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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 January 28th 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.

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

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Committee for Open Day
2. Strategic Plan
3. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution
4. Field Maintenance

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. New Member

Lawrence Fisher submitted his membership application and payment form to the Committee. The president welcomed Lawrence as a new member of the club. Lawrence has been out to the flying field several times recently and desires to get back into the sport/hobby.

2. Annual Display 28th March 2004 – Sub Committee

The open day committee positions were discussed.

Catering: Rick & Pam Pimblott

Public Relations: Graeme Allen

General Duties: Glenn White, Roger Carrigg, Max Rowan.

Safety Officers: As nominated

3. Roy Gladman Round 3 – Scale

The Roy Gladman Round 3 scale event is scheduled for Sunday **14th December** which is the day after the Xmas party. Rules are the same as used by the VFSAA.

4. Strategic Plan

Due to the Graeme Allen's absence this item was held over until the next meeting.

5. Xmas Party

The Xmas Party has been booked for Saturday night **13th December** at the Crown Hotel Buninyong starting at 7.00PM. We have booked for around 30, please confirm with Glenn White (mob: 0412 641 188)

6. Xmas Raffle

The prize is a wheelbarrow full of Xmas booze and food to be drawn on 13th December.

800 tickets have been printed and 400 (40 books) have been distributed to members.

We would like Xmas food donations from members that can be used to fill the wheelbarrow. Please leave at Top Gun models.

We have **Saturday 6th December** booked at Wendouree Village outside the AFL shop to sell raffle tickets. Need plenty of helpers. It was suggested that we should check with W/Village management to see if we can get the following Saturday as well (13th December).

7. Field Maintenance

Ray Clarke to empty bins and do a tip run.

Max Rowan has organized container roof in conjunction with Noel Findlay and Graeme Allen.

Noel Findlay to organize verandah roof and posts.

Trees have been planted and need watering.

Max suggested to leave mowing to Hugh and himself.

8. Incorporate Life member Protocol into Constitution

Due to the Secretary's absence this item was held over until the next meeting.

9. Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle scheduled for Saturday 29th November was cancelled due to a lack of helpers and the notion that it would be too hot.



New Member

Lawrence Fisher joined the club at the last meeting. Lawrence was involved in aeromodelling many years ago and has decided to get back into the sport/hobby. We wish Lawrence every success and look forward to his company out at the field.



Fees payment by Installment

Don't forget to take advantage of the membership for 2004/5 payment by installment. If you have a few spare dollars (I know who does!!) forward to the Secretary with the deposit slip. If you do not have a book of deposit slips see the Secretary.

The idea of this facility is to take the pressure off when fees are due again in July 2004.



Field – Trees and Shrubs

A number of trees and shrubs have been planted inside the compound and Max has put protective plastic guards around them. If you are out there grab a bucket and scoop some water out of the 44 gal drums and give them a drink.



Crash Report

We thought that in the Xmas spirit we would hold over the crash report until January 2004.



Xmas Breakup Party

We have booked the Crown Hotel at Buninyong again this year for the Xmas Party and we look forward to seeing you and your partner there.

The date is **Saturday 13th December** starting at 7.00PM.

If you haven't already notified Glenn, then you had better get on the phone immediately. (mob: 0412 641 188)



Xmas Raffle

Keep the good work up. Raffle monies are coming in. This is a very important fund raiser for the club. Let's see if we can make it a record this year. If you need more books contact Roger Carrigg, there is plenty more.

Don't forget we are looking for donations of Xmas type food items (non perishable) to put in the wheel barrow. These can be taken to Top Gun Models C/O Murray or Sandra.



Events

State Field Opening

On the weekend of November 21st/22nd the new state flying field was officially opened. Several of our members made the hour and a half trip over to Darraweit Guim for the opening some went on the Saturday and stayed over others just went for the Sunday. Saturday turned out to be a non-event as far as the weather was concerned; it was drizzling with rain and blowing a gale. It wasn't a complete waste of time as Brian Johnston had his latest project to show and was good enough to set it up in the clubhouse and give us a demonstration of what he has achieved so far. The new model is of a Russian Petlyakov with a wingspan of 105" and powered by two O.S. 90 motors. Model looks about 75% complete; Brian hopes to have it finished for Wagga next year.



Some of the Ballarat contingent – Something seems to have their attention. I daren't imagine what it is.



A line up of Ballarat models. – Thanks Gordon for the pics

On Sunday the weather wasn't much better but at least it wasn't raining and things were looking a little brighter.

We arrived at the field by nine and there were quite a lot of modellers already setting up and by mid morning there would have been 70 –80 there. With that many pilots you can imagine that it was going to be hard to get a frequency.

