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NEWSLETTER – November, 2004

Committee 2004/2005

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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 November 24th 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.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Xmas Party/Raffle
2. Avalon Airshow – Bus to event (Sunday 20th March 2005)
3. Field Maintenance
4. Strategic Plan
5. Mediation and Disputes resolution clause for constitution – new requirement
6. Open Day
7. Solar Charger

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. New Member

Peter Taylor came along to the meeting to join the club. Peter has been out at the field recently with his Boomerang trainer and is keen to learn to fly. The President welcomed Peter into the club. We all wish Peter every success in his aeromodelling career.

2. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution

The revised member protocol printed in the October newsletter was discussed further resulting in two more amendments. Rick Pimblott moved a motion that Life Members pay their VMAA/MAAA affiliation fee through BRMFC. Motion was passed by a majority vote. It was also agreed that a qualifier be attached to the wording "Bronze Wing standard" in the Senior member clause. The qualifier states - Must either have Bronze Wings or be deemed to be bronze wing standard by club instructor/s. It was then voted unanimously to adopt protocol into constitution.

The secretary then advised the meeting that it is now necessary to have a Disputes and Mediation clause in the constitution. The clause adopted by the VMAA will be emailed to members and included in November newsletter.

3. Strategic Plan

Due to Graeme Allen's absence this item was held over until the ext meeting.

4. Xmas Raffle & Party

After some discussion it was decided to continue with the tried and proven formula of the Wheel Barrow full of Xmas goodies. Donations from members would be greatly

appreciated. Xmas food items (non – perishable), bottles of wine are great to fill the barrow. Secretary is to contact Wendouree Village to book a Saturday to promote club and sell raffle tickets. Dates required are 4/12/2004 or **11/12/2004** (preferred) and for the Annual Display next year **26/3/2005**.

The President stressed that we need to establish a venue for the Xmas party. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please forward to committee. The probable date is **Saturday 11th December**. Date and venue must be confirmed at or by the November meeting.

5. Field Maintenance

No report from Field Maintenance Officer due to Peter Barnett's absence. Grass is growing rapidly at the moment and requires mowing every weekend.

New tube required for back wheel of small ride on mower. Roger Carrigg to purchase. (A 4.1/350-6 tube was purchased from Hendersons for \$13 and fitted – mower back in operation)

6. Open Day – Select sub-committee

The President asked for several members to form the open day sub-committee. The sub-committee will conduct regular meetings to organize the display which is an extremely important event on our events calendar. The meetings will normally be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM at a venue to be nominated.

The following members volunteered: Nick Katsikaros, Glenn White (Catering), Roger Carrigg, Gordon Hicks. It is hoped that Graeme Allen will accept the publicity position.

7. Avalon Air Show 2005

The President asked for a show of hands to gauge interest in hiring a bus to the Avalon Air Show. Members present showed plenty of interest. As a result the Secretary will contact the driver from Davis Bus Lines who has taken us on previous occasions.

8. Roy Gladman Round 3 Scale

The President pointed out that the scale event is scheduled to be run on Sunday 12th December.

9. APA Weekend 2005

Henry Hutchinson from the APA (Australian Pattern Association) made a request to the club to hold the APA weekend on the weekend of 12th/13th February 2005 instead of the usual last W/E in January. The meeting did not have any objection to the request. Secretary is to notify Henry. *(Done)*

10. Other Items

- a) Rick Pimblott suggested that we hold a meeting at the field over summer. The idea is to have a few twilight flights prior to the meeting. It was decided to hold the January 2005 meeting at the field. The date is **Wednesday 26th January 2005**. More info will be in the newsletters.
- b) To keep the club trainer Rx/Tx batteries fully charged a charging setup has been installed in the loo (because it has a solar panel on top). Many thanks to Rick Pimblott and Rob Beardall for setting it up. Because the location is not ideal, Rick submitted a brochure on a solar panel charger that could be fitted to the club house. A decision will need to be made ASAP.
- c) Peter Taylor suggested that we should advertise the club. Rick replied that we do sighting the recent community fest as an example. *(We understand where Peter is coming from – Aeromodelling in general has little promotion in the public arena).*
- d) Flight Simulator – Lawrence Fisher advised that he has the Great Planes Simulator that members can borrow.
- e) Rick Pimblott raised the issue about flying whilst the field is being mowed. Rule 10 of the Safety Rules states: **No flying is to take place whilst there is maintenance being done to the flying field.** *(We have to organize the mowing roster so that when we have an ideal Sunday morning members are not prevented from flying due to mowing)*



Xmas Raffle

Club members will find a book of raffle tickets inside the posted newsletter. (Unless you have already received them by hand). For this reason it has been posted out to all members. (Haven't found a way of getting through the email yet). If anyone can sell more books please contact Roger Carrigg. These fund raisers help to keep our

membership subs down, while enabling the club to provide the facilities that we expect.

