



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – October, 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 October 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution**
- 2. Strategic Plan**
- 3. Xmas Raffle**
- 4. Field Maintenance**
- 5. Open Day – Select sub-committee**
- 6. Avalon Airshow 2005**

### **Points of interest from the last meeting**

#### **1. Strategic Plan**

Graeme Allen advised that he will have something to present to the next meeting.

#### **2. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution**

The membership protocol printed in the September 2004 newsletter was extensively discussed. Several changes were proposed and accepted by the members present. Secretary is to modify protocol and reprint in the next newsletter.

It was then agreed that the adoption of the member protocol into the constitution would be voted on at the next meeting.

#### **3. Field Maintenance**

There was no report from the Field Maintenance Officer due to Peter Barnett's absence.

**Mower** – There has been some talk that the ride on mower is inadequate for our requirements. Graeme Allen advised that a John Deere 42" cut 17HP would cost around \$3200. The meeting agreed that we should persevere for this year and not try to cut the grass too low in one cut.

**BBQ Area** – Need a cost estimate to develop the BBQ area. Murri A and Max Rowan to work on it.

Graham Waterhouse advised that there are now two metal fire buckets in the shed. (The plastic ones broke)

#### **4. Fund Raisers**

The Secretary report to the meeting that we made \$160 profit from the sausage sizzle held on September 11<sup>th</sup> outside Safeway Sebastopol. Many thanks to all the members who attended namely, Glenn White, Graeme Allen, Tom Jobling, Wayne Goodwin, Graham Waterhouse, Malcolm Miles, Lawrence Fisher and myself (Roger Carrigg). The weather was not good – it was the

day we had snow, nevertheless we managed to sell 253 sausages. 47 were left over and frozen (Graeme Allen's freezer) for later use at the field.

The Secretary then reminded the meeting that the next sausage sizzle is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> also outside Safeway Sebastopol.

**Xmas Raffle** – Sandra Anstis suggested a large Xmas stocking instead of the wheelbarrow. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting. It is difficult to start selling Xmas raffle tickets much before December.

#### **5. Club Uniform – Merchandising**

Gordon Hicks reported that the sleeveless polo jackets are quite popular. The price is \$40 with club logo embroidery. Gordon is now taking orders.

#### **6. Open Day Preliminary Discussion**

It was decided to select the sub-committee at the next meeting.

#### **7. Roy Gladman Round 2 Aerobatics**

Rescheduled again for this Sunday (26/9). Secretary to send out email advising members. (*It was cancelled again due to weather*)

#### **8. Community Fest**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Mt Clear Church of Christ has asked BRMFC to participate in a Community Fest to be held at the church on Saturday October 9th. It gives us the opportunity to promote aeromodelling to the general public.

The meeting thought that it was worthwhile for the club to be involved.

Secretary to advise the Fest convener that we will participate.

#### **9. New Fence – by Roger Carrigg**

On Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> Geoff Fisken spoke to Murri Anstis and Graham Waterhouse and told them that a new fence is to be erected on the western side of the field.

To get further information I rang Geoff Fisken on 22/9 regarding the new fence that they are constructing and he advised the following:

1. Fence will run from the access lane through the plantation south to the existing fences.
2. Month or two before construction starts. For a summer crop. He says that on the plus side it will keep sheep off our runways more than at the moment.
3. There is room for some alteration to its alignment should it impose excessive restriction to our operations.
4. Ran it by Geoff to see if we could relocate to another paddock. Eg the one on the other side of Spreadeagle road. He was not against the idea. Asked if we could do some test flights in other paddocks and he said OK.
5. The plantations will be harvested in 2007/8/9 depending on growth.
6. He cannot guarantee that they will not put plantations in other paddocks.
7. Still says that the fences will come down by end 2005 – maybe sooner if the trial is terminated sooner.
8. I did not get any vibes from Geoff that the club is not wanted.



