



NEWSLETTER – December, 2011

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on **Wednesday January 25th 2012** 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. Club History Compilation for Web Site
4. 2012 Annual Display

President's Christmas Message



Greetings to you all this Christmas Season! May your Christmas be filled with family fun and laughter as you get in touch with your inner Santa and enjoy each other's company over the holiday break.

This year has been a busy year as usual and we

have had many opportunities to join together and enjoy our hobby/obsession! The weather has been an issue for us at times this year but in true style we overcame!

I would like to thank everyone for a great year and thanks to all for your support and encouragement of me in my new position as president. I look forward to another great year in 2012 and wish you a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year Season!

Regards Peter Evans (President)



Bunnings – New Year's Day

Don't forget we have our sausage sizzle at Bunnings on New Year's Day. See the article further on under *Coming Events*



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) Relocation Sub-Committee**
Nil report – Max and Noel are still looking. Some discussion on possibilities took place.
- b) Springfest**
A detailed report appeared in the November BRMFC Newsletter.
- c) Roy Gladman Event**
A successful round was held on 13/11/2011. A detailed report appeared in the November BRMFC Newsletter. Members were asked for suggestions for improvements or new events. (Limbo, bomb drop?) Two rounds are proposed for 2012 – Aerobatics and Fun Fly. Dates will be set later.

8. General Business

- a) Wind Farm**
Nil report.
- b) Field Maintenance**
 - Mower is again reliable.
 - Now that the track has dried out we need to spread the granite sand.
 - Bins have been emptied.
- c) Club History Compilation for Web Site**

Nil report.

d) Trophy Shields

Matt Porter will obtain a quotation for another batch.

e) Past Presidents

Noel Findlay has volunteered to manufacture a board, but will be delayed due to his current workload.

f) Xmas Function

Members are requested to advise the secretary of numbers attending to assist with catering.

g) 2012 Annual Display

It was agreed that the Club should apply to VMAA Secretary 25 March 2012 for Display permit, and also to the VMAA Contest Director to insert the event into VMAA calendar (via email to Graham Scott). Glenn White agreed to be the BRMFC Display Director. A follow up of the of Ballarat regarding the previously lodged Food Permit application is required, then an application to Moorabool for a food permit to cover the Flying Field. It was noted that there will be time to form a committee to organise food, trophy, etc early 2012. Tasks include contacting BRI for a Signs Permit, a Raffle Prize and event sponsorship.

h) Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

New Years Day – Need volunteers.

i) YouTube Channel

Nick K floated the idea of YouTube channel (account) for BRMFC. Members agreed that it seems a good idea.



Sad News



We were saddened to hear that Terry Weatherson passed away on Saturday 3rd December. Terry was a long time member of BRMFC having moved down to the Latrobe Valley in the mid 90's to work in the power industry. Many of us caught up with Terry and Lauraine frequently at the various scale events such as the Shepparton mammoth.

Terry suffered a stroke about three years ago which left him incapacitated and in need of constant care. With family in Ballarat, Terry and Lauraine moved back about 18 months ago.

Unfortunately Terry made little recovery since the stroke and suffered deteriorating health over the last few weeks.

His funeral was held at Doveton Park on Saturday 10th December where he was remembered by many family and friends.

I noticed a mini bus from Moe in the car park so there must have been many from the Latrobe Valley. Noel Findlay, Graeme Allen, Murri Anstis and I (Roger Carrigg) attended from BRMFC and John Lamont who knew Terry through the scale association came up from Greensborough.

We would like to take this opportunity to remember Terry and pass on our condolences to Lauraine and family.

(Photo courtesy of John Lamont. Photo was taken at one of the many scale association events.)



VMAA News

- MAAA Public Display Applications – For some time now the use of the words *Gold Wings standard* has caused confusion to both pilots and display directors. The MAAA has produced a discussion document based on MoP19 to hopefully clarify the situation and if comments are favourable will update the procedure.
- VMAA is donating a frequency board to the Seymour club for use at their new field at Hilldene.



New Models seen at field

Mat's had his new Ugly Stik at the field. A Graham Waterhouse creation, this is a large model powered by a twin cylinder 50cc petrol engine. It has a massive hopper inside for doing lolly drops and is also kitted out for towing gliders. Don't have a photo yet and not sure if it's flown. We'll have more info in the January newsletter.



Tips & Tricks

Take Graham Waterhouse's advice – see Hamilton article. If your model sustains a heavy landing give it a thorough checkout before flying again. Something may have dislodged inside which may contribute to the loss of your pride & joy on the next flight.



Events

Hamilton Annual Fly-In & Swap Meet

By Glenn White

The Hamilton fun fly is usually the last trip away for the year and one we all look forward to. The weather forecast was anything but good, the forecast was for wind and rain over the whole weekend. This must have put a lot of

pilots off making the trip to Hamilton. I think we were very lucky as the wind and rain petered out before reaching us. Saturday was overcast but very flyable; Sunday was a little better with some sunshine breaking through.



