



NEWSLETTER – September, 2013

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Note the meeting location.

The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at the **Field Air Offices at Ballarat Airport** on **Wednesday September 25th 2013** 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 afterwards.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. Field Maintenance
3. Springfest
4. 2014 Display Day
5. BRMFC Promotional Items
6. 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.

6. Reports

I) Relocation Working Party

No activity in the last month. Graeme Allen noted that the Clunes Gun Club has approximately 100 acres, which in casual discussion, could possibly be shared/leased.

Max Rowan is working on an advertisement for the Courier to be placed next Wednesday.

Some discussion on the wish-list for the ad ensued.

7. General Business

I) Wind Farm

West Wind has sent out a pamphlet advising that the construction could commence in 2014.

II) Field Maintenance.

(1) Noted that the pit area matting is becoming slippery. Will require a pressure clean.

(2) A price list for methanol, oil and nitro will be posted in the Club rooms.

III) Club History Compilation for Web Site

The history will be published on the BRMFC web-site.

IV) Springfest

Members were not enthused about Springfest, especially after the poor weather experienced in 2012. Noel Findlay suggested the Wooden Craft Show (indoors, and attendees are already interested in a craft). Possibly in April.

V) 2014 Display Day

Secretary is to forward the Application to Hold a Display and supporting documentation to the VMAA Secretary for consideration by the VMAA.

VI) Flight Line Protocols of other Clubs

Matt Porter not available to report.

VII) 3BA Community Announcements

Appear to be supporting clubs seeking publicity by advertising tryout sessions.

Discussion took place on providing training "tryout" sessions with trainers utilising buddy boxes. Max, Mat and Nick have the gear and could act as instructors.

Agreed that the website should be updated, and that the BRMFC Facebook page should be loaded with content.

VIII) Xmas Function

The Brewery Tap is suggested as a good venue. Graeme Allen will check and see if Sunday 15th December is available.

IX) Bunnings Sausage Sizzle August 31.

Roger Carrigg reported that he has arranged the purchase of supplies and bought soft drinks on special. A roster has been sent to members.

Meeting location

The next meeting will again be held at *Field Air, Ballarat Airport, Wendouree.*

Meeting Closed 8:42PM



New Field Search

Following the decision at the last meeting to place ads in the Courier seeking a suitable flying site to rent, ads have appeared twice so far. The ad appeared a couple of weeks ago in the Wednesday and Saturday farmer's advertising section of the Courier.

Max had three responses and investigated two but unfortunately they were not suitable. The ad was worded to be fairly open as far as our requirements are concerned so that we are the ones to judge suitability rather than the land owner.



Goin's on at the Field

Overall there's been some pretty good flying weather this month both for the mid-week crew and the Sunday fliers. Sunday 8th September was no exception with many members in attendance.



Very relaxing to get out to the field of a Sunday morning. Spread a bit of bulltish, tell a few lies!!!



Richard Turner back from their annual trip up north to escape the cold down south is preparing his model watched on by Matt Porter who we haven't seen at the field much over the last 12 months. By the way the blue and white model on the right is Max's Cessna 195 which is for sale – see further on in the newsletter.

Sunday 22nd September was an absolute corker of a day for flying – hardly a breath of wind and lovely sunshine. In fact it was sun cream time again. I know we all love to whinge about the weather but in reality there are not that many Sundays throughout the year that we don't fly. Just that this was a perfect day.

Noel who went to the Shepparton Mammoth Scale event said that it was perfect on Saturday but windy on Sunday while we had no wind at all. Very strange indeed. Noel said that 2/3 didn't fly on Sunday or went home but to show that he wasn't a pussy he flew the Fox Moth. We're used to a bit of wind!!!

Lenny Astbury ever the thinker – well you know, life has to be made as easy as possible particularly as we move on in years.



The device Len fabricated is clamped between the jaws of a work bench.

I saw Len walk into the pits carrying a strange looking contraption that he had obviously made. He then proceeded to clamp it between the jaws of his work bench. All made to hold the model off the ground at a comfortable height for starting and doing flight line checks.



The rear pivoting arm supports the rear fuselage and can be swung out of the way.