Most of us had a couple of flights but poor old Graeme couldn't get the frequency. After several unsuccessful attempts to get the frequency he cracked the S!@# and packed his model away. We must say in his defence the pound left a lot to be desired. The flight line was well controlled with a maximum of 6 models in the air at once.



Peter Harris's 72" span twin, powered by two 25 two strokes. Flew very nicely

Unfortunately there was only one mishap and this was with a helicopter during its demonstration flight. Midday was set aside for demonstration flights of all the different facets of the hobby followed by a demonstration of 3 full sized aircraft from Tyabb. Jim Wickham piloted his ¾ scale P51 powered by 350 Chev motor. The other two were a Chipmonk and a Ryan monoplane. Before the demonstration, Jim's wife arrived in her helicopter which she landed on the runway and gave a commentary while the aircraft did their flypasts.

Prior to the full size flying demonstration the field was officially opened by a local lady Councillor and the MAAA president Mike Close.

We are sure that everyone enjoyed the weekend and thank the Northern Flying Group and the VMAA for all the work that went into the organizing and running of the event.

Hamilton Fun Fly and Swap Meet - 29th /30th Nov.

Several club members made the trip over to Hamilton for their annual get together. Numbers were down this year even though the weather was good. This must be very disappointing after all the hard work that had been done. The flying field was superb and the runways were the best I have seen and all this done with a club membership of only nine!

Saturday afternoon the weather was perfect, I really enjoyed my time in the air and with not so many flyers there was no queuing for your frequency.

As we were unloading the trailer the first mishap happened, the largest model there lost a wing and obviously crashed. We heard the noise as it hit the ground

and looking round saw the tail section floating down. When I said it was the largest model there I meant large, it was a scale aerobatic powered by a 210cc motor.

Sad to say another large model crashed, this time it was Rick's Beaver. The motor cut in the worst place and on attempting to land cross wind safely behind the car park Rick's model hit a wire fence (see crash report).



Rick's ill fated DH Beaver in flight.

Sunday morning we were back out there bright and early (some of us a lot brighter than others after a heavy Saturday nights socializing), There were a few more models there, the pick of them were Norm Edmunds' ducted fan, Barry Angus's Invader, a large Boomerang and Me 109, Murry Ellis's P.51 and a 1920's high wing single engine Fokker (Like the southern cross)



A nice photo of Norm Edmunds' Corby Starlet. This model has been around for a long time and flies extremely well.

The wind was a lot stronger on the Sunday and it was very hot. We made good use of our shade tents and kept out of the sun as much as possible. There were no major incidents unless you call the fact that Graham A. actually got his motor running and had a fly with his Cessna a major incident.

Max had a dead stick just after take off, landed heavily in the outfield and did some minor damage to his Pitts I'm sure he will soon have it fixed.

Two of the trophies came back to Ballarat Max got best civilian under 52" wingspan and Wayne's Ryan S.T.A. got best civilian (judged by Ernie Eagan).

The weekend was a great success and we all enjoyed our time at Hamilton. As mentioned before the club only has a membership of nine and they are struggling to keep the club afloat. It is these events that make all the difference, so mark Hamilton in your diary for next year.



Coming Events

Roy Gladman Trophy – Round 3 Scale

It is time for the final round of the Roy Gladman Trophy for this year. The only date that we have got left is Sunday **14th December**. If you haven't been in this competition before it is run very similarly to the VFSAA fun scale rules. Emphasis is on scale flight. That is realism in flight. Model only has to look similar to a full size aircraft. However model will be statically judged from a 3m distance. Documentation required is a three view or a photograph of the full size aircraft. Please support the event. We know there are several members who have scale aircraft that qualify.

Flight maneuvers are as follows:

1. Take off
2. Straight flight

3. Figure eight
4. 360 degree descending circle
5. Option 1
6. Option 2
7. Option 3
8. Rectangular approach
9. Landing

If you have any queries or need more information please contact Glenn or Roger.

Anybody who is not planning to fly on the day could they please offer their services in judging or scoring.

As usual we will have a barbecue lunch.



Event Calendar

Dec 13 th 2003	Xmas party night out. (Saturday)
Dec 14 th 2003	Roy Gladman R3 scale. (Sunday)
Jan 18 th 2004	VFSAA Scale Rally (Werribee)
Jan 24 th /25 th 2004	Old Timer (P&DARCS)
Jan 31 st /Feb 1 st 2004	Pattern Aerobatics (BRMFC)
Feb 21 st /22 nd 2004	State Champs Scale – Shepparton.
Mar 27 th /28 th 2004	Annual Display - Yendon (BRMFC)
April 4 th 2004	VFSAA Round 1 Keilor (KDMAS)

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

Merry Christmas from your editors Roger Carrigg and Glenn White.



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