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Note the meeting location.

The next general meeting is to be held at the <u>Eastwood Street Leisure Centre in the Canteen</u>, on Wednesday May 24th commencing at <u>7.30PM</u> (Turn left after entry to the Complex, and the Canteen is on the left again). <u>Don't forget to bring a plate for supper.</u>

Agenda Items for the next meeting

- 1. Trawalla Estate Update
- 2. City of Ballarat Update
- 3. Strategic Plan Development
- 4. Field Maintenance

5. Burrumbeet Airstrip

- 6. Asset Register
- 7. Display Day 2018
- 8. Facebook Page Review

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.

- 7) Reports
- a) Management Committee Report

No report

- 8) General Business
- a) Trawalla Estate Update

No contact with the farm manager. Some sowing activity in the paddock.

b) City of Ballarat Update

Due to absence of G Allen no update is available.

- c) Strategic Plan Development
- G Allen has commenced work on a plan.
- d) Field Maintenance

Field and strip at Trawalla are in good condition following the Display Day.

G Allen noted that the PV panel donated by Paul Ruddle has been removed, and the charging station is inoperable.

- F Eggleston will contact Paul and ascertain the future of the project.
- P Weston noted that the Toro mower has to be jump started.

e) Burrumbeet Airstrip

No activity.

f) Asset Register

R Carrigg volunteered to take over the Asset Register management and maintenance.

The 6x6M shed was advertised on Gumtree, and R G offered \$500, which was accepted by the CoM. Ricky has also offered to remove the excess used bull-nose corrugated iron left from the clean-up of the Yendon site. Members agreed to Ricky removing the bull-nose iron.

The 38" cut Murray mower is surplus to requirements, as the two other mowers are larger.

R Carrigg proposed that the mower should be sold and the profit used to fund future replacement of the other mowers. Members agreed unanimously to advertise the mower on Gumtree at \$700, but not accept less than \$600. G Allen will advertise this week. (Has now been sold.)

The 6x4' trailer is to be kept for use by the club.

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The UHF and VHF radios which failed to attract interest via the tender will also be advertised on Gumtree.

g) Refit of Canteen

Complete apart from replacement of the sink tap with a flick mixer tap with a long spout –

G White to recommend a purchase.

h) Display Day 2018

Agreed that an earlier date in February would result in better weather. The 25th February was agreed as the best date, and a one-day event (no pilot's day prior). BRI to be contacted as soon as possible, along with the VMAA Contest Director. A more visible banner on the highway would be better.

i) Defibrillator

The application for funding the purchase of an AED under the MAAA Club Assistance Scheme was submitted. The VMAA secretary advised that the applications would be consolidated and considered and clubs advised of the results after June.

9) Other Business

a) Facebook Page

Jason Weston noted that he still had some photos to put up, and asked for videos, as they attract interest. If members are on Facebook, they can upload material which Jason will check in.

jcweston351@gmail.com

b) Purchase of a 12v Compressor

G Allen proposed that the item should be purchased to ensure that the mower wheels are properly inflated.

Members agreed unanimously to the purchase – G Allen will arrange the purchase.

c) Surplus models and equipment

G Allen advised that a Tony MacIntyre had advised that a friend of his was disposing of his models and gear. Graeme has requested an inventory and will circulate when available.

d) MAAA Wings

Nick Katsikaros noted that several members were ready to undertake their Silver Wings certification, and urged those members to organise the test with the instructors.

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11) Meeting location

The next meeting will be held on the 24th May 2017, in the Canteen, Eastwood St Leisure Complex, Eastwood Street, commencing approximately 7:30PM.

12) Meeting Closed at 9:11PM







VMAA News

Info extracted from the Minutes of the April 2017 VMAA Executive meeting.

Contest Directors Report

VMAA Trophy set for 29th and 30th April, with 6 clubs competing CD advised that the event is ready to run with all judges and support personnel in place. Greg Lepp will speak with the host club (NFG) re supplying a BBQ. All Trophies for the event have been picked up so weather permitting it should be a great weekend.

