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NEWSLETTER – July, 2004

Committee 2003/2004

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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 28th 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.

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

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Strategic Plan
2. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution
3. Field Maintenance
4. Bronze Wings/Gold Wing
5. Club Uniform Orders
6. Caption Competition
7. Fund Raisers
8. Bunnings Club Display

Annual General Meeting

As already noted above, the AGM is to be held on Wednesday 28th July prior to the ordinary meeting. This is where the current committee, present their reports and the committee for 2004/2005 is elected.

It looks like all vacant positions have had nominations that have been accepted. Please do your best to make it to the meeting. It is encouraging to see a good roll up at the AGM.

Presidents Report

Can you believe that another year has gone by? The older you get the quicker time goes, there are so many models that I want to have a go at I had better get a move on.

It's that time of the year again where a new committee has to be elected. I have enjoyed my year as club president and am pleased to report that our club is growing financially and membership numbers. We have had a good year as far as fundraisers go, what monies we raised with our sausage sizzles, raffles and open day has helped us to keep our fees to an affordable amount (don't forget fees are due before the end of the month).

Looking back on the year I think that the best thing that we accomplished was the removal of the big hump on the runway. We are slowly getting there, I would like to see a nice B.B.Q area between the shed and canteen and a few more trees. Now that the drought seems to have broken I think we can look forward to some nice green smooth

runways. The rain hasn't been all good news it is starting to cause problems with the road into the field so take care if you go out there.

All the signs are pointing to a good year and I am sure that as soon as the weather begins to improve more members will be taking advantage of our excellent facilities

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

Warmest regards
Club President (Glenn White)



Subs 2004/5

Just a reminder that subs must be paid before the **1st August 2004** if you wish to fly. As you will see we have managed to keep the fees as low as possible. There has only been a small increase to keep up with inflation while maintaining the financial viability of the club. The fee structure that we have will still require supplementing with money raised from sausage sizzles, raffles, open days etc.

The following is a summary of the new fee structure.

	MAAA/VMAA	CLUB	TOTAL	Increase
Seniors:	\$140.00	\$70.00	\$210.00	\$12.50
Pensioners:	\$133.00	\$63.00	\$196.00	\$11.50
Juniors:	\$113.00	\$35.00	\$148.00	\$5.15

The new fees are outlined in the revised **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM - 2004/2005** include with this newsletter.

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

Send completed form with your payment to the Secretary Roger Carrigg, 11 Lawrie Drive Alfredton 3350.



Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Bronze Wings/Gold Wings

The subject of Bronze/Gold wings was on the agenda to encourage members to achieve their wings.

Rob Beardall and Lawrence Fisher indicated that they would like to try for their Bronze wings, while Peter Evans and Peter Barnett said that they are ready to go for their Gold Wings.

2. Set Date for Open Day 2005

The Secretary advised that he spoke with Graham Scott (VMAA CD) last Monday and **April 2nd/3rd** has been penciled in. G. S. said that March 26th/27th is Easter, Apr 10th is VMAA Trophy so there are few dates available around that time of year. Any earlier and we are well and truly in the fire danger period and any later the weather starts to get colder. The Avalon Airshow also runs from 15th-20th Mar 2005, so that rules out March 19th/20th. The meeting agreed with **April 2nd/3rd**. Our display day will now be listed in the VMAA newsletter calendar.

Action: Secretary to confirm date with VMAA Contest Director. (Done 24/6/04)

3. Field Maintenance

There was no report from the Field Maintenance Officer due to Max Rowan's absence. Lawrence Fisher said that as of yesterday the field does not need mowing.

Murray Anstis advised that the ramp for the servery window is now in the design stage.

Rob Beardall is to look into rewiring the kitchen.

Lawrence F. reported that the smokers butt bucket is now in place.

4. Committee 2004/5 Nominations

Require nominations for safety officers. If none received the positions will be filled at the AGM next month.

5. Club Uniform Orders

Gordon Hicks is ordering more coats etc.

Gordon advised the meeting that the cut off date is two weeks from next Saturday (10th July).

Please know your size. Call into the Hip Pocket in Howitt Street (opposite Top Gun Models) and try on the Jackets etc.

Gordon can be contacted on **0427 033 981** or **5332 4572** or at grov@dodo.com.au

Action: (Everyone interested) Advise Gordon of your requirements before 10th July.

6. Strategic Plan

Held over until next meeting.

7. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution

No work done on this as yet – Hold over until next meeting.

8. Roy Gladman Round 2 Aerobatics

The President reminded the meeting that the Roy Gladman Round 2 – Aerobatics is scheduled for this Sunday 27th June. Rick advised the Secretary before the meeting that they (Rick & Pam) will do the BBQ catering. Graham Waterhouse said that he will bring out some home made soup.