We have booked a spot at **Stockland Wendouree on Saturday 11th December** to promote the club and sell a few tickets. The location is near the AFL store. As usual we take a few planes, hand out info on the club and aeromodelling, and sell a few raffle tickets. The prize is the same as last year – barrow load of Xmas food and booze. This has proved successful on previous occasions so it was decided to continue with a winner. The club would appreciate donations from members to fill the barrow. Non perishable food items of a Xmas nature, bottles of wine etc are suitable.

The Wheelbarrow with display prizes will be located at Top Gun Models as soon as it can be organized. You can drop your prize donations in there to fill up the barrow.



Field Report

The field is looking great at the moment. Runways are quite smooth now – so don't be afraid to land on them!! A big thanks to the members who have spent time on the ride on mowers and also pushing the hand mowers. With this wet weather we have just had combined with the recent sunshine we'll be able to see the grass grow. It must be mown every week for the next few weeks.

On a lighter note the swallows that have been nesting on the dunny door finally left. There is quite a pile of sh#\$ in the door way that can now be cleaned up and wont be a problem for another year.

If you are wondering what the locked cabinet attached to the toilet wall is; it contains the continuous charging station for the club trainer batteries. Rick and Rob have put their heads together and connected it to the solar panel that powers the toilet fan.



Constitution

The Life member protocol was accepted into the constitution at the last meeting with some minor amendments. We now have to include a Disputes and Resolution clause to satisfy Consumer Affairs and also a club wind up clause to satisfy the Gaming Authority, so that we can become a "declared" Community Group.

A template disputes clause and some info on what we need to do will be presented at the forthcoming meeting. These further constitutional changes need to be formulated so that we can present the revised constitution to Consumer Affairs.



New Models seen at field

On Saturday 29th November Len Astbury was out at the field again with another model. He has been pulling them

out of the woodwork lately. Although the model is not new it is the first time it has been out to our new field. It isn't the type of model that you would expect Len to be flying (fast and furious) It is powered by a K&B 40 that I think came out of the Ark! Do you like the pilot?



Another one of Len's many models – Powered by a K & B 40, this one is very fast and would have made a good pylon racer in its day.



The pilot (Alf) underscores the age of the model.



Crash Report

We were out at the field on Saturday afternoon 30th October mowing the field in between having a few flights to take advantage of the nice weather. We had just packed up when Lindsay Dyer arrived with his LA Special. After some coaxing Lindsay put the LA in the air and was putting it through its paces. Lindsay was throwing the LA around with low tight turns then it looked like he was attempting to do a split 'S' without the required height. If Lindsay had been two feet higher everything would have been OK. But he wasn't. The LA failed to pull out in time and ploughed into the ground on the south west corner of the field. Bits and pieces appeared to go everywhere but when we got to the crash site there was surprisingly little damage. Just a broken fin and horizontal stabilizer thanks to rubber band attached wings. (Rubbers for safe crash.) Lindsay was last heard muttering some expletives!!!

We expect that Lindsay will have the LA Special repaired and back in the air shortly.

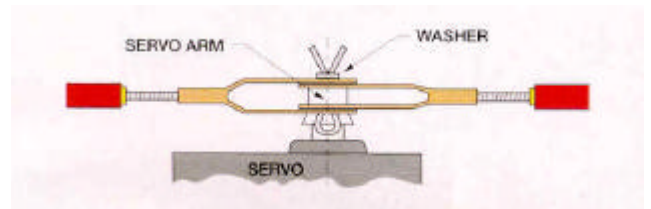


This shot of Lindsay's LA Special was taken moments before the ill fated flight.



Tips & Tricks

Glenn comes around on a Tuesday night a couple of weeks before the following meeting where we frame up the newsletter. I was a bit late getting tea over with and to fill in time Glenn was browsing through one of my magazines He noticed this article in RCM&E August 1999 title *Spit Decision*. Great idea where you need two clevises attached to the same hole in bell crank arm. I suppose you could use a bolt and nyloc nut as an alternative to the split pin.



