



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – December, 2006

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 commencing at 7.30PM. Weather permitting we propose to have a BBQ tea and a fly before the meeting. Please come along to the meetings and support your club and be part of the decision making process.

**\*\* Remember there is NO meeting in December \*\***

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Roy Gladman Round 1
2. Field Maintenance
3. Bus to Avalon
4. Annual Display Day
5. Club Banner

### Merry Christmas

As another year comes to a close the committee would like to thank all those members who have helped to make this a successful year out at the flying field. Unfortunately we had that robbery at the field back in August. We managed to bounce back okay and, since then we've beefed up security and purchased a new mower that everyone is very pleased with. All those who get out to the field at the weekend enjoy the companionship of other club members. It's nice and relaxing to get out there and have a fly and a chat over a cup of coffee.



wish all members and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year.

(This is just short Xmas newsletter, normal newsletter will be sent out prior to the January meeting)

The committee is looking forward to the club prospering in 2007.

We would like to take this opportunity to



### Xmas Party – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December



It looks like it is going to be a great night. If you haven't already confirmed that you are going, give **Glenn a ring straight away on 0412 641 188**. The venue this time is the Blackhill Hotel in Peel Street North. Try and get there by 7.00PM. We look forward to seeing you all there. The cost is \$20 per head for a set 3 course seasonal meal. Drinks at bar prices.



### Points of interest from the last meeting

*Extract of newsworthy items from the minutes of the last meeting. Note: Some events/activities may have concluded or been modified as circumstances change.*

#### 1. Roy Gladman Round 3 Scale

After some discussion it was decided to schedule this event for Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> with Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> a backstop in case of bad weather.

#### 2. Field Maintenance

- a) Murri Anstis reported that he is still looking for roofing iron.
- b) Max Rowan advised that the outside lighting is in hand.

- c) Mowing – Hugh has asked members to make sure mower is cleaned after use particularly under the deck.

### 3. Xmas Party venue and date

Glenn asked for a show of hands by those who are going to the party at Blackhill Hotel on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. He reached a count 20 people to attend. (Please advise Glenn if you are going.)

### 4. Bus to Avalon 2007

Gordon Hicks is organizing the bus to the Avalon Airshow on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. A show of hands at the meeting got to around 13/14 people going. A \$5 deposit is required by 16<sup>th</sup> December to reserve your seat/s. Rick Pimblott paid \$10 to the Secretary to reserve 2 seats.

### 5. Methanol Supply

Max has purchased a 200L drum of methanol and which is now mounted on a stand in the container. Drum has a tap at the base to make decanting into your container a lot easier. Price is now \$1.50/L to members. See Max out at the field if you require methanol.

### 6. Xmas Raffle

Malcolm Miles has taken over preparation of the Xmas raffle prize. It is now located in Veronika and Malcolm's shop *Stitched Up-On Curtis* located next to AAMI in Curtis Street. The club has purchased 2 slabs of beer and 3 bottles of wine to kick it off, and asked Malcolm and Veronika to buy some additional items on behalf of the club. However it will still require topping up with a few extra Xmas items. (*Veronika has reported that ticket sales are going well*).

### 7. Club Banner

The Secretary noted that whilst at Bunnings a couple of weeks ago, the Ballarat Four Wheel Drive Club was holding a sausage sizzle and had a banner strung up to promote their organization. He then suggested that BRMFC should have a similar banner to promote our club and hobby when we hold events/activities. Banner needs to be about 1200x750mm with ties ropes on each corner like our display day banners. Peter Taylor offered to get a quote from Bartletts in Ring Road.

*Action: Peter Taylor to get a quote from Bartletts.*

### 8. Club Trainer

After further discussion on this subject given that there are several trainers belonging to club members it was decided to abandon the acquisition of a new club trainer..

### 9. Engraved Frequency Keys

The Secretary advised the meeting that whilst at the recent Geelong Open Day we were approached by Geelong Laser Engraving to see if we were interested in frequency keys with our club logo, name and frequency engraved. The cost would be \$8/key and keys are available in yellow, red, blue and white acrylic. It was decided to place an order form in the next newsletter.

*Action: Editor to place order form in next newsletter.*

## 10. New Hobby Shop

Russell Aggett advised the meeting that he and his family are opening a hobby/craft shop to be known as Hobbyists Haven. The shop is to open in mid January 2007 and will be located in Humffray Street North. The meeting was taken by pleasant surprise with the announcement and the members wished Russell all the best in his new venture.



## Fire Safety

Remember to be very careful out at the field now that it is so dry. Don't drive cars over any long grass. The crop (looks like its failed) is extremely dry and a potential fire danger.



## VMAA News

1. The VMAA Executive has recommended David Carson to the MAAA as a 20kHz radio testing station.
2. Golden Plains club requested VMAA attend to give Bronze/Gold wing tutorial. Probably around march 2007.
3. State Field – Shower installation just about finished (*probably is by now*). NFG has tabled request for grant from VMAA to repair/replace northern boundary fence. NFG was asked to get more quotes.



## New Models seen at field



*Nathan Aggett's 61FS powered Cessna 182*

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Nathan Aggett brought a small Cessna 182 powered by a 61 four stroke engine out to the field for a test flight. Nathan asked me (Roger) to fly it and fortunately all went okay. Once in the air it flew much the same as my TopFlite Cessna 182. However on the second flight after Nathan made a few adjustments it cart wheeled as it lifted off, luckily very little damage was sustained. Must be a strong model! Take off was directly into wind which was probably a little too strong for a small model,

then as soon as it lifted the wind got under the left wing and over it went. I suspect it lifted off a little too soon – should’ve kept it on the strip longer to gain more speed so less elevator required. I’m sure Nathan will have it back out again on the next flying weekend. I hope we can get it sorted out because it flew very nicely.