The main wheels of the Swift locate in the frame and the pivoting arm with foam rubber attached supports the rear

fuselage when in the position shown. If the nose of the model needs to be tilted up to test engine fuel draw the arm is simply swung out of the way.



With the arm swung out of the way the nose of the model can be raised while the main wheels are securely restrained in the cradle.

Not only is it convenient there is also a safety aspect to a device such as this. Working at a comfortable height with the model well supported there is less likelihood of fingers getting tangled up with propellers.

Obviously this only works for the smaller models. Well done Len.

We had a visitor at the field on Sunday 22nd who was a former member of BRMFC circa 1976. Well before my time with the club and most other members. Murri Anstis and Len Astbury both remembered Ken Cheney. Ken has been travelling around the country with his wife for quite some time now. I'm not sure of the full story but he came out to the field with a Hornet (one like Glenn flies) to have it flown. It was on mode 2 so Max took it up for him. The model flew well as far as I know. I did see the perfect landing – one that Max would like to do in the scale comps.

Even though we may be out of the hobby for a long time the passion never goes away entirely.



Former BRMFC member Ken Cheney with the Hornet powered by an OS46AX that Max flew for him. Ken was last a member circa 1976 – that's when my old P39 Airacobra first flew. Yep that's a long time ago now.



Doesn't look like anyone has the controls but Max must have the transmitter in his right hand.



Up up and away goes the Hornet!

The last few Sundays thanks to Mat we've had BBQ snags for lunch. Everyone certainly seems to enjoy a bite to eat when it gets to around 1PM. That on top of the cake/slices that Doug's wife bakes for us we are certainly being spoiled.



New Models seen at field

Mat's new Ugly Stik was first seen at the field on Sunday 8th September, however on the test flight the rudder became dislodged. As it turned out two hinges had sheared off adjacent to the hinge pin allowing the rudder to flap about causing some flight instability and anxious moments. Mat managed to land ok and it has since been repaired. The cause was attributed to the tail wheel assembly imparting excessive shear load on the rudder hinges during take-off.



The model built by Graham Waterhouse was back out at the field on Sunday 22nd September where it saw plenty of air time. It is very nicely built and seems to perform well with the NGH 17cc spark ignition petrol engine. The Stik has a wingspan of 2170mm with a fair amount of dihedral for stability. Mat needs stability!!!



Mat with his latest Graham Waterhouse built Ugly Stik. Model is powered by an NGH 17cc petrol engine and has a wingspan of 2170mm.



The Ugly Stik is a very old design dating back to the 1960's I would think. From memory they didn't have dihedral probably to simplify construction. I remember seeing them at Brady Road North Dandenong when a member of D&DARCS in the early days.



Coming in to land on one of many touch & goes.

Recent new members, Mark Jenkins and son Joel have been at the field most Sundays since joining. Mark is learning to fly the motorized glider with the expert help of Len Astbury while Joel is learning on the Cessna. Mat and Nick have been assisting so far. Both seem to be coming along well. Joel flies around in the circuit and has done a few take offs. The photo of the Cessna climbing out is with Joel at the controls.

On behalf of the club I'd like to wish them every success in our beloved sport/hobby and hope they get the

enjoyment and satisfaction of mastering a truly great activity.



New members Mark Jenkins and son Joel with the electric models they are learning to fly.



Mat is bringing the Cessna into land ready to hand over to Joel for a take-off. Joel at the controls on lift off.



An inflight shot of Mark's motorized glider while Len was doing a low pass. Photo is a bit out of focus unfortunately. Still saving up for the new 35mm camera!!!

Richard has got a new play thing. This one has a ducted fan and looks like it will need to fly fairly fast to stay aloft. It doesn't have any dihedral and only a tiny skid under the nose at the wing leading edge. Richard was concerned about the landings after reading some online blogs about the model. Long grass is a plus!!!

It's quite heavy for its size and as such needs a fairly gutsy hand launch. On the first attempt Nick didn't give it quite enough and with insufficient airspeed it nosed into the (fortunately) soft grass. The second attempt was much better and away it went. From what we could see it appeared to fly quite well and the electric ducted fan sounded quite realistic to the point of sounding like a turbine throttled back.

At some attitudes it is very difficult to see almost blending in to the sky. By the way, the model is a Zephyr V-70 and comes with servos, ducted fan and speed controller.