(Due to unfavorable weather and lack of numbers the event was postponed. Instead we had a social morning's flying followed by an early BBQ lunch. June W's delicious home made soup was very much appreciated. Many thanks June!)

9. Member Participation Scheme and Fees 2004/5

The Secretary raised the point that although it was voted on to raise the fees at the last meeting by \$20 to settle the ongoing opposition to the Member Participation Scheme, the increase is probably excessive. After some discussion and to follow point of order Graham Waterhouse moved a motion to rescind the vote taken at the last meeting to raise the fees by \$20 and moved a second motion to raise the fees by \$10. This was seconded by Murray Anstis. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The new membership fee for a senior member for 2004/5 is now **\$210** (\$140 VMAA + \$70 Club). Other member types also increase in proportion.

10. Videos at meeting

The President suggested that we get some videos to play whilst we have our cup of coffee after the meeting.

Secretary is to contact VMAA Video Librarian and arrange for loan of tapes. Suggested topics were: Crashes, How to?

Action: Secretary to order video tapes from VMAA Video Library.

11. Entertainment at meetings

The President also suggested that we invite Brian Johnston to give a talk on his latest scale creation. Given that the next meeting is the AGM and Brian is steadily progressing towards finishing the Petleyakov, the August meeting would be a good target.

Action: Secretary or President to confirm with Brian.

12. Caption Competition

We only received one entry for the May newsletter caption competition. The solitary entry was from Nick Katsikaros so he wins the bottle of Super Glue courtesy of Top Gun Models. (Nick, see Roger).

Three entries have already been received for the June newsletter.

13. Fund Raisers

The Secretary advised that two dates have been booked for Sausage Sizzles at **Safeway Sebastopol**. The dates are Saturdays **Sept 11th and Oct 16th**

Action: Secretary to apply for Council Permits.



VMAA News

1. New VMAA directory is expected to be sent out with the September VMAA newsletter
2. 60 VMAA affiliated members have been issued with Bronze/Gold wings. Names to be published in next VMAA newsletter. (Not sure over what period of time).
3. P&DARCS requested a grant of \$5000 from the VMAA to assist in financing a water storage project to enable watering of their runways. Total cost of project is \$24,000 with P&DARCS to fund \$17,000 but require a further \$5000 to fund the project. The Executive moved that the VMAA make available a grant of \$2,000 and an interest free loan of \$3,000 to be paid back over a 3 year period. Any amount of the loan that is not paid back within 3 years will attract an interest rate of 5% per annum.
4. VMAA AGM 8th July 2004 – The VMAA executive for 2004/5 is:

President:	Darryl Gunst
Vice President:	Murray Ellis
Secretary:	Chris Caulcutt
Treasurer:	Brian Dowie
Registrar:	Graeme Wilson
Contest Administrator:	Graham Scott
Ordinary Member No. 1:	Ron Bird
Ordinary Member No. 2:	Jim Ray
Ordinary Member No. 3:	Paul Winter
Ordinary Member No. 4:	Brenton Spear



Bronze/Gold Wings

We would like to congratulate Peter Evans on achieving his Gold Wings on Sunday 4th July 2004.

Please note it looks like it may be necessary for all pilots to have their Bronze Wings to enable them to fly solo. It's not the new members that are going to be the problem it is you old ones!!!



New Models seen at field

It's that time of year where there aren't a lot of good days to fly, especially new models. We have heard that there are a few models being built so stay tuned.



Crash Report

The only two crashes that we know of both happened on the same day, that being the day set aside for the Roy Gladman competition (27th June).

The weather conditions were not the best with a strong north wind. Rick was the first to run into problems with his Corsair. For some reason Rick lost control of the Corsair, but managed to regain control. Shortly after gaining height Rick found himself in the same predicament. This time he was unable to regain control and the Corsair spirally into the ground and was written off. Rick didn't think that it was radio problems.

Shortly after that, Glenn flew his OS120FS powered pattern ship for a test flight prior to the competition. Glenn was having trouble landing with the strong northerly over the plantation and after the third overshoot the motor failed to power up. Model stalled and hit heavily breaking the foam wing in two places. This has since been repaired.



Events

VFSAA Scale Rally and Team Scale

Glenn and I (Roger) went down to the State field on Sunday July 18th to participate in one of the scale rallies run by the VFSAA.

The weather wasn't very promising but since we had planned to go we didn't let it deter us. As usual on trips to the State field we made the mandatory stop at Gisborne for an egg and bacon roll and a cappuccino for breakfast. It is a very pleasant drive down to the State field particularly from Bacchus Marsh to Gisborne and then Gisborne on to the state field which is a further 10-15 minutes. It takes about an hour 20 minutes all up driving time which is about the same time it takes some of the NFG (Northern Flying Group) members to get there. (NFG is the host club at the state field.)



