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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on Wednesday April 28th 2010 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.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. Field Maintenance
3. Annual Display 2010 Post Mortem
4. ARF Scale Competition – Future Direction
5. Domain Name Registration
6. P A System

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.

1. Wind Farm

Secretary advised the meeting that **Lal Lal Wind Farm Project Update 6** was received from WestWind Energy on 3rd March 2010. Detailed design work is underway for the electrical connection to the National Electricity Grid. The Yendon section is a separate connection to the Elaine section. WestWind Energy has lodged a connection enquiry with Powercor Australia and will soon lodge a Connection Application with Powercor to enable further advance electrical design work to be undertaken.

2. Field Maintenance

The President thanked Richard Turner, Jeff Dowsley, Len Astbury and Graham Waterhouse for tidying up the field on the Thursday (11th March) before the VPA event. Richard organized the working bee with the members mentioned.

It was noted that the gas stove shut off valve was left on in the kitchen recently. Secretary is to make up a laminated sign to put on the entrance door alerting who ever closes up to make sure the gas is off.

3. Annual Display 2010

Matt Porter went through his checklist of items and made the following comments:

- a) The Food Permit from Moorabool Council is in the kitchen.
- b) We will have several helpers with food handling accreditation there on the day.
- c) Max Rowan is to pick up toilets from Coates on Saturday.

- d) Matt P. is to pick up trophy engraving on Friday.
- e) Matt P. is to pick up meat from Ballarat Meats on Friday.
- f) Mat Werner is looking after sweets for the lolly drop and is flying Max's old "Big Willie" model. He already has a 1kg bag from Sweet Obsessions. Mat to get some more to make sure there is enough to do the job.
- g) Matt P. to pick up PA system from Craig Butterworth (SLC).
- h) Working bee at field on Saturday morning commencing around 10:30AM to layout bunting etc.
- i) Stall at Stockland Wendouree on Saturday. Setting up to start 8.00AM onwards near the food court. Attendees: Roger Carrigg, Richard Turner (morning), Nick Katsikaros (morning), Glenn White (11.00AM onwards), Noel Findlay (11.00AM onwards), Matt Porter (afternoon). RC to bring raffle tickets & prizes, flyers to handout, model to display.
- j) Max Rowan is to purchase 2 x 50m rolls of barricade mesh from Ballarat Safety.
- k) Murri Anstis is to bring out his tent on Saturday for Tx pound.
- l) There will be display slots for helicopters.
- m) Murri Anstis is to run the swap tent.
- n) Peter Evans and David Lacy are to put on the control line display.
- o) Five road signs will be available from the ones previously allocated to the Gordon area to put along the sections of road where our signage is sparse. Roger Carrigg made up 6 red arrows to stick on the signs to indicate "continue on".

4. ARF Scale Competition – Future Direction

Still on the todo list.

5. Domain Name Registration

Still on the todo list.

6. VPA Model Engines Trophy Post Mortem

The meeting was asked for comments relating to this event. Members present were unanimous in their support for our continued hosting of this event. Peter Evans won the Hitec Aurora 9 radio set donated by Model Engines and drawn by the VPA on Sunday 14th March.

7. PA System

Murri Anstis advised that he has a PA system that the club may be able to use. Murri is to bring it out to the field for evaluation at some stage in the near future.



VMAA News

- It has been brought to the attention of the VMAA that some clubs are staging "Club Events / Fly-Ins" in the belief that they are only intended for MAAA affiliated members. What they overlook is that they produce brochures to advertise their event which gets out into the public domain and therefore are advertising to the public.

A display permit is NOT required when:

- The audience is limited to MAAA affiliated members. Ie. Members of an affiliated club.
- Uninvited bona fide visitors are present and the flying is conducted on an informal basis. (Effectively this happens every weekend at the field).
- Non affiliated members are invited to the club facilities with the sole purpose of promoting club membership by providing training and exposure to the flying of model aircraft.
- The event is a competition and NOT promoted as a display.
- Exhibitions involving only static display of model aircraft.
- **State Field Purchase** – The purchase process is proceeding. The VMAA Secretary has sent off a letter of engagement to the Land Valuers, while the executive has decided that the President and Treasurer will be the signatories on all sale documents.
- **VMAA Directory** – This is still being worked on with a draft issue to be printed shortly.
- **VMAA DVD Library** – latest video listing will be in the soon to be released VMAA directory. More DVD's have been purchased.
- **Safety** – Fingers have been caught in props at Croydon and Greensborough clubs while a modeller was hit in the hip & shoulder area by heli rotors at Mildura. *It highlights that we all need to be safety conscious at all times. Ed.*

- **Flying Instructors Report** – The condition of the four trainer models and transmitters is deteriorating and new batteries are needed. It was decided by the Executive to purchase four sets of flying models (comprising airframe, engine, radio and buddy box) to the value of \$2000.