Richard with his Zephyr V-70. Zephyr (a light wind) seems a contradiction of terms for a fast model.



The Zephyr V-70 on landing approach or low pass.

The landing on the first flight was a perfect touchdown but with no proper skid to keep the wing tips off the ground it slewed around tipping over. On the second flight Richard managed to get the speed down a bit and it slid nicely on the grass – I think lubricated by a fresh juicy bit of sheep dung.



Crash Report

Doug Wallis was unfortunate to crash his Boomerang early on Sunday morning 22nd September. He said the Boomer had been up for a while probably half dozen or so circuits when banking around in the south east corner (near Spreadeagle/Yendon-Edgerton Roads) it just tightened up in the bank and went straight in as though the 2.4GHz set lost radio contact. Bad luck Doug. It is frustrating if you can't pinpoint the cause.



Tips & Tricks

Richard Turner came across this YouTube clip of Russian jet modellers. After watching it I think we're all wasting our time!!! Obviously these guys have plenty of Rubles to play with. Good one Richard.

Enjoy the Yak130 RusJet 2013.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC4jG-wuVoc>

Battery polarity in Transmitters

One of our members had an unfortunate experience inserting the battery in his Hitec Optima 9 transmitter. The battery was removed to charge and on insertion the plug was inadvertently pushed in the wrong way thereby reversing the polarity. It went puff and emitted that awful burnt electrical insulation smell and of course it no longer works.

Whilst the battery plug and receptacle in the Tx are keyed to prevent reverse polarity and there is a sticker warning not to do so, the keying method is not really secure. There's a tongue about 6mm long on the socket below the pins which lines up with the battery plug but that tongue can easily be forced down allowing the plug to be inserted the wrong way.

All electrical/electronic equipment is delicate in nature and needs extreme care when handling the connectors. This goes for receiver/servo plugs as well.



Time to get Bitchy

I have a complaint to make. To those who leave their dirty cups in the sink for someone else to wash. Please remember you are not at home where you obviously have the luxury of a well trained lady to wash them for you. Now this is not a once off occurrence but has happened recently on several Sundays when I've arrived at the field. And secondly if cups are placed on the draining rack make sure they are clean. They could also be washed and hung up on the hooks!!!



Events

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ballarat – August 31st



We held our eighth sausage sizzle at Bunnings Ballarat on Saturday August 31st and like the last event, amidst near perfect conditions. The temperature reached about 18 degrees with a

light to moderate northerly breeze to keep the cooks cool and refreshed.

The last event was a record breaker and this one was equally as good if not marginally better profit wise. We made just over \$1800 profit which is an excellent result, just eclipsing the last event which pulled in \$1772. I had some concerns about how busy it would be following the official opening of Masters Home Improvements in Learmonth Road the week before. Fortunately those concerns were allayed right from the outset with customers in the wings before we had any cooked and that was well before 9AM.

It was the day before Father’s Day which no doubt contributed to good trade for Bunnings which in turn was good for us.



The picture taken at 9:30AM is a bit dark with the shade from the building. Looks like Glenn on the BBQ and Graeme alongside serving. An ambulance pulled up into the car park first thing, we thought it might be something to do with our cooking!!! (It obviously wasn't on a call.)

In all we sold 1100 snags and 190 drinks (@ \$2 & \$1.50 each respectively) and to do that we were flat out particularly between 10:30AM and 2PM. We started with 800 snags from the wholesalers and had to make three more purchases of 100 at a time from the local supermarkets to meet the demand. The last sale was around 5PM after that it is into the cleaning up.



This looks like the afternoon shift. Photo was taken at 3PM during a momentary lull in business. Murri Anstis, Matt Porter and Jeff Dowsley with tongs in hand. My apologies to the midday crew, we were so busy I didn't get a chance to take any photos to capture their hard work.

The three shifts seems to work pretty well and reasonably fairly. Those on the morning shift aren't as busy as the midday crew but they have to get there early and set things up. The last shift once again is not as busy as midday but they have to clean up which is a job in itself. Bunnings staff check that the facilities are left clean and go over it fairly closely, sometimes asking for a bit more 'elbow grease' here and there.

Events such as this are great fund raisers and also a venue to promote our club and hobby. There are always people who are interested in what we do and it's a way of introducing ourselves.



