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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.

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

Points of interest from the last meeting

These were printed in the December 2004 newsletter. We do not have a meeting in December.



January club meeting

Now don't forget that we are holding the next meeting out at the field. Seeing as it is Australia Day and a public holiday we envisage that some members will be out in the afternoon for a fly before the BBQ tea and meeting.

We plan to hold the meeting early so that any members wishing to attend the fireworks display at the lake will have time to get there.

The BBQ will be a BYO affair. Soft drinks and coffee will be available. Start the BBQ around 6.00PM or maybe a bit earlier and follow on straight after with the meeting around 7.00PM (Regardless of the weather that's where the meeting is to be held).



Christmas Breakup Dinner

The club's Christmas dinner was again held at the Crown hotel Buninyong on Saturday 11th December and from all reports a good time was had by all. It was the night of the big wet in Ballarat causing headaches for some members. There were 26 of us and as last year nobody took any photos which was a shame because we would've had a

shot of Hugh being kissed by the bride to be from the hens party on the next table. We had the wheelbarrow up on the stage and many more tickets were sold especially by Ray Clarke. The raffle was drawn by a hotel patron and the winner was Graeme Allen (aka A1). It was nice to see one of our members win. Roger has the monetary results of the raffle listed later in the newsletter.

I have had a couple of queries as to why we go to the Buninyong hotel and not somewhere closer to most members. The only reason we go there is that they have given us a dinner for two to add to our open day raffle.

As the hotel is now under new management these arrangements may not eventuate this year. This being the case, if we wish to hold our breakup elsewhere we need to make alternative arrangements well in advance. If you are out having a meal somewhere and it is good keep it in mind.



Farewell to Top Gun Models

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Murri and Sandra for all their support and assistance given over the last 5 years while running Top Gun Models.

It is with regret that we announce that they decided to close the business on December 31st 2004.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and look forward to seeing more of them out at the field.



Christmas Raffle

The club made a healthy profit of \$742 from the Christmas raffle. It was drawn at the Christmas break up dinner held at the Buninyong Hotel at around 10.00PM by a hotel patron. The winning ticket belonged to Graeme Allen. Al was not in attendance as he and Dianne were busy bailing out storm water that had overflowed from the spouting into the rear entertainment room of their house. So it was a nice surprise when we rang to tell Graeme of his win.

899 tickets were sold and the club outlaid \$170 to purchase the prize contents. These raffles are extremely important events if we are going to keep our fees as low as possible.



VMAA News

All VMAA members have been posted the revised copy of the VMAA directory. If you haven't received your copy please let the Secretary know.

The MAAA has notified the VMAA that some states are allowing people to fly without being a member of the MAAA and allowing their own home insurance to cover them. MAAA has advised that their Insurance Broker strongly suggests that this situation be stopped. *(I think we all gain comfort from knowing that the person you are flying with is covered by the same insurance as you are. Ed.)*

Instructor's course is to be held at State Field on 12th/13th February 2005.

VMAA will have exhibition at Airshows Downunder (18th – 20th March 2005) near Hargraves Oval.

New VMAA web site has been launched. Go to www.vmaa.com.au and have a look – it is much improved.



New Models seen at field

If there has been any new models at the field over the last month, they have escaped the eyes of the editors. Please let us know if you have had a new creation at the field so we can get it in the newsletter.



Crash Report

The only one we know of is Rick's nose over with the Stuka during the Roy Gladman Scale event held late last year. The tail assembly was cracked through when the fin hit the ground. Rick probably has it fixed now.



Avalon Air Show

The club has hired a 57 seat bus from Davis Bus Lines to take us down to the air show on Sunday 20th March 2005.

It will be leaving from the Davis Bus Depot in Norman Street at 7:30AM. There is ample car parking inside the property.

Tickets will be \$12.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children. The definition of child will be fairly flexible. This should help to make it attractive to families.

To book your seats contact Gordon Hicks on 5332 4572 or 0427 033 981. Remember first in first dressed. In the past we have given club members and their family first option on seats. Seats left over will be available to non club members.

The club has hired a bus on several previous occasions and it has worked out very well – you don't have to worry about traffic congestion. Buses get priority into the event.

There will be some light refreshments for the trip home. On previous occasions the bus has left at 5.00PM for the trip home.



Events

Roy Gladman Round 3 Scale

We held the final round of the Roy Gladman Trophy for 2004 on Sunday 12th December 2004.

We had 5 entrants: Peter Barnett - Decathlon, Rick Pimblott - Stuka, Max Rowan – Curtiss Jenny, Glenn White – Beagle and Roger Carrigg – P39 Airacobra. If it wasn't for the judges the event couldn't go ahead, so we must extend a big thank you to Graham Waterhouse, Hugh McCormick, Pam Pimblott and Rob Beardall for their valuable contribution.



Peter Barnett starting the Decathlon in readiness for an assault on the scale flight routine.

Three rounds were flown and the only incident was Rick's nose over on landing during round 1 damaging the tail assembly. This was very unfortunate for Rick because he put in an excellent flight performance and would have been a contender for 1st place.

