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Committee 2003/2004

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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 March 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.

We are holding our Annual Public Display day on Sunday 28th March. Your club needs your assistance on the day, so please make the effort to lend a hand.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Member Participation Scheme
2. Strategic Plan
3. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution
4. Annual Display
5. Field Maintenance
6. Model Safety

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Subscription Installments

The Secretary reminded the meeting about the subscription installment scheme that is running this year. Suggested that members take advantage of it now, as next year's fees will be due in a little over four months time. A few members have already made deposits.

2. Membership Participation Scheme

Rick Pimblott's membership participation scheme that was tabled at the last meeting and printed in the February 2004 newsletter was discussed at length.

The main points that came out of the discussion were:

1. Points are too high for committee positions.
2. Require a proportional points scheme – ie if you achieve ½ the points then you are only liable for ½ the surcharge.
3. The surcharge would apply to life members but juniors would be exempt.
4. The aim of the scheme is to encourage members to participate in club activities. Those that don't wish too, wipe the slate clean by paying the surcharge.
5. Meeting voted on a \$25 surcharge.

6. Unanimous vote in favor of the system in principle.
7. Meeting agreed that the fee should be paid up front and member reimbursed at end of year if the required points are gained.
8. Rick to review scheme and submit to editor for publication in the next newsletter.

3. Strategic Plan

Held over until the next meeting.

4. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution

Held over until the next meeting.

5. Annual Display 28th March 2004

A sub committee meeting was held on Wednesday February 11th at the Secretary's home to plan the display. Members present were Glenn White, Pam Pimblott, Wayne Goodwin and Roger Carrigg.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 10th at the Secretary's place.

6. Roy Gladman Round 1 – Novelty

Scheduled for Sunday 29th February.

7. Bronze & Gold Wings

The president reminded the meeting that the club is encouraging members to go for their bronze and gold wings.

8. Field Maintenance

The gates into the compound have been found left open several times lately. Some adjustments to the gate latches were made last weekend in case the sheep were able to get in by pushing up against the gates. **Please make sure that the gates are CLOSED if you are the last to leave.**



Bronze Wings

Congratulation Rick on passing your bronze wings. On February 29th 2004 under windy conditions Rick decided that he wanted to go for his Bronze wings so that he can fly at Melbourne clubs that required bronze wings to fly solo. Glenn and Roger put Rick through the bronze wings schedule and Rick passed with ease.

Don't forget we have plenty more forms and are available most weekends to do bronze wing testing. (Also gold wings)



Methanol

Rob has now got the methanol and it is on sale from his house conveniently located near our field. 20L for \$25.

Please supply your own 20L clean drum. Rob can be contacted on 0419 520 563 all hours.

We suggest that you phone Rob before going to his house.

Call in to 152 Yendon-Egeton Road Yendon. First house on left from flying field on top of hill going towards Ballarat.



Annual Display Raffle

Don't forget to return butts and money to Roger Carrigg before Saturday 27th March. You can leave at Top Gun.



New Models seen at field



On Monday March 7, (Labor day holiday) Max had his new electric Cub. Once in the air it flew quite well, it appears that it needs a little bit of a breeze to hand

launch it into. Monday was one of those rare days that

there wasn't any wind at all

Roger at long last has his Cessna Cardinal finished and read to fly. Model is powered by a Magnum 80 four stroke. After some concern with vibration, wing mounting modifications were made and the model was flown on the following weekend which was the 29th February. This model is from an Italian kit and was won in a raffle at the Monty Tyrell Scale Rally at P&DARCS in March 2000. The Cardinal flies quite smoothly and handles windy conditions quite well. Virtually no control trim was required.

Another nice looking model seen at the field on Sunday 14th March was Hugh's Jodel Dauphin powered by an ASP 61 four stroke. Hugh had problems with the fuel filler and was unable to fuel model for an engine run. So as yet the model has not flown but hopefully we will see it in the air shortly.

Roger's Cessna Cardinal powered by a Magnum 80FS.



Spectators watching the Cardinal's test flight.



Hugh's Jodel Dauphin - hopefully we will see it fly shortly



Crash Report

I see in the daybook out at the field that Hugh has been up to his old tricks! This time he has crashed his old trainer come fun-fly model and is irreparable .Do not know any details as yet.

During the Roy Gladman fun fly day on Sunday 14th March we had 2 mishaps. First was Nick during the infamous Climb and Glide event. Nick fell for the two card trick. (too low and too slow down wind). Unfortunately the model was Nick’s new trainer that was featured in the new at field in the last newsletter. When Nick applied power it was too late and model stalled and spun in from about 20 feet sustaining moderate damage. Nick said he will repair it.

Next was our old friend Lawrence. During the spot landing event on his first approach to the target he got overly excited with the prospect of touching down near the bulls eye instead of letting the model settle he pushed down and dumped model on the ground knocking the fire wall out. See photo further on.



Looks like a dose of Viagra is needed here to fix the down thrust.



Tips & Tricks

If you have anything tips please submit to editor.



