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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 March 27th 2002** 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. Club Trainer
2. Field Development
3. Raffle
4. Annual Display

Points of interest from the last meeting

Please note that, some of these events and activities will be completed by now or conditions may have changed.

1. Club Trainer

- a) Murray Anstis offered to cover the RCM trainer that he has in his shop.
- b) Glenn White will continue to use the trainer that he has now got going. It has the club's radio gear in it. We will then keep the one that Murray is covering as a back up.

2. OZKOSH

We have been advised by the organizer of last years' event, that it is not being run this year. I understand that it is something to do with a risk management policy. May be it involves public liability insurance.

3. Lethbridge Display

The club has been asked to put on a flying and static display at Lethbridge Airpark on Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th March. The display permit application has been sent off to the VMAA and we are awaiting the reply. Those that are prepared to attend are only going for one day. Max Rowan is to confirm the better day. *(As of writing up the minutes we have received the display permit and Saturday has been confirmed as the better day).*

4. Annual Display

The following points were made through general discussion.

- a) Rick Pimblott has photocopied the advertising flyer that Graeme Allen has designed.
- b) It was decided to distribute them four weeks prior to the event (around 21st March).
- c) Pat Fiskin is doing the barbecue, cakes, tea and coffee. (M.R.)
- d) BRMFC will look after soft drink sales.
- e) Tea and coffee will be handled from the new servery in the site hut.
- f) Give some flyers to Pat Fiskin to distribute to her charity group so as they can promote our event.
- g) The meeting thought that the flyer needed to be modified to make the message stand out more. Rick Pimblott agreed to make the changes.
- h) The Secretary passed the raffle master around the meeting for comment. Some minor changes were noted.
- i) Ultra lights are willing to fly in at around 11.00AM and fly out around 2.30PM. They have their own insurance. (M.R.)
- j) Need to borrow slasher again to cut the existing full size runway.
- k) Murray Anstis advised that the Haddon club is willing to put on a display of Old Timer models.
- l) Martin Tuddenham has agreed to bring out some control line models and put on a display. (M.R.)

- m) We are sending out personal invitations to a number of pilots around the state. We have a mailing list of about 70 pilots.
- n) Matt Billett, and Glen Orchard from Mildura have agreed to put on an aerobatics display. (M.R.)
- o) Display time is from 10.00AM to 3.30PM.
- p) Require several tents for a swap meet etc.
- q) Need a supply of aeromodelling introductory information.
- r) Max to arrange 6 standard and 1 disabled person chemical toilets.
- s) It was suggested that we run a stall at Wendourree Village and/or the Trash and Treasure Market to promote the event. This would be held 2 or 3 weeks prior to the day.

5. Field Development

- a) The large gas bottle (~40kg) requires retesting and filling. Max Rowan said that he can get it done for \$70.
- b) The gas bottle is then to be plumbed into the site hut and connected to an old stove top that Glenn White has been able to procure.
- c) Inside of the toilet requires painting and vinyl tiles laid on the floor.
- d) New benches are to be installed beneath the servery hatch and to accommodate the stovetop.
- e) A row of tyres is to be placed across the front of the pit area in line with the "bus shelter" to delineate the pits from the flight line. They will provide some protection to models in the pit area from an errant aircraft (or pilot). A central gap and around the ends will allow taxiing out.



New Models seen at field

Glenn finished off the partly built Hustler that was for sale by Top Gun Models to see if it would be suitable for a club trainer. We are still looking for a suitable motor to replace the old worn out ASP 40 that Glenn had in his bottom drawer.

Graeme Allen arrived at the Roy Gladman competition with a new model. It was one of those Italian plastic models, which are very heavy. However it flew quite well with no vices. Greame was having some trouble with the nose wheel on landing (Maybe you're not supposed to land on the nose wheel).

Our Treasurer (not our treasure) Rick test flew his latest model a couple of weeks ago. It is an Extra 300

with a 62" wing span and powered by an OS90 2 stroke. This is the third time that this model has featured in this column. It was originally owned by Mike Faulkner then Graeme Waterhouse and now Rick. Aircraft flies smoothly and predictably like most ARF's. However, large models like this still need to be flown with respect.



Rick's Extra 300 powered by an OS90 2 stroke

Matt finally finished his large scale Sukhoi. Model was test flown at Ararat and was first seen at our field on Sunday 10th March. Model was superbly finished in blue and white and powered by a Desert Aircraft 100cc twin cylinder petrol engine. The Suhhoi also featured a smoke system, which looked very impressive against the clear blue sky that we had on the day



Matts beautifully presented Sukhoi



Crash Report

Some crashes we can have some fun with whilst others are more serious in terms of safety, time, effort and money invested.