### Field Maintenance

It's that time of the year again when you can actually see the grass grow. We are having a hard time keeping up with it, so if you are out there and not much is happening get stuck into it. Don't use the ride on mowers unless you know what you are doing (for the mowers sake and yours). Be aware that this is lambing season so try not to disturb them.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October it was disappointing to find out that there was a herd of cattle on the flying field and that they had made quite a mess in the short time that they had been there. Roger rang the Fiskens to find out what was going on thankfully they were not meant to be there. A gate had been mistakenly left open. If you are out at the field and you see that the cows are back again let one of the committee know so that we can contact the owners.

Not so fortunate is the fact that we are going to have to cope with another fence. It will be on the western side of the main runway in line with the opening in the trees behind the sheds.

The swallows are back again using the nest on the toilet door so don't slam the door when you use the loo.



### VMAA News

1. **Grievance Clause** – VMAA suggests that if clubs are incorporated they check through their Statement of Rules for a Grievance Clause. This is now a compulsory item. We may use/modify the VMAA Grievance Clause.
2. **Membership Database** – Clubs are being encouraged to use the same membership database as used by MAAA/VMAA. Software is an MS Access 2000 application and would be provided free of charge to clubs wishing to use it. Clubs are to advise VMAA so as training sessions can be organized.
3. New VMAA directory is at printers – should be posted next month.



### New Models seen at field

We had a potential new member out at the field on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with his new Boomerang.

Also Murri had his Citabria back nicely repaired and repainted.



*Murri's Citabria is very eye catching in its blue and yellow color scheme.*

Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Rick test flew his 71" span Piper Cub J3 built from a SIG kit. Model is fitted with a Magnum 36 two stroke motor. The Cub presented no problems and flew very nicely.



*Rick's J3 Cub getting ready for its maiden flight.*



Rob Beardall starting the engine on his new Cub.

On the same day Rob had his new Cub out for its test flight but was unable to get the idle set on the motor.

Another new model was seen later that day. This one was a little different. Len demonstrated the art of flying a small electric model.



Len Astbury's electric powered model. Glenn took photo while model was flying about 10 feet above. (The propeller was spinning – the camera has stopped the prop.)



### Crash Report

Unfortunately Graeme didn't have a successful weekend at Shepparton with his new Cessna Skymaster. Disaster struck on his first flight. After a shaky takeoff and a trim circuit the Skymaster mysteriously did not respond while negotiating the downwind 180° turn the Skymaster banked steeply and went into a dive crashing into the adjoining paddock. Model was damaged beyond repair. Our heartfelt commiserations go out to Graeme.

P.S. Several days later when Graeme had the heart to sift through the remains he found that the probable cause was battery pack failure. One of the cells had exploded.

On Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> Nick had a mishap with his fun fly. We don't know the full details but believe Nick was unable to recover from a spin and that the model was extensively damaged.

Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> Tom lost control of his Fly-Baby on take-off crashing behind the toilets. I (Glenn) was watching at the time and saw exactly what caused this crash. Tom was using the main runway and attempting to take-off cross wind. There was only a slight breeze coming from the south, Toms model was only marginal when it rotated and it immediately turned DOWN wind. Of course there was no control, the wind was going faster than the plane!!!

When you have an overpowered sports model you can get away with down wind take- offs its amazing what a bit of power up front will do. On the other hand a scale model with only modest power must be held into wind to gain altitude. Tom should have the Fly-Babe repaired soon.



### Tips & Tricks

As you all know I (Glenn) am in the process of building a J.U. 52, this is my first scratch built model with foam wings. Graham Waterhouse was kind enough to cut the cores for me leaving me to sheet them and install the servos. Sheeting them was no problem but cutting (digging) out servo bays looked like being a long messy job. After a few experiments on scrap pieces of foam I came up with the idea of wrapping a length of copper wire around the tip of soldering iron forming a loop or triangle on the end. Once the iron got hot and heated the copper wire it was a simple job to remove slices of foam to the desired depth. No mess just a strong burning smell!



### Events

#### Shepparton

Seven members made the trip to Shepparton on Weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. The weather was absolutely perfect. Wayne Goodwin won on the pokies, but unfortunately Graeme Allen lost his new Cessna Skymaster due to battery failure. We were all very upset by Graeme's bad luck. The other major crash was a Stinson that suffered fatigue of a wing strut. There were 100+ models entered this year and the standard has to be seen to be believed. To make organization simpler it was run differently. The only judging was the pilot's choice. All other prizes were on a 'name out of a hat' basis. There were no scale aerobatic pilots this year – we believe there was an aerobatic comp. on at Bendigo. Entry admission was \$10 per car load or \$5 per person. Also they charged \$2 for pits passes for 20 mins.