Events

Geelong Public Display Day

Roger, Rick, Pam and I (Glenn) made the trip down to Geelong on Sunday 6th to their annual display day. Again the weather wasn’t too kind, cool and cloudy.

The wind wasn’t too strong but it was from the South and blowing onto the spectators. This always calls for extra concentration when flying making sure that your model stays well out. There were no major mishaps with the exception of one of the helicopters. Whilst putting on a demonstration something went wrong mechanically

causing the model to crash quite spectacularly in the middle of the field.

As most of you know I am not a big fan of helicopters but

I was really impressed with a scale model of an Iroquois

built and flown by Mario from the MARCS club. Both the model and the way it was flown were excellent and well worth seeing.



Mario’s Iroquois powered by a Zenoah 23cc – weighs 9.5 kg

The turnout of models was a little disappointing and a lot there didn’t fly. There wasn’t a big crowd there but they were kept entertained throughout the day with a variety of models.

One crowd pleaser was the Witch on her broomstick. She didn’t fare too well on her last flight. She went a little out



of control and spiraled onto the dirt road running past the field. Thankfully she didn’t sustain

much damage just lost one of her legs!



There was a round of combat

(another crowd pleaser) nothing happened I never saw any even come close to cutting a ribbon. We tried to get Roger to put a ribbon on his new Cessna but he wouldn’t be in it. He wouldn’t have had anything to worry about as none of the other planes could have caught him, hard to believe but this Cessna flies faster than the other one.

If I had tied a ribbon behind my Nomad it would have never got off the ground. I did have five flights and actually managed to do a couple of touch and goes.

Rick flew his Corsair and R.V.4. All in all we had a great day and look forward to attending next year. We must all try to attend these public display days as in a lot of cases this is what finances the host clubs. We cannot expect them to support our open day if we don't go to theirs.

Roy Gladman Round 1 – Novelty

We just don't seem to have any luck when it comes to the Roy Gladman competition (I wonder if Roy has anything to do with it?). The scheduled day (February 29th) was just too windy and it wouldn't have been any fun trying to fly in those conditions. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is out we will have had more success and the comp will be completed.

On Sunday 14th March Roy must have been smiling on us as we could not have wished for a better day to hold the event. Disappointingly there were only seven competitors.

Full marks to Lawrence for having a go for the first time, and also Max for competing with a small electric powered model.

A good day was had by all who made the effort to come out for the day.

We ran the usual events and had a break for a BBQ lunch around 12:30PM and then resumed to run the balloon bursting.

Glenn came first, Roger second followed closely by Peter Evans. The provisional scores are as follows. (Have to enter into Excel spreadsheet to validate scores in time for next newsletter – ran out of time)

Glenn White	349 points
Roger Carrigg	315 points
Peter Evans	300 points
Nick Katsikaros	264 points
Peter Barnett	205 points
Lawrence Fisher	196 points
Max Rowan	187 points

Round 2 will be mid year which is the aerobatic schedule. So put some mind to getting a model ready for this event.



Coming Events

BRMFC Annual Display 28th March

This weekend is our BIG day and we need all hands on board. You can only help if you are out there.

Don't forget that we must have all the Raffle books back at the open day as this is when it is drawn and any unsold tickets can be sold on the day. If you require more books see Roger.

If weather conditions permit we would like to put on a combat demonstration because it is always popular with the public. So if you have an old model, bring it out. Don't forget the field is open Saturday and pilots have been invited for both days. Saturday being for pilots only. If there are enough takers we will organize a night out.

Remember we need to start early on Sunday morning. Try to be out there by 8.00AM.

There is also cleaning up afterwards so it is important that we have plenty of members on hand when the show finishes.

All we need to do now is hope and pray for good weather.

We held a display at Wendouree Village on Saturday 20th March to promote our flying display and sell some raffle tickets. It went quite well and we sold 170 tickets.

The prize (Wheelbarrow and contents) will be at Top Gun Models until Sunday. If you would like to add something to help fill the barrow that would be appreciated.



New Competition

This is a new competition. We will provide the photo and you provide the caption. The best caption of the month will win a bottle of super glue from Top Gun Models. No correspondence will be entered into and the judge's decision will be final.



Event Calendar

Mar 21 st 2004	Annual Display - Keilor (KDMAS)
Mar 21 st 2004	Scale Rally Monty Tyrell Memorial - (P&DARCS)
Mar 27 th /28 th 2004	Annual Display - Yendon (BRMFC)
April 3 rd /4 th 2004	VMAA Trophy (P&DARCS)
April 4 th 2004	VFSAA Round 1 Keilor (KDMAS)
April 11 th 2004	Scale Rally – Carrum (PARCS)
April 17 th -24 th 2004	57 th Nationals - Busselton WA.
April 23 rd -25 th 2004	WW2 & Military Scale - Wagga.(WMAC)
April 25 th /26 th 2004	Fun Fly – Echuca Moama
May 2 nd 2004	VFSAA Fun Scale Rnd 2 - Ballarat

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



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