



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – August, 2010

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Kirsty Rowan (Max's daughter) is giving a talk before the meeting on how you "old blokes" should look after yourselves.

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. Field Maintenance
3. Debit Cards
4. Club History Compilation for Web Site
5. Men's Health

### 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.*

#### a) Wind Farm

- i) Checked WestWind web site: <http://www.w-wind.com.au/> on 27<sup>th</sup> July. No further information relating to Lal Lal Wind Farm.

#### b) Field Maintenance

- i) Max Rowan reported that there were some small jobs to do, but nothing Major.

#### c) Debit Cards

Nick Katsikaros tabled a paper **BRMFC Petty Cash Debit Card Account – Proposed Guidelines for Operation**, and advised that the report had been prepared after discussions with ANZ bank officers. After some general discussion regarding the use of debit cards and the need to reconcile monthly usage along with Petty Cash, the Treasurer agreed to manage both Debit Card s and Petty Cash.

Matt Porter proposed the motion:

*"That the Treasurer proceeds with the Debit Card proposal as per the tabled Report"*

Seconded Roger Carrigg

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### d) 2010/2011 Club Subscription Fees

- Rob Beardall and the Aggetts have advised that they will not be renewing their BRMFC memberships.
- It was noted that the payment of the annual subscription by the due date is now mandatory to ensure that the BRMFC complies with MAAA insurance coverage requirements. As an introduction to potential new members, flying is permitted under the supervision of an accredited club instructor. Some discussion on the availability and requirements of courses offered by the VMAA ensued.

#### e) Club History compilation for Web Site

- It has been agreed that a history of the club should be compiled which can then be posted on our web site.
- Report from Jeff Dowsley that the handover, and indeed the discovery of, material is yet to occur.

#### f) Men's Health

- i) Kirsty Rowan will lead a discussion on Mens' Health prior to the August BRMFC General Meeting commencing at 7:30PM, with the General Meeting to begin at approximately 8:00PM.

**g) City of Ballarat Grant Programs**

- i) The City of Ballarat Community Magazine July 2010 page 12 made reference to grant programs offered by the City of Ballarat. For discussion purposes – something we should follow up. Both Shepparton and Albury clubs have received sizable grants from their respective councils.
- ii) **Community Development Grants** – Council is to distribute \$100k to not for profit organizations, clubs and groups in two rounds with grants ranging from \$200 to \$5000.
  - (1) Round 1 – \$80k to distribute, applications are now open and close on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - (2) Round 2 – \$20k to distribute, applications open in February 2011.
- iii) **Community Event Grants** – Council is also to distribute \$100k in two rounds to incorporated bodies to help organize and deliver safe and successful events.
  - (1) Round 1 – \$60k for events between 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2010 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011, closing 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
  - (2) Round 2 – \$40k for events between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 and 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011, opening 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2011.

*Jeff Dowsley undertook to investigate and if possible prepare a submission for a grant to cover new signage, banners and web-site development.*

**h) Fuel Sales**

Merv Quinn suggested that an accurate measure for methanol sales could be useful. Max Rowan noted that the sales tallied very well with the actual quantity remaining. In the discussion, John McLennan pointed out that in all probability, the Club should have HazChem signage.

*Secretary to check with the CFA.*



**VMAA News**

- If you haven't received your MAAA card by the time you receive this newsletter please advise the Secretary. (This applies to those who paid their fees by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.)
- VMAA Life Membership clause is currently being formulated by the Public Officer.
- The Euroa Model Aero Club has decided to wind up due to lack of numbers and has passed on their funds to the VMAA.
- The Narrewillock R/C Flyers is a new club and has affiliated with the VMAA.

- New DVD's have been purchase and will be published in the next VMAA newsletter.
- VMAA Purchase of State Field from MAAA – All documents have been signed. Solicitors should have everything settled by now.



**Bronze/Gold Wings**

It was reported in the last newsletter that Mat Werner attained his Gold Wings accreditation on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Our president Matt Porter made the formal presentation at the July meeting. Mat would be one of our most accomplished pilots at the moment and probably puts in more air time than the rest of the club combined.