Everyone who attended had a great time and it is well worth going to see such outstanding models. See page 7 for photos.

#### Mt Clear Church Fete.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October some of the club members put on a small static display out at the Mt. Clear church Fete.

The weather was quite overcast but fortunately the rain stayed away. As this was voting day people were out and about, there wasn't a large crowd but a steady flow of



people throughout the morning. We were there to assist the community event and promote our hobby, and to this end we had a successful day. Thanks to the members that took their models and those that helped on the day.



Photo of Roger being photographed for the Courier.

Also thanks to Top Gun for the use their shade tent.

**Roy Gladman Round 2 Aerobatics**

At long last I can report that we have managed to complete the Roy Gladman aerobatic competition. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October the weather was perfect, we had seven entrants (one whimped out, gave some excuse about his elevator not working). We flew three rounds without incident. After round 2 we adjourned for the customary BBQ lunch, then resumed and completed round 3.



Thanks to the judges Rob, Hugh and Murray J. and scorer Tom.

Results were

1 <sup>st</sup>	Glenn White	1901 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Evans	1859
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Carrigg	1847
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Barnett	1608
5 <sup>th</sup>	Max Rowan	1563
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Goodwin	742 (1 flight only)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Pimblott	DNF (Elev. servo failure)

**Sausage Sizzle – October 16<sup>th</sup>**

The club held another a very successful sausage sizzle on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> outside Safeway Sebastopol. Many thanks to the members who volunteered their time. A healthy profit of just over \$200 was made.



**Coming Events**

**Hamilton 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sports & Scale Fly-In 21<sup>st</sup> November 2004** – The Northern Flying Group is holding this event to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the opening of State Field The event will have sports and scale categories. Judging will be by pilot’s choice.

**Xmas Raffle and Xmas Party** – We have to decide where to hold the Xmas party very soon. If you have any ideas please pass them on. Also the Xmas raffle prize/s has to be determined.

**Avalon Airshow 2005** – This is not that far off. The club has previously hired a bus. This will be raised at the next meeting to gauge interest.



**Event Calendar**

Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> 2004	Annual Display – Bendigo.
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 2004	Sport Scale Rally at State Field– NFG
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> 2004	Hamilton Annual Display.

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

**BRMFC MEMBERSHIP** – Incorporates amendments agreed to at the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2004.

### **Introduction:**

A need exists to formalise the terms and conditions of membership to the BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc. (BRMFC Inc). Membership of any club or group should be an honour and privilege which precludes any such member from bringing the group or its activities into disrepute. In this respect the BRMFC is no exception.

**It is proposed to discuss this protocol at the October 2004 meeting with the view to accepting and incorporating it into the BRMFC constitution.**

### **1. Types of Membership:**

Various types of membership are necessary to allow the club to function and the members to have a fair voice on matters that may affect their activities or functions within the club. Public liability Insurance is essential for a person to fly a model aircraft at the club designated flying field.

#### **a. Senior Member**

A Senior member is a person over the age of 18 years that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot. A senior member shall pay all fees levied by the club for membership and pay the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy. A senior member may fly model aircraft at the club's designated flying field in accordance with the General Flying Rules and must be Bronze Wing standard to fly unsupervised otherwise the member must be accompanied by a competent pilot. A senior member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

#### **b. Junior Member**

A Junior member is a person under the age of 18 years that is accepted into the club as a modeller and/or pilot. A junior member shall pay all fees levied by the club for junior membership and pay the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy. A junior member may fly model aircraft at the club's designated flying field in accordance with the General Flying Rules and must have Bronze Wings to fly unsupervised otherwise the member must be accompanied by a competent pilot. A junior member shall have full voting rights at any meeting convened by the elected committee of management.

#### **c. Associate Member**

An Associate member is either a Senior or Junior member and already belongs to another VMAA affiliated club. The associate member pays the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy through the other club. Proof of membership is required by way of the MAAA card. The associate member has all the rights of the Senior or Junior member category except voting rights.

