



NEWSLETTER – October, 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 October 26th 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. MAAA Cards
2. Trawalla Estate Update
3. City of Ballarat Update
4. Strategic Plan Development
5. Field Maintenance
6. Burrumbeet Airstrip
7. Asset Register
8. Canteen Re-Fit

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.

8) General Business

a) Trawalla Estate Update

M Rowan was advised that cattle would be run in the paddock. An electric fence was purchased to protect the airstrips.

b) City of Ballarat Update

G Allen reported that he has been unable to make contact with the City of Ballarat representative, and has emailed requesting a meeting.

c) Strategic Plan Development

P Hexter has not forwarded his Plan material.

d) Field Maintenance

i) Burrumbeet Race course is flooded and unusable at the moment. Draft letter prepared and is to be sent. (Nick K. will give a City of Ballarat contact)

e) Asset Register

Max Rowan tabled a preliminary Register, and assigned estimates as to the value of the items.

9) Other Business

a) Refit of Canteen

G Allen has ordered materials from Laminex for the refit with cupboards costing \$576.

Additionally, benchtop laminate (\$15) and roofing laminate (\$71). Drawer runners and fittings will be extra.

b) Electric Fence

The operation of the electric fence would be made simpler if the fence was divided into 3 segments, leaving one segment permanently in place. An isolating switch and connectors will be required, along with some pipe. P Ruddle volunteered to build a tester to ensure that the fence is operating.

c) Disposal of Assets

An "Invitation to Tender" document has been prepared and circulated in the September Newsletter. Secretary to circulate to other clubs via the VMAA.

d) KeySafe and Charging Station

P Ruddle suggested the development of a charging station (USB and 12V cigarette lighter connectors served by a PV panel and a 12V storage battery). Paul will supply and build the station for zero cost. Members thanked Paul for his generosity.

e) MAAA Licences

Members noted that the current financial year licences have not been received. Secretary to query the VMAA Registrar. A check of the bank statements shows that the cheques sent to the Registrar have **not** been cashed.

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11) Meeting location

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Meeting Closed at 8:44PM



VMAA/MAAA News

Most info extracted from the Minutes of the September VMAA Executive meeting.

Mount Wallace Proposed Land Purchase

JULY – Bacchus Marsh Club has addressed most of the issues, council approval has been sought town planning checked and tacit approval received. Full submission to go to the MAAA in August 2016.

AUGUST – Contract of sale has been drawn up with special conditions as required by the MAAA. A Notice of site development has been erected and council has given its planning approval subject to any objections that may be raised. Greg Lepp on behalf of the VMAA has viewed the property and was impressed with its suitability.

A strategic/Business plan is being worked on and will be completed in the near future.

SEPTEMBER – MAAA teleconference was held on the 1st September, all committee members voted to go ahead with the land purchase:-

MASA (South Australia State Body equivalent to the VMAA) moved that “the MAAA Council approve the funds (\$489,000.00) for the purchase of the property under discussion, CA 26A Brisbane Rangers Road Mount Wallace, subject to all conditions of the Contract of Sale being met”. Seconded VMAA and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Shire council has had no objections and as such the MAAA has paid the deposit subject to the final council approval. A strategic plan is to be formulated by the Bacchus Marsh club and presented at the October meeting of the VMAA.

Congratulations to the Bacchus Marsh club for the hard work in bringing this milestone event to fruition. To get unanimous approval from the state associations it must be considered an excellent site and a good long term investment.

As a matter of interest I did a bit of research online to get a feel for the site.



An aerial shot of the new home of the Bacchus Marsh club. The photo is taken looking in a south westerly direction. Nice and flat and should be free from turbulence particularly from the N/W. (N/W would have been the predominant wind at our old Yendon field.)



The 80 acre block at 26A Brisbane Ranges Road Mount Wallace measures 680m x 470m. It's the block on the right.



As a matter of interest the Bacchus Marsh club's new field is 22km (the way the crow flies) S/E from our former Spreadingale Road Yendon field.

Editors Report

VMAA Newsletter is on the website for download next Newsletter will be in late October.

Report on new VMAA website at October VMAA meeting.

Safety Report

Westernport club reported one incident resulting in cuts to Hand from an unrestrained model at start-up.

Online Event Registration thru VMAA web site

Due to the complexities involved with online registration thru the VMAA site this initiative has been postponed.

MAAA Museum

Discussion re MAAA museum site. Suggestion was made that Point Cook may be a good location considering that there is already a museum on site.



