



# Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – December, 2016

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Note the meeting location.

The next general meeting is to be held at the **Eastwood Street Leisure Centre in the Canteen**, on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> commencing at **7.30PM** (Turn left after entry to the Complex, and the Canteen is on the left again). **Don't forget to bring a plate for supper.**

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

#### 1. To be confirmed

### 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.*

I haven't received the minutes from the secretary yet but they will be included in the January newsletter.



**Merry Christmas**

Hello to All Club Members.

Well, another calendar year has almost gone and I guess we are all about to welcome the guys in the red suit with those wonderful presents that we all look forward to at this time of the year.

Of course, this time of the year is not just about presents, it is also a time to enjoy being with our family and the company of our friends on such a special occasion.

Our club once again has seen some challenges during the year with our landlord cropping a lot of the paddock we are located in but fortunately, they were more than happy to work with us to ensure we maintained a reasonable size area to keep flying.

We also had to construct a make shift electric fence to ensure we kept some livestock off the area which worked out fine in the end but we will need to do some more work to ensure the stock is kept off the area in the future.

We have seen some members leave the club during the year which is always unfortunate and we have seen some new ones come on board which is great news.

Some other challenges we have faced during the year have been keeping up with maintenance tasks such as constructing a roof area outside our site canteen (well done Murri) to keep everyone dry with the exceptional rain we had, this will also serve to keep us cool in summer.

Additionally, the task of keeping the area clear and presentable to ensure a low fire risk has also been challenging given the significant rains we experienced during the year, the grass seems to grow while you are looking at it.

We also decided during the year to spend a few dollars on our canteen and do a little bit of an upgrade inside to make sure it looked presentable and meets required standards as we are working towards the possibility of having an open day at the field early in the year.

Well, I guess that’s about it for now, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who have contributed as much time as they have been able to in assisting the club during the year, whether that has been maintenance tasks on the buildings, Max servicing the mower, Roger running our very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings and indeed everyone in general who has contributed to the club and we look forward to another great year in 2017.

I would also like to take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for the Christmas and New Year festive season and please stay safe.



Best Regards,

Graeme Allen.

Editor: I just remembered, our Council Planning Permit excludes us from flying on Christmas Day. If the weather was perfect someone might get the urge after Christmas dinner!!!



### VMAA News

#### *Mt Wallace Land Purchase*

The new home of the Bacchus Marsh Club.

**November** – All town planning issues have been resolved satisfactorily and the MAAA has settled with the vendor. Work has already begun at the field with gates being installed and car parking being laid out. A strategic plan for development will be tabled at the December VMAA meeting.

#### *Nationals*

The 70<sup>th</sup> MAAA nationals will be held at West Wyalong in 2018. As information becomes available we will advise all interested parties. Greg Lepp will join the Committee in charge of running the event.

West Wyalong is a town in New South Wales, which is the main town of the Bland Shire, located in the Central West region of New South Wales. It is located 467 kilometres west of Sydney. It is located on the crossroads of the Newell Highway between Melbourne and Brisbane, and the Mid-Western Highway between Sydney and Adelaide. It is situated 262 m above sea level.

#### *General Business*

Discussion re Senator Xenophon and the senate enquiry on “drones” The VMAA thru the MAAA will keep members informed over the outcome but at this stage the senate enquiry is set for next year. The MAAA will be putting in a submission to the enquiry and a meeting will be held early in December to discuss this submission.

Letter to be sent to the Valley Radio flyers regarding the VMAA involvement in the GVFFCo-op. Letter will point out that the VMAA does not get involved in the everyday running of the clubs other than its normal statutory obligations to its members.

It was pointed out by Col Collyer that the access road to Mt Hollowback was in poor condition, but also noted that the VMAA had no resources available to fix it, as the road is private.