- **Club Registration and Member Affiliation** – It was reported by the MAAA Vice President that there has been an incident where the insurance company went as far as requesting when the particular member paid his fees and also when the club registered with the State Association.

It is therefore strongly recommended that members pay their club fees on or before the due date.

- **State Field** – The NFG (Northern Flying Group) has spent over \$4000 developing the E/W runway and pit areas and has requested financial assistance from the VMAA. After some discussion the VMAA Executive moved that the VMAA assist the NFG financially for development works to the value of \$3000.

- **Executive Honorariums** – The Executive moved that as honorariums have not increased since 2006 they should be increased as follows:

○ President	from \$300 to 70c per member
○ Secretary	\$1.70 to \$2.00 per member
○ Treasurer	50c to 70c
○ Registrar	80c to \$1.00
○ Ordinary Member	\$180 to \$200
○ Newsletter Editor	\$300 to \$330 per issue
○ Contest Director	50c to 70c
○ Librarian	50c to 70c

The rates obviously reflect the workload associated with each position. The incumbents do a lot of work behind the scenes on our behalf so we must not begrudge their remuneration, which is still quite modest by any standards. Ed.



New Member

Laurie James joined the club on February 28th and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Laurie into the club and wish him every success in his modelling pursuits. I asked his son Grant for a run down on Laurie's modelling background. Over to you Grant.

Dad has always had an interest in Aircraft, from full size to R/C.

He used to fly control line many, many years ago and when I was involved with R/C 20 years ago he was involved as a spectator, but never actually flew himself. He has always been a scratch builder and taken planes from house to house, but never had one finished to fly....!

He has quite a few unfinished scratch built aircraft and gliders in his shed and some are pretty close to having a test flight and I thought I would give him a kick along by

passing over my Boomerang and a motor to put some radio gear in and fly....

He is really looking forward to flying in the sky instead of my simulator (can't get him off it when he comes to visit) and he will enjoy talking to other members about the hobby, their experience will be a big plus for Dad as he really takes a lot in and will use that to benefit his skills in building and flying.

Many thanks Grant for the insight. Ed.



The passing of an old friend

It was with extreme sadness that I (Roger) learned that Mal Caesar passed away on Thursday 11th March after a period of illness. I first met Mal way back in 1967 when I joined the D&DARCS as a kid. Mal was always willing to give newcomers advice and a helping hand. The photo below was copied from the April 2010 P&DARCS newsletter and was obviously (obvious to me that is) taken at the Brady Road Police Paddocks field in North Dandenong.



Mal Caesar back in his younger days with his Cessna 310 twin. Model probably had a couple of Enya 35 two strokes. Enyas were popular then. You also had to build them yourself in those days!

I can't be 100% sure but the boy standing behind Mal (tending his model) is possibly yours truly. I certainly remember the model – it was pretty fast and we all know Mal liked things that were fast. Going by what's in the photo it would be circa 1967 as well.

Over the last twenty years I didn't see much of Mal having moved to Ballarat, but we did manage to catch up on odd occasions at flying events.

Mal will certainly be sadly missed by all who knew him. I would like to take this opportunity to again pass on my condolences to Mal's family.



New Models seen at field

Max Rowan has had an old 60 size pattern ship out at the field a few times recently. The model is fitted with a rear exhaust Webra 60 which has been challenging Max's patience trying to get it running reliably.

The Webra finally got the better of Max and he decided to buy a new GMS 75 two stroke from Glenn. Apparently \$50, an old fridge and some beer was the deal. Glenn was pointing out last weekend (18th April) that there was no beer in the fridge! Stop press – the beer has arrived.



With all this expert help how could anything go wrong!!! Photo was taken on Sunday 21st March.

Max flew the pattern ship the week before last (April 11th) as well as last weekend with the GMS 75 fitted and it seemed to perform okay.

On Sunday 18th April Rick had a new AT6 Texan powered by an OS120AX two stroke. Rick plans to fly it at the Wagga Military event over the ANZAC weekend. The model is a CMPro 160 kit that Rick has painted himself and weighs in at 6.9kg. The model is 1/6 scale which gives it a wingspan of 82". Radio is JR DSXp 2.4GHz and retracts are Eurokit air / spring retracts.