Goin's on at the field

It was very windy at the field on Sunday 9th October and some of the matting in the pit area was being blown back by the wind getting underneath it. Rather than risk losing it all, those present decided to drag the heavy rubber mats (ex. conveyor belt) from around the tree and lay them overlapping the edge of the matting, the way it was before we recently shifted the pit area.



When we shifted the pits a couple of months back the rubber mats were towed away and left around the tree.



The heavy rubber mats are now back in place overlapping the edge of the pit area matting. Being ex conveyor belt they are extremely heavy and take several pairs of hands to move about. We towed them in place by car.



The strongest wind comes from the NNW direction so the rubber mats will protect the pit area matting from lifting.

Electric Fence

We have heard Trawalla Estate no longer plans to run cattle (or sheep) in the paddock we occupy making the recently installed electric fence unnecessary. Maybe they thought the paddock gets too wet for cattle particularly with the crop now established.

No doubt Max will confirm this with the property manager before we take any action dismantling it.

Tractor Bogged

On Thursday 13th October they were spraying the crop when the huge tractor became bogged about 20m to the south of our N/S runway. Apparently it took quite some time to extricate it using another tractor as a tow vehicle.

The aftermath certainly left some huge furrows where the tractor wheels sank down until it bottomed out. So whatever you do, don't land short in amongst all that.

After all the rain the runway seems quite firm but I guess the ground underneath is very soft and gave way under the weight of the tractor. There is a yellowish tinge to the crop where it sank indicating a wet area.



Looking south from the end of the N/S runway you can see the damage to the crop where the tractor became bogged.



Deep Furrows left by the tractor wheels.



Don't land in amongst all that if you cherish your model!!!

Paul Ruddle had a new electric powered foam model at the field on Sunday 16th October and proceeded to assemble much of it on the bench under the porch. This model is equipped with GPS tracking, can fly within a virtual boundary, circle around and land by itself.



Fred is helping Paul Ruddle assemble his electric foam model that is equipped with GPS tracking and control software to enable it land itself amongst other things.



Paul is at the controls for the maiden flight watched on by Fred.

There is quite a detailed process to go through setting it up particularly with respect to the GPS tracking. The model has to be held and turned through a number attitudes to initialize the flight data system.

It is all quite impressive and rolled up into such a small package and not expensive either.



And away it went battling a 15-20km/hr wind which would be on the limits for a model of this size and weight.



Paul put it into automatic landing mode and it landed all by itself. We pilots are all now redundant!!!



And back on the strip all by itself..

Burrumbeet Racecourse Field

Nick reports that the racecourse is knee deep in grass, which is hiding the standing water and is swamped (pun intended) by mossies.



Tips & Tricks

Oil content for four stroke motors

For years I've been mixing my four stroke fuel around 18-20% oil content and 7.5% nitro. After using some premixed fuel which I'm sure had much less oil than my mix with good results, I decided to reduce the content to 15-16% Klotz. I've always used two measures of oil and 8.5 measures of methanol/nitro. I cut one measure of oil to ¾ and substituted with methanol giving 1.75 parts oil to 8.75 parts methanol/nitro. $1.75 / (1.75 + 8.75) = 16.6\%$.

I've been using it for several flights in my ASP91FS powered Shoestring. It seems to run harder and the needle valve was wound in several clicks to get the improved performance.

Less oil means less cost and a little greener too and a cleaner model after flight.

If anyone has an experience to share (preferably of the aeromodelling nature!!!) please pass it on to the editor so it can be included in the newsletter.



Events

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – October 15th



We held our tenth sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ballarat on Saturday October 15th battered by a strong northerly wind which played havoc with the gazebo all day. The temperature reached a mild 18

degrees which is comfortable but the wind made it rather trying at times. The wind direction makes a difference; from the south is the best because it carries the fat from the BBQ away from those in the gazebo and the smell of onions wafts into the store which is good for business.

In terms of sales this was one of our best, but profits were down a little primarily due to an increased cost of the sausages. We were selling for \$2 although many customers expected to pay \$2.50 these days indicating that is what other groups charge. We may need to look at raising the price next time because no doubt by then costs will have risen even more. All up we made a profit of \$1638 which is \$210 behind our all-time record of \$1848 on August 31st 2013. But still it is not a bad effort for a day's work.

Many thanks to the members who were able to make it for their shift. I think it was an eye opener for those who haven't done it before just how busy it gets. Between 10:30AM and 2PM it is full on, customers queued up and some buying half a dozen or so.

