



BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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NEWSLETTER – July, 2003

Committee 2002/2003

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The **Annual General Meeting** of BRMFC is to be held at **Central Highlands Table Tennis Centre** (corner of Howitt and Doveton Streets) on **Wednesday July 23rd 2003** 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.

The ordinary meeting will then be held with the newly elected committee.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. **Strategic Plan**
2. **Fencing to keep visitors out and control car parking**
3. **Jackets and Badges**
4. **Life Member Guidelines Report**
5. **Sausage Sizzles**
6. **Roy Gladman Round 2**

Annual General Meeting

As already noted above, the AGM is to be held on Wednesday 23rd July prior to the ordinary meeting. This is where the current committee, present their reports and the committee for 2003/2004 is elected.

Presidents Report

Well it has been an interesting year to say the least. We were sorry to lose our elected club president Matt at the beginning of this year. Matt and his family made the move up to N.S.W. and he is now a member of the Wagga Wagga club. I am sure we will catch up with him during our trips to other club events.

It is nice to see that our club membership is steadily increasing with a number of younger people and a couple of ladies too. Now that we are getting well and truly established out at Yendon, the facilities and amenities should encourage many more members.

At our last meeting the new club fees were discussed and like everything else they keep going up and up. For 2003/4 the cost to most of us is just under \$200. It seems a lot all in one go and some of us will find it hard to scrape the money together. Having said that, if you break the fees down, they work out to less than \$3.00 a week. I know that there are very few other sports or activities that cost less. During visits to other clubs it is interesting to find out what their annual fees are. You may be surprised to know that we have one of the lowest fee structures of all clubs. There isn't a lot that we can do about the insurance component of the fees other than abide by all the safety rules and make our hobby as safe as possible. We can endeavour to keep

the total cost down by continuing our fund raising activities. During the last twelve months we have been very successful with our two raffles, sausage sizzles, shopping centre promotions and our public display day. We managed to raise more than \$2,000 which is not a bad effort for a club of our relatively small size.

Now that most of the building work has been completed we will have a chance to get to work on improving to runways. As the "hump" has now been levelled it should make flying a lot more comfortable, it seems that if there is an obstacle anywhere someone will hit it! With the drought forecast to end hopefully we will have nice smooth grass runways to take off and land on. Of course when the grass begins to grow it will need mowing, the mowers we have are going to be hard pressed to do the job we want. Max has done an excellent job keeping them all running but he cannot work miracles, we are going to have to look at spending money on another mower soon (not more sausage sizzles?). The other thing the drought has had an effect on is the growth of the trees which has been none existent. I think that now would be a good time to replant them to give them a chance to establish themselves before the heat of next summer.

Our next meeting is the A.G.M. I wonder how many members will be putting their hands up to fill the vacant committee positions? I expect it will be the same few.

Anyone wanting to have a go please attend A.G.M.

Before closing I would like to thank Roger and Rick for the effort they have put in over the last twelve months. The club President doesn't have a lot to do just preside over the meetings, not like the Treasurer and Secretary they have a

full time job. Nothing ever takes care of itself someone has to do it the bills have to be paid the fees have to be collected and records have to be kept so again a big thanks to Roger and Rick. Whilst in the thanking mood another thanks to all the members that persist in crashing their models, they (we) help keep the Newsletter interesting.

Warmest regards
Acting Club President (Glenn White)



Club Fees

Just to Y\$%# your day you are reminded that club fees for 2003/2004 are due on 1st July and must be paid by **31st July**. You will be pleased to know that the Treasurer has advised that we have been able to keep our fees at the same low rate as last year, thanks to successful open days and sausage sizzles. Unfortunately as expected there has been a considerable increase in the public insurance component of the VMAA affiliation fee.

	<u>MAAA/VMAA</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Seniors:	\$137.50	\$60.00	\$197.50	\$39
Pensioners:	\$130.50	\$54.00	\$184.50	\$41
Juniors:	\$112.85	\$30.00	\$142.85	\$54.35

The new fees are outlined in the revised **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM - 2003/2004** include with this newsletter.

