



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – July, 2009

### Committee 2008/2009

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The **Annual General Meeting** of BRMFC is to be held **at the flying field** on **Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009** 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.

The ordinary meeting will then be held with the newly elected committee.

### Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Wind Farm
2. ARF Scale Competition – 25<sup>th</sup> October
3. Field Maintenance
4. Club Fees
5. Xmas in July Night Out
6. Club Uniform Order

### Mid Year Club Dinner

A dinner has been organized for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at the Queens Head Hotel. See **Coming Events** for details.

### Annual General Meeting

As already noted above, the AGM is to be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July prior to the ordinary meeting. This is where the current committee, present their reports and the committee for 2009/2010 is elected.

Please do your best to make it to the meeting. It is encouraging to see a good roll up at the AGM.

It would be nice to see some nomination forms submitted to the returning officer. A nomination form was included in the March newsletter. The following positions are up for re-election. (The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are for two year terms and are staggered.)

- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Safety Officer
- Safety Officer
- Publicity Officer
- Returning Officer
- Public Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Sub editor
- Field Maintenance Officer

### Presidents Report

Well there goes another twelve months in what seems like the blink of an eye. Where they have gone I have no idea,

but they have definitely passed us by and a new year has begun.

High on my agenda is the need to thank the BRMFC committee members for their hard work and dedication not just over the last year, but previous years also. A lot of hard work goes into running a club and most of it is done silently in the background where no one notices. Luckily we have a good team of people with the dedication and drive to make the club what it is today. The BRMFC club members and your partners are also very deserving of a big thank you from the committee and myself personally for your hard work and commitment to the club not only on a week to week basis, but also when you are called upon to help out with the big ticket items like the display day and other fundraising opportunities. Thank you everyone.

The club has had a pretty good year in my eyes and I think that this is demonstrated by the amount of members that turn up to the field each week for their dose of action irrespective of the weather. It's great to see how many active members there are around the club at the moment and I always find it an extreme pleasure to come out to the field on a Sunday morning and see the social interaction our little club generates. There are always plenty of people having a great time flying, talking, joking around and generally enjoying the hobby which is what it is all about.

A couple of large milestones for the club in this past year have been the laying of our new East-West runway matting and of course the clearing of the plantation Blue Gums that had adorned the North and South boundaries of the field. Due to the tree clearing the North-South runway has received quite a bit of use in the past couple of months and I think everyone will agree that it is a vast

improvement and makes the level of enjoyment even higher.

Finally a quick note to ask that as many members as possible please show your support and turn up to the club AGM this Wednesday night and don't forget to email me with your confirmations for Friday nights Xmas in July dinner at the Queens Head Bistro.

Once again thank you to you all and I hope this next twelve months will be as good as the last.

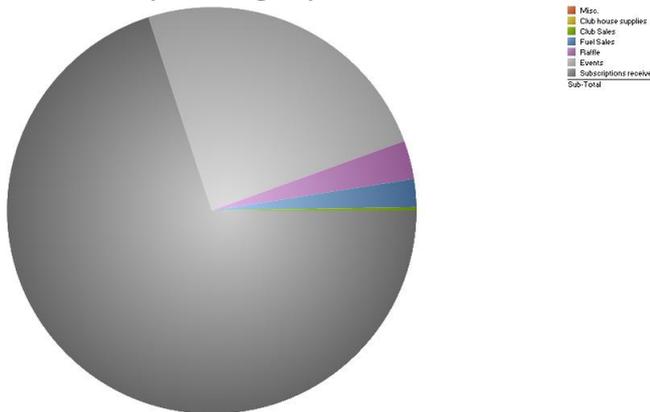
Regards  
Matt Porter.

### Treasurers 2008/2009 Annual Report

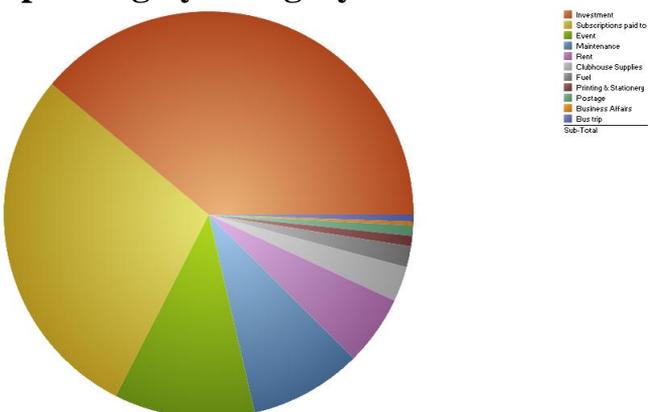
Yet another financial year has passed, this year we have made a profit, this was due mainly to our events & raffles, which are our major fund raisers. I would like to thank those members who assisted at our events.