I only managed to get a couple of photos late in the day – it was simply too busy and no time to get out and take any shots.



This was the final shift around 4PM. Inside the gazebo are Peter Weston, Mark Williams, Ricky Gerada and Peter Evans. Ted Arnup and Graham Waterhouse are having a chat in the background. They both worked hard during their shifts with Ted cooking during the busy midday period.



The gazebo was getting a hammering from the north wind and we had to hang on to it during the strong gusts.

I (Roger) reported the gazebo was lifting in the wind and potentially dangerous, to the Bunnings staff member on duty and also on the report they ask groups to send in after the event. The following Saturday I was shopping at Bunnings and noticed the gazebo had been fixed with plates securing it to the concrete.

Grampians Model Flying Club Opening Event

The newly formed Grampians Model Flying Club held their opening event over the weekend of October 22nd/23rd. On the Sunday several BRMFC members decided at the field on Sunday morning to make the trip up past Ararat and support the new club.

We had been talking about it over the previous weekends but the weather has been so unpredictable (no it has been predictable, predictably bad!!!) making it difficult to plan ahead. Sometimes impromptu things work out the best and those of us who went thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



A shot of the pit area which they have established just inside the property, sheltered by a row of trees on the west side. Lamont Road is just on the other side of the trees.

There weren't a lot there, but given they are a new club combined with recent weather not very conducive to flying they probably did as well as can be expected numbers wise.



L to R. Ricky Gerada, Graham Waterhouse and Wayne Goodwin (BRMFC members).

I flew the old Shoestring which just passed its 10th birthday a few days beforehand, Wayne flew his Yak55SP, Ricky the motorized glider he is learning on and Nick his electric flying wing.



Nick is flying while Wayne is about to take-off. The main runway is N/S on the side of a hill gently sloping to the south.



The big tree on the eastern side of the north/south runway keeps you on your toes. Good depth perception is definitely a handy attribute when flying down below tree top level. There is another runway on the other side of the tree but it didn't seem to get used.



Wayne all smiles after a successful flight with his Yak55SP.



GMFC field is right here. You can see the tree.

The Grampians Model Flying Club field is on the east side of Lamont Rd approximately 500m north of the Moyston-Great Western Road intersection and 16km from Ararat CBD. Google maps identifies the location as 207 Lamont Road, Rhymney VIC 3377.

If you don't already know or suspect, the Grampians Club is a breakaway group from the Ararat Club ADAC. These

things happen in politics, business and clubs, where people have differing opinions on the way they like to see their organizations move forward. Many of us have been through similar situations and empathize with all involved.

Let's wish the Grampians Club a prosperous future and may everyone get on with flying.



Coming Events

ARARAT & DISTRICT
AEROMODELLERS CLUB

PRESENTS

"MossKosh" Annual Fun Fly

29-30 October, 2016

9AM START

ONSITE CAMPING

SPECTATORS WELCOME

MAAA PILOTS ONLY

RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES

LUNCH AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

FIELD LOCATION
240 WARRAK RD, ARARAT, VICTORIA

www.facebook.com/pages/Ararat-and-District-Aeromodellers-Club



The Ararat & Districts Aeromodellers Club has great pleasure in inviting all MAAA pilots to the "MossKosh" Annual Fun Fly.

Named after our beloved past president, Moss Heard, this annual event lives up to the ethos that Moss promoted at the Ararat club which is to simply have fun flying model planes.

Our field is one of the best in the state with ample space for all and great viewing of the flying.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.

Event details

When
29 - 30 October, 2016

Where
Ararat & District Aeromodellers Club
240 Warrak Rd
Ararat
Victoria, 3377

Time
Flying from 9am - 3pm both days
Note: The field will be open for those taking a Melbourne Cup long weekend until Tuesday.

Pilot registration
All pilots wishing to attend this event and fly must register at the event.

Pilot requirements
All pilots must be MAAA members in order to meet the requirements of the host club.

Flying rules
MAAA guidelines are being adopted for this event. Emphasis will be placed on all planes being flown at a minimum of 9 meters away from the pilot in command.

What planes to bring
Bring any planes you like but if you do bring a model that weighs more than 7kg please ensure you have a current heavy model certificate.

Charging batteries
If you need to charge flight batteries then it is best to sort yourself out with either a car battery or generator. Power at the field is very limited.

