



NEWSLETTER – October, 2013

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Note the meeting location.

The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held on **Wednesday October 23rd 2013** **out at the flying field** 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.

Please note the meeting location is at the Flying Field.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. Field Maintenance
3. 2014 Display Day

4. BRMFC Promotional Items
5. Xmas Function

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.

Due to unforeseen circumstances I don't have the minutes of the last meeting to include in this section.



VMAA News

Items below have been extracted from the September 12th meeting of the VMAA Executive.

- *The land recently purchased by the VMAA and leased to the Echuca club is to be known as the VMAA Flying Field – Echuca. The VMAA and Echuca club have negotiated a mutually beneficial leasing agreement.*
- *The Bairnsdale club has negotiated the price of a 47ha parcel of land from \$260K down to \$230K and submitted this to the VMAA for funding. The VMAA has forwarded this proposal to the MAAA which has agreed to purchase the property on the proviso all conditions set by the local council, CASA & the RAAF can be met. Settlement has taken place and the MAAA now owns the land. The proposed field layout has been approved by the majority of Special Interest Groups and development will now proceed.*
- *P&DARCS has submitted a substantial Grant/Loan request to the MAAA through the VMAA. The VMAA*

Executive has formulated a response to forward to the MAAA for consideration. *(Must be some big developments in the pipeline at Cardinia. Ed.)*

- The MAAA is holding a state association presidents meeting at a motel near Melbourne Airport on 30th November.
- Anthony Mott is attempting an endurance record for electric powered models in the next month or so.
- The new online MAAA database is being trialled by state registrars before commissioning expected in November.



New Models seen at field

Richard Turner had a new electric foam model called a Dragonfly to test fly on Sunday 6th October.

It's designed primarily to take off & land on water and with this in mind it was purchased to take away on their caravanning holidays. To show its versatility the Dragonfly can also take off on grass (slippery grass I guess).

Richard said the delta wing makes it easy to fly at low speed so landings are easily manageable. Simple to fly and is capable of quite high speed. Lots of fun.



Richard Turner with his latest electric foam model. This one is designed to take off and land on water. The wing tips are obviously designed to serve as floats. Who are the two reprobates standing in the shed doorway? I zoomed up on the photos and it's none other than Noel and Max!!!



A very attractive model that flies exceptionally well.

The specs for the Dragonfly are:

- Wingspan 700mm
- Fuselage 970mm
- Flying weight 575g
- Motor thrust 850g (Goes vertical in that case.)
- Battery 1500 mA (provides minimum 8 min flying time)

Model is available at hobby shops through ModelEngines or at HobbyKing (called SKIPPER)

I (Roger) was quite impressed with the way it flew. You could tell it was a good flyer from the moment it was hand launched and Richard had control. A lot of these models I've seen are all over the shop on release (primarily due to the initial lack of airspeed) but this one just climbed out steadily on a shallow angle.

Kevin Giddens also has a new electric powered glider. Murri can be seen flying it here but Kevin was at the controls during Doug's hand launch. The model has quite a large wingspan – well in excess of 2m I should think.

There's no doubt about it electric foam models are very popular these days and provide a relatively inexpensive way of having fun at the field.



Murri is doing a low pass over the field with Kevin's powered glider. Okay, it's superimposed but the model was there in the actual shot just a bit smaller and thought this will look much more impressive. If I'd 'photo shopped' it you'd never have known!!!



Another shot of Kevin's motorized glider.

New member Russell Garrett with his Skyraider trainer model. It is powered by an OS40LA. Russell said he has had a little bit of past flying experience but didn't quite get to take off & landing. Unfortunately the wind was a bit too strong today (Sunday 20th October) for a test flight.



We have the meeting at the field on Wednesday night so he might be lucky to have it flown that evening before the meeting starts.

Anyway we take this opportunity to wish Russell every success in his aero modelling pursuits.



