



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – February, 2010

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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on Wednesday February 24<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.

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. Field Maintenance
3. Annual Display 2010
4. ARF Scale Competition – Future Direction
5. Domain Name Registration
6. VPA Model Engines Trophy

### 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

There was an article in the Age Newspaper on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 titled *Loans squeeze cuts building work* and it listed *A 64 turbine wind farm at Lal Lal 25 Km south-east of Ballarat* as deferred – value \$150m. (Andrew Bentley saw this and alerted the Secretary)

Secretary checked the WestWind web site: <http://www.w-wind.com.au/> on 27<sup>th</sup> January – It was last updated on 25<sup>th</sup> January. No information relating to the Lal Lal Wind Farm.

#### 2. Field Maintenance

Max Rowan gave the meeting a rundown on field maintenance issues.

- a) Graham Waterhouse and Mat Werner have been cutting the grass.
- b) One side of the matting on the north/south runway needs to be lifted so the grass that is growing underneath can be mown and sprayed.
- c) Spray should go through the courser matting on the east/west runway to kill the grass that is growing through the weave.
- d) The shade cloth over the BBQ area has torn and had to be taken down. It's probably not worth repairing and debatable whether it is needed.

- e) We had Angus cattle in the paddock a few weeks ago making it necessary to ensure that the entry gate is closed. It has always been the rule to close the gate but while there was a crop and no stock we were leaving it open. At this stage the gate MUST be kept closed.

#### 3. Annual Display 2010

- a) VMAA Public Display application permit has been sent off and received.
- b) Only have three banner sites booked – No need for new advertising banners this time. These were confirmed by BRI on 19<sup>th</sup> January.
  - i) 8/03/10 to 28/03/10 (Victoria Street – Ballarat Secondary College)
  - ii) 8/03/10 to 28/03/10 (Albert Street Sebastopol)
  - iii) 8/03/10 to 28/03/10 (Creswick Road – opposite showgrounds)
- c) Sent out pilot invitations on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January – will resend twice more in lead up to event, 22<sup>nd</sup> February & 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- d) Need to make up more road signs – working bee!
- e) Date clashes with the Keilor Club public display – theirs is normally the week before but they rescheduled to avoid clashing with the Houdini commemoration on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The sub-committee (Messrs Jeff Dowsley, Max Rowan, Matt Porter & Rob Beardall) is to meet at Max Rowan's on **Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30PM.

Items outstanding and to be addressed ASAP are:

- a) Raffle prize
- b) Moorabool Council Food Permit.
- c) Matt Porter is to follow up with Pam Pimblott regarding the Food Handling certificate that was issued when Pam and Glenn White did the course some time ago.

**Action:** Matt Porter to contact Pam Pimblott regarding the food handling course certificate.

**Action:** Sub-Committee to meet at Max Rowan's on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

#### 4. ARF Scale Competition – Future Direction

The future of this event was discussed at the October 2009 meeting and the options we identified were summarized by the following.

- a) Leave as is.
- b) Offer the event slot to the VFSAA (Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association) as a competition round. They run an ARF section now.
- c) Convert event to an in-house only event.
- d) Offer the event slot to the VFSAA as a competition round and add an in-house only event.
- e) Scrap the event altogether.

It was decided to sound out the VFSAA first to see if they would like the slot in our calendar to run another round of competition. The date would be open to negotiation.

**Action:** Secretary to contact the VFSAA to see if they are interested in another round at our field.

#### 5. Domain Name Registration

Still on the todo list.

#### 6. Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Post Mortem

The Secretary distributed the financial report to the meeting. We made a profit of \$1602.26 which was a remarkable effort given that Boxing Day was an unknown as far as sales were concerned. Furthermore our running total on sausage sizzles is \$5,849.25.

The President thanked everyone who helped out especially Murri Anstis, Tina Walker & Roger Carrigg.

Richard Turner who was on the last shift and part of the cleanup crew, suggested that we need a better method of rubbish disposal. A wire frame to hold the garbage bags would be useful.

The Secretary will apply to Bunnings for another date shortly. (The event on Boxing Day was applied for in April 2009 so there is at least a 6 month lead time.)

#### 7. Xmas Party/Raffle

We held the Xmas party at the Atlantic Hotel on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>, attended by 25 members and partners. The President thanked all who donated to the Xmas hamper and sold raffle tickets. The Secretary reported that we made a profit of \$282.65. Our running total on raffles stands at \$13,396.95. Special thanks to

Glenn's wife Judy for putting the hamper together. The party was reported at length in the January newsletter.