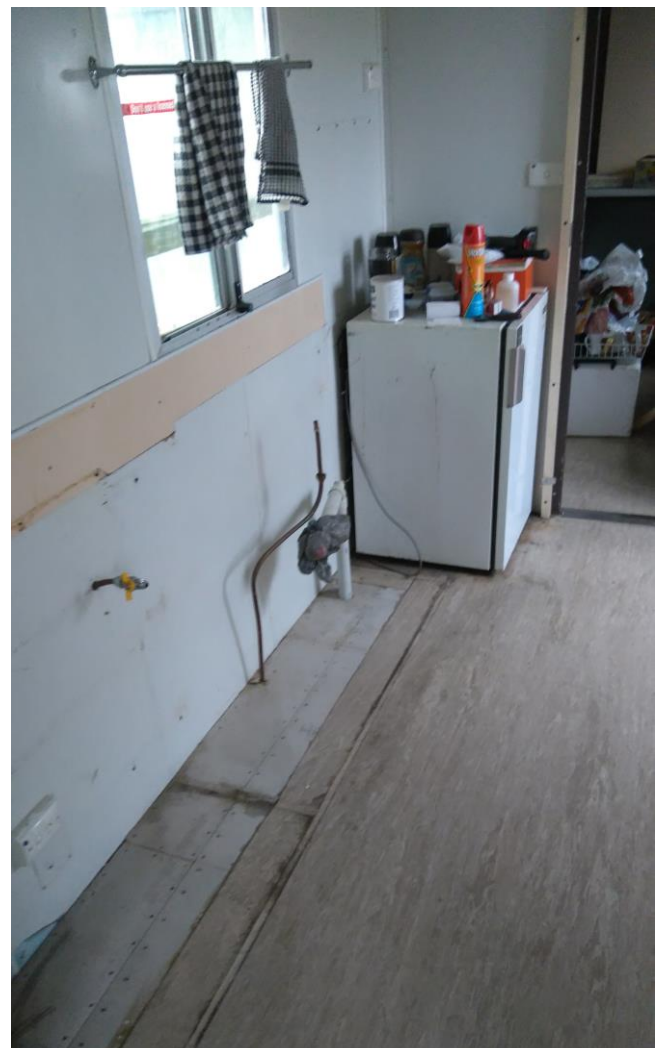
The VMAA committee appointed Arthur Bablis as the stand-in treasurer until the position becomes vacant. Brian was thanked for his long years of service as the VMAA treasurer.



### Goin’s on at the Field

#### *Kitchen Reno*

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Graeme with help from wife Dianne, pulled the old cupboards out of the kitchen in preparation for fitting the new ones he has been working on at home.



*Stove and sink cupboards/benchttop have been removed in preparation for installing the new unit.*



*The floor and ceiling mounted cupboards on the back wall have also been removed.*

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Graeme was busy fitting the doors & handles after installing the floor mounted cupboards the day before (Saturday).



*Graeme assembled the cupboards and prepared the benchtops at home. The benchtops involved gluing & trimming the Laminex then cutting out the holes to suit the sink and stove.*



*Getting ready to mount the overhead cupboard to the back wall just below the ceiling. (Interestingly the internal lining of the kitchen which is a site hut is sheet steel.)*



*The overhead cupboard in place and all the handles fitted.*



On the Wednesday before Christmas a few of us were at the field. Glenn hooked up the gas line to the new stove so that is all working again. The same gas shutoff valve we had before has been refitted under the stove so that should be turned off before closing up for the day.

Most of the contents from the old cupboards which were stored in the back section have been put back in the new cupboards so work can continue in that area. There are a few holes that need covering prior to painting the walls, then the electrical wiring can be fitted in conduits mounted on the wall & ceiling. The wiring in the walls has been a problem since we drilled holes in the walls years ago cutting the wiring which resulted in short circuits which tripped the circuit breakers. So all the internal wiring is being discarded.



## Events

### *Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet*

The Hamilton Model Aircraft Club held their annual Fun Fly & Swap Meet over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November.

Once again our club was well represented in numbers although we didn't come home with any flying awards. The competition was pretty high in that regard when you have models like Garry Bergen's 1/3 scale Super Stearman powered by a 215cc 5 cylinder Moki radial and P47 Thunderbolt powered by a 250cc Moki radial. The P47 is probably around ¼ scale given that the full size was a large aircraft – much bigger than say a Spitfire. I spoke to Garry who is from the Constellation club in South Australia and he said he is building a 42% scale WACO YMF-5 which is at least a couple of feet longer in wingspan than the Super Stearman and the top wing significantly higher. That will certainly be worth seeing fly.

Glenn Orchard was flying a large Marchetti powered by a twin cylinder petrol engine, might have been a DA120 or something around that size. He flew it many times over the weekend in a very scale like manner performing manoeuvres suited to the aircraft type which going by what I have read must be fully aerobatic.

Not knowing much about the aircraft I did a Google search and found this info which looks like it matches Glenn's model. *The SIAI-Marchetti SF.260 is an Italian light aircraft marketed as an aerobatics and military trainer. It was designed by Stelio Frati, originally for Aviamilano, which flew the first prototype of it on July 15, 1964. Actual production was undertaken when SIAI Marchetti purchased the design soon thereafter and continued with this firm until the company was bought by Aermacchi in 1997. The military versions are popular with smaller air forces, which can also arm it for use in the close-support role.* There is also a Marchetti web site: <http://www.siai-marchetti.nl/>

Max, Glenn and I headed down on Friday afternoon and went straight out to the field to see what was going on and drop the trailer off. We arrived around 4ish to find many modellers already camped on site mostly the familiar faces we see each year. From BRMFC, Peter Weston and his son Jason together with their wives were caravanning it. Paul Ruddle & Murri Anstis were tenting it (separate tents!!!)