Rick's latest – an AT6 Texan. The photo inset is the full size aircraft that was used for the paint scheme



Crash Report

Haven't heard of any activity in this department which is great to report!



Field Care

It's been pointed out lately that there have been quite a few cigarette butts lying around the field. If you see any (especially smokers) please bin them immediately. They are not just unsightly but the landowners made particular mention of that in the early days.



Bronze Wings

We haven't had any members going for their bronze wings this month but John McLennan is on the cusp. He has been putting a lot of time in lately and has improved greatly, and is basically flying solo.

There are a few new members now flying solo that need to attain their Bronze Wings and in some cases gold.



Tips & Tricks

Sticky Valve – Whilst I was preparing my P39 Airacobra for the Wagga WWII & Military Scale competition, I noticed that the Magnum 91FS had no compression. I removed the rocker cover and sure enough the exhaust valve was not closing properly. The valves and rocker arms were all free but the culprit was the valve lifter down on the cam shaft.

A couple of drops of after run oil did the trick. Holding finger pressure on top of the exhaust valve pushrod while turning over the prop freed it up after half a dozen or so turns. Initially I feared it may have been a broken valve spring. I run 50/50 synthetic/castor so I guess the castor is responsible for the sticky valve lifter.

The engine is installed upright, and the fuselage was stored upright for the 6 months since it last ran so presumably oil collects down at the base of the pushrods.

The model was then flown on Sunday April 18th and the motor ran faultlessly.



Events

Static Display Stockland Wendouree – 27th March

As usual we held a static display at Stockland Wendouree the day before our flying event. This is always a good opportunity to promote our sport/hobby to the public. We setup shortly after 8.00AM and ran through until 3.00PM.

Nick and I were the first to arrive and proceeded to get the stall in order. You have to work out which is the best way

to arrange your banners etc. so they will be easily seen by the public. Lots of flyers were handed out and we managed to sell 86 \$2 raffle tickets which significantly boosted the raffle sales.



Looks like a slack moment of which there were many, but these were offset by lots of interested passersby.

I (Roger) find it quite an exercise in human psychology trying to figure out who is likely to be interested in aeromodelling and also who will buy a raffle ticket. It's absolutely essential to have a model or two on display as that is the draw card. We all know what it's like when you walk past stalls in shopping centres, you don't want to be accosted by the staff. In this case we had flyers to hand out and if you gained the interest of people you could then ask them if they would like a raffle ticket. You also get a few people who just rock up ask questions and buy a ticket others walk past and take absolutely no interest.



Here we see Glenn and Noel selling raffle tickets and imparting expert advice to passing shoppers.

As the day progressed I realized by about midday that no photos had been taken so the camera was quickly found and a few shots taken. At that stage the early shift had departed so I didn't get to photo the other helpers as well. Sorry about that.

For the record, the members who helped out on the day were Nick Katsikaros, Rick Pimblott, Richard Turner, Glenn White, Noel Findlay and Roger Carrigg.

Annual Display Day – 28th March by Glenn White

Due to the first Sunday in April falling on Easter our open day was brought forward by one week and once again we were not blessed with the best of weather conditions. The weather several days either side

of our chosen day would have been much more suitable, but you go with what you get. Although we had a reasonable turnout of pilots, I think that the adverse weather forecast discouraged many making the trip to Ballarat. Putting on a display there is always the worry that pilots may not turn up but fortunately we have sufficient capable models/fliers within our club to put on a good show.



This was the first photo I took (10:35AM) as the display got underway. Matt welcomed the pilots and Max gave a safety briefing before we got underway at 10.00AM.

The forecast was for strong winds and rain. The wind was from the north but not as bad as forecast or as it had been in previous years. Fortunately the rain held off for most of the day and it was quite mild. (Checking the weather web site after the event revealed that we were confronted with 25km wind, gusting to 35km for most of the day – Ballarat Airport readings.)

Flying got underway around 10AM as the general public began arriving and continued through until 3.00 pm when the raffle was drawn. Max was running the flight line and Graeme (A1) was doing the commentary over the PA system. It was great to see so many of our club members pitching in with running the event. A special mention must go to Mat Werner who flew for most of the day putting on a nice flying display and also for flying the lolly dropper.

In all we had 25 pilots registered with 41 models but not all of them flew due to the weather conditions. There were probably twice that many models on static display. Dave Lacy managed to get a control model into the air and put on a good demonstration, there was also a helicopter flying. A turbine motor was fired up for the public to see and hear. Noel had his Bristol Bulldog out on display bringing a lot of interest, as did Gary Sunderland's Houdini. Another model of note was the large Bucker Jungmeister flown by Russell Aggett.