The Secretary suggested that we pencil in *Xmas in July* on our calendar for **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. Last year it was held at the Queens' Head Hotel which was very successful; a decision on the venue and a booking can be made closer to the date.



### VMAA News

- CLAMF (Control Line Aero Modelers of Frankston) has requested financial assistance to construct a shed/shade shelter. The VMAA has offered CLAMF a grant of \$3000 and an interest free loan of \$4000 for the construction of a shed/barn valued at \$18-20k at the CLAMF field. Loan to be repaid within a 9 year period. Balance not paid will attract 4% interest.
- MAAA – Council Conference 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 1010. VMAA submission to raise heavy model permit requirement from 7kg to 12kg.
- GMAC (Greensborough Model Aero Club) has requested some financial assistance from the VMAA towards funding a water bore estimated at \$7500.
- **State Field Purchase** – It was moved and carried at the VMAA Executive meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 that the VMAA purchase from the MAAA the property situated at 214 Quails Road Darraweit Guim (the State Field) for approximately \$270,000. The VMAA will fund this transaction with an initial payment of \$40,000 and the balance to be paid as a loan from the MAAA over a period of fifteen (15) years. VMAA is to arrange for a land valuation.



### New Models seen at field



Mat Werner and his new machine – ready to make an onslaught on the Roy Gladman Novelty event.

Mat Werner's got another new model. This time it's an ARF trainer with an OS46AX. I think he got it ready for the Roy Gladman Novelty event. Sometimes it's good to have something you can throw around without a big

investment at stake. The model from memory is a Wingman or something like that – we've never seen one before but it certainly flies well.

They tell me it did a roll straight after liftoff so Mat must have been pretty confident of its capability.



## Crash Report

As far as I know it's been pretty quiet on this front – and that's the way we like it. Given the amount of flying that's been going on as a club we must be improving.



## Web Site Updates

A few changes have been made to the club web site recently and include the following:

1. Enable user to select *Now & Forecast* weather display to supplement the existing *Now* (current) weather feed.
2. Display in all page headers, the date/time web server sends page to user. The time is, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), GMT +1000 or Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time (AEDT), GMT +1100.
3. Updated link to revised MAAA 2.4GHz policy in [FAQs](#) page.
4.  Added CFA (Country Fire Authority) **Total Fire Ban** RSS (Really Simple Syndication) Feed to home page. This will display during the fire danger period of November though to April.
5. Explicitly set the tooltip of the 'rotating' image on the home page using the alternate text. Some browsers do display alternate text as tooltip. (IE8 doesn't unless in compatibility mode.)
6. Added several new entries to the [links](#) page under *commercial*.



## New Member

David Lacy, a long time aero modeller in Ballarat has decided to join BRMFC as an associate member. He was nominated by Graham Waterhouse and seconded by Tim Carter on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. The president welcomed Dave into the club at the January meeting and wished him every success.

Dave's modelling interests include Free Flight, Control Line Stunt and R/C Gliders. He is a member of South East Free Flight Group, Ballarat Aero Modellers and the Werribee Wanderers. Dave is also an FAI observer.



## Tips & Tricks

Remember: The runway behind you is about as useful as the altitude above. Anyone got any good ideas?



## Events

### VFSAA Competition – 7<sup>th</sup> February

We had all the ingredients for a successful event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February when BRMFC hosted a round of competition flying for the Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association.

After strong wind on Saturday the forecast for Sunday was warm with light winds and so it was. According to the weather web site the temperature reached 32° C and the wind was light and variable predominantly N/W at 10-15km/h.

A few of our members arrived at the field before 8:30AM to set things up only to find some of the visitors waiting to get in the gate.

We had 5 entries in scale and 7 in ARF which made for a comfortable days flying. The numbers made it easy to get through 3 rounds of both classes. I suppose another 3 or 4 entries would have really topped off the day.

In the morning the wind was light and variable, but seemed predominantly northerly and that was the forecast, so we decided to start the first round flying off the north/south runway. However as the wind was light and moving all around it was decided to fly the next two rounds off the east/west runway mainly for convenience.

ARF class was up first. Keith organized the judges: Noel Findlay, Glenn White & David Anderson with John McLennan writing down the scores. After ARF we got straight into round one of scale and another set of judges. This time the judges were Knobby Clarke, Roger Carrigg & Ian Lamont with Tony Grieger pencilling the scores.

Noel is definitely more at home with the ever faithful Gypsy Moth. It handles extremely well on the ground enabling high scores for the all important take off and landing which have the highest k factor.



