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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 October 24th 2001** 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. **Field Development**
2. **Raffle**
3. **Fund Raising**
4. **Xmas Breakup**
5. **Annual Display**
6. **Spring Wing Festival**
7. **Pylon Racing**

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Field Development

- a) Max Rowan reported that the shed frame is partially erected and is now ready to have the roof purlins attached. Wall cladding and roofing can then be fitted.
- b) Noel Findlay advised that he is investigating steel joists to support the flooring material that we have.
- c) The toilet requires the doors to be fitted, the wall lining to be finished off. Once that is done, it is ready for painting inside.
- d) Max advised that he has come across some timber packs in Geelong that we can have for free. It consists of 6m lengths of framing timber that is seconds or for some reason cannot be sold. The meeting thought that it would be a worthwhile acquisition.
- e) Max restated that the road in is a problem where the water is over the track. Moorabool Shire is to re-grade it when it dries out. Some crushed rock will probably be needed to raise the road level. It is unlikely that digging out the drainage channel towards the gate would be successful due to the slope of the land.
- f) Max pointed out that the lock has been changed at the old Bowes Road field. BRMFC no longer has any connection with that site.

2. Fund Raising

Sausage Sizzle held on Saturday 22nd September outside the Safeway store in Sebastopol. The following is a brief breakdown of the fund raising event.

- a) Ran from 9:30AM to 1:30PM, busiest time around 11:30AM
- b) A permit was obtained from Ballarat Council.
- c) The club made almost \$200 from the event. The next sausage sizzle is scheduled for Saturday 10th November at the Eastwood street shopping centre.

3. Raffle

Glenn White spoke on the desirability of running a raffle to be drawn at the end of the year.

The meeting decided on the following points.

- a) Limit cost of prizes to \$500
- b) Budget to sell 1000 tickets at \$2 per ticket (\$2000)
- c) Three prizes.
 - i) 1st prize – Mountain bike
 - ii) 2nd prize – scroll saw or cordless drill
 - iii) 3rd prize – Slab of beer
- d) Wally James then very kindly donated second prize to the value of \$150 from Sebastopol Auto Sales. The meeting thanked Wally.
- e) Noel Findlay said that he would speak to Matt Billett about the first prize.

4. First Aid Kit

Rick Pimblott has kindly donated a new First Aid kit that is to be kept in the clubhouse. We still require some band-aids to supplement the kit contents.

5. Spring Wing Dereel

Glenn White, Max Rowan and Roger Carrigg advised the following.

- a) Some members of the local Dereel community are running this event called Spring Wing to raise money for the local community and CFA. It is to be held on Saturday 17th November 2001.
- b) The event focuses around ultra light aviation but includes other displays and activities.
- c) They would like our club to put on a static and flying display.
- d) On Sunday 9th September, Glenn White, Max Rowan and Roger Carrigg went down to meet them and to inspect the flying site. It is basically a north/south runway about 2000 feet long flanked by trees on either side. The flying will be safe with respect to spectators, but it will be a lot tighter than most fliers are familiar with. We will need some nice models for static and others for flying.
- e) A permit to fly application was sent off to the VMAA on 17th September for approval.
- f) Noel Findlay mentioned that the club needs some sort of set up to display models at these events. Tent with open side and hessian around it.

6. Begonia Rally for the Victorian Classic Car Club

Col Pinkerton requested that the following be brought up at the meeting in his absence.

Next year the Begonia Rally for the VCCC would like to visit the BRMFC field late morning on Sunday 17th February 2002 to see a flying display.

Figures are vague at the moment, but it looks like about 200 people and 100 cars.

There would be a minimum donation of \$100. This may increase depending on the amount of sponsorship is received.

The VCCC would also pay for the fire brigade to be in attendance for the duration of the visit.

I would appreciate you bringing this before the meeting for me.

The meeting saw no problem with this request and offered the clubs services on the day.



New Models seen at field

I haven't seen any new models this month. Don't forget to let the editors know of your new model or if you see one. Try and get a picture if you can so that it can be put in the newsletter.



Crash Report

To my knowledge there hasn't been any this month which is the way we like it.



Tips & Tricks

If anyone has something to contribute here, I am sure that it would be much appreciated by the readers.



Ride on Mower

Last weekend (13th October) the engine on the small ride-on mower decided that the rings would embed themselves in the bore. After Max pulled the engine apart during the week it was evident that the motor was beyond economical repair. While on his daily courier run, Max found a second hand motor at Westag for \$250, which was thought to be the most economical way to get the mower running again. At this time of year, with the grass growing rapidly the mower is an essential item. Many thanks to Max for taking the mower home and fitting the new motor.