In the column this month we have one of each. To start on the lighter side we are going to have a small

collection to raise money to buy Wayne a better pair of glasses. Maybe these will enable Wayne to land without clipping the large cypress tree on the west end of the east/west runway which must all of 200m away. During practice prior to starting the fun fly competition Wayne was practicing spot landings with his Yellow Piper Cub. He landed on the wrong spot right on top of the Cypress tree. Fortunately the Cub fell out of the tree sustaining minor damage. It dented Wayne's pride more than the aeroplane.

Hugh had a mishap last Sunday with his trusty old trainer. This time it let him down. Hugh had problems on take on the north/south runway when the model veered to one side. It was heading straight towards spectator vehicles and for safety Hugh decided to sacrifice the plane instead of damaging someone's car. Wing was undamaged and a new fuselage is well underway. (Maybe the nose wheel will steer better on this one).

On a more serious note we are sad to report the demise of Matt's Sukhoi featured in the New models section. It is unsure what caused loss of control but on inspection of the radio equipment the batteries were found to be flat. The real question is, why did they go flat during one flight, when they were checked prior to take off. Our commiserations go out to Matt. Loosing a model is never easy but it is much harder when it is new and especially one that has a significant investment in time and money.



Tips & Tricks

If anybody has some good (or not so good) modeling tips please send them to me so that we can put them in future editions.



Events

Roy Gladman Trophy Round 1.

On the 24th February we held the first round of the Roy Gladman Trophy, which is the fun fly event. It was very disappointing to see only seven members competing. However those that did including the spectators and helpers had a great day. The event was won by Glenn White, followed by Peter Evans and Roger Carrigg. Thanks to Pam Pimblott for looking after the food and the barbecue. See the table further on in the newsletter for the scores.

Lethbridge Display

On the 9th March Murray and Sandra Antis, Rob Davidson, Graham Waterhouse, Rick and Pam

Pimblott, Wayne Goodwin, Roger Carrigg, Glenn White and Max Rowan attended the Fun Fly hosted by the Geelong Sports Aviators Inc and the Lethbridge Lions Club at Lethbridge Airpark. A dozen or so models were statically displayed and about 6 were flown to demonstrate radio control model aircraft. It was a rather quiet day with few spectators, which we think can be attributed to lack of advertising. We took the opportunity to hand out flyers to promote our display day. We put on several flying displays throughout the day without incident. The public showed quite an interest in aeromodelling and were eager to see our models flying.



A line up of the models that we had on display at Lethbridge Airpark

Monty Tyrell Scale Rally at P&DARCS

On Sunday 17th March four club members had a 6.00AM start to the day, traveling down through Melbourne and out past the other side of Cranbourne to Cardinia, some 200km. It was almost a 3 hour trip, including breakfast at McDonalds alongside the Western Ring Road. Wayne, Max, Glenn and Roger took their scale models down with the expectation of winning a trophy. Unfortunately we were outdone on the day but we brought our models home in one piece after a successful days flying. Wayne flew his P51, Max flew his Curtis Jenny, Glenn flew the Beagle Pup and Roger flew his Cessna 182.

Unfortunately there were an unusually high number of crashes of one sort or another. We think that there were ten aircraft damaged. One of the crashes claimed two aircraft when they collided in mid air on the approach to the runway. One was a nice Walrus flown by Tony Farnham and the other was a Top Flyte Beechcraft Bonanza, the latter being totally destroyed. The flight director then stopped all flying for 15 minutes while the wreckage was cleared and took the opportunity to address all the pilots about flight safety.

Another interesting crash involved John Lamont's trusty SpaceWalker. After maybe flying around too

long on a "photographic shoot", he went dead stick some distance from the runway. On attempting to stretch out the landing approach he flew up the "arse" of a cow. Model sustained surprisingly little damage, and the cow seemed quite contented.

Other crashes were a mixture of things from pilot error to radio failure.

There were some magnificent models there and we noticed that interest in the 1930's golden era racers seems to be on the increase. There were quite a number of Gee Bee's, a Weddel Williams, etc, etc.

Results:

Best Military: Gary Sunderland – Bristol Fighter

Best Civil: Brian Gibaud – 72" Weddel Williams

Best ARF: Andrew Mysliborski – World Model Manufacturing 60 size Zero.

Monty Tyrell Trophy: Colin Nicholls – Bucker Jungmeister OS91FS.

Maybe the Ballarat guys can do better next year.

On behalf of the members that attended we would like to thank Murray at Top Gun for the use of his model trailer.



Coming Events

Annual Display

Our next major event is our Fly-In and public display to be held **on Sunday 21st April 2002**. Organization is well in hand. We are now distributing advertising flyers and invitations to pilots. Plenty of helpers will be needed on the day so please mark it on your calendar.

Club members will find a book of 10 raffle tickets included with this newsletter. If we can pre-sell some tickets prior to the display day, that will ensure the raffle's success. The raffle is to be drawn on the display day so it is **essential** that sold and unsold tickets are returned on or before that day.