Doug is helping new member Russell Garrett with some of the finer points.



Goin's on at the field

Len will kill me for this but I just happened to have the camera handy!!! In his quest for speed, I think Len tweaked the needle valve a bit too lean on the four stroke causing it to quit on climb out when it reached about 40 feet. As soon as it stopped Len immediately pushed the stick forward to recover lost airspeed and landed smoothly on the western side of the outfield.



Ahh, the walk of shame!!! Good exercise though. (Sunday 6th October.)

That is something for those new to the hobby to be well aware of. If you have an engine failure particularly on take-off when the aircraft is climbing out and doesn't have a lot of airspeed you must push the nose down to turn height into airspeed so that the flight controls remain responsive allowing a safe forced landing. Also don't be tempted to turn around to get back to the strip unless you have plenty of height. Just keep the wings level and land

straight ahead (dodging any sheep of course). Before you can commit to a turn you have to know exactly the flight limitations of the model. I think we have all seen models suffer extra damage through an attempted turn back that has resulted in a stall and crash.

It was a very pleasant day Sunday 20th October albeit a bit windy and a northerly into the bargain which is not a good combination at our field with the plantation to the north.

Anyway there was quite a crowd at the field and a bit of flying as well.

Mat was putting the Scanner #3 through its paces with high speed display passes a few feet off the deck. I'm sure John was thinking, "Goldfields Model Supplies might have another sale here at any moment!!!"



Snapped this shot just as the Scanner touched down. Nick is obviously concentrating on the trusty Boomerang. As you can see the field is picture perfect at the moment. Good grass coverage, mowed the day before and only short grass in the outfield. Beauty about short grass in the paddock it effectively enlarges the landing/take-off area.

I'm not sure what happened Sunday afternoon – I know the wind dropped at home so I guess if there were any members at the field then they would have had excellent flying conditions.



Field Maintenance

Leaky Kitchen Roof

The roof in the kitchen has been leaking for a little while now and in need of some attention. Seeing as Murri had his ladder with him last weekend we had a look up on the roof and it was obvious where the water was getting in. It's a fibre glass roof and the bandage at the hip had lifted over a 300mm or so strip. It was raining a little at the time so it was a job for during the week. As it turned out last Wednesday 16th October Murri cleaned the leaking section and sealed it with selastic.

Mowing the grass

As usual at this time of year the grass grows rapidly and requires mowing on a weekly basis so we can fly. The field looks picture postcard perfect at the moment – lovely and green and good grass coverage. Of course it won't last long once the hot weather dries it out.

Many thanks to Mat and Richard who I believe are the ones who spend most of the time on the mower.



Tips & Tricks

Frequency Keyboard and 2.4GHz

Whilst it is not an MAAA recommendation nor a club regulation to use a frequency key for 2.4GHz radios, it might be prudent practice if you are still using 36MHz equipment as well.

There has been the odd incident at the field where members who use both types of radio have overlooked putting a key in the board before turning on their 36MHz transmitter. Fortunately without serious outcomes.