Even late in the afternoon customers were queued up.

I (Roger & Event Coordinator) would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were able to help out on the day and in turn contributed to the excellent result. Over the next few days I'll apply for another gig.

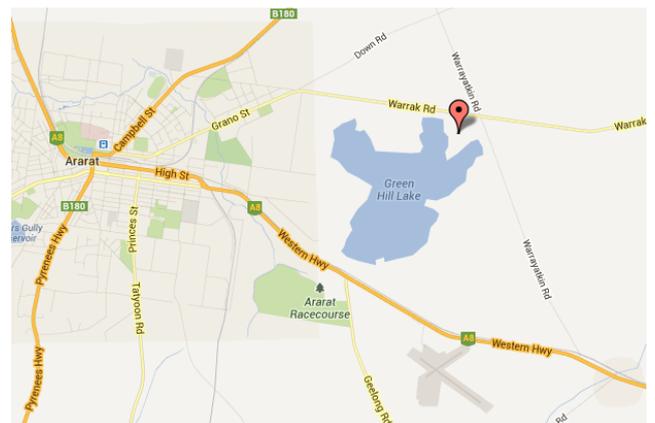
PS. Some might wonder, if the club can make all this money why don't we reduce the subs. Remember we are going to be faced with setting up a new field in the not too distant future which will no doubt be an expensive exercise. The subs simply cover the cost of running the club; what we make on these fundraisers goes into our nest egg. Past tallies of what we've made from raffles, flying displays & fundraisers etc. such as this closely matches our investment portfolio.



Coming Events

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 Braxholme – 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.



For Sale

A Cessna 195 assembled from a Phoenix kit in excellent condition. 1680 mm wing span, motor size 46 two stroke or 52 four stroke.

Selling without motor or servos for **\$150**. If you are interested please contact Max Rowan on **0409 011 160**.

This is an extremely attractive model – awesome colour scheme. *Ed*.

The photos below were taken at the Twin Cities Club Albury on Saturday 24th August while the Cessna was on the take-off roll.



Event Calendar

- Sept 21st/22nd Mammoth Scale weekend – Shepparton
- Nov 2nd/3rd Fun Fly – Ararat
- 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.

The Lawyer

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the road-side eating grass.

Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and got out to investigate.

He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the lawyer said.

"But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there, under that tree."

"Bring them along," the lawyer replied.

Turning to the other poor man he stated, "You may come with us, also."

The second man, in a pitiful voice, then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and SIX children with me!"

"Bring them all as well," the lawyer answered.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine was.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind."

"Thank you for taking all of us with you.

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high."

Come on now...you really didn't think there was such a thing as a heart-warming lawyer story...did you????

Spanish Oysters.....

A big Texan stopped at a local restaurant following a day roaming around in Spain.

While sipping his wine, he noticed a sizzling, scrumptious looking platter being served at the next table. Not only did it look good, the smell was wonderful.

He asked the waiter, 'What is that you just served?'

The waiter replied, 'Si senior, you have excellent taste! Those are called Cojones de Toro, bull's testicles from the bull fight this morning. A delicacy!'

The cowboy said, 'What the heck, bring me an order so that I may try them.'

The waiter replied, 'I am so sorry senior. There is only one serving per day because there is only one bull fight each

morning. If you come early and place your order, we will be sure to save you this delicacy.'

The next morning, the cowboy returned, placed his order, and that evening was served the one and only special delicacy of the day. After a few bites, inspecting his platter, he called to the waiter and said, 'These are delicious, but they are much, much smaller than the ones I saw you serve yesterday.'

The waiter shrugged his shoulders and replied,

'Si, Senior. Sometimes the bull wins!'

When you have an 'I Hate My Job day'

Try this out:

On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer, made by Johnson & Johnson.



Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed.



Open the package and remove the thermometer. Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken.

Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favourite chair.



Now the fun part begins.

Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: "Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized."



Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, 'I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson'.

'HAVE A NICE DAY; AND REMEMBER, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE WITH A JOB THAT IS MORE OF A PAIN IN THE ARSE THAN YOURS!'

...Remember, if you haven't got a smile on your face and laughter in your heart...

Then you are just an old sour fart. Maybe you should go and work for Johnson & Johnson!!!!