John Gottschalk is starting the big petrol engine in his Fokker D7 assisted by David Anderson.

John Gottschalk had trouble on takeoff keeping the big Fokker tracking straight. It slewed around finally nosing up with the prop biting into the ground. You could hear each time the prop struck the ground – the engine didn't want to stop. He had to forfeit the flight then had a test flight before the second round got underway but decided to withdraw.

Andrew Smallridge had an engine failure during the second round and landed in the outfield sustaining some minor U/C damage. Unfortunately he was unable to compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Being one of the judges we noted that the engine didn't sound right during the first round.



*Ian Lamont and Tony Grieger with Tony's Gee Bee powered by a Zenoah 62cc. Model has excellent performance, but like all Gee Bees is challenging to land.*

Not much happened in the ARF class. All who entered flew their three rounds without mishap. Rick was a standout improver this time. He now has artificial sound on his electric powered Pawnee which vastly raised his realism in flight (engine noise component) score. Rick's flight scores have also improved which pushed him into third place and almost second.

Noel Whitehead flew his RV4 extremely well. Noel is also flying in the VPA aerobatic events so we might see him up here on the March 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> weekend. No doubt the aerobatic flying competition will rub off on his scale flying, so he's going to be hard to beat.

As mentioned before the weather was kind to us. It got quite warm in fact – about 32°, so we didn't have any of the usual complaints about the cold. I think all who attended enjoyed the day's flying activities.



*The canteen was a popular place. Everyone enjoyed the sausages and hamburgers at lunch time.*

Matt Porter kept the canteen running for most of the day with his band of happy assistants. From memory Richard was on the BBQ and Graeme (A1) was serving (A1's always giving someone a serve!!!). Catering is not easy especially when you don't know how many people are going to turn up. It's all a matter of organization and Matt did an excellent job.

While on the thankyou's we must acknowledge all the hard work Keith Schneider does running the scale events. He organizes everything and tallies up the scores at all the scale flying events we attend. I guess he must enjoy doing it otherwise he wouldn't, but it's only fair that hard work and dedication is recognised.

The scores are as follows: (The total is the average of the best two flights)

#### Scale Results

	Pilot	Model	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Total
1 <sup>st</sup>	Noel Findlay	Gypsy Moth	2381	2323	2299	2352
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Lamont	Space Walker	2116	2168	2185	2176.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Sunderland	Fokker D7	1921	2149	DNF	2035
4 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Smallridge	Sukhoi	1931	DNF	DNF	965.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Gottschalk	Fokker D7	DNF	DNF	DNF	-

#### ARF Results

	Pilot	Model	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Total
1 <sup>st</sup>	Noel Whitehead	RV4	2076.5	2341	2335.5	2338
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger Carrigg	Super Stearman	2227	2318	2230	2274
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Pimblott	Pawnee	2131	2241.5	2297.5	2269
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Grieger	Gee Bee	1790.5	2185	2223	2204
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Lamont	Yak 54	2113.5	2174	2155	2164
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Lamont	Extra	2085.5	1082	2046	2065
7 <sup>th</sup>	Knobby Clarke	Ultimate Bipe	1846	1687.5	1562	1766

Once again, thank you to all who participated and made it the great day that it was. We look forward to many more like that.

A few more random photos are included to try and capture the day.



Rick's Pawnee can be seen on the left with Noel Whitehead's RV4 visually above it. Andrew Smallridge's Sukhoi is on the right.



John Gottschalk's Fokker D7. We've seen this model at several of the scale events.



Snapped this shot of Tony Grieger's Gee Bee just as it lifted off. (Didn't get many action shots of the scale class because I was judging)



Gary Sunderland's Fokker D7. I'm not sure why Gary missed the last round.



Noel's Gypsy Moth and Roger's Super Stearman in the foreground.

### Roy Gladman Novelty Event – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, I (Glenn) have just arrived home from a very pleasant day out at the field participating in the Roy Gladman Novelty Event and as Roger is waiting to get the February newsletter out I had better get (off my arse and) pen to paper as ASAP.

It was nice to see a good turnout; there were 13 pilots and a few spectators.

We couldn't have wished for a better day weatherwise the wind from the northwest, just enough to make it interesting.



Glenn has hold of the stop watch so Noel must be doing the 3 minute time flight or Climb & Glide.



Matt Porter entered an electric 3D model. Unfortunately Matt had to leave early and missed the Carrier Deck & Spot Landing.