Accommodation
Camping at the field will be available. Toilets are available onsite and showers are nearby.

Lunch
A BBQ lunch will be available on both days.

Enquiries
For more information email araratdac@gmail.com or phone Flick on 0412 231 755 or Barry on 5599 5242 (or find us on facebook).

HOW TO FIND TO THE FIELD



Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Nov 26th/27th

The next club trip away event will be the annual pilgrimage down to Hamilton over the w/e of November 26th/27th. If you plan to go it would be a good idea to organize accommodation now. There is also ample room for onsite camping at the field of which many modellers from around the state and beyond take advantage of. So if you decide to camp you won't be on your own.

Many of us regularly stay at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel <http://hamiltonlakesidemotel.com.au/>

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Event Calendar

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| Oct 8 th /9 th | VMAA Trophy weekend – P&DARCS |
| October 5 th | Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (1 st Wed of month April to October) |
| October 15th (Sat) | BRMFC Sausage sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat |
| Oct 15 th /16 th | VMAA State Scale Champs Albury – TCMAC |
| Oct 15 th /16 th | VJAA Club weekend (Jets) Wangaratta – VJAA |
| October 19 th | Indoor Flying at Haddon Hall 7 - 9:30PM – BAMI (3 rd Wed of month April to October) |
| Oct 21 st /23 rd | Float Fly In weekend Albury – TCMAC |
| Oct 22 nd /23 rd | The Flying Show Expo 2016 – Melbourne Showgrounds |
| Oct 29 th /30 th | Flying Display Fund Raiser – Ararat (ADAC) |
| Nov 5 th /6 th | Flying display fund raiser for Scratch built Scale Models – P&DARCS |
| November 13 th | VFSAA Sports Scale Yarra Glen – YVA |
| Nov 26 th /27 th | Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap Meet – Hamilton |
| Mar 4 th /5 th 2017 | Warrnambool Annual Fun Fly – WMAC |

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 Rookie Cop

- *Officer:* May I see your driver's license?
- *Biker:* I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.
- *Officer:* May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?
- *Biker:* It's not my bike. I stole it.
- *Officer:* The motorcycle is stolen?
- *Biker:* That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the tool bag when I was putting my gun in there.
- *Officer:* There's a gun in the tool bag?
- *Biker:* Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the dude who owns this bike and stuffed his dope in the saddle bags.
- *Officer:* There's drugs in the saddle bags too?!?!?
- *Biker:* Yes, sir. Hearing this, the rookie immediately called his captain. The biker was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the biker to handle the tense situation:
- *Captain:* Sir, can I see your license?
- *Biker:* Sure. Here it is. It was valid.
- *Captain:* whose motorcycle is this?
- *Biker:* It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.
- *Captain:* Could you slowly open your tool bag so I can see if there's a gun in it?
- *Biker:* Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the tool bag.
- *Captain:* Would you mind opening your saddle bags? I was told you said there's drugs in them.
- *Biker:* No problem. The saddle bags were opened; no drugs.
- *Captain:* I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole this motorcycle, had a gun in the tool bag, and that there were drugs in the saddle bags.
- *Biker:* Yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too.

Betting on the Races

A punter was at the races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt. He noticed a priest step on to the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the fourth race.

Lo and behold, the horse — a longshot — won the race.

Next race the priest again blessed one of the starters.

The punter made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse and it won. He did the same on the next one and the next one all afternoon as the priest blessed the winners.

Before the last the priest blessed an old nag that was 100/1 but this time he blessed its eyes, ears and hoofs and even sprayed holy water over it.

The punter made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings and bet every cent he had on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag pulled up and couldn't even finish the race. In a state of shock, he went to the priest and demanded, "Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed never even had a chance. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings."

The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. "You are not Catholic, are you, my son?"

"No, I'm an atheist."

"There you are," said the priest. "You couldn't tell the difference between a blessing and last rites."

'Completed' and 'Finished'

This one is especially for English Language Lovers...

Can anyone tell the difference between 'Completed' and 'Finished'?

No dictionary has ever been able to define the difference between 'Completed' and 'Finished'.

However, in a linguistic conference, held in London England, Sun Sherman an Indian American, was the clever winner. His final challenge was this and his response was:

When you marry the right woman, you are 'Complete'. If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'Finished'. And, when the right woman catches you with the wrong woman, you are 'Completely Finished'.

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

Sooo... how's YOUR day going?



Pretty good I suspect compared to this guy!!!