*Mat Werner (left) is being presented with his gold wings accreditation by Matt Porter (right) just before the July meeting got underway. Our president looks all-a-glow ready to take on the presidential role for another year!!!*

**Who's next!!!**



**New Models seen at field**



*Mat with his new tear-about model!*

**M**odels from yesteryear! Mat Werner has recently bought an old model from Ted Rivett. It's powered by a Webra 61 which I would think

dates back to the 70's and also has a tuned pipe for that extra performance. (A Webra 61 is the engine that originally powered my old P39 Airacobra). Here's what Mat had to say. *I bought the plane from Ted two weeks ago. I was unable to get any info on what it's called. It has a Webra 61 and tuned pipe. Someone told me that the wing has been made using a vacuum bag by some guy in Geelong. I am very happy with how it flies and it handles the wind really well.*

**M**ax Rowan got "back on his horse" with a new Hangar 9 Piper Pawnee. Max was out on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August getting in some practice for the scale comp at Albury the following weekend. The model has an 80" wingspan and is powered by a GMS 76 two stroke engine. Unfortunately Max's Bulldog went to god a couple of weeks ago while doing a split 'S' too low.



Max is taxiing the Pawnee back to the pits after a successful flight.

This would be about the third example of these Hangar 9 Pawnees that we've seen at the field. They seem to fly quite well but are a bit floaty on landing especially in windy conditions. Wing loading must be fairly low.



Another shot of Max's new Hangar 9 Piper Pawnee.



### Crash Report

There has been one, but we're not allowed to mention it!



### Trains, Planes & Automobiles

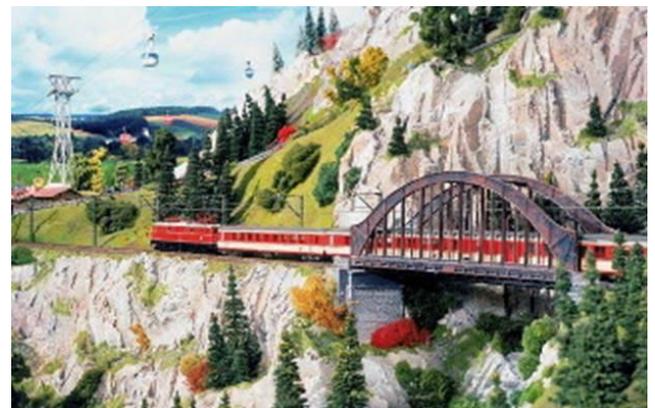
Two German Brothers have put this TRAIN SET together. DON'T FORGET to click on the link at the end and view this in motion. The web site also provides some interesting info on the technology used to bring all this to life. In fact it is quite staggering – all computer controlled.



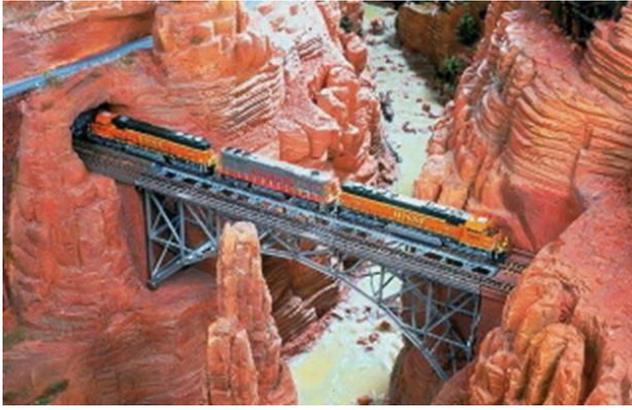
This is the world's biggest train set. Covers 1,150 square meters / 12,380 square feet and features almost six miles of track and is still not complete



Twin brothers Frederick and Gerrit Braun, 41, began work on the 'Miniature Wunderland' in 2000.



The set covers six regions including America, Switzerland, Scandinavia, Germany, and the Austrian Alps.

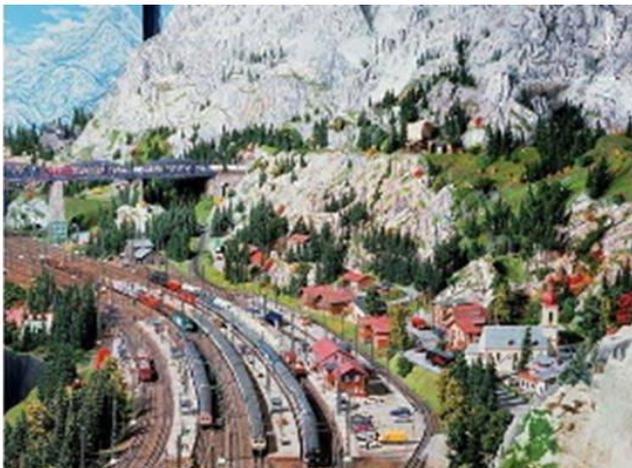


The American section features giant models of the Rocky Mountains, Everglades, Grand-Canyon etc... and Mount Rushmore.

The Swiss section has a mini-Matterhorn.