Please fill in all the details on the form so they can be checked against the club membership database.



Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Club Fees 2003/4

The Secretary outlined the new MAAA/VMAA affiliation fee structure received from the VMAA Secretary on 24th June.

	<u>MAAA</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>VMAA</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Seniors:	\$27.50	\$83.00	\$27.00	\$137.50	(\$39)
Pensioners:	\$27.50	\$83.00	\$20.00	\$130.50	(\$41)
Juniors:	\$14.85	\$83.00	\$15.00	\$112.85	(\$54.35)

The Treasurer advised that we have returned an operating profit over the last couple of years and on that basis there is no need to increase the clubs annual fee component.

Based on that advice the fees for 2003/4 will be as follows.

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The joining fee was then discussed and the meeting agreed to keep the fee at \$10 and impose a \$10 gate key deposit. If a member has paid the \$10 deposit and wishes to leave the club then the \$10 will be refunded on return of the key. For current members who have had a key given as part of the starter pack the club will buy back the key at current key cutting costs.

Action: Secretary to amend membership form – distribute with next newsletter.

2. Life Member Guidelines Report

The President went through the report submitted by Tom Jobling at the last meeting and invited feedback. After some discussion it was decided to make the following amendments to Tom's report and distribute again in the next newsletter.

- Delete the Trainee member type.
- Raise Junior member from 16 to 18 years to bring into alignment with VMAA.
- Delete "Building and Display" clause from text where it applies to insurance.
- Add Associate member type
- Gaining Honorary and Life Member status – Over 50% of club membership in favor of nomination at meeting is required. Nominator would need to lobby members to attend meeting to gain required vote.
- Revoking Life Member status – Need to establish a clause that defines where a member is non active for a specified period of time.

Action: Secretary to amend report and insert in next newsletter. (Unfortunately space did not permit)

3. Jackets and Badges

Gordon Hicks has made further enquiries with Ballarat Embroidery regarding our club uniform. Gordon presented detailed prices and reminded the meeting that it is advisable to get a jacket one size larger than normal. Gordon said that he will email all the details to the Secretary so it can be included in the next newsletter. The club may elect to purchase some extra items so they can be made available to new members immediately.

Action: Gordon Hicks to send pricing and size details to Secretary.

Action: Secretary to include in next newsletter.

4. Sausage Sizzles

The Secretary advised that BigW is not taking any more bookings for sausage sizzles due to health and safety reasons. It was decided to go with Safeway Sebastopol and possibly Bunnings. August 2003 and October 2003 were suggested at the last meeting.

Action: Secretary to contact Bunnings and Safeway Sebastopol and book two dates.

5. Roy Gladman Round 2

The President reminded the meeting that the Roy Gladman Round 2 (Aerobatics) is scheduled for 27th July with 3rd August as a backup date. Anyone who wants to participate and cannot make it on 27th July, please let us know.

6. AGM Preparation

The President reminded the meeting that the AGM will be held next month before the general meeting. All positions are up for election with the exception of the Treasurer.

7. Fencing to keep visitors out and control car parking

Max Rowan advised that nothing has been done as yet. Roger Carrigg pointed out to Max that water is getting in on to the bench under the servery.

8. Strategic Plan

Held over until the next meeting. (See Glenn White's plan further on)



New Models seen at field

Tom has found another trainer to add to his fleet. This one is unusual in that it has audio plugs to connect the aileron servo to the receiver. The model is an ARF and was originally powered by an ASP 46 but Tom has now fitted his trusty OS46 LA. I (Roger) test flew the model on Sunday 6th July with the ASP but it gave trouble and we thought that the OS would be more reliable. With the OS we had no problems and had several flights last Sunday (13th July). One minor problem is that the nose wheel leg is far too long making landing difficult. Otherwise the model flies quite well.