We must remember that without these successful events we would not be able to enjoy the excellent facilities we have at the field.

### Income by Category



### Spending by Category



Rick Pimblott  
Treasurer

### Secretary's Report

The Secretaries job is not a particularly glamorous one. It involves mundane things such as sending and receiving club correspondence, taking the minutes at our meetings etc.

Where practical, all club records are kept in electronic format which makes the information much more usable. The minutes of meetings are emailed to all club members who have an email address. Interestingly over 90% of members now have an email address. We also email the newsletter to more than 75% of members, which is an enormous saving on postage.

I've been in the job for eleven years now and while the Secretaries position is not up for re-election this year, if you would like to take it on next year please give it some serious thought. We all get stale after a while and fresh blood can only benefit the club.

Roger Carrigg,  
Secretary.



### Subs 2009/10

Please be reminded that unless you have paid your subs you must not fly at our field or any MAAA sanctioned field. Those who intend paying their subs for 2009/10 will now incur the \$5 administration fee.

If you do **NOT** intend rejoining please return your **gate key** to the Secretary at the address shown in the newsletter header.

Please fill in all your details on the membership payment form so they can be checked against the club membership database. The payment form was included in the last (June) newsletter and there are also some forms out at the field on the notice board and on the club web site. Club bank account details are on the form so you can make a direct deposit online or via your bank teller.

Send completed form with your payment to the Secretary at the address shown in the newsletter header.



### 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

Secretary checked WestWind web site: <http://www.w-wind.com.au/> on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Site was updated on 11<sup>th</sup> June with the following note:

**6 June 2009** – Our Buninyong staff have relocated to a **New Office** at Mt Helen. Contact details and maps are available on our [Office Locations](#) page.

#### 2. ARF Scale Competition – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009

- a) Matt Porter has put together the flyer/entry form and score sheet.
- b) Meeting agreed that we would adopt the F4C Scale flying rules which the VFSAA now uses given that they are similar, documented and will be what most scale flyers will be expecting.

- c) Trophies will be awarded along with spot prizes.
- d) Trophies will be made up from the wooden bases donated by John McLennan, the club logo and a small engraved plate. We have **10 club logos remaining**, which is more than enough for this event. It will be necessary to get another batch cast.

**Action:** Secretary to forward F4C rules to Matt P. to enable flyer to be modified. (Done)

**Action:** Secretary to track down where metal logos were made and order another batch.

### 3. Field Maintenance

Max Rowan started the discussion off with the following points:

- a) Thought the seed we spread around after the grading would have germinated by now. Looks like it was past its use by date.
- b) Need to spray the matting with "roundup" to kill the fine grass that is growing through the matting. We do have some weed killer left over from when we sprayed the cape weed some months back.
- c) Need to define the flight line on the north/south runway.
- d) We have some matting left over that could be used to extend the pit area. Propose to discuss this at the field this Sunday.
- e) Sockets are needed for the model restraints along the pit area matting. Max said he will make some up out of scrap material.
- f) Follow up with Murri Anstis regarding the treated pine table/seats.

**Action:** Max to fabricate sockets for the "model restraints".

**Action:** Max to spray runway matting with weed killer.

### 4. Club Fees

Secretary advised the meeting that club fees for 2009/10 are due before the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Several members have taken advantage of the direct deposit.

### 5. Winter Meetings – Ballarat Golf Club

- a) Nick advised that the prospects don't look good at the Ballarat Golf club's new premises. They say that they don't really have a room suitable and the contact person is distancing herself from the positive offer made several months ago under the community obligation provisions of their gaming licence.
- b) The members that attend the meetings seem to be contented holding them at the field and our numbers have been better than when we held them at the table tennis centre in town.
- c) The meeting agreed that for the time being we continue to hold meetings at the field.

- d) Nick demonstrated at the last meeting that we can show videos at the field using a laptop and his video projector attachment.