Reeve Marsh advised that the state Control line Championships was a great success with approx. 30+ entries

Editors Report

Starting from May there will be a monthly bulletin, clubs should contact the VMAA editor with any information they want to circulate to other clubs i.e. Club events, flyer etc. This will begin in June.

State Fields

Northern Flying Group – Field in good condition and ready for the VMAA trophy event

Bairnsdale – A great jet event was held there recently and field is in great condition with continual improvement. Mid May Muster coming up.

Echuca – The new shed and kitchens are well underway. Their old shipping container is for sale; it is all setup as a kitchen so may be a great acquisition for another club. Contact Fred West for details. The annual fun fly was a great success and well attended despite some windy weather.

Mt Wallace – Field is going ahead fast with a bore and access gates finished, land surveying has been completed and a dirt runway is in use. Quotes are being gathered for the runway construction.

General Business

 Some discussion was held regarding general sponsorship of VMAA clubs for events. Clubs are urged to contact the VMAA if they think that an upcoming event has some special interest and would be eligible for some form of VMAA sponsorship. It was decided on the night to sponsor the TCMAC scale event in May for its 10th Anniversary

- The ANZAC Warbirds event was also sponsored, this
 event was a special memorial event held in honour of
 one if its members. The event held at the Hamilton club
 has been run for several years with great success.
- The new VMAA website has been constructed and the content will be uploaded in due course. This is a big job so clubs are asked to be patient while the transition from the old site to the new site occurs. A dialog is in process for the upkeep of the website and an ongoing process should be put in place by the end of May 2017.
- The VMAA is in the process of developing a 5 year strategic plan to benefit all clubs and to take us into the future. This is quite a complex process with many factors that have to be considered.
- Discussion as to the Wings program was held and the committee will be putting a process in place to ensure timely outcomes. This will be decided at the May meeting.

2017 / 2018 MAAA & VMAA Fees

The MAAA and VMAA fees for FY 2017/2018 remain unchanged. You can see the breakdown of fees on the VMAA website by clicking here. www.vmaa.com.au. For your convenience a snapshot is shown below.

VMAA Fees

Fees For The Year 2017 / 2018

Both MAAA & VMAA fees are unchanged from last year

We also need your Email Address if you want the VMAA Newsletter electronically. This can be done through your Club when paying your fees

It is a requirement to supply Date of Birth for ALL member renewals		
HALF YEAR*	FULL YEAR	
\$13.50	\$27.00	
\$15.00	\$30.00	
\$28.50	\$57.00	
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\$27.00	\$54.00	
\$30.00	\$60.00	
\$57.00	\$114.00	
	#ALF YEAR* \$13.50 \$15.00 \$28.50 \$27.00 \$30.00	

Note: Half yearly fees only apply to new members, or to past members that have not been a member for more

* Half yearly fees as of the 1st of January 2018







New Models seen at field

Peter Weston has done a very nice recovering job on his Seagull Models Super Skybolt that he recently added to his collection and which appeared in the March newsletter.



It originally had blue & silver covering as shown. Peter said he found it difficult to distinguish its flying attitude in some sky conditions and

after a landing mishap which dislodged the undercarriage he decided to recover it.

He's used BEMS silk & dope then spray paint. It looks really nice and is a refreshing change from iron on film covering.



Peter Weston with his recovered Super Skybolt on Sunday 21st May. It's covered with BEMS silk, dope and spray painted.



Another shot of Peter's Super Skybolt.



A frame taken from video filmed on Sunday 21st May while doing a low pass over the field.