Tom has provided us with some extra details:

It is an AERO 40. Originally with an ASP 46 engine. I fitted my OS 46 with a 10.5X6 prop. I have also modified the undercarriage to give 120mm clearance and prevent the nose wheel from landing first. It has an 8 oz tank and 56 grams of lead in the nose. (Thanks Tom)

Wayne is still having trouble with his 1/4 scale CAP. He has fitted a new Zenoh 26cc petrol motor and has been unable to rectify the radio interference caused by the motor. He has tried different receivers but still has problems. **Can anyone help?** Wayne said at the weekend, the interference was caused by the throttle cable running through a brass tube.



Crash Report

Once again there isn't a lot to report. The only one that I am aware of is the crash of my own! Having not done a lot of flying of late and with only three weeks until the Roy Gladman competition I thought it was time to get a little practice in. The only model I had capable of doing most of the maneuvers was (notice I am using the past tense) red Little Stick. Having done a few circuits I did a touch and go, the touch was okay but the go part didn't happen. The engine would not pick-up and instead of putting the nose down and safely landing the model in the outfield I tried to gain height and of course again this didn't happen. The model lost speed became uncontrollable and landed heavily. Due to the age (over 10 years) and condition of the model it was decided by other members that repairs should not be made!!!!



Club Donations

A special thanks to Tom Jobling for his kind donation of medical supplies that have helped stock our first-aid kit. All members should be aware of where it is situated and what it contains. It would also be nice if we all knew how to use or apply what is in it.

Also thanks to Graham Waterhouse for donating an assortment of tools and bits and pieces for use at the field. This will be very handy if you left your favourite shifter at home.



Jackets and Badges

Gordon Hicks has supplied us with price and size details from Ballarat Embroidery.

Prices quoted do not include GST

Setup Fee	\$57.50
Badges	
order of 30	\$6.95 each
order of 50	\$6.01 each
Hats	\$10.50
Shirts	\$25.00
Jackets	\$55.00 (add \$4 for larger sizes)
Jackets	\$44.00 (without logo)

Jacket sizes

Smallest	85cm / 34"
Small	90cm / 36"
Medium	95cm / 38"
Large	100cm / 40"
X Large	105cm / 42"
XX Large	110cm / 44"
XXX	115cm / 46"
XXXX	120cm / 48"
XXXXX	125cm / 50"
XXXXXX	130cm / 52"
XXXXXXX	135cm / 54"

It is advisable to order one size larger than your actual chest measurement.

Please advise the Secretary of your requirements.



Strategic Plan

Glenn White has compiled the beginnings of a strategic plan to outline the goals of our club. It is essential for every organization to have a strategic plan. This will be discussed over several meetings and fine tuned to reflect the wishes of the members.

First year – 2003/4

1. Increase the membership
2. Locate and repair roof leaks on the shed and container.
3. Weather seal toilet door.

4. Set up an honour board listing current and past committees.
5. Continue with the planting of trees and shrubs.
6. Put up permanent fences.
7. Fix overflow problems with main water tank.
8. Mark out proper car park
9. Put some type of matting down to help keep kitchen floor clean.

Five year – 2003/8

1. Continue to upgrade runways eg. Use of synthetic grass or some type of sealed surface.
2. Purchase of new or better mowing equipment.
3. Have paved area in front of sheds.
4. Construct B.B.Q. area between sheds.
5. Improve road from gate to car park.
6. Construct a children's play area
7. Get power to site.

Ten year – 2003/13

1. Purchase our own flying field.
2. Build a larger and better equipped clubhouse.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 2 - Aerobatics

This event has been held sometime in mid winter in past years. We have set date for **27th July** with a backup of the following Sunday 3rd August.

The Roy Gladman events are designed to be fun events and encourage all members to participate regardless of how well they fly or type of model they have. Don't forget all the totals of the three rounds are added together so it is important to get what points you can.