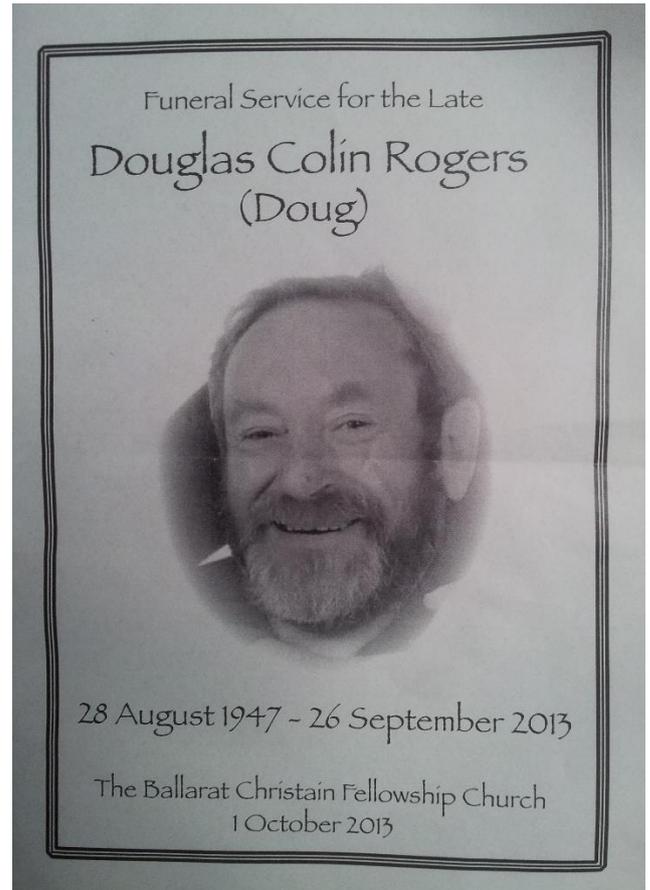
If you think you might forget the key when using your 36MHz radio then make it your drill to use a frequency key for 2.4GHz so you remain accustomed to using the keyboard. There are hooks on the board to hang a key.

Bear in mind it is your responsibility to use the keyboard for 36MHz equipment. If you shoot someone down through neglect or oversight the other party will not be pleased to say the least and there is also the safety risk as well with an out of control aircraft.

I still use 36MHz equipment and adhere to the rule of ensuring the frequency key is only ever in one of two places. Either on the transmitter aerial or in the keyboard. Never put it in your pocket for example. It is very easy to do that when you take the key out of the board and then forget to put it in the next time because it is not on the transmitter as an aide-mémoire.



Sad News



It is with deep regret we learnt that Doug Rogers passed away on the 26th September. Doug was a past member of BRMFC back during the Bowes Road days and was currently a member of



Ballarat Aero Modellers (The Haddon Club to us.) From what I've heard Doug was also very active with the Ballarat Gliding Club.

On Sunday morning 6th October out at the field Len Astbury had Doug's Church service to show the members who knew Doug.

Many were aware that he had been suffering a terminal illness over the past 12 months and he finally succumbed to its calling.

Doug's funeral was held on Tuesday 1st October at the Ballarat Christian Fellowship Church and many local aero modellers were there to pay their respects. Murri Anstis and Len Astbury from BRMFC attended and represented our club.



Events

Monarto 2013 SA State Titles (IMAC)

Mat Werner made the trek across to Monarto South Australia for the Monarto 2013 SA State Titles (IMAC) which was held over the weekend of 5th/6th October.

Mat drove over Thursday night for practice on the Friday. The comps were scheduled for three rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday. However due to the extremely strong wind on Saturday flying didn't start until around 3PM only allowing time for one round.

On Sunday three rounds were flown making four in all for the meet.

Mat said it is an excellent field with a bitumen runway which caters for the jets in particular. There were 22 pilots entered, and he managed 3rd place in Sportsman class. A great event with no accidents.

Congratulations Mat on your 3rd place – I guess the standard of competition was pretty high.

It's a shame I don't have any photos. Gotta get Mat trained up on the camera!!!

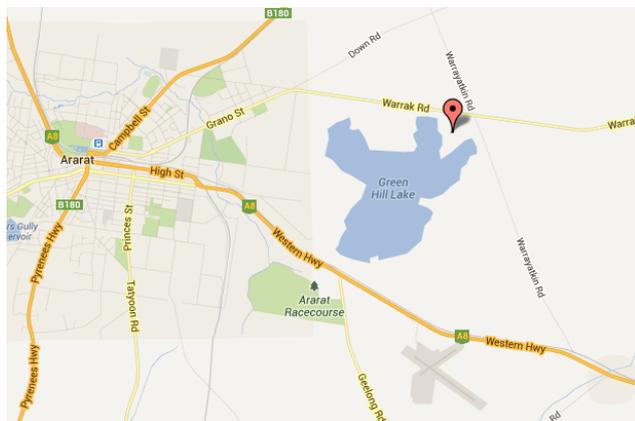


Coming Events

The notices for the Ararat and Hamilton events were in last month's newsletter but seeing as they are imminent they are well worth including again in this issue.