It was quite a busy morning that Sunday. We had a visitor (I’m a shocker with names) who works with Rob Beardall out with his new model. I (Roger) also test flew it and all went well although its quite a busy model to fly. After the first flight the owner who can obviously fly took off and put it through its paces. Our visitor said he was getting married shortly and would be back out to join the club early in the new year.



Another potential new member with his new ARF model and he can fly – what a bonus!

Len Astbury flew Frans’s trainer on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Max test flew it a few weeks ago but we never got a photograph then. This is a fairly old model – must have been quite popular in its day. Flew extremely well!



Frans Van Der Bom and Len Astbury behind Frans’ Cessna 40 trainer. Just look how dry the field is!



### Raffle Tickets

Those who have sold raffle tickets make sure you get the butts back to Roger Carrigg before the raffle is drawn this Saturday night 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Blackhill Hotel.



### Events

#### Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November

This is the last event of the year that we regularly attended and as usual we had a great time. Murri, Glenn, Roger and Graham and June traveled down on the Friday. Graeme Allen arrived late Saturday directly from NZ. Russell Aggett and boys came down for a look see on the Sunday. Also there was a big representation from the Geelong club including Phil & Janice Pope and Murray Ellis who are associate members of BRMFC.

The event was well supported by the modeling fraternity with pilots from all over the state and some from South Australia as well.

The weather was excellent on the Saturday but there was a strong southerly breeze on the Sunday that made flying difficult for the lighter models.

As usual the field was immaculate. This has to be one of the best flying sites in Victoria. Full marks go to the handful of members that make up the Hamilton club for preparing the field and their partners for looking after the canteen.

One of the main attractions is the swap tent where you can dispose of your unwanted treasures and buy someone else’s unwanted treasures. Murri had a good weekend – he sold a lot of his ex-shop stock and managed to get rid of his domed nuts. Russell had a field day; every time we looked up he was walking out of the tent with another model. It looks like we’ll be seeing some new models at the field soon.



Graham Waterhouse can be seen here fueling up his Kraft Super Fli. A very nicely finished off model – from memory it has a Merco 70 2 stroke, a rare motor these days.

On to the flying side Graham Waterhouse flew his Kraft Super Fli. Unfortunately he only had one flight albeit a long flight because he sustained an engine out in a very

awkward position and did remarkably well to get the model down with only minimal damage to the undercarriage bracing wires.

Graham Allen flew his Super Cub on the Sunday morning before the wind got up. On the Saturday Roger had a couple of flights with the Cessna 182 and also a couple of flights with the Shoestring. Glenn had logged flight number 499 with the Cherokee and Roger had flight number 500 on the Sunday.



*John Hoy's Typhoon powered by a Zenoah 62. It hoots along and looks very impressive in the air.*

John Hoy from Warrnambool flew his huge Typhoon in a very scale like manner but on landing during his first flight the left hand U/C leg snapped causing damage to the port wing tip and aileron. To give John credit he didn't just 'spit the dummy' he got down to work and managed a field repair to get the Typhoon back in the air again.

There were also a lot of small electric powered fun fly aircraft there as well. (Small fast deltas). Murri bought one in the swap tent so you'll see one soon.

Around 3.00PM the Hamilton club handed out the trophies. I can't remember who all the winners were but Graham Waterhouse got an award for his Super Fli and I (Roger) received one for the Cessna.

All in all everyone enjoyed their weekend away and will definitely be back again next year to sample the Hamilton club hospitality.



## Coming Events

### Roy Gladman Round 3 Scale Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

It's almost the years end and we still have to run round 3 scale. If you've got a scale model bring it out this Sunday. This event runs pretty much along the lines of the ARF scale event. Let's keep our finger crossed for good weather. Who knows at the moment, the weather is very unpredictable. Be a BBQ lunch as usual. If you can lend a hand organizing and or judging please come along.

### APA Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February 2007

The field will be closed to general flying on the Saturday and Sunday while we host the Model Engines Trophy.

This is an annual event staged at our field where we get to see some excellent aerobatic flying. There is a Sportsman class where any club member with any reasonable model can enter. In fact the APA encourages any newcomers.

### Roy Gladman Round 1 Novelty.

We plan to hold round one on February possibly the 25<sup>th</sup> February weather permitting.



## Engraved Frequency Keys

Geelong Laser Engraving can supply Tx frequency keys with our club logo, name and frequency engraved. The cost would be **\$8/key** and keys are available in **yellow, red, blue** and **white** acrylic. If you would like to place an order please advise the Secretary.



## Event Calendar

Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Breakup Party – Blackhill Pub.
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Gladman Round 3 – Scale.
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup> 2006 to Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> 2007	60 <sup>th</sup> MAAA Nationals – Albury.
January 14 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Scale Rally – Werribee.
January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2007	Sport Scale Rnd 1 – State Field.
January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2007	BRMFC General Meeting – Yendon.
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2007	APA pattern – BRMFC Yendon.
February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Scale Rally – South Eastern.
March 4 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Sport Scale Rnd 2 – State Field.
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Monty Tyrell Scale Rally – P&DARCS.
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Sport Scale Rnd 3 – CHAMPS.
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Avalon Airshow.
Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007	BRMFC Annual Display – Yendon
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> 2007	VMAA Trophy – P&DARCS

That's all for now.

**Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.**

G.W & R.C.

Here are a few more photos taken at the recent Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet held over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November.