Our camp – looks like Murri is readying the Tiger Moth.

Most of us from Ballarat travel down on the Friday so we can get an early start on the Saturday. Max and Mat camped out at the field and the rest of us stay in the same motel in town. There was a good showing from Ballarat and Beaufort fourteen of us in all, A1 and Diane, Graham and June, Murri and all the family, Rick and Pam, Roger, Mat, Max and myself (Glenn). Nick came down for the day on Sunday. Between us we had a large array of models probably accounting for a third of the models there (see photos).



Graham was determined to commit to aviation this weekend. Come hell or high water the Monocoupe was going to fly and fly it did. Unfortunately things didn't turn out as expected. See Graham's article further on.

We all did a lot of flying. Graham had issues with his Monocoupe resulting in some damage (see his report). A1 hogged the sky with his Storch after some wheel problems. It seems to have been the weekend for wheel problems as a few of us are now looking for new ones.

Murri tried to fly the Antoinette but was unable to get flying speed on the grass runways.

Rick got into trouble with his Marathon (Looks like an Extra and powered by a 30cc petrol engine) immediately it lifted off the ground, it looked like a serious balance problem. A1 took over the controls and did a good job of getting the model down in one piece.

Things wound down early on Sunday afternoon allowing us to get packed up and away with time to get home at a reasonable hour. The presentations were held about 3.00 pm. with the normal trophies and raffle prizes. I cannot remember all the recipients but Roger got the President's

trophy with his Shoestring and A1 got best ARF with his Feisler Storch.



Is Glenn now going to be known as the Oracle??? Actually even though there was much trepidation the Turbo Raven flew quite well and didn't exhibit the snap roll at the top of the loop this time.

As usual the Hamilton club put on great weekend and we all enjoyed it and look forward to returning next year.



Richard Mudge with his very impressive scratch built Dehavilland Hornet. Model is powered by two 80cc petrol engines. He throws it around like it was a trainer.

HOW EMBARRASSING – by Graham Waterhouse

Well Hamilton, a great weekend, better for some than others and I fall into the 'others' category.

Arriving Friday evening at the motel with everyone from Ballarat sitting outside in what was a beautiful evening. While under the influence of an early evening drink or two I rashly promise to fly on Saturday come what may. This prompted some very unkind remarks which I am unable to repeat in mixed company. Sunday morning while unloading my plane at the field my ever helpful club members reminded me of that promise.

But first the beginning of the story. I had previously changed the motor in the Monocoupe and put it upright and added a manifold and muffler and put it on pressure because the tank was now a tad lower.

Back to Hamilton where I fired up the old OS 90, nice, purring like a tiger. Ready for takeoff but just before breaking ground the engine went rich. I had just enough power for half a circuit and a landing, three pointer? Nose first. Back to the pits to fix the wheel and replaced bands

on under carriage suspension. Everything ok? Second flight I line up for the take off and away we go running into the wind, a bit of up elevator and a vicious turn to the right the model doing I don't know what, up, down, right, left, stall, knife edge you name it, but still I saved it, all be it with a rather nasty landing. While again fixing the wheel and suspension I noticed that the battery pack and 1 ¾ pound of lead had placed itself about 6 inches behind the CG. After super gluing the weight and battery back in place I thought I had it sorted finally.

Sunday arrived and full of confidence I assembled the Monocoupe and had a cuppa to settle the nerves. Then after a bull session, a check of the sales tent I could hesitate no longer. Surely third time lucky!



Face into the wind, throttle up, move forward, take off, by itself what a bloody handful. Came to earth with a nose and wing tip touchdown breaking the fuselage in half behind the cabin and shattering the dummy motor. Another cuppa to settle the nerves.



Right at this moment things were looking like crap!!!

Much time spent since the unfortunate occurrence trying to assess what went wrong.

While dismantling and beginning the repair on Monday I noticed the rear former with the servos attached was broken and I repaired that to.

Tuesday morning at 6am I figured out the real problem. The broken former was the key. When pulling up elevator in the second of the flights the former moved causing the

model to veer dramatically right explaining the low level aerobatics.

I accept total blame for not checking for damage properly after the earlier incident. An elderly moment? Not a good excuse. Memo to self check damage and recheck.

It is always a great weekend at Hamilton enjoying the hobby and the camaraderie.

Xmas Party – Thursday 15th December

We held our Christmas Party on Thursday evening 15th December at the Barkly Motor Lodge. All up twenty attended and this time we were all seated around a large table in one of the function rooms. Having one table made it a more convivial affair.



After a couple of pre dinner drinks the preset menu was handed out. It was three courses with a couple of choices for entree and dessert and from memory four for main course. They weren't big meals by any means but overall reasonable value for what you got.