Field Development

As of writing, the shed is almost finished. The wall cladding and roofing iron has been fitted and the roller doors have been installed. Peter Evans has done an excellent job on the roller doors. Noel has hung the doors on the toilet so you now have some privacy while attending to nature's call. I expect that the inside of the toilet will be ready for painting shortly. It would be nice if some members who have not had much involvement so far could take on this job.



Mildura Fun-Fly 2001

Perfect weather they said! The sun's always shining they said! We don't have weather anywhere near as bad as Ballarat they said! Well guess what???? They

were completely wrong. Just imagine the type of day you would expect to get in "the Rat", in the middle of winter, and you've got some grasp on the type of weather that was put on for us at the Sunraysia Aeromodellers fly-in! O.K it didn't have the driving rain/hail/snow, but there were a couple of heavy showers throughout the day and the wind was unbelievably gusty.

Unfortunately, I was the only BRMFC member to attend this event. Of course we normally show greater strength in our support for the Sunraysia guys, but for some reason, this year things had been planned on this weekend prior to the fun-fly. Let's see if we can have a greater presence there next year!!

There was some flying done on the Saturday which I did not get to see unfortunately, as I couldn't get there until the Saturday night. But what a great time to arrive!! Just in time for the fully catered roast, and great spread of cheese cakes for dessert, that were kindly donated by the Cheesecake Shop in Mildura. There was of course the usual marquee set up to dine in and most mingled for some time after dinner to catch up on "the goss". As per normal the tea and coffee was complimentary, as well as the cakes that were put on the table to sweeten the deal!!



Here's one of the stranger models seen at Mildura this year. It is a flying Venetian blind!!!. To store it, I suppose you just hang it on the shed window. Help to keep the sun out.

Sunday morning broke and again the wind was looking doubtful for most. Again however, there were a couple of young pilots that were going to fly by hook or by crook. They had several flights with their trainers and were performing some unbelievable manoeuvres, and I think a few were created as well!! Moss Heard unfortunately lost his Diabolo when the approach for landing turned out to be a little further away than judged. The dead lift over the trees at the north end of the field claimed his model. All was not too bad upon inspection and we hope Moss will find the time to repair this magnificent plane. There was

only one other model that I know of that did not come back to mother earth the way we'd all like, and that was a ducted fan. It was pretty much a carbon copy of Moss' accident except that he had a flame out and was caught too far down wind, and could not get back to the strip.

Apart from these unfortunate incidences, there is not much else to report. I was lucky enough to be awarded Scale Aerobatic and Pilots Choice in a very close tally indeed. The food was super, and the company was even better. Because of the lack of flyable weather (just to confirm that this IS Mildura we're talking about) there were new friends and acquaintances made. A very enjoyable weekend. See you all there next year!!!!

Power On!!

Matt

(Once again thanks Matt for an excellent article. Ed.)



Coming Events

Sausage Sizzle – 10th November

We are holding another sausage sizzle on Saturday 10th November, this time outside the Coles and Safeway supermarkets in Eastwood Street. Once again we will need some dedicated helpers to assist with the setting up, cook the snags, and to serve the public. We already have the necessary Council permit. If you can assist please ring Max on 5330 2305 or 0408 501 584 or Roger on 5334 2189

Pylon Racing – 11th November

The pylon racing association will be at our field on Sunday 11th November. This was originally to be a two day event but the organizers thought it best to make it a one day event because they have not flown at our field before. There was some concern as to how the aircraft would all be able to land at once on our fairly narrow runways when the race finishes. The racers do not have a throttle as such. The engine is either flat out or stopped.

We will need a few helpers on the day to assist them and also to run a barbecue and canteen.

Spring Wing Festival – 17th November

This has already been mentioned above in the *points of interest from the last meeting*. The club has been approached by a community group at Dereel to put on a model aircraft static and flying demonstration on Saturday 17th November 2001. They are running an event called Spring Wing, which involves ultra-light aircraft, vintage/veteran/classic cars and rides for the kids etc. It is being run on private property at Dereel where there is a 2000 foot runway. We have

submitted an application to the VMAA for a permit to fly. Once again we will need some members who have models that they would like to put in the static display. Flying will depend on the permit application being successful and the conditions on the day being favorable. Notwithstanding that, flying must be restricted to experienced pilots due to the tight nature of the area.

Event Calendar

Nov 4 th 2001	VFSAA Fun scale round 6.
Nov 11 th 2001	Pylon Racing at BRMFC field.
Nov 17 th 2001	Spring Wing Festival – Dereel.
Nov 24 th /25 th 2001	Fun Fly and swap meet - Hamilton.
Dec 29 th 2001 to Jan 5 th 2002	55 th MAAA National Championships at Albury/Wodonga.

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

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