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The **Annual General Meeting** of BRMFC is to be held **out at the flying field** on **Wednesday July 25th 2007** 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. OS120 FS motor (How to best use?)
2. Field Maintenance
3. Club Uniform
4. Club Fees
5. Fiskens's block of land for sale

Mid Year Club Dinner

A dinner has been organized for Saturday 28th July at the Queens Head Hotel. See **Coming Events** for details.

Annual General Meeting

As already noted above, the AGM is to be held on Wednesday 25th July prior to the ordinary meeting. This is where the current committee, present their reports and the committee for 2007/2008 is elected.

Please do your best to make it to the meeting. It is encouraging to see a good roll up at the AGM.

It would be nice to see some nomination forms submitted to the returning officer. A nomination form was included in the last newsletter. The following positions are up for re-election. (The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are for two year terms and are staggered.)

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Safety Officer
- Safety Officer
- Publicity Officer
- Returning Officer
- Public Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Sub editor
- Field Maintenance Officer

Presidents Report

First of all I would like to officially welcome on the clubs behalf a couple of new members those being Wayne Miller and Tim Carter. Wayne is an accomplished pilot and flies mainly electrics. Tim was a member of the club many

years ago and will soon have a new trainer ready to go, I am sure you will help to make them more than welcome.

It has been a memorable year some good and some bad. Probably the good was the fact that we cracked it for perfect weather on our open day making it one of the best the club has had. The bad, we were caught by surprise when the container was broken into and we were robbed of our mowers. Fortunately the club had put some money away for a rainy day so we had the funds to draw on to replace the stolen items, put in extra security and take out some insurance.

Once again I would like to thank all of the other committee members (and those behind the scenes) that have given up their time to keep the club running as smooth as it is. Things don't "just" happen. We have a good team that will make it happen.

I think that there will be some major changes in the club over the next few months so keep in touch with what's happening and don't be afraid to have your say or voice your opinion.

The next meeting is the night of the AGM. The older you get the quicker it comes around, it's the time of year that we ask members to nominate to do some of the running of the club, Funny how there seems to be a lack of hands, must be the cold weather! I am not sure what positions are vacant this year but it would be nice to see some new faces.

Talking of faces, you must be sick of seeing mine. I think it would be nice to see someone else take a turn as club president. I know that we all have the clubs interest at heart and work towards improving our assets and our hobby in general but it would be nice to see a new face

chairing the meetings and maybe some new ideas to take us into the future. Give it some thought, see you at the AGM.

G.W.

Treasurers 2006/2007 Annual Report

Yet another financial year has passed, this year we have made a loss of \$1200, but this was due mainly the need to purchase a new mower after we were burgled. If this had not happened we would be \$2800 in the black.

Our events which are a major fund raisers have made money, mainly due to the fact that we actually had reasonable weather for our open day. I would like to thank those members who assisted at our events.

We must remember that without these successful events we would not be able to enjoy the excellent facilities we have at the field.

Rick Pimblott

Treasurer

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's job is not a particularly glamorous one. It involves mundane things such as sending and receiving club correspondence, taking the minutes at our meetings. Perhaps the Secretary needs a secretary. (A little blonde one would be nice. I'll have to check with other club secretaries)

Where practical, all club records are kept in electronic format which makes the information much more usable. The minutes of meetings are emailed to all club members who have an email address. Interestingly over 80% of members now have an email address. We also email the newsletter to more than 50% of members, which is an enormous saving on postage.

Roger Carrigg,
Secretary.



Subs 2007/8

Just a reminder that subs **MUST** be paid before the **1st August 2007** if you wish to fly. If you have already paid please disregard this notice.

Please fill in all your details on the form so they can be checked against the club membership database. The payment form was included in the last newsletter and there are also some forms out at the field on the notice board.

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



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. Field Maintenance

- a) Geoff Fisken is going to spray the field to get rid of the cape weed.
- b) Fences – No immediate plans to erect at this stage (We propose to have some drop down sections)
- c) The matting was discussed; Max plans to get on with it once the weather is suitable. Wayne Miller suggested that we contact Tony Giles of the Twin Cities Club to put our club's name down for matting from the Albury paper mill. Wayne pointed out that the Noarlunga club in S.A. got their runway matting through the Twin Cities club several years ago.

Max advised the meeting that he had a conversation with Geoff Fisken (Landlord) recently and the following note worthy items were discussed.

- a) Geoff Fisken now owns the entire estate after buying out his brother's share.
- b) Geoff is happy with us and has no plans for our block other than the proposed wind generators on some adjacent paddocks. He went on to say that if he did decide to redevelop our paddock for other purposes we would be given a couple of years notice.
- c) Max asked Geoff if he has any land for sale. Geoff replied that he has 5 acres for sale back up towards Yendon; we think somewhere along the Lal Lal Road. This may be worthwhile investigating providing we have flyover rights on the adjacent paddocks.

2. Club Uniform

Gordon Hicks advised that he has club caps for sale at \$17 each. If you would like a flying jacket or any of the other items mentioned in the last newsletter please advise Gordon.

3. Bunnings – Sausage Sizzle

We have our name in the next draw at Bunnings for a date to run a sausage sizzle later this year. If we miss out one of our major fund raising activities for the year will be forfeited.

4. Rotary – Hobbies and Interests Expo

Secretary advised that Rotary have indicated we would be charged \$20 for a site. We are awaiting further advice from Rotary regarding layout of exhibitors.

5. Mid Year Club Dinner

After some discussion it was decided to make a booking at the Queens Head Hotel on Saturday 21st July at 7.00PM for around 25-30 people. (*Now the 28th July – See Coming Events*)

Action: *President to make booking at Queens Head Hotel on Saturday 21st July at 7.00PM (25-30)*

6. Club Fees

Secretary reminded members that fees are due on 1st July. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated so that

we can get affiliations sent off to VMAA preferably in the one batch. (Two members paid after the meeting).