Roy Gladman Trophy Round 2.

The second round of the Roy Gladman Trophy will be held some time in June or July. This is the aerobatic competition so it is now a good time to start honing up those maneuvers



Indoor Models

To the Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club.

As one who is directly involved in both indoor free flight rubber power and R/C electric model aircraft movement in Ballarat, I would like to clarify a statement that was made

in the BRMFC newsletter of February 2002 that states that the Haddon Model Aero Club was to be running a new indoor rubber power and R/C electric venue at the Netball Centre at Norman Street, Wendouree.

I have to tell you that it is true that mainly indoor R/C electric flying is to be held at Norman Street, but that the Haddon Club itself has **NO INVOLVEMENT** in this whatsoever. I did the groundwork and began the fortnightly Fly Ins at the Eastwood Street Leisure Complex over 12 months ago, and have done this of my own volition and without any help except for my wife Marj. In more recent times, I could see that although Eastwood Street is an excellent indoor venue, it is only a single basketball court in size, and that Indoor R/C Electrics would need a bigger space. To this end, I approached Mr. Peter Eddy at the WIN Miner Dome about the possibility of flying Indoor R/C Model Aircraft at the netball centre in Norman Street, Wendouree.

He said that he would like to have a demonstration of what I was proposing, and in due course I went to Norman Street, and did the demo, which was very well received indeed. Mr. Eddy gave his consent to go ahead with organizing, and as of February 2002, I have not had the opportunity to go ahead with it.

At the first meeting of the Haddon Club for 2002, I told the members who were present about the availability and suitability of the Norman Street venue, and stated that it was not going to be possible for me to run Eastwood Street and Norman Street and attend to my domestic situations as well. Haddon Club member Chris Foley indicated that he was interested in the possibility of taking on the Norman Street venue, **IN CONJUNCTION** with, Eastwood Street, which will continue unchanged.

Chris is now beginning the business of taking over any arrangements regarding the Norman Street Netball Centre from me, and I wish him well with it. I think that it will be a very good venue for indoor R/C Electrics.

For further information regarding Eastwood Street or Norman Street, please feel free to contact:

Gary Newton on 5332 6661 or.

Chris Foley on 5342 4285.

INDOOR MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING will be held at The Eastwood Street Leisure Complex at the corner of Eastwood and Peel Streets, Ballarat, from 8.00pm until 10.00pm on:

Friday 22nd March

Friday 5th April

Friday 19th April

Friday 3rd May

ADMISSION \$3.50 per flyer, all others FREE

Gary Newton 27/2/2002.



Event Calendar

Mar 24th 2002 VFSAA Round 1 – Keilor.
Apr 21st 2002 BRMFC Annual Display.
 Apr 28th 2002 Geelong Annual Display.
 Apr 27th/28th 2002 WW2 & Military Scale Fly-in at Wagga Wagga.
 May 5th 2002 Sunraysia Aeromodellers Fly In (Mildura)
 June 2nd 2002 Central Highlands Area Model Plane Society (CHAMPS) Fly-In

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

Don’t forget Meredith Wholesale Nursery for all your gardening requirements. We must thank Pam and Barry for their kind donation of plants and shrubs at our flying field.



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Roy Gladman Perpetual Trophy 2002 - Scores Round 1 (24th February 2002)

| Contestant | Frequency | 2 Minute Timed Flight | | Climb & Glide | | Balloon Burst | | | Carrier Deck Landing | | | | Spot Landing | | | | Total |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Time | Score | Time | Score | Take off (x5) | Landing (x10) | Score | Touch | Land in | Stop in | Score | 1st Pass | 2nd Pass | 3rd Pass | Score | |
| Glenn White | 643 | 2:00 | 120 | 2:07 | 50 | 1 | 0 | 5 | | 25 | 25 | 50 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 35 | 260 |
| Peter Evans | 605 | 1:57 | 117 | 1:20 | 30 | 4 | 3 | 50 | | 25 | | 25 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 247 |
| Roger Carrigg | 631 | 2:04 | 116 | 1:26 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 30 | | 25 | | 25 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 25 | 226 |
| Rick Pimblott | | 1:39 | 99 | 1:09 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 10 | | 25 | 25 | 50 | 5 | | | 5 | 194 |
| Max Rowan | 641 | 2:07 | 113 | 1:04 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 5 | | | 5 | 15 | | | 15 | 193 |
| Graeme Allen | 655 | 2:41 | 90 | 1:34 | 40 | 3 | 0 | 15 | | 25 | | 25 | | | | 0 | 170 |
| Wayne Goodwin | | 2:32 | 90 | 1:02 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 5 | | | | 0 | | 5 | | 5 | 130 |



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