### 6. Xmas in July Night Out

- a) It was suggested at the last meeting that we hold a night out in July and that a suitable night would be the Friday after the AGM in July. A show of hands indicated considerable interest.
- b) Matt is to send out an email advising the members of the venue and date/time.
- c) Queen's Head Hotel, Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7.00PM.

**Action:** Matt P. to book Queen's Head Hotel for Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7.00PM.

### 7. AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> July

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting where the club accounts etc. for the year are tabled and the committee for the 2009/10 financial year is elected. All positions are up for re-election with the exception of president & secretary.

### 8. Club Jackets/Caps

Nick called in to Hip Pocket Work Wear in Howitt Street today (24<sup>th</sup> June) to see what they can supply in the way of jackets, polo tops & caps all with club logo embroidered.

Flying jackets: \$52

Polo zip tops: \$34

Caps: \$12 – if more than 10.

It is suggested that those interested in jackets/polo top call in and try on for size. Then when we make up an order the correct sizes can be specified.

An order form will be circulated shortly.

**Action:** Nick K. to put together a club order form. (See further on in newsletter)



### A Couple of Farewells

Wayne Miller advised the club by email that he will not be rejoining this year. The following is the message he sent to the Secretary.

*As we are currently organising a permanent return to Adelaide, I wish to advise you that I will not be seeking renewal of my membership.*

*I have found your club & its members to be very friendly, & have enjoyed my time here in Ballarat.*

*However ongoing health issues have caused us to re-assess our original plans of using Ballarat as a base to travel Australia.*

*Once again thank you & all your members for their friendship & support over the last couple of years.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Wayne & Lorraine.

We are sorry that circumstances find it necessary for Wayne to move back to Adelaide. He will be missed particularly for his expertise with advanced electric models.

We wish Wayne and Lorraine all the best for the future.

Steve Connor has also advised that he is not rejoining as per the following email.

*Thanks for the mail and the contact with Jeff. I'm not particularly happy to be leaving the club, but business pressures and personal stuff has left me very time poor so that I can't give the hobby the attention it deserves, even finding time to fly has become a challenge. I'm looking forward to retirement so that maybe I can make a comeback.*

*Anyway thanks for the excellent flying field and facilities and perhaps we'll meet again!*

Steve also has some modeling equipment for sale if not already sold. Two model aircraft that are ready to fly with servos, batteries, radio gear and engines. Also 2 flight boxes (one unused) fuel, glo stick chargers and so on.

Again we wish Steve all the best and hope he finds time to get back into the hobby sometime in the future.



## New Member

Grant James joined the club on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. He came out to the field with his new Boomerang for a test flight. Grant isn't entirely new to aeromodelling and flying although it has been some years since he was last active in the hobby. I (Roger) test flew it and gave Grant the controls while in the air. It all came back to him as Grant had no difficulty flying around in the circuit.



*Grant James holding his new Boomerang that he will be using to brush up on his former flying skills.*

You won't miss Grant – his head is at a much higher altitude than most of us particularly me. I'm sure you will all make him most welcome.



## VMAA News

- **VMAA directory** – A new edition of the VMAA directory is about to be released. It will go to print after the July VMAA Executive meeting so that any changes to the executive can be included. Printing has been quoted at \$16,500 for 5000 copies. Advertising will offset the overall cost to the VMAA.
- **VMAA Web Site** – The VMAA web site has a new look. Go to <http://www.vmaa.com.au> and check it out.
- **Purchase of State Field** – A suggestion was put forward sometime ago for the VMAA to purchase the State Field from the MAAA. A set of Questions and Answers outlining the benefits to members is being formulated to present to clubs. The MAAA has advised a purchase price of \$253,666 + GST. *(No doubt we will hear more about this in the near future.)*
- **MAAA Council Conference** – Some points from the conference held in May 2009.
  - Heavy & Turbine procedure is making progress.
  - **Assistance to a club to purchase land has increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.**
  - MAAA purchased land has increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000
  - Other loans have doubled.
  - Future of Nationals – status quo to remain.
  - Safety policy to be written up. Several new safety procedures will shake up a few club's safety regulations.
  - MAAA field purchase sub-committee recommends that finance is sufficient, that all states are to apply for a second state field.
  - Next MAAA Council Rules conference to be held in 2013.
  - Next MAAA Council Meeting is to be held over 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 in South Australia.