My old friend Norm Morrish from P&DARCS was also camped there for the weekend in his caravan.

It didn't take long for Glenn to find the bargain of the year in the swap tent being a 120 four stroke size Spitfire for \$120.

Saturday morning arrived and Max remembered he forgot to bring the wing tubes for his Piper Cub, but fortunately Fred was coming down on Sunday so he got his wife Judy to drop them around to Fred's place on Saturday.

There was some great flying to watch particularly Garry Bergen's P47. The sound of that 250cc 5 cylinder radial

spinning the four blade prop is awesome and it pulls the airframe around the sky at quite impressive speed.

The remainder of this article is described by some of the many photos taken with appropriate captions underneath.



A pair of likely lads!!! Murri helped by Graeme Waterhouse is starting the OS91 in his Tiger Moth.



It looks like Wayne is readying his Top Flite P47 for a flight.



Many of the Ballarat contingent stayed at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel. A few pre-dinner drinks & nibbles sitting out on the lawn is most enjoyable after a day at the field.



It wasn't until I looked closely but it seems Wayne is taking the micky out of me.



Max had some engine trouble with the Cub resulting in a dead stick landing. He suspected a blockage in the carburettor. Gosh with these great minds what could possibly go wrong??? SNAFU... I think Max thought he had to get it back in the air after Fred brought the wing tubes down.



Peter Evans came down on Saturday and flew his Pilatus PC21. Peter stayed the night at the motel with us (Glenn, Max & Roger)



The PC21 on take-off. Peter put on a good flying exhibition and seems to be "at home" with this model now.



Mark Radburn toed his Spitfire around the pits using his R/C Jeep. Hmmm a Zero behind the Spitty – wouldn't have seen that!!!



The perfect attitude for a bounce free landing. I don't think it ever bounced on landing. Nice model and well flown.



Our Glenn got some great shots of Glenn Orchard's Marchetti coming in to land.



Wayne Goodwin's Westland Wyvern on landing approach. These photos were taken on the Saturday which was mostly overcast unlike Sunday which was sunny all day.



Gear down and full flap – the Marchetti was very steady & stable on landing approach.



The Wyvern on final approach with flaps down.



Just over the edge of the strip and moments from touch down.



And touch down. This model has a huge fin when you see its side profile. Plus the finlets on the horizontal stabilizer would suggest the full size was prone to yawing.



Garry Bergen's P47 Thunderbolt on landing approach. This is a big lump of aeroplane and very stable in the air.



The P47 is built from a CARF models kit and powered by a Moki 250cc 5 Cylinder radial four stroke engine.



Graeme Allen's Wilga powered by a 35cc DLE petrol engine. Unfortunately on Sunday Graeme pulled the landing gear out when he landed it a bit fast in the freshly mown thicker grass near the north edge of the runway. The knuckle joints dug in as the trailing arm link retracted back against the springs and not helped by the small wheels.



Garry Bergen's 1/3 scale Super Stearman built from a Balsa USA kit and powered by a Moki 215cc 5 cylinder radial. Received the best Biplane award.



BAE Hawk flown by Mike Timms from Mildura. I think he said it has a 14kg turbine.



Mike Timms is starting the turbine in the Hawk for another flight.



Murray Ellis also had a jet and flew it several times.



The inner workings of Mike Timms entry level jet which won Best Sports Model.

The presentations were made shortly after 2PM. Gavin Wallis has been kind enough to forward the official list of winners. I scoured through the library of photos taken and managed to match up pilot and aircraft where possible.



*Best Flying Display – Glenn Orchard (Mildura), Marchetti.*



*Best Scale Model – Barry Angus (foreground – Mildura), Sopwith.*



*Best Military Model – Mark Radburn (Melb), Spitfire*



*Best Biplane – Garry Bergen (SA), Super Stearman.*



*Electric Flight Award – Peter Weston (Ballarat), Corsair*



*Best Sports Model – Mike Timms (Mildura), turbine model.*



*Pilot's choice – Garry Bergen (SA), P47 Thunderbolt*

Encouragement Award – Stuart Kent

Pilots lucky entry draw (OS 46 engine) Dave Barling)

Xmas Hamper Raffle – 1<sup>st</sup> draw Roger Carrigg

Xmas Hamper Raffle – 2<sup>nd</sup> draw Graeme Allen

In winding up we must thank the Hamilton club for holding the event. We know they were a bit short handed, but it all came together well and everyone enjoyed their hospitality.