New Models seen at field



Max with his Aeroflyte Crusader powered by an OS46AX.

Max took the opportunity to pick up this Aeroflyte Crusader from Dale Deppeler who has decided to pursue other interests and is not rejoining this year. Max fitted an OS46AX and test flew the model on Sunday 8th July. We were all quite impressed with how well it flew. Plenty of performance and it seemed to be quite a steady flyer.

Russell had his 1/3 scale Cessna 150 (Originally built by Hugh McCormick from a Model Design kit) out at the field on Sunday 15th July for some pre flight tests.



Russell's 1/3 scale Cessna 150 doing some taxi trials.

Unfortunately the model seems to sit with the tail too low. The main legs are carbon fibre struts and cannot be reset. The only other alternative is to shorten the nose leg. Russell will need to sort this out before it is test flown otherwise it will lift off too soon and on landing will land on the nose wheel first.



Len Astbury's old LA has been recovered and looked quite smart out at the field on Sunday 15th July.



Crash Report

As far as we know it's all quite this front.



Tips & Tricks

Whilst at the recent VFSAA Trophy event at Shepparton Glenn was having considerable difficulty hand starting the Zenoh 62 in his Cessna 195. In a bid to help David Law produced the following tips for tuning two stroke motors.

Simple Tips for Tuning Petrol 2 Stroke Engines from scratch – By David Law (Senior)

1. Close both Mixture Screws
2. Open High Speed Mixture ¼ turn
3. Open Low Speed Mixture 1 ¼ turns.
4. Start motor on idle.
5. Adjust Low Speed Screw for best idle. (Engine will quit when revved.)
6. Open High Speed screw a further turn. (1 ¼ from closed)
7. Start motor again and rev motor – if motor quits then open Low Speed Mixture screw a further 1/8 of a turn.
8. Start motor and with full throttle, adjust High Speed Mixture screw for best revs.



Events

PARCS Auction – By Glenn White

On Saturday 14th July Graeme (aka A1) drove Roger, Noel and myself down to the model auction at Chelsea Heights. To make it a worthwhile trip it was decided to go down to Melbourne early and call in at Roj's Hobbies on the way over to the auction.



A shot of the well stocked counter at Roj's Hobbies.

This was my first visit to Roj's, the shop is on the small side but it was well stocked. We spent an hour there giving me a chance to stock up on a few modeling essentials. Roger got very excited over the new O.S. 200 four stroke motor (If he can prys his wallet open I think he will have one before this newsletter hits the printer).

We arrived at Chelsea Heights just after mid day expecting to browse through all the items up for sale, this didn't take long as there were only half a dozen things there. We were thinking the trip was going to be a waste of time. We ran into Rick, Pam and Gordon within minutes of getting there, they were as disappointed as we were. Tea, coffee and light refreshments were available, during the time it took us to have a drink and a bite to eat the hall started to come alive and over the next hour it went from empty to overflowing with things to suit everyone.



This lovely Waco biplane from a Pica kit was one of many items for sale.

There were models of all types new and used, large and small. Motors of all types petrol, glow, electric and all their accessories. Chargers, power tools, servos the list goes on and on.

Darryl Gunst ran the auction and tried to move it along as there were so many things to get through. A lot of items got handed in not reaching there reserve (most modelers are tight ar\$#'s) but a lot got sold. There were some great bargains to be had. A1 and I picked up some servos we

needed, Rick and Pam got a small electric model with motor and Roger kept his wallet shut tight!



Darryl Gunst was the auctioneer. This was his last time as Darryl and his wife are moving up to Queensland to live in their retirement. (Shot is a little blurred as it was taken without the flash)

It was well after five by the time they had finished and with a two hour trip back to Ballarat it made it a long day but a very enjoyable one. I can see this becoming an annual event for us.



Coming Events

Mid Year Club Dinner

Glenn has made a group booking at the Queens Head hotel for 7.00 pm on Saturday July 28th
Please email or phone Glenn to reserve your place no later than Thursday 26th.

VFSAA – We are planning to attend the next round of the VFSAA scale competition to be held at the State Field on the 26th August. Anyone can attend as long as his or her model is scale. There is a category for ARF's, in fact there will probably be more ARF's than anything else. Anyone wanting any information can contact me.



Event Calendar

- July 22nd VFSAA Sportscale Round 6 – State Field Darraweit Guim.
- July 25th **BRMFC AGM.**
- July 28th **Mid Year Club Dinner.**
- August 12th Scale Rally – Greensborough.
- August 26th VFSAA Round 7 – State Field.
- September 15th/16th Mammoth Scale – Shepparton.
- October 28th ARF Scale Event – Yendon.
- Nov 10th/11th VFSAA Rally, Round 9 – Albury.
- Nov 24th/25th Hamilton Display and Swap meet.



For Sale

1 x Rx PCM 10S 10CH NER D 940 S
1 x Rx PCM 10X 10CH R1000DS
\$60 Each. Both have Xtal 36.330MHz
Contact Mike Faulkner on 5338-7323 or
mmfaulkner@bigpond.com

Flexible Stainless Steel Exhaust Tubing.

At the recent Wagga Military event there was a representative from Command Controls in Sydney who have a range of stainless steel corrugated exhaust tubing at very competitive prices. If you are interested we could put in a bulk order for the sizes that suit the popular four stroke motors. Very handy on scale models where the exhaust is always a problem. Price is around \$10 per foot which is much cheaper than many alternatives. Let us know if you are interested.

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

Sorry that the newsletter is a bit short this month. I (Roger) came down with a bad dose of the flu which has slowed me down some what.