



Edition 5

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Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Members

Not a lot to say but this year we have had two major events held at our field. The first one was the scanner racing event which well attended by competitors followed by the Pylon racing Association. Both events, were poorly attended by Club Members in regards to support and help to assist in making the events a success.



The lack of help also extends to working bees which are used to ensure our Club facilities are at their best for not only visitors, but for ourselves as well. To the Club oriented Members that do help on most occasions are a great asset to the Club. But it seems the same people turn up. To address this, the next Club Meeting (9 April) there is going to be a discussion about putting in place a Working Bee Levy to try and encourage members to help around the Club when needed.

This initiative has been adopted by other Clubs to promote and encourage participation. The discussion will centre on adding \$100.00 on top of your yearly fees, if you attend five events or working bees or a combination of both, then you are covered for the year. Each attendance is worth \$25.00. If you do five attendances your money carries into next year and you do not have to pay again. If you only do two or three attendance, you will top up to the equivalent of \$100.00 for the following year.

You have the choice to do no working bees or attend Club events which means you will pay another \$100.00 on top of your Club fees. This initiative will need to be discussed at the next meeting and I encourage you all to attend so a discussion can be held and a decision made for the betterment of the Club.

If you cannot attend in person, I suggest you contact our Club Secretary, Garry Thiele so he can table any concerns you may have.

Cheers

Ken Mollison

Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the [Bacchus Marsh RSL Hall on Wednesday 09 April 2014, starting at 8:00 pm.](#) *This is an important meeting as we need to discuss fees.* Come along to the meeting to support the Club and find out what is happening and be part of decisions made.

Editor's Report – April 2014



Well, it has been a busy few weeks with a number of events running not only at our Club, but around the traps as well. The last two scale events for the VFSAA, BMMAA place 1st and 3rd. I was able to win at GMAA (Dog Rocks) coming first and Mark Peterson placed third at Ballarat. Mark flew very well and I was able to call for him. There are some photos in the newsletter so enjoy. There has also been a number of display days as the weather improves so we can take to the air and have some fun. Let's hope it will continue for a few more weeks yet. Ballan, our annual display day went off very well with Andrew Pasco making quite a hit with the raffle tickets. There were some nice models on display and the crowd loved watching the different type of models. Well done to all those that participated to make the day what it was. Even the weather was ok and allowed for some good flying. Good job.

As our President has already alluded to, the turn up for two of our events which BMMAA holds has not been that great. We were lucky we got away with it and not embarrassed the Club too much. Both events were well

attended by fliers and the canteen made some valuable funds for the Club. This could only happen with the right help. Lucky for us that Ken, Michael and a few others were able to keep things going.

On top of this is the lack of numbers we are getting for our working bees. It is always the same people who turn up. So to encourage some more participation, a working bee levy is being considered. Attending the meeting on 9 April is important in that you can have your say and vote on an issue which is fundamental to any Club. If you want facilities and keep them in a reasonable condition, then we need funds for the normal yearly operations.

The VMAA March edition of the newsletter was sent in early March so I hope all received it. It was a large newsletter this time round as there was so much to talk about. Even then I still was not able to put in all the stories I had. Difficult sometimes what to leave out, but that is the way it is. The next edition, which is due to come out in late June will be my last as well. After 8 years of doing the newsletters and holding a number of positions on the VMAA, it is time to part company and get back to my flying. So as from the next VMAA AGM (July) I will be standing down given me more time to do other things. If anyone is interested in taking up this position, just contact the VMAA Secretary. Just remember, it is up to you to make sure your email is up to date not only for the VMAA newsletter, but our own as well.

The web site continues to provide good advertising and we have gained new members since we updated. I am continuing to include a number of items and will be doing another upgrade shortly. If you have any photos to share, please go onto the web site and send them to us, otherwise give a disk, USB or whatever you have and we can go from there. So keep an eye out and visit the web site often to see what is happening.