I am sure BRMFC members will be back in force next year.



### Christmas Breakup Party

We held the Christmas breakup party at the Ballarat Leagues Club on Friday night December 16<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The medium/rare Scotch Fillet steak I ordered was cooked exactly as I like, the only down side I thought the drinks in the bistro were too expensive for a club atmosphere. Kept us all sober though!!!

I managed to get a few shots on the phone which are included below.

Our President Graeme Allen very kindly donated the Christmas Hamper he won down at Hamilton as the party door prize. Everyone was given a ticket and the lucky winner was Judy Rowan.



We had two rows of tables.



Judy Rowan was the lucky winner of the Christmas Hamper door prize.



Wayne found the drinks were cheaper in the gaming room so he was just a blur in & out after that. I think many of us followed his lead – I know I did.



### Coming Events

The next event on our calendar would be the **Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly** held over the weekend of Mar 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2017.



### Event Calendar

- December 16<sup>th</sup>** BRMFC Xmas Function Friday 7PM at Ballarat Leagues Club
- Mar 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2017** Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – WMAC
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 2017** Twins & More Darraweit Guim – NFG
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mar - 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** Wang Jets, Wangaratta – VJAA
- April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** Fun Fly/Display Day – BRMFC Trawalla
- April 9<sup>th</sup>** VFSAA Sport Scale – BRMFC Trawalla
- April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>** VMAA Trophy Weekend – NFG

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

## Time for some Frivolity – the sealed section

Note: If easily offended please skip this item. It contains adult themes, but no crude language or nudity.

### *The Plumber*

#### Could be any tradesman you know

A Plumber (The Royalty of all Trades) dies in a car accident on his 50th birthday and finds himself at the Pearly Gates.

A brass band is playing, the angels are singing a beautiful hymn, there is a huge crowd cheering and shouting his name, and absolutely everyone wants to shake his hand.

Just when he thinks things can't possibly get any better, Saint Peter himself runs over, apologizes for not greeting him personally at the Pearly Gates, shakes his hand, and says, "Congratulations son, we've been waiting a long time for you."

"Totally confused and a little embarrassed, the Plumber (The Royalty of all Trades) sheepishly looks at Saint Peter and says "Saint Peter, I tried to lead a God-fearing life, I loved my family, I tried to obey the 10 Commandments, but congratulations for what? I honestly don't remember doing anything really special when I was alive.

Is it because I'm a Plumber (The Royalty of all Trades) "Congratulations for what?" says Saint Peter, totally amazed at the man's modesty.

"We're celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old! God himself wants to see you!"

The Plumber (The Royalty of all Trades) is awestruck and can only look at Saint Peter with his mouth wide open.

When he regains his power of speech, he looks up at Saint Peter and says "Saint Peter, I lived my life in the eternal hope that when I died I would be judged by God and be found to be worthy, but I only lived to be fifty."

"That's simply impossible son," says Saint Peter, "We've added up all your time sheets."

### **BAD NEWS**

The doctor said, 'Joe, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration.

'You have a very rare condition, which causes your testicles to press on your spine and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicle Joe was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for.

He had no choice but to go under the knife. When he left the hospital, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself.

As he walked down the street, he realized that he felt like a different person. He could make a new beginning and live a new life.

He saw a men's clothing store and thought, 'That's what I need. A new suit.' He entered the shop and told the salesman, 'I'd like a new suit.' The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, 'Let's see, Size 44 long.' Joe laughed, 'That's right, how did you know?'

'Been in the business 60 years!' the tailor said.

Joe tried on the suit it fitted perfectly. As Joe admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, 'How about a new shirt?'

Joe thought for a moment and then said, 'Sure.'

The salesman eyed Joe and said, 'Let's see, 34 sleeves and 16-1/2 neck.'

Joe was surprised, 'That's right, how did you know?'

'Been in the business 60 years.'

Joe tried on the shirt and it fitted perfectly.

Joe walked comfortably around the shop and the salesman asked, 'How about some new underwear?'

Joe thought for a moment and said, 'Sure.'

The salesman said, 'Let's see, Size 36.'

Joe laughed, 'Ah ha! I got you! I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old.'

The salesman shook his head, 'You can't wear a size 34. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache.'

### *Blonde Helping a Trucker*

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down

The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day.

Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble"

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified!

There was the blonde walking down the street, holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde. "But we had money left over so now we're going to Sea World."

*Leave application by a female employee:*

Dear Sir,

Today, my husband had headache and by mistake, he took Viagra instead of paracetamol.

Since our maid is also home, so I cannot come to the office today.

Thanks...