Dave Lacy put on a good demonstration of control line aerobatics which must have been challenging under the windy conditions. (I tried CL as a youngster but suffered the dreaded limp lines syndrome!)

Four of us Max, Nick, Henry Hutchinson (V.P.A.) and I (Glenn) flew a round of combat which always seems to be a crowd pleaser, Max was the only one to cut a streamer and all the models landed safely.

Peter Harrison flew his Saito 150 powered Gee Bee Y several times throughout the day entertaining the crowd with its speed and tight turns. Peter Evans had his Tucano in the air many times throughout the day enthralling the crowd doing aerobatics and high speed passes over the strip.



The crowd always enjoys combat but they were denied the spectacle of a mid-air collision and had to be content with a streamer cut.

Murri was in charge of the swap meet; he informed me that it was very popular with quite a few deals being done and some good bargains were snapped up.



The Super Tigre 3000 in the lolly dropper is getting a last minute tune by Max before Mat takes off on the next mission.



The kids always enjoy the lolly drop. I think Mat flew three sorties. Max's old 'Big Willie' does a good job and has been the main stay of our lolly drops for a number of years now. (The photo of the lolly dropper is superimposed.)

The canteen ran smoothly with a steady stream of people buying food and drinks throughout the day. The ladies, Judy (Max's better half), Tina (John McLennan's partner) and Tina's daughter Amy were kept busy with Jeff Dowsley helping out on the counter and Richard Turner on the BBQ.

We must thank Karen Goodwin (Wayne's wife) and Blair Porter (Matt's wife) for their efforts selling raffle tickets all day and special thanks to all the other members doing the menial jobs i.e. manning the gate and sitting in the radio pound.



Russell Aggett's Corby Starlett and Peter Harrison's Gee Bee Y behind.



Peter Harrison is being presented the trophy for Best Civilian model by our president Matt Porter, which he won with his Gee Bee Y. Good to see smiles all round (LoL – I (Roger) learnt a little while ago that LoL means laugh out loud, I'll bet lots of ya didn't know that!)



Russell Aggett is being presented the trophy for Best Warbird, which he won with his Bucker Jungmeister.

With all the hard work organizing the day one wonders whether it is all worth the effort but after hearing the favourable comments from the public and some of the newer club members it gives you the incentive to start planning for next year.

It's very satisfying to report that with the amount of flying that took place all day combined with the gusty conditions there were no accidents. It was a rare moment that no planes were in the air as we tried to keep at least 3 or 4 aloft at all times. Mat Werner said that he had to charge his transmitter a couple of times during the day so that gives an idea of how many flights he must have had.

After the raffle was drawn shortly after 3.00PM the trophies were presented. Our president Matt Porter officiated in handing out the trophies to the very worthy recipients.

Trophies awarded were:

Best Warbird:

Russell Aggett BRMFC
Bucker Jungmeister, 3MM TOC 53CC

Best Civilian:

Peter Harrison SEMAC & P&DARCS
Gee Bee Y, SAITO 150S

Best Flying Display:

Mat Werner BRMFC
Yak 54 DL50, Extra 300S CRRC 45CC, Edge 540 (Profile) OS FS-110 Alpha

Best Static:

Noel Findlay BRMFC
Bristol Bulldog, OS FS-200

Pilots Choice:

Mat Werner Yak 54 DL50

Matt asked us to put a 'thank you' in the newsletter to all of the people who helped to organise, setup, run and pack up the event, especially the wives and non members. Also thank you to all of the pilots who came and displayed their models and put on a show for the crowd.

Matt also deserves recognition for all the work he did in the lead up to the event and the catering – he was the driving force. Thank you and well done Matt.



And then there was the de-briefing when it was all over.

Overall we had a very successful day particularly in light of the forecast weather conditions. All who attended enjoyed themselves including pilots and spectators alike and the club managed to make a healthy profit for its efforts.

Annual Display Raffle Results

As mentioned in the article above the raffle was drawn at 3.00PM (28th March 2010) towards the end of the flying activities.

First prize: A Radio Control Trainer Aircraft – Boomerang ARF kit with OS 46AX engine was won by Brad Everett, of Delacombe with ticket number 410.

Second Prize: A \$150 Voucher courtesy of Goldfields Model Supplies was won by the Bourquin Kids with ticket number 263.



Judy Rowan is drawing the raffle winning tickets. Don't hold that box too high Grant!

The winners were not present at the draw – they were contacted and the prizes handed over. As a matter of interest both tickets were sold at Stockland Wendouree the day before.

The raffle draw results were posted on the clubs' web site the day after in accordance with what was stated on the tickets.