The technical details of the model are as follows:

- Steen Super Skybolt
- Manufacturer: Seagull Models
- ARF balsa & ply
- Wingspan: 1.55m or 61"
- Weight: 4.5 Kg RTF
- Power: .80 Rimfire brushless electric
- Propeller: APS 15x6 or 15x8Esc: Turnigy plush 100 Amp
- Battery: 5000 mAh 6 cell







Goin's on at the Field

Over the past few months Murri has managed to bring wood to the field from properties where he does some maintenance work. There is quite a bit there now and much of it too large to fit in the wood heater. Rather than Murri trying to split by hand, Graeme brought out his log splitter on Sunday 7th May and did the lot.

As you can see it makes light work of a job that would be really hard work particularly as the wood has started to dry out.



Graeme splitting the wood Murri has brought to the field so it will fit in the wood fire. We should be warm at the field during winter!!! At least around the fire.



Looks like Murri Anstis & Peter Weston are having a drag on the mowers. The field is in pretty good shape at the moment. Hopefully the grass on the runways will continue to thicken with continued mowing. (Photo 7th May)



With the two mowers it doesn't take all that long to go over the field. Just like the lawn/grass at home, it's a big job if it gets out of control. (Photo 7th May)

ayne bought a PowerBox iGyro 3E recently and has been experimenting with it in his yellow Piper Cub. The initial flights started with very low gain but that has been gradually increased to around 60% and might be even more by now. The description of the unit below has been taken from the Desert Aircraft web site page.

The iGyro 3e is the little brother of the iGyro SRS, and offers an excellent performance. The control characteristics are identical to those of the iGyro SRS, and naturally the unit's quality also reflects the very highest PowerBox standard!

The iGyro 3e operates with normal PWM (<u>Pulse Width</u> Modulation) signals at the input and output, making it a



straightforward task to install and set up the gyro in existing models. The iGyro 3e is simply looped in between the receiver and servos, and its gain can be adjusted in flight if one auxiliary channel is assigned to it. The net

result is that it takes just a few minutes to install and set up the iGyro 3e.

The gain adjuster is divided into two ranges, enabling the pilot to pre-define different flight modes with the transmitter. As standard the iGyro 3e can be operated in Heading or Damping mode. Heading mode has been specially developed for fixed-wing model aircraft, and provides natural handling in the air. As you would expect, Heading mode can be left active for take-off and landing! It is supremely easy to adjust the ranges of the gain adjuster using a laptop or PC, as the Heading option and the strength of the gyro effect are fully variable, separately for each output.

It seems the gain is applied equally to each channel. To enable higher or lower gain on a specific channel, external software via PC/Smart phone hook-up is required.



A frame taken from movie clip as Wayne's Piper Cub takes off. The Cub is powered by a DLE 35. (The Trawalla Bridge in the background appears close but it is a long way off. Video taken on Sunday May 21st.



This is also a frame taken from a movie clip as Wayne was bringing the Cub into land. Actually it was the best landing I've seen Wayne do with the Cub - a 9 maybe a 10 on a good day.

ecretary Jeff had his SE5A at the field on Sunday 21st May with the hope of a test flight but somehow things did not go to plan. I believe there were fuel line issues initially and after some work back on the bench I did hear it running but no attempt at a test flight.



Jeff trying to start the small Saito (I think a FA-56) four stroke. Well not quite in this shot – the prop has been removed.



Back on the bench trying to sort out the crossed over fuel lines with Nick lending a hand. It is good practice to clearly mark the lines when you fit them to the tank (Carby, pressure/vent, drain etc.)



Lunch time – Looks like an episode from MasterChef on Sunday 21st May!!! I just couldn't resist taking a photo.

urri had his latest copy of RCM News at the field on Sunday May 21st and came across a photo of several of our club members together with their models. I think we all recognized that it was from Hamilton but at the time we weren't sure of the year. I remembered the shot which was taken by Ken Thomas and knew I had similar photos in my library. It turns out it was taken on Sunday 24th November 2013.



Tips & Tricks

I haven't come across anything this month – if anyone has any suggestions (clean & nice preferably) please forward them to your editor.