After round 2 we stopped for the usual BBQ lunch then continued on with round 3.

The final places in scale were 1st Roger Carrigg, 2nd Glenn White, 3rd Max Rowan, 4th Peter Barnett and 5th Rick Pimblott.

The overall winner of the Roy Gladman Perpetual Trophy for 2004 was Glenn White. Congratulations Glenn!

VFSAA Scale Rally – Werribbee 16th January 2005

On Sunday 16th January Graeme Allen (aka A1), Graham Waterhouse, Max Rowan, Glenn White and Roger Carrigg went down to the Werribbee club field to participate in the VFSAA scale rally. The weather was reasonably good, not too hot with a steady south westerly breeze. There were 16 entrants with 23 aircraft. The format is free flying with the appointed judges taking note of each entrant’s flight performance.



Super Cubs – which one is A1’s

Max had his trusty Curtiss Jenny, Graeme had the Super Cub which he had such a good time with at Hamilton and Roger had his old P39. I think we all had 2 or 3 flights without any incidents – and that’s how we like it.



Trevor Pugh’s new Pitts Special powered by a Saito 50cc Twin. A bit different to the Tiger Moth that we are accustomed to seeing Trevor fly – has lots of grunt.

For interest, the Werribbee field is very close to housing but they seem to co-exist with the residents okay.

As usual the Werribbee club put on a magnificent BBQ lunch which was much appreciated by all.



A shot of the pit area at the Werribbee field – We were parked behind the trees for a bit of shade.



Rod Mitchell preparing his Grumman TigerCat for another flight. Rod builds and flies his models very professionally and is a pleasure to watch. The orange model is a Kangaroo trainer Jet. Adrian, from Bacchus Marsh flew it extremely well, showing off its power and maneuverability.



Max doing some pre-flight maintenance on the Jenny, before embarking on its next sortie.

From memory trophies were awarded shortly after 2.00PM. The results were as follows:

Military Flying – Mark Peterson, ME109

Military Non-Flying – Andrew Smallridge, Sopwith Camel

Civil Flying – Jim Stafford, Puss Moth

Civil Non-Flying – Mick Clancy – Tiger Moth

After the awards were made most pilots were starting to pack up and I think everyone had left by about 3:30PM. We stopped off at Bacchus Marsh for a Cappuccino and cake on the way home just to round off a successful day.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 1 Novelty

We are planning to run the first round on Sunday February 13th weather permitting. All members are encouraged to participate. This usually turns out to be a great day. If you can take off and land you can be part of it. Should the weather be unsuitable we have two more back up days. The following weekend, February 20th or March 13th. There will be a small entry fee which covers lunch and the winner's trophy.

The events are:

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| a) 3 minute timed flight. | d) Carrier deck Landing |
| b) Climb and glide. | e) Spot Landings |
| c) Balloon burst | |

APA Pattern Event – January 29th/30th

The Australian Pattern Association is scheduled to conduct the Model Engines trophy at our field over the two days of the weekend January 30th.

Field will be closed for general flying. We will need some helpers to run the canteen and assist with general duties.

Any members interested in pattern flying should make sure that you get out to the field. There is a Sportsman class that encourages novice aerobatic flyers to have a go. You don't need a pattern aerobatic model to compete. Any model capable of aerobatic flying will do.

We expect Henry Hutchinson and some of the APA pilots up on Friday afternoon to layout the field.

BRMFC Annual Display April 3rd 2004

Just a reminder that our annual display is to be held on **Sunday April 3rd**. The event will be discussed at length at our meetings leading up to the event. Plenty of helpers will be required so please mark this event in ink on your calendar. The sub-committee is meeting regularly to plan the event.



Event Calendar

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. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.

Roy Gladman Perpetual Trophy - Final Scores 2004											
March 14, 2004				October 17, 2004			December 12, 2004				
Contestant	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			% Total	Remarks
	Score	Max. Points	% Points	Score	Max Points	% Points	Score	Max Points	% Points		
Glenn White	349	340	102.6	1901	2880	66.0	1665	2270	73.3	80.7	Winner 2004
Roger Carrigg	315	340	92.6	1847	2880	64.1	1760	2270	77.5	78.1	
Max Rowan	187	340	55.0	1563	2880	54.3	1473	2270	64.9	58.1	
Peter Barnett	205	340	60.3	1608	2880	55.8	1029	2270	45.3	53.8	
Peter Evans	300	340	88.2	1859	2880	64.5		2270	0.0	50.9	Competed in Novelty and Aerobatics
Nick Katsikaros	264	340	77.6		2880	0.0		2270	0.0	25.9	Competed in Novelty only
Lawrence Fisher	196	340	57.6		2880	0.0		2270	0.0	19.2	Competed in Novelty only
Rick Pimblott		340	0.0	0	2880	0.0	870	2270	38.3	12.8	Competed in Aerobatics and Scale
Wayne Goodwin		340	0.0	742	2880	25.8		2270	0.0	8.6	Competed in Aerobatics only