We kept to the same schedule as last year (3 minute timed flight, Climb & Glide, Balloon Burst, Carrier Deck Landing and Spot Landings) and got things underway with the 3 minute timed flight at about 9:45. The first three events (timed flight, climb and glide and balloon burst) were completed in good time allowing us a short break for

lunch. The club shouted the BBQ sausages that went down really well.



You can just see Andrew Bentley's electric powered Corsair that he flew to clinch the event. I (Roger) brought my old Cherokee out for the event. It sustained some minor nose damage when it fell from the storage shelf above my work bench and had to be repaired for this event.

The final two events (carrier deck and spot landings) finished off the day. It was pleasing to see some of our newer members having a go. There was only one mishap for the day that was Russell getting a little crossed up on a spot landing attempt, his model cart wheeled but only sustained minor damage to the tail.



Looks like Nathan Aggett just clipped the second circle. According to the scores he touched down inside the 5m (outer) circle.



We were all expecting to see Len's L.A. Hawgle fly in the comp but alas he wimped out again, maybe next year! (He's saving himself up for the open day Glenn!)

The scoring was very close only 5 points separating the first three. Placing's are as follows:-

- 1st. Andrew Bentley 299
- 2nd. Roger Carrigg 296
- 3rd. Noel Findlay 294
- 4th. Mat Werner 250
- 5th. Glenn White 245
- 6th. Russell Aggett 238
- 7th. Max Rowan 231
- 8th. Peter Evans 228.5 (half a balloon)
- 9th. Matt Porter 225 (had to leave early)
- 10th. Nathan Aggett 222
- 11th. David Filmer 220
- 12th. Graeme Allen 209 (had to leave early and didn't complete manoeuvres or would have won. Bull S\*^%t)
- 13th. Allister Aggett 203



Andrew Bentley is being presented with the perpetual trophy by Roger Carrigg. Congratulations Andrew.

As stated earlier it was a great day, we must give a special thank you to Matt for organising the food, Roger for organising the paperwork and John for looking after the scores. We look forward to seeing more new faces next year.



### Coming Events

**Warrnambool Open Day** – Sat/Sun 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March

A number of us plan to make the trip down to Warrnambool for the Warrnambool club's open day. Some may go down on the Sunday only as it's not all that far.

This time it happens to fall on the long weekend which makes accommodation more difficult to find. Many motels insist on a 3 night stay – at least that's their position when you try to book in a few weeks in advance.

We've gone down for the last four years and enjoyed it immensely. They have a great field and are very easy to get on with. You can fly any type of model there.

If you are going, contact one of us for directions as it is tricky to find. It's actually about 5km to the north of Koroit.

**VPA Model Engines Trophy** – 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March

We are hosting the VPA (Victorian Pattern Association) Model Engines Trophy over the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. The club has hosted this event for many years now going back to our time at Bowes Road Ross Creek.

A number of helpers will be required on both days to assist with running the canteen. This will be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Our newer members might find it interesting to see this facet of our sport/hobby

**Annual Display Day** – 28<sup>th</sup> March

A lot of behind the scenes lead up work has been done. We have the VMAA public display permit and the council authorization to erect our advertising banners during the 3 weeks leading up to the event. Pilot invitations have been emailed to our recipient list and will be sent a couple more times as a reminder.

The event is being advertised on 3BA under their community events program.

The raffle prizes have been organized and tickets will be available very soon – hopefully at the February meeting.

Matt is organizing a work roster for the open day so please contact Matt before he contacts you.

**Event Calendar**

February 7 <sup>th</sup>	VFSAA Sport Scale Round 1 – Yendon.
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Leura Fun Fly – Corangamite.
March 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	VFSAA Sport Scale Round 2 – State Field.
March 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Fun Fly – Warrnambool.
March 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	VPA Model Engines Trophy – Yendon.
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	BRMFC Annual Display – Yendon.
April 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	VMAA Trophy – State Field.
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	State Champs F4C & ARF Scale – P&DARCS.
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	WWII & Military Scale – Wagga Wagga.
May 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunraysia Aero Modellers Fun Fly - Mildura.
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NFG Twins & More – State Field.
May 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	TCMAC Scale rally – Albury
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mid May Muster, Scale Fun Fly – Bairnsdale
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sat.)	VFSAA Sport Scale /ARF – State Field.
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	OS Day – P&DARCS
June 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	VFSAA – VicScale Trophy – Shepparton
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	VFSAA Sport Scale/Rally – Albury
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	State Champs ARF & Large Scale – P&DARCS

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.