Events

Sport & Scale Rally at State Field

A number of our members had this event on the "trips away" calendar for some time. Rick and Pam Pimblott, Wayne Goodwin, Glenn White and Roger Carrigg made the trip down to the State field on Sunday 21st November to take part in the Sport & Scale Rally hosted by the Northern Fling Group (NFG). After we all stopped off at Gisborne for an egg & bacon roll and cappuccino breakfast we continued on to the state field which is about 15-20 minutes further on. The weather was fine although cool at times with a brisk southerly breeze blowing. There was plenty of flying throughout the day and to my knowledge there were no incidents.

The NFG had the kitchen running as usual and after trying one of their Northern Burgers I recommend that you have one the next time you are there. They are very tasty and filling.

NFG ran a pilot's choice judging system which is probably the fairest and simplest system you can run. First place in scale went to Rod Mitchell from Keilor with his twin engine Grumman TigerCat. I can't remember the other placing except mine (Roger) I got third in sport with the Blackjack. I think Murray Ellis got 2nd in scale with his big P51 Mustang and also a place in sport.

Unfortunately there wasn't a big rollup but everyone enjoyed the day out and the hospitality of the Northern Flying Group.



Wayne had a good day out with the OS 120 FS powered Ryan. It looked like glo plug problems at first but turned out to be a flat battery in the flight box – not enough glo.



Rick had trouble keeping the engine running on his Cub. It ran perfectly until it got out to the flight line then it would stop. This happened several times – it also bit his finger. Rick then resorted to flying the Stuka.



Coming Events

Hamilton 28th November 2004 – This is a regular event for many of our members. Its not too far to go and it is a great field to fly at. This is a two day event and usually incorporates a swap meet where you can sell your unwanted treasures or perhaps pick up a bargain. Several of our members are staying over on the Saturday night.

Xmas Party

As there has been no alternative venue suggested for the Xmas breakup we have tentatively booked the Crown Hotel Buninyong for Saturday night 11th December with an option of the 18th December. These dates have been chosen to coincide with the drawing of our raffle. We are not committed to this venue but we are committed to these dates. As time is running out any alternative venues must be forthcoming by the next meeting. (Remember must be able to display our raffle and draw and also sell some tickets). Since writing this Graham and June Waterhouse have suggested the Game Keepers Secret in Mair Street.

Roy Gladman Rnd 3. Scale.

We are going to hold the third and final round on the 12th December weather permitting. It would be nice to see a good turn out of members with their scale models. We are not competing for sheep stations; it's a good opportunity to just have a go. All you need is a model that resembles a full sized aircraft. Documentation or three views are not required only a photo to assist static judge to determine amount of points to be awarded. Only a small portion of available points is for static, most are for flying.

Time permitting there will be three rounds.

Rounds will be flown as per the V.F.S.A.A. schedule: -

1. Take Off.
2. Straight and level flight
3. Figure Eight (outside).
4. 360° Descending Circle.
5. Optional
6. Optional.
7. Optional.
8. Rectangular Approach.
9. Landing

Remember this is a scale competition not aerobatics so unless you are flying an aerobatic model the chosen manoeuvres don't have to be perfect.

There will be a B.B.Q. lunch.

This will be our last comp for the year so let's make it a good day.



Event Calendar

Nov 21 st 2004	Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG
Nov 21 st 2004	VFSAA Scale Rally - NEPEAN.
Nov 27 th /28 th 2004	Hamilton Annual Display.
Dec 5 th 2004	Pattern aerobatics – P&DARCS.
Dec 11 th 2004	Stockland Wendouree – BRMFC.
Jan 16 th 2005	VFSAA Scale Rally – Werribee.
Jan 30 th 2005	VFSAA Round 3 – Sunbury.
Feb 6 th 2005	VFSAA Scale Rally – Geelong.
Feb 12 th /13 th 2005	APA pattern – Ballarat.

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

BRMFC MEMBERSHIP – NOVEMBER 2004

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Ted	Arnup	44 Stevenson Court	HADDON	3352	5344 8355	0419 004 188	0419 0
Len	Astbury	345 Fussell Street	Ballarat	3350	5331 4239		
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Wayne	Goodwin	33 Robertson Drive	Alfredton	3350	5334 2652	0419 392 852	
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Phillip	Pope	5 Mercer Street	Teesdale	3328	5281 5138		
Ted	Rivett	506 Landsborough Street	Ballarat	3350	5333 1288	0409 321 956	5332 2
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Ken	Wilkins	1 Iluka Crt.	Alfredton	3350	5334 1825	0409 954 881	5333 6



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