The next few weeks again we have some fantastic events coming up. Whether you visit or participate, it is a great way to spend a day. Competition may not be your thing, but general flying can be just as good at other fields. The VMAA Calendar lists many events that will be held through the year and is constantly updated. Go to www.vmaa.com.au and have a look. Most events are open to all Association Members.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy the newsletter for this month so until next time, fly safe and see you at the field sometime

Ed



VMAA Trophy Weekend 12 to 13 April 2014

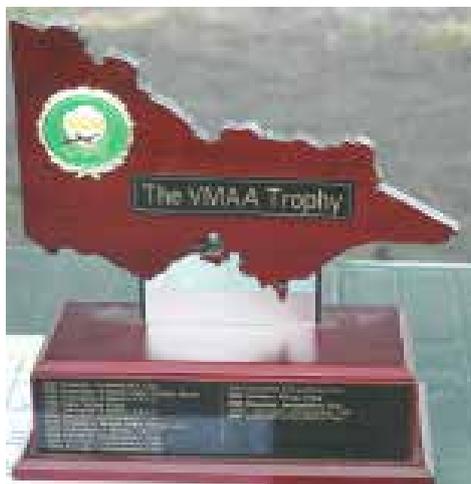
Event	Name
"Helicopter (Heats 1 & 2) Novice Club Rules"	Barry Townsend
"Old Timer Duration"	Garry Thiele
Fun Scale	Need a Pilot
Scale Aerobatics	Need a Pilot
R/C Combat	Need a Pilot
Electric Glider	Mark Peterson
Musical Landings	Joe Buttigieg
Club Racing	Need a Pilot
Fun Fly	Need a Pilot
Limbo Event	Need a Pilot
Thermal Glider	Need a Pilot

This would have been our third attempt at the trophy, but the lack of pilots makes this not violable. There are a number of reasons why and there are events which people are attending that are on the same day which is a pity. Again, I am not prepared to turn up at the event with 4 people. We have 33 people in the Club with some very good pilots. It is disappointing, but as a Club either commit and help each other, otherwise it will not work.

I am hoping next year we can get a team together and give it another shot and show the others that even our small Club can take out the trophy based on skill and determination.

If you are still interested you are invited to attend and have some laughs along the way. The event will be ***held 12 to 13 April***. So if you are not doing anything, come along.

Ed



Ballan Tractor Pull

16 Feb 2014



This is the yearly Tractor Pull event which attracts quite a few people from the local communities was successful and provided the entertainment once again with plenty of interest in what and how we do things. For BMMAA, this event is a long running activity for the Club and one that does exposes our fantastic hobby to the public. This year, Geoff Burke completed a lot of work on the make shift runway so we did have a reasonable area to fly from. This was a big improvement from last year and one that was appreciated by those that participated on the day.

The concern again was the weather as it can change very quickly. The forecast was for scattered showers and light winds for the Sunday. Lucky for us Martians, the rain held off and the wind was workable. It was about time for Mother Nature to give us a break for a change as the weather, as we all know, have been poor at best.



Andrew Pasco doing a great job with the raffle. Nice model to...

There were some very nice models on display including static engines (Multi cylinder) so the crowd could appreciate the workmanship of scale engines used. Everything from small electric gliders to ¼ scale Cub were on show which again drew a lot of questions from the public.

No doubt when the big models flew the crowd enjoyed watching our pilots going through their paces. Special thank you for Andrew Pasco for running the raffle on the day. The Mustang was a great hit and again the Club generated valuable funds. Great effort

The other big hit was the lolly dropper for the kids on hand. The word around the trap is that the dropper offloaded its cargo smack in the middle of the target area..... Now that is harder than you think. Good job Joe Buttigieg and Garry Thiele in organising this activity as it is a popular one for the kids. Best of all, everything was safe with maximum fun thrown in.



PVA showing of his multiply cylinder engine. Purred like a kitten...

Well done to the Club Members who supported the event and took the time to help out. Well done to Garry Thiele for organising another successful event. No doubt they will want us back next year.....

