too late) is the Roy Gladman Scale competition.

Let's make it a fun day. BBQ lunch as usual. Pilots and judges are required. We would like to get under well before 10.00AM

If you have something is scale like bring it out and have a go. It is all a bit of fun – simple manoeuvres

APA Weekend. – 29th/30th January 2005

Henry Hutchinson from the Australian Pattern Association rang on 29th November requesting the date for their annual competition at our field to be moved back to the original weekend due to other clashes. (It was to have been on the 12th/13th Feb). At this stage the date for their weekend is 29th/30th January 2005.

Avalon Airshow. – Mar 20th 2005

I (Roger) rang our contact at Davis Bus Lines regarding the hire of a bus to Avalon. He is to get back to me ASAP with a price.



Event Calendar

Dec 11 th 2004	Stockland Wendouree – BRMFC.
Dec 11 th 2004	BRMFC Xmas Party – Buninyong.
Dec 12 th 2004	Roy Gladman Round 3 – Scale.
Jan 16 th 2005	VFSAA Scale Rally – Werribee.
Jan 29 th /30 th 2005	APA pattern – Ballarat.
Jan 30 th 2005	VFSAA Round 3 – Sunbury.
Feb 6 th 2005	VFSAA Scale Rally – Geelong.
Mar 20 th 2005	Avalon Air show
Apr 2 nd /3 rd 2005	Annual Display – BRMFC.

That's all for now.

It's been a good 2004. We look forward to your friendship and camaraderie for 2005. We wish you a Merry Xmas and a prosperous and happy new year.

Good flying.
G.W & R.C.



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