## New Models seen at field

Murri has added almost a 1kg of lead to the nose of his Tiger Moth following its test a couple of weeks ago. See last issue. We saw it take off and it has made a world of difference to the model.

It's a shame that you have to add that much lead to an ARF model when you fit the recommended equipment in the design locations. You wouldn't think the design could be that far out. Manufacturers need to pay closer attention to this extremely important detail.

Jeff Dowsley has repaired his Boomerang (see Crash Report of last issue). He has done a very good job of it – quite a practical repair and it is back in the air again ready for some more punishment.



Jeff's Boomerang now after a successful repair job, following an unfortunate incident last month. The inset photo shows the extent of the damage.



Grant James' new Boomerang that he will be using to brush up on his former flying skills. See New Member.

Russell Aggett had a new P47 out at the field on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June for a shake down.

The model is a P47 Thunderbolt from Model Tech. Wing span is 67", fuselage length 55.5" and is powered by a 91 four stroke.

First test flight was successful but the P47 was a bit erratic. On landing, the landing gear ended up splitting the blocks. It was back home and on the building board to fit the retracts to it.

Back out to the strip 2 weeks later it had a successful flight.



Russell Aggett's P47 Thunderbolt out at the field on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June awaiting its test flight.

John McLennan brought his CM Pro Piper Cub out to the field on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July to show the members what building he is doing to meet his modeling needs after the boomerang. The Cub is quite a large model – must be well over 2m wing span. It is powered by a Magnum 91 FS which should give it very realistic performance. The U/C is sprung and looks to be quite well engineered. No doubt we will see it out at the field shortly for a test flight.



John McLennan brought out his CM Pro Piper Cub for a check over and advice from other members. Model is powered by a Magnum 91FS.

Russell Aggett also had his Great Planes P51 Mustang (old Crow) out on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The P51 is fitted with a 40-50cc petrol engine – can't remember the exact motor. There was a small problem with the elevator control which prevented the model from being flown on the day.



Russell Aggett's P51 Mustang (Old Crow).



### Crash Report

We think this is a first for our Yendon field. A mid-air collision! This happened on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June around midday. The two unfortunate models were Glenn's Me163 Komet and Allister Aggett's high wing trainer. Allister under the guidance of Murri had just taken off and was in his first circuit while Glenn was setting up for a landing and according to eye witnesses they hit almost head on resulting in the Komet losing the left wing and fin. The impact cut the fuselage of the trainer in half behind the wing. The trainer plummeted to the ground while the Komet spiraled down with the motor still running. The flat spin prevented further serious damage when it hit the ground. The remaining debris took some time to come down and was scattered over a wide area.

Glenn is still considering whether to build a new wing and repair it or build a complete new airframe.

Max finally wrote off the small Lancair that he has been battling with for the last 12 months. While doing a tight 180 degree turn to line up on the runway the Lancair tip stalled and spiraled in causing significant damage. We don't think Max is interested in repairing it – he has never liked it. Too small, too heavy, too twitchy.



## Incident Report

We have heard that Len Astbury landed in the outfield!!!

The photo below was secretly taken a couple of weeks ago. We believe its Noel's LA Special with spat a problem. Must be a lack of maintenance!!! Apparanly when it landed the spat rotated the full 180 degrees and skidded along the runway.



Happy Snap of Noel Findlay's LA Special with some wheel spat issues!!!

### A Close Call.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Len was flying the smaller of his two electric gliders when the nose dropped in a turn and wouldn't respond to the elevator. Straightening up picked the nose up then Len brought it back, controlling altitude with the throttle and landing it gently just off the strip. The plane is very lightly loaded and with virtually no wind it was easy – at least for the spectators!!

Examining it on the ground showed the elevator servo wasn't responding. A bit of jiggling showed it was an intermittent problem. Later Len isolated the problem to a dry solder joint holding two circuit boards together which had cracked, possibly from vibration in its previous service in a helicopter. Len has since resoldered the joints and returned the receiver to service.



## BRMFC Logo Embroidered Clothing Items

The following clothing items, embroidered with the club logo, are available through the club.

You can inspect them and check your size at HIP POCKET, 1103 Howitt St, Wendouree.

If you see something else at Hip Pocket that you want to order get the full description or part number and add it to the order form.