Ed

BMMAA Working Bee

16 March 2014

After our meeting in March the discussion came back again in regards to the rubbish at the field and the intent of burning what was there. We finally managed to do just that with the fantastic help of Geoff and his Bobcat. God bless hydraulics as it made the job so much easier if we had to do it by hand. In no time, the rubbish was put into several different piles ready to be burnt. We also removed a few certain items to tidy up the place. Great to see a machine like a bobcat going through its paces in the hands of someone that knows how. The different piles allows us now to burn off a bit at the time so the fire does not get too big and can be managed by one person. This process has started with 3 piles already gone.



Geoff and his mighty Bobcat made life that much easier. Great help



The BBQ area has been up for a long time with not too many people using it. Part of Club history but its use by date was up..

Hopefully we will not have to move and we do not think the council fully appreciates what we have at the field and the amount of work required if they relocated us. Anyway, no need to panic at this stage because there is still a number of things that need to occur before anything happens. Our Secretary is working on it so let's wait to get some feedback.

Ed



The Bobcat made easy work of the structure. After 10 minutes it was gone.....

Around the Traps Scale Events at Dog Rocks and Ballarat



My faithful Cub ready for the next flight. Had a great day of flying and everything come together at the right time

The start of this year was one to remember for the heat and fires we had over January and February. The VFSAA, like many other had to cancel some the first two event which were both at the State Field. As some of you may know, the State Field was under siege in month February with first on two occasions heading for the field.



Finally cracking first place. Nice feeling and let's face it, winners are grinners...

The surrounding paddocks were burnt out, but the Clubhouse and machinery that NFG have were spared by smart thinking and quick action. You may have seen the article



Unfortunately, not everyone bought their model home in the same configuration as on arrival at Dog Rocks. Carry Sunderland and a failure in flight we believe and the photos tells the rest of the story....

in the VMAA Newsletter, but in summary, NFG turned on the sprinkler system and placed the valuable machinery in the centre of the green area. The result, they survived the fire. Good job.

Back to the scale events. The first event that did go ahead was GMAA, Dog Rocks on 22 Feb were I was able to take part along with about 15 fliers. The weather was ok, light winds for most of the time and overcast. I manage to fly very well during the day and was able to



Mark with a big smile on achieving his 3rd place and receiving the encouragement award. Well done

achieve 3 good flight scores. At the end of the day I was able to take out 1st place which was pleasing for my first win and a good way to start the year.

Next came Ballarat on 8 March. Mark Peterson and I attended the event. There were a number of fliers with the weather being ok again with the velocity changing speed and direction. I called for Mark as he flew his electric RV4 and considering the model is light, handle the conditions pretty good. Mark achieve consistent results with the 3 flights he was able to put. At the conclusion of the event, Mark finished with a 3rd place and took out the Encouragement Award. Great effort Mark has not flown in to many scale events. Well done and keep coming out. The winning is there for the taking....

My Cub flew very well, but suffered with engine trouble which affected my flight scores. But that is the way it is so you got to take the good days with the some of the bad days..... Not often thought (bad days that is). I know there are other fliers at BMMAA that could fly



Some nice models were on display at Ballarat with David Law flying his Pits and Decathlon. Both flew well..

scale and do very well. We have some very good pilots and I know you would enjoy the day if you come out and have a go. Good way to represent the Club and put us out there with the rest. The next event is at Bendigo for the State Champs. If you want to come up feel free to do so. You are all welcomed

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Item for Sale

Contact Tony Levertt - 0423 517 842



Chaparral Mark 2 - 2x2 Pattern Ship. Plans, foam cores and can supply Ramair retracts if required \$100



Javelin 8 - 2x2 Pattern ship .60 size. Can supply retracts and rear exhaust motor if required. \$100 plus \$100 retracts/exhaust



The Nutten Special - Scale 1.20 size \$75



Unknown - Classic 80's - .60 size pattern ship \$100



Tacho Slope Soarer - 1.55 WS \$50



1.6 WS Slop Soarer - \$25

Indoor at Melton

Indoor flying is on for the moment and all Club Members are welcome to attend. We need to support this activity if we are to keep it going.

So if you have a ultralight, fomey or something that is just right for indoor, why no come along to give it a go. Lots of fun and a few laughs to share.

Thanks
Ed

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