Gary Flanagan's Sopwith Pup (Must be at least 1/4 scale).

When we arrived, quite a number of VFSAA members were already there, together with regular NFG members out for a Sunday fly. Shortly afterwards Gordon arrived with camera in hand. Fortunately Gordon brought his camera otherwise there would not be any pictures in this article.

When we got out of the car the brisk breeze was rather sobering. Everyone likes to have a go at Ballarat about the cold but I can assure you the wind chill made it extremely cold down there. The heated club house was very much appreciated along with the rest of the state field facilities which are first class. Many thanks to the NFG members for providing the catering throughout the day.

Now for the flying. Even though it was cold the conditions weren't too bad for flying however the overcast sky makes it hard to see some models. There weren't a lot of models in the air at any one time. Pilots would venture out of the club house for a quick fly and then race back inside to get warm again. It was a good chance to have a chat with the scale fliers.

Rod Mitchell had his latest creation there which is a twin engine Grumman TigerCat powered by OS 50FX's. The TigerCat was produced late in WWII and was a carrier based aircraft (had a big retractable hook at the back). As usual Rod flew the Tiger Cat very smoothly and finished the flight with a remarkably slow landing aided by the large flaps.



Rod Mitchell's Grumman Tiger Cat powered by two OS50FX 2 strokes. Flew very nicely.

There must have been a dozen or more entries with 3 in the team scale event which is a new category being trialed by the VFSAA. Team scale enables a person who enjoys building more so than flying to get someone else to fly it. We hope that this category proves popular over time.

I had a couple of uneventful flights with the P39 Airacobra. Glenn managed only one flight with the Beagle. For some reason we could not get the engine to run on the second flight attempt. Glenn has been having trouble with the early model OS91FS for some time now which seems to go through plugs rather quickly. The plugs don't burn out, they just go frosty making the 91 difficult to start and rev up without cutting out.

Presentations were held around 2:30PM in the club house.

Results:

Military Flying: Gary Flanagan from Shepparton with his large Sopwith Pup.

Military Non-Flying: Ken Thomas from Keilor, Bloch MB-200.

Civil Flying: N. Sakellariou, Edge 540.

Civil Non-Flying: Michael Del Bonifro, Percival Mew Gull.

Team Scale:

R. Emiliani/A. Emiliani – Percival Mew Gull, 542 pts.

A. Mott/J. Lamont – Druine Turbulent, 542 pts.

K. Thomas/I. Vidak – Bloch MB-200, 437 pts.

To my knowledge there were no incidents on the day which is always good to report.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Round 2 – Aerobatics

We've had to postpone this event due to the inclement weather. We will set a new date at the next meeting. A possible date is the 15th August.

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

This event is not that far off now. It would be advisable for any members wishing to spend the weekend to book now.

At this stage 5 of us have already booked in at the Wyndamere Motel. Anyone wanting information please contact Roger. Entry forms are available. It is cheaper to pre enter.



Event Calendar

Aug 7 th /8 th 2004	Pattern Aerobatics Cobram– MMAC
Aug 8 th 2004	VFSAA Scale Rally – Greensborough.
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.
Nov 21 st 2004	Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG
Nov 27 th /28 th 2004	Hamilton Annual Display.

No room in this issue for a caption competition – we will have one next month.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.



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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM – 2004/2005

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 MAAA insurance charge for 2004/5 of **\$83.00** (Approx.) 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	\$70.00	(\$63.00)	
VMAA	\$140.00	(\$133.00)	
Total	\$210.00	(\$196.00)	----- 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	\$70.00	(\$63.00)	----- Amount: \$
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Junior member plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.
 Definition: Any person under 18 years.

Club	\$35.00	(\$31.50) – 50% of senior membership fee	
VMAA	\$113.00	(\$113.00)	
Total	\$148.00	(\$144.50)	----- 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. (2/3 of senior member fee.)
 Name of other club:

Club	\$46.50	(\$41.85)	----- Amount: \$
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Social member – Benefits: Newsletter. Non flyer. (¼ of senior member fee.)

Club	\$17.50	(\$15.75)	----- 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	\$80.00	(\$72.00)	
VMAA	\$140.00	(\$133.00)	
Sub-Total	\$220.00	(\$205.00)	----- Amount: \$
Person 2	\$113.00 or \$140.00	(\$113.00 or \$133.00)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:		D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:
Person 3	\$113.00 or \$140.00	(\$113.00 or \$133.00)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:		D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:
Person 4	\$113.00 or \$140.00	(\$113.00 or \$133.00)	VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$
Name:		D.O.B.	M.A.A.A No:

Total amount to pay (Less your Installments \$.....) **\$.....**

A \$5 Administration fee applies, if fees are not paid by 31st July 2004.
 Please remit this form and the amount payable to the Secretary or Treasurer.

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