We must take this opportunity to thank all who supported the raffle particularly Goldfields Model Supplies.



Event Calendar

April 10 th /11 th	VMAA Trophy – State Field.
April 18 th	State Champs F4C & ARF Scale – P&DARCS.
April 23 rd – 25 th	37 th WWII & Military Scale – Wagga Wagga.
April 24 th – 25 th	Warbird Fly-In – Hamilton MAC.
May 1 st /2 nd	Sunraysia Aero Modellers Fun Fly – Mildura.
May 2 nd	NFG Twins & More – State Field.
May 15 th /16 th	TCMAC Scale rally – Albury
May 15 th /16 th	Warrnambool Inaugural Jet Event – Warrnambool
May 16 th	Mid May Muster, Scale Fun Fly – Bairnsdale
May 22 nd (Sat.)	VFSAA Sport Scale /ARF – State Field.
May 23 rd	OS Fly-In Day – P&DARCS
June 12 th /13 th	VFSAA – VicScale Trophy – Shepparton
Sept 11 th /12 th	VFSAA Sport Scale/Rally – Albury
Sept 17 th -19 th	28 th Mammoth Scale Fly-In – Shepparton

October 10th State Champs ARF & Large Scale – P&DARCS
Dec – Jan 2011 64th MAAA Nationals – Dalby, QLD.



Coming Events

O.S Engines' Annual Fly In VIC
23rd May 2010
At P&DARCS
Wenn Road, Cardinia, Victoria (Melways Ref. 139 K1/Keymap 18 P16)
All Aeromodellers with O.S. Powered Aircraft Welcome

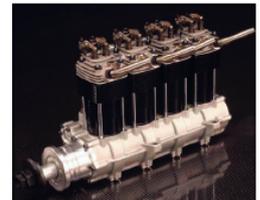
Must have current MAAA Membership to fly! Heavy Model Permits required for all aircraft over 7kgs.

All registered pilots* who fly with O.S powered aircraft, go into Grand Prize Draw for a magnificent IL-300

(max. 3 entries per person)

(* each aircraft must fly to be eligible for the grand prize)

- Prize draws throughout the day
- Relaxed, fun days flying at one of Australia's premier R/C flying fields
- Only O.S. powered models permitted to fly on the day (No Exceptions)
- All types of aircraft welcome from trainers to giant scale & helicopters
- Transmitter pound in operation and hot food & drinks available all day
- Enter on the day prior to 11.00 AM (Please fill in registration form prior to arrival to help speed up the registration process).



OS IL-300 Dia-Star
Grand Prize Draw
Donated by OS Engines Japan

Registration from 9.00AM

Entry Fee: \$2 donation per O.S. Powered Aircraft . All proceeds go to P&DARCS

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For Sale

ARF **Marathon** already assembled and flown a couple of times. Flies well, but not Mike's cup-a-tea these days!

\$300 ONO Airframe only. (The photo shown is of two Marathons owned by John & Ian Lamont. The model for sale is the same as these.)



Please contact Mike Faulkner on 5338 7323, 0418 508 760 or mmfaulkner@bigpond.com

Time for some frivolity

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

Chinese Doctor

While in China, a man is very sexually promiscuous and does not use a condom all the time he is there. A week after arriving back home in the States, he wakes one morning to find his penis covered with bright green and purple spots.

Horrified, he immediately goes to see a doctor. The doctor, never having seen anything like this before, orders some tests and tells the man to return in two days for the results.

The man returns a couple of days later and the doctor says, 'I've got bad news for you, you've contracted Mongolian VD. It's very rare and almost unheard of here, we know very little about it.'

The man looks a little perplexed and says, 'Well, give me a shot or something and fix me up, Doc.' The doctor answers, 'I'm sorry, there's no known cure.

We're going to have to amputate your penis.'

The man screams in horror, 'Absolutely not! I want a second opinion.' The doctor replies, 'Well, it's your choice. Go ahead, if you want but surgery is your only choice.'

The next day, the man seeks out a Chinese doctor, figuring that he'll know more about the disease. The Chinese doctor examines his penis and proclaims, 'Ah, yes, Mongolian VD. Vewy ware disease.' The guy says to the doctor, 'Yeah, yeah, I already know that but what can we do? My American doctor wants to operate and amputate my penis!'

The Chinese doctor shakes his head and laughs. 'Stupid American docttah, always want to opawate.

Make more money dat way. No need to amputate!'

Oh, Thank God!' the man replies.

'Yes,' says the Chinese doctor, 'wait two weeks. Faw off by itself!'

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.