The Scandinavian part has a 4ft long passenger ship floating in a 'fjord'.



It is expected to be finished in 2014, when the train set would cover more than 1,800 square meters / (19,376 sq ft) and feature almost 13 miles of track, by which time detailed models of parts of France, Italy and the UK would have been added...



It comprises **700** trains with more than **10,000** carriages and wagons.

The **longest** train is **46ft** long.



The scenery includes 900 signals, 2,800 buildings, 4,000 cars - many with illuminated headlights.and 160,000 individually designed figures.

Thousands of kilograms of steel and wood were used to construct the scenery...

The 250,000 lights are rigged up to a system that mimics night and day by automatically turning them on and off.



The whole system is controlled from a massive high-tech nerve centre.



In total the set has taken 500,000 hours and more than 8 million euro to put together, the vast majority of which has come from ticket sales.



Gerrit said: "Our idea was to build a world that men, women, and children can be equally astonished and amazed in."

Frederik added: "Whether gambling in Las Vegas, hiking in the Alps or paddling in Norwegian fjords - in Wunderland everything is possible." This 4-minute video is worth watching for this amazing stuff.

<http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/exhibit/video/4-minutes-wunderland/>



## Thankyou Letter from VPA

I received a letter on the 1<sup>st</sup> August from the Victorian Pattern Association thanking the club for hosting the VPA Model Engines Trophy in March this year. Here is the letter.

*Darren Williams  
Secretary  
Victorian Pattern Association Inc.*

17<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Roger Carrigg

**Ballarat Competition Model Engines Trophy– March 13/14<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

Hi Roger

*Please accept my apology for the lateness in this thank you.*

*It has been a very busy year for the committee of the VPA and I have let this one get away from me.*

*I would however like to thank you and the Ballarat Model Aircraft Association for the continued support that you show the VPA in holding one of the year's best events on the calendar.*

*This was my first year that I have attended the Ballarat competition and I along with my fellow pilots enjoyed the weekend both on and off the field.*

*Thanks again and we look forward to Flying at your field in 2011.*

*Kind Regards  
Darren Williams  
Secretary Victorian Pattern Association.*



## Events

### Mid Year Club Dinner – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> July

By Matt Porter

The evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July saw us once again hold the BRMFC Xmas in July dinner which this year was held at the Western Hotel. After the AGM is over and the previous financial year is all wrapped up it is nice to have a bit of a get together away from the field with some hot food, cold bevs and a few laughs.

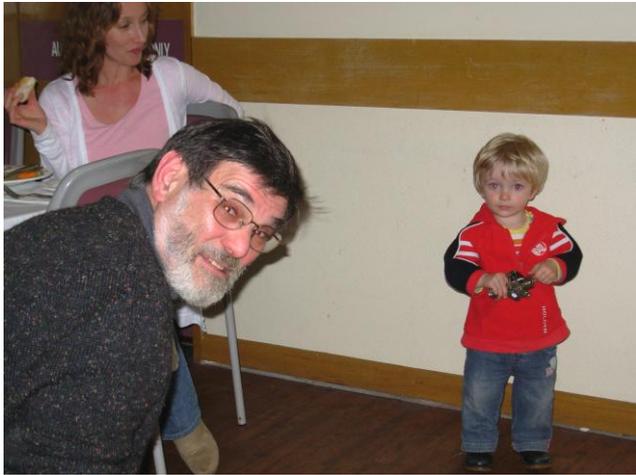


Although there were not quite as many attendees as last year there was still a fairly good turn out and all who attended will hopefully agree that the night went off pretty well.



L to R. Roger Carrigg, Mat, Cato & Kenna Werner, Tim Carter & Nick Katsikaros. The 'red' was excellent!

Plenty of conversation and laughing could be heard for the duration of the night which is what it's all about and it's always amusing to hear some of the weird and wonderful stories the members tell at these events, especially when the wives start spilling some home truths about their hubbies.



Here we have John McLennan playing Grandpa to Mat Werner's son Cato with Mum Kenna watching on.

I don't really have anything else terribly interesting to report on for the night as it was a relatively sedate affair, there was no one stripping off and dancing on the tables or anything to that effect which means the clubs reputation and attendees' dignity is still intact.



Glenn White, Graeme & Dianne Allen, Judy White, Judy & Max Rowan must have enjoyed the night out. All smiles!



Matt & Blair Porter enjoyed the night. In fact we all enjoyed good conversation during and after dinner solving the world's problems.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to the next one in December and hope a few more of you will be able to attend.

Thanks for the article Matt and also thanks to you and Nick for taking the photos during the night. Saved me a job! Ed.