#### **d. Social Member**

A Social member is a person that is accepted into the club but does not wish to fly a model aircraft. A social member shall pay all fees levied by the club for senior or junior membership. No insurance levy is required. A social member shall have no voting rights.

#### **e. Family Member**

The club may permit a family group to apply for membership. All persons so accepted shall fill one of the other designated membership categories. The club may apply such special membership fees as determined at a general meeting of members for family membership. The prescribed MAAA Insurance levy must be paid for any family member intending to fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field.

#### **f. Honorary Member**

The club may accept the nomination of a person as an honorary member. An honorary member shall have all the rights of a senior member except voting rights. An honorary member shall not be required to pay any club membership fee. However, should the honorary member wish to exercise the right to fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field, then that honorary member shall become liable for the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy.

#### **g. Life Member**

The club may accept the nomination of a person as a life member. A life member shall have all the rights of a general member. A life member shall not be required to pay any club membership fee. However, should the life member wish to exercise the right to fly a model aircraft at the clubs' designated flying field then that Life member shall become liable for the prescribed MAAA Insurance Levy.

### **2. Gaining Membership:**

- a. Any person may gain membership of the BRMFC within category a) to e) by being nominated by an existing member, completing the membership application form and paying the appropriate fees and MAAA Insurance Levy. The membership application will then be presented at the next meeting for final acceptance.

- b. A member may nominate a person to be a Social Member. Such a person should have a general interest in aeromodelling. A social Member is required to pay the Club annual subscription. Should a Social Member decide to engage in club flying activities then the Social Membership status shall be altered to reflect that decision, eg. Social Member becomes a Senior or Junior Member.
- c. A club member may nominate any person to be admitted as an Honorary Member. Such nomination shall be accompanied by a written proposal detailing the special attributes the nominee would bring to the club. An Honorary Member may be a member of another club, or a prominent person who would bring defined expertise to the BRMFC. An existing member of the BRMFC may also be nominated. That member should have performed exemplary duties within the club. For example, a member who has continuous membership in excess of 10 years and has served for at least four years in an executive position could be eligible for Honorary Membership nomination. To be accepted as an Honorary Member the nomination must be presented at a general meeting; debated and carried at the following general meeting by over 50% of the club membership. Nominator would need to lobby members to attend meeting to gain required votes.
- d. Any BRMFC member may nominate another BRMFC member to be given Life Membership of the club. A Life Membership nomination shall be a written statement showing good cause to why a Life Membership should be granted. Good Cause may include such issues as:
  - i. Extensive service to the club over a minimum of 10 years.
  - ii. A specific incident, where Life membership would be an appropriate reward.
  - iii. Long and faithful membership and service to the club, including executive service. This category of Good Cause would probably apply to an ageing member as reward.

To be accepted as a Life Member the nomination must be presented at a general meeting; debated and carried at the following general meeting by over 50% of the club membership. Nominator would need to lobby members to attend meeting to gain required votes.

- e. Conditions applying to Honorary and Life Membership include:
  - i. Total Honorary and Life Members shall not exceed 10% of other Club Membership.
  - ii. Honorary Membership shall be reviewed annually, at the monthly general meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
  - iii. If a Life Member is inactive in club activities for a period of 5 years or more then the club has the right to revoke the life membership.

### **3. Expulsion:**

A member of any category may be expelled from the club membership by a unanimous vote of all members present at a general meeting. A motion for expulsion must be made in writing to the BRMFC Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before a general meeting. The motion shall contain all relevant information referring to the request for expulsion.

Cause for expulsion may be any act or behaviour that brings the BRMFC or aeromodelling in general into disrepute.

The elected Executive may suspend a member of any category immediately, pending investigation of a report of an act or behaviour that is considered to have the potential to bring the BRMFC into disrepute.



Pictures taken at the recent Mammoth scale event held at Shepparton. Aircraft pictured are Beechcraft 18, Black Widow, DC3 (Won pilots' choice), F15 Eagle Turbine and Handley Page Hannibal. We have lots of photos, too numerous for the newsletter. If anybody would like the photos contact Glenn White or Roger Carrigg for a CD.





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