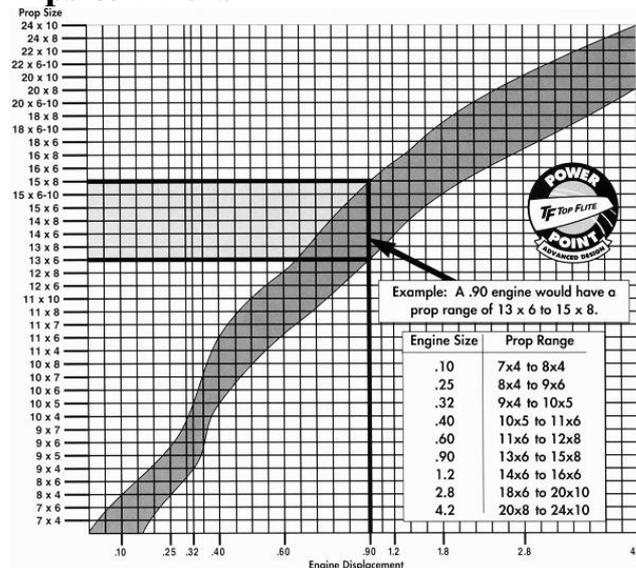
Prices are based on a total of at least 10 pieces of clothing and 10 hats being ordered at once.

Place your orders by email or fill out the form below and return to Nick or Roger with Full Payment.

Note Goods will only be ordered AFTER full payment is received.



## Tips & Tricks



## Coming Events

### Mid Year Club Dinner

Matt Porter has made a group booking at the Queens Head hotel in Humffray Street North for 7.00 pm on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>

Please confirm with Matt that you intend to come along and also the number of people.



## Event Calendar

July 12<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Scale Rally – Bacchus Marsh.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> **BRMFC AGM.**

July 24<sup>th</sup> **Xmas in July Club Dinner – Queens Head Hotel.**

July 26<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sportscale/ARF – NFG.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Golden Era Pylon Racing – Bendigo.

August 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> VFSAA Sportscale/Scale Rally – Albury.

September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Mammoth Scale Fly-In – Shepparton.

October 25<sup>th</sup> **ARF Scale Event – BRMFC.**

November 28<sup>th</sup> Old Timer – Haddon Field Ballarat.

Dec 2009-Jan 2010 63<sup>rd</sup> MAAA National Champs – Albury/Wodonga.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.

## BRMFC Logo Embroidered Clothing Items – Order Form

	DESCRIPTION.	PART.	PRICE.	REQD	SIZE	COST
1	Combat Jacket	918014	\$51			
2	Polar Fleece Half Zip	3PH	\$39			
3	JB Fleece Jacket	3FJ	\$36			
4	Peaked Caps	4229	\$14			
5	Beanies		\$7 (>10 total) \$11 (<10 total)			
	<b>Other</b>					
	<b>TOTAL</b>					

## Models For Sale



### E-GO Models – Mini P51D Mustang RTF

- Wingspan: 750mm
- Motor: 370 Motor with gearbox
- Battery: Li-Poly 7.4V, 450mAh
- Radio: 3channel FM, Mode 1, freq: 36.050MHz
- Still in the box – never flown.
- \$150 ONO

Contact: Roger Carrigg on 0437 842 277 or [roger@startek.com.au](mailto:roger@startek.com.au) and make an offer.

### Boeing 777 Electric powered model by Super Flying Models – **\$150 ONO**



Wingspan: 1390mm (54.7")  
 Length: 1490mm (58.6")  
 Radio: 4 channel required  
 Motor: Fan units and brushless motors included

**Features**

Fully molded and painted for quick assembly  
 Two ducted fan units with brushless motors included  
 Shock-absorbing landing gear and more  
 Molded Aileron Servo pockets  
 All flight control surfaces come pre-hinged  
 Large size, generous wing area, and light weight

**Overview**

Two ducted fan units with brushless motors are included. The fully molded and painted airframe requires little time to assemble, making this Super Airliner ready for takeoff in a short amount of time. Additionally, all flight control surfaces are pre-hinged, reducing assembly time and ensuring smooth response right away. (Info courtesy of Hstore Hobbies web site.)

If you are interested in this model contact Glenn White: [gwhite@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:gwhite@vic.chariot.net.au) or Mob: 0412 641 188 (This model just wouldn't suit Glenn – you know snap rolls on take-off etc.)