Max & Judy Rowan again volunteered to the "Chris Cringle" presents after negotiating a budget with the Treasurer. Everyone was allocated a number and received the gift with that number. It was all a bit of fun and everyone appreciated what they received. Many thanks must go to Max & Judy for buying all the items and wrapping in Xmas paper. All takes time and effort.



A1 couldn't stop playing with it all night – he's got a new iPhone.

Our new president Peter Evans took the opportunity to present Mat Werner with the Roy Gladman Trophy. Mat, it must be uplifting having your name amongst such good company!!!



Mat Werner is being presented with the Roy Gladman Trophy by President Peter Evans.



The paper plane challenge! Mat & Kenna's son Cato found the planes amusing and helped retrieve them.



Nick and I (Roger) shared a taxi there and I think it showed as the evening wore on!!! Bit of a worry when you are seated next to someone with a hat like that and his tie lights up.

After dinner we had the paper plane challenge. It was hotly contested with many and varied designs. Paper

planes were shooting all around the room as their designers were trying to trim for the flight with longest endurance. To make it interesting there were a couple of bottles of wine for the winners. In the ladies section Sharon Findlay took out the honours and Max Rowan got over the line in the blokes department.

The evening drew to a close around 10:30PM. The last I remember was the second bottle of red shared with Glenn, Max & Nick. Nick poured and some of it finished up in the glasses with the rest on the table cloth in front of me!!! All in all an enjoyable evening.



Coming Events

Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings 1st January 2012



We have our next Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday 1st January 2012. That's only a week away now and yes it's New Year's Day. It's not really convenient but we don't get to choose the day.

You just take what you are given. As usual plenty of helpers are required and to facilitate this, a duty roster will be put together next week by consultation with you the members. Last time we had AFL Grand Final day which went quiet in the afternoon as expected. This time it's hard to know what to expect. Probably be quiet in the morning with hangovers being in abundance but will get busy by midday.

Please let me (Roger) know if you can make it. The roster will have three shifts as usual made up of 4 or 5 members. We do need five members on hand all the time to make light work of it. Four would be the absolute minimum.

It normally turns out to be a fun day – a bit of jocularly and most people should be in a good mood after New Year's Eve.

Please send me an email with your preferred time – morning, midday or afternoon.



Event Calendar

- December 4th VFSAA Scale Rally/Mini Comp – Nepean
- December 15th BRMFC Xmas Party – Barkly Motor Lodge**
- January 1st 2012 BRMFC Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Ballarat**
- January 28th/29th Float plane weekend at Lake Narracan – Latrobe Valley
- February 26th Leura Fun Fly – Camperdown
- Mar 2nd – 4th Fun Fly & Fly In – Warrnambool
- March 25th BRMFC Annual Open Day – Yendon**
- Mar 31st/Apr 1st VMAA Trophy – State Field
- Apr 27th – 29th WW2 & Military Scale Comp – Wagga Wagga

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

Time for some Frivolity – the sealed section



*This Contains
Adult Material.
Read It, Delete It,
But Don't Give
Me Any Crap
About It!*

The Barber

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, 'About 2 hours.' The guy left.

A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.' The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half.' The guy left.

The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favour, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back.'

A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

The barber asked, 'So, where does he go when he leaves?'

Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, 'Your house!'

THE LOVE DRESS

A woman stopped by, unannounced, at her son's house. She knocked on the door then immediately walked in.

She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music was playing, and the aroma of perfume filled the room.

'What are you doing?' she asked. 'I'm waiting for Justin to come home from work.' The daughter-in-law answered.

'But you're naked!' the mother-in-law exclaimed. 'This is my love dress,' the daughter-in-law explained.

'Love dress? But you're naked!' 'Justin loves me to wear this dress,' she explained. 'Every time he sees me in this

dress, he instantly becomes romantic and ravages me for hours.'

The mother-in-law left. When she got home she undressed, showered, put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, and lay on the couch waiting for her husband to arrive.

Finally, her husband came home. He walked in and saw her lying there so provocatively.

'What are you doing?' he asked. 'This is my love dress,' she whispered, sensually.

'Needs ironing,' he said, 'What's for dinner?'



For Sale

Mike Faulkner has a 9 foot wingspan Pilatus Porter complete with OS160FX motor and 8 servos for sale.

Mike is running out of room in his garage and would like to sell the model ASAP.

The engine is almost new having done very little running. If you would like to snap up a bargain why not give Mike a ring and work out a deal.



Mike can be contacted on: 5338 7323 or 0418 508 760



A few more photos from Hamilton.



But my wheels never come off!!! It looks like they do Glenn.



Moss Heard from Ararat doing a photo pass with his Top Flite P47 powered by a DLE55.



Murri tried valiantly to get the Antoinette in the air but the grass held it back too much.



Rick Pimblott on a low slow flypast with electric powered Eindecker.



A1 (aka Graeme Allen) doing one of many touch & goes. Graeme was a frequency hog over the weekend after overcoming wheel problems.