Disposal of unwanted property

The club has sold some unwanted property over the past few weeks.



The shed that we had at Yendon was unable to be cost effectively erected at Trawalla due to the necessary building approval fees. It required engineer's

calculations making it a no go proposition. After going through the necessary tender process it was finally sold to club member Ricky Gerada who is going to use it primarily for materials. Ricky picked it up by truck on Easter Saturday and is also going to take the bull nose veranda iron sheets we had at Yendon over the Canteen servery.

The Murray mower inherited a couple of years ago from the former Golden Plains club has also been sold. It was sold on Gumtree to the 1st Ballan Scouts and went for \$700, a price similar to other mowers of its type advertised. The club is keeping the trailer and the lightweight aluminium ramps that came with the mower. It fits comfortably in the old container now that the space has been freed up by removal of the shed materials.



A file photo (4^{th} Oct 2014) that captured a shot of the trailer & ramps.

The Murray mower was considered too small for our field and given that we have the 42" Toro and the 48" John Deere and it also takes up container space to hang on to it. The decision was made to sell it and put the funds toward the eventual replacement of the other mowers.







Events

Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall – May 3rd & 17th

There have been two indoor flying events held this month which were attended by BRMFC members namely Murri Anstis, Graeme Allen and your editor Roger Carrigg.

The event is held on the scheduled nights from 7PM to 9:30PM and run by the Ballarat Aero Modellers Incorporated (BAMI - The Brewster Club). They've booked the Haddon Community Hall from April until September between 7.00 & 9.30PM on the **first** and **third** Wednesday of the month.

Kevin Howard is the organizer and contact person if you require further details. Cost is \$5 per flyer per night to cover the cost of hiring the hall.



All eyes seem to be fixated on something. Murri must be doing some special.



Ted Arnup chatting (no not chatting up!) to Graeme.



Murri holding one of his models – Murri has been kind enough to let me fly his models on the night and every time I've been there. I hope I haven't worn them out. Ted Arnup has also given me a few flights with his model, thanks Ted.

The following snaps were taken on May 17th. Many of the flying shots are frames taken from video – that seems a better way to get good stills.



Former club member Peter Barnett (nowadays a member of BAMI) taking off with his model.



Peter's model circulated around the hall – a nice steady flying model.



Graeme's little Fokker taking off.



The little Fokker climbs out and all is looking good. The Fokker D7 flies extremely well.



And almost a perfect slam dunk!!! Just looks close, would have missed by at least a foot.



Graeme's helicopter hovering. I think Graeme is getting the bug for choppers and/or drones. That might be Tom Jobling in the background.



Danny Missen (far left) flying his model that looks like an 'old timer' design. Flew extremely well and well flown.



Murri walking back with his rubber powered model and Tom Jobling in the background flying his drone.







Coming Events



Public Edition - #401

"Final Club Night" Incorporating a Giant "Warehouse Moving Super Sale"

Great news!

We are having one final

"Club Night"

which will be open to the public and will incorporate a

"Warehouse Moving Super Sale"

There will be an Auction of all Display Stock including Aircraft, Radios, Buggies and Accessories and well as anything else Mike can get his hands on.

The Super Sale date is:

Tuesday 30th May

Doors Open:

7pm until late

Address:

Unit 1, 158-168 Browns Road,

Noble Park, 3174

We look forward to seeing everyone on the night!

Model Engines has been Sold and is "Moving to Sydney"

The sad news is, that due to family reasons,

Mike Farnan has sold Model Engines.

A small handful of our exclusive agencies have been purchased by a number of existing wholesalers to ensure continuity of supply for retailers and you the hobbyist.

The remaining agencies which form the majority of the Model Engines business are to be relocated to a new warehouse in Sydney, which is expected to be up an running in early June.

The Model Engines and World Hobbies websites are also being transferred to the new owners which is great news for the customers of these fantastic websites.