*Visit by St James Primary School – 22<sup>nd</sup> August*

A couple of weeks ago we had a phone enquiry from a teacher at St James Primary School Sebastopol regarding a project on aviation being undertaken by grades 5 & 6. It was suggested at the time that they might like to come out to the field on a Sunday morning to see what we do but it was considered at the time this might be a little difficult to arrange.



Max Rowan and I (Roger) are talking to some of the group.

The school was put in touch with the VMAA Education Officer who has experience in this area. Anyway after some deliberation it was decided that they would make a visit on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately it was quite wet and obviously they didn't turn up. They (I guess the weather bureau) say it's the wettest year here since 1996.



Jeff Dowsley (our new Secretary) is giving the group an insight into aeronautics.



The little one doesn't look too happy – aah that's the affect I have on women of all ages!!!

However Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August turned out okay although there was a fairly brisk north westerly blowing. By chance, I had my Super Stearman out for an airing before going to Albury next weekend for the VFSAA scale comp. I was taxiing out for flight number two and all of a sudden we heard all these kids arrive – it was perfect timing. I had the sky to myself for a little while but it didn't take long for all the 'show offs' to get in the act.

Glenn was soon up putting his Extra through its paces. Mat gave demos on 3D flying; Max flew his Pawnee and electric Striker while Peter Evans cut up the sky with his Tucano.



*I thought this was a nice shot of my Super Stearman with Glenn's Extra in the background and it has the cowl on too.*

We gave them a mini display and Jeff Dowsley explained some of the basic principles of flight. I'm sure they went away having enjoyed their morning's entertainment.



### Coming Events

#### VFSAA Scale at Albury – August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>

Several members are going up to Albury for the VFSAA Scale Comp at the end of August. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can get some good flying in. Anybody wishing to go we are booked in at the Australia Park Motel for Friday and Saturday nights. This has always been a great weekend – you would enjoy yourself.

#### Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings September 25<sup>th</sup>



Don't forget that we have our next Bunnings sausage sizzle booked for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. As usual plenty of helpers will be required and to organize this, I'll distribute a duty roster shortly by email. It will probably be modelled on the last event, so when you get it have a look and see if the times allocated suit and if not let me know ASAP. It takes two or three goes at the roster to get it sorted out.



### Event Calendar

- August 15<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sport Scale – Greensborough
- August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sport Scale/Rally – Albury
- August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fly-In – Robinvale
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Mammoth Scale Fly-In – Shepparton
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Creswick Rd.**
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sport Scale – State Field
- October 10<sup>th</sup> State Champs ARF & Large Scale – P&DARCS
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Roy Gladman Aerobatics Club comp – BRMFC, Yendon.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sport Scale – Yendon.**
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Roy Gladman Aerobatics Club comp – BRMFC, Yendon. (Backup date)
- Dec – Jan 2011 64<sup>th</sup> MAAA Nationals – Dalby, QLD.

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

### Time for some Frivolity!!!

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

#### DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS

- 1) Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and family values.  
  
Bill said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?"  
  
Larry replied, "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"
- 2) A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did my intelligence come from?"  
  
The father replied. "Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."
- 3) "Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Court Judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week," "That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."
- 4) A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."  
  
"Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."
- 5) An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."  
  
The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you man and wife."
- 6) Two Reasons Why It's So Hard To Solve A Redneck Murder:
  - a. The DNA all matches.

b. There are no dental records.

- 7) A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"  
The agent replies, "Just a minute."  
"Thank you," the blonde says, and hangs up.
- 8) Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.  
"How was he killed?" asked one detective.  
"With a golf gun," the other detective replied.  
"A golf gun! What is a golf gun?"  
"I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."
- 9) Moe: "My wife got me to believe in religion."  
Joe: "Really?"  
Moe: "Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in Hell."
- 10) A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.  
"I'm okay But I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.  
"What did he say?" asked the nurse.  
"Oops!"
- 11) While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits.  
It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice.  
"What do you think?" I asked. "Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?"  
"Better get a bikini," he replied. "You'd never get it all in one."

He's still in intensive care.



## For Sale

Graeme Waterhouse has for sale a good-looking (that's a contradiction of terms) Ugly Stik that he built. I'd say a 46 size motor would be the perfect power plant. This is the sort of model that's great for exercising your flying skills ie. Hooning!



Graeme is an excellent builder so you are getting a model that is well built and also a change from an ARF. Model is covered with what looks like silk and painted so repairs are easy.

Please contact Graeme Waterhouse on 5332 8897 or 0417 377 099. Asking price is \$175.