This year will be the same as last year. We will be flying the APA Sportsman schedule. The maneuvers will be posted in the shed shortly. (There is probably already a copy out there). Don't

be too fussed if you haven't got an aerobatic model as a trainer type will do 90% of the schedule. If you don't feel comfortable doing a particular maneuver, then don't attempt it.

Any members not wishing to fly, your help with judging would be appreciated.

There will be a small entry fee to cover the cost of the trophy and a barbecue lunch.

Due to the bitchyness and back stabbing that occurred last year the club trainer will not be available for use!!!!

Xmas in July

Are any members interested in a social night out? We know its short notice but it would be nice have a get together over a meal and a beer. Have a word with your partner and see if you are available on either Friday 26th July or Saturday 27th July and let us know prior to or at the next meeting. Once we get some idea of numbers we will book in somewhere.



Event Calendar

July 27 th 2003	Small Model and Fun Fly – Bacchus Marsh.
July 27 th 2003	Roy Gladman Round 2 – Yendon.
Aug 3 rd 2003	Roy Gladman Round 2 – Backup.
Aug 2 nd /3 rd 2003	Pattern Aerobatics – Cobram.
Sept 20 th /21 st 2003	Mammoth Scale – Shepparton.
Nov 22 nd /23 rd 2003	Official Opening of State Flying Field – Northern Flying Group (NFG).

Indoor Electric flying - Netball Stadium Norman Street Wendouree (2.00-4.00PM)

27th July, 24th August, 21st September, 19th October, 23rd November.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.



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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM – 2003/2004

Surname First Name Middle Name
 Address City Postcode
 Phone: Home: Business: Mobile:
 Email Address:
 M.A.A.A. Registration Number: AUS Date of Birth:
 Partners Name Occupation/Skills
 Transmitter Frequencies Used:

Tick membership type below and write amount applicable in column on right hand side of sheet.

Note: Pension rates with 10% discount, are shown in brackets (). Proof of pension entitlement must be provided.
 Includes total MAAA insurance charge for 2003/4 of **\$83.00** for all member categories

New member. (Existing members ignore this)
 Joining fee **\$10.00** + **\$10.00** refundable gate key deposit (receive starter pack)----- Amount: \$

Senior member plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.
 Definition: Any person over 18 years.

Club	\$60.00	(\$54.00)	
VMAA	\$137.50	(\$130.50)	
Total	\$197.50	(\$184.50)	----- Amount: \$

Senior member – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.
 Definition: Any person over 18 years.
 VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly regularly at our field.
 Name of other club:.....

Club	\$60.00	(\$54.00)	----- Amount: \$
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Junior member plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.
 Definition: Any person under 18 years.

Club	\$30.00	(\$27.00) – 50% of senior membership fee	
VMAA	\$112.85	(\$112.85)	
Total	\$142.85	(\$139.85)	----- Amount: \$

Associate member – Benefits: Gate key & newsletter. VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly infrequently at our field. Probably live remotely.
 Name of other club:.....

Club	\$40.00	(\$36.00)	----- Amount: \$
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Social member – Benefits: Newsletter. Non flyer.

Club	\$15.00	(\$13.50)	----- Amount: \$
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Family membership – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter. Consists of one **senior** rate plus \$10. Family members must pay VMAA fees as specified (Junior or Senior). Applies to immediate family residing at same address. There is no family VMAA fee arrangement.

Club	\$70.00	(\$63.00)	
VMAA	\$137.50	(\$130.50)	
Sub-Total	\$207.50	(\$193.50)	----- Amount: \$

Person 2	\$112.85 or \$137.50	(\$112.85 or \$130.50)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:.....	D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:	
Person 3	\$112.85 or \$137.50	(\$112.85 or \$130.50)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:.....	D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:	
Person 4	\$112.85 or \$137.50	(\$112.85 or \$130.50)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:.....	D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:	

Total amount to pay \$

A \$5 Administration fee applies, if fees are not paid by 31st July 2003.
 Please remit this form and the amount payable to the Secretary or Treasurer.