Mike Farnan would like to thank everyone for their years of support and wish everyone the best of luck for the future.







Event Calendar

May 3rd (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI May 5th-7th Autumn Scale Rally Albury – TCMCA May 14th Mother's Day

 $\label{eq:may 17th} \begin{array}{ll} \text{May 17}^{\text{th}} \, (\text{Wed.}) & \text{Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7-9:30PM} - \text{BAMI} \\ \text{May 20}^{\text{th}} \, (\text{Sat}) & \text{\% A Texaco, Burford, Duration} - \text{Ballarat} \\ \end{array}$

SAM600

May 21st (Sun) Texaco, 38 Ant, Climb & Glide – Ballarat

SAM600

May 21st VFSAA Sport Scale Pakenham – P&DARCS
May 28th Model Engines Fly-In Pakenham – P&DARCS
June 7th (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI
June 10th/11th VFSAA VicScale Trophy Weekend –

Saturday/Sunday – Echuca

June 10th/11th Annual Float Fly at Lake Bolac – ADAC June 10th/12th Warbird Weekend – Shepparton (VRF) June 21st (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM - BAMI June 25th (Sun) ASAA IMAC Try Out Day – Darraweit Guim July 5th (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM - BAMI July 19th (Wed.) Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM - BAMI Sep 9th (Sat.) ½ A Texaco, Burford, Duration – Echuca Sep 10th (Sun.) Texaco, 38 Ant, Climb & Glide - SAM600 Nov 11th/12th Scratch Build Scale Rally - P&DARCS Nov 25th/26th Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton

Apr 21st/22nd 2018 VMAA Trophy Weekend

See the VMAA Calendar for all Victorian events.

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 Body Builder and the Blonde

The body builder takes off his shirt and the blonde says, 'What a great chest you have!'

He tells her, 'That's 100 lbs of dynamite, baby.'

He takes off his pants and the blonde says, 'What massive calves you have'.

The body builder tells her, 'That's 100 lbs of dynamite, baby.'

He then removes his underwear and the blonde goes running out of the apartment screaming in fear.

The body builder puts his clothes back on and chases after her. He catches up to her and asks why she ran out of the apartment like that.

The blonde replies, 'I was afraid to be around all that dynamite after I saw how short the fuse was!'

Australia Computer Terminology - Getting ready for Broadband in the bush!!

A little bit of Aussie culcha

LOGON: Adding wood to make the Barbie hotter
LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the Barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the Barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the Ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any

cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the Ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold. SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season.

BYTE: What mozzies do.

MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten

the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns. LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red

Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-

Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in

the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.
WEB: What spiders make.
WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the veranda.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the Ute won't go. CURSOR: What you say when the Ute won't go. YAHOO: What you say when the Ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the

counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the

counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing

things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair

the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a

hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the

pegs aren't strong enough.

Rye Bread

Two old guys, one 80 and one 87, were sitting on a park bench one morning.

The 87-year-old had just finished his morning jog and wasn't even short of breath.

The 80-year-old was amazed at the guy's stamina and asked him what he did to have so much energy.

The 87-year-old said, "Well, I eat rye bread every day. It keeps your energy level high and you'll have great stamina with the ladies."

So, on the way home the 80-year-old stopped at the bakery. As he was looking around, the saleslady asked if he needed any help.

He said, "Do you have any rye bread?"

"Yes, there's a whole shelf of it. Would you like some?"

He said, "Yes, please. I want 5 loaves."

She said, "My goodness, 5 loaves! By the time you get to the 3rd loaf, it'll be hard."

He replied, "I can't believe everybody knows about this shit but me."

BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in U.K. Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER. 8 years old, Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbour's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED. Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

**** And the WINNER is... ****

FOR SALE BY OWNER.

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

Statement of the Century

Thought from the Greatest Living Scottish Thinker--Billy Connolly. "If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, How come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"