Ararat Fun Fly – 2nd/3rd November

The Ararat club has their Fun Fly over the weekend of November 2nd/3rd which is about 5 weeks away now. A few BRMFC members made the easy drive up the Western Highway last year and had an enjoyable time. From memory Mat went for the weekend whilst several others attended on the Sunday only.



The field address is Warrak Rd, about 3km east of Ararat.

The Ararat Club supported our annual display early this year so let's reciprocate and show up in force. Most of us will go for one day only. I guess we should watch the weather and go on the best day.

They have an excellent field and are a very sociable bunch which makes for a fun time.

I remember coming away with a bottle of red last year. Hmmm where is it – probably didn't last long.

Hamilton Swap Meet – 23rd/24th November

Don't forget the Hamilton Fly-In & Swap Meet which is the last full weekend in November (ie. Sat/Sun in Nov). BRMFC members have been making the journey to Hamilton for many years now where we make it a weekend away. Fortunately for us it is not that far to travel.

Several have already made a booking at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel – in fact the bookings were made last year when checking out. However we all made a mistake and booked the following weekend. That has recently been corrected with the motel. Graham Waterhouse, Roger Carrigg, Murri Anstis and Graeme Allen all have rooms booked for Friday/Saturday 22nd/23rd November.

I've included a map showing the field location having noticed that the location pointer on the VMAA web site Google Map is out by about 20km to the south west. However the written address is correct in the fly out.



The Hamilton Club field is on the north side of the Branholme – Byaduk Road where identified above, 21km from Hamilton city centre.

They traditionally get visitors from all over the state and South Australia as well. Many camp on site rather than staying in town particularly appealing to those with caravans etc.

As the name of the event implies they run a very popular swap tent (it's a shed actually). It's a good place to sell that unwanted treasure or pick up a bargain. Won't be a bargain though if it's from our good friend Dave Barling of the Bellarine Club!!! Just ask Glenn.

Xmas Breakup Party – Sunday 15th December

It looks like we are holding the Christmas breakup party at the Brewery Tap Hotel on Sunday 15th December. A Sunday was chosen this time so it would be unlikely to conflict with work parties.

This will be confirmed at the coming meeting so stay tuned.



For Sale



A Corby Starlet ARF without radio gear or engine.

Will suit a 150 – 200 Four-stroke engine

\$350.

If you are interested contact Ted Rivett on 0409 321 956



Event Calendar

- Nov 2nd/3rd Fun Fly – Ararat
- Nov 9th/10th Float Plane weekend at Lake Narracan – LaTrobe Valley Model Aero Club
- Nov 23rd VMAA State Field 10th Anniversary Fly In
- Nov 23rd/24th Annual Fly-In and Swap Meet – Hamilton
- Nov 24th Old Timer – Haddon Field, Ballarat
- Dec 15th (Sun) BRMFC Xmas Party (Tentative)
- Dec 28th – Jan 6th MAAA 67th Model Aircraft Championships – Albury/Wangaratta
- Feb 28th-Mar 2nd 2014 Fun Fly weekend – Warrnambool
- March 30th 2014 BRMFC Annual Open Day – Yendon**

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.

An Irish farmer named Shaun had a car accident. He was hit by a large truck.

In court, the Truck Company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Shaun. "Didn't you say to the Police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'" asked the solicitor.

Shaun responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da...'

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''

Shaun said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road....'

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Shaun's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Shaun thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder.

By Jaysus I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?'

'Now wot da Heck would you say?'

