



Edition 11

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Presidents Report -April 2015

Hi to all Club Members

I hope everyone had a great and safe Easter break and enjoyed the good weather we have had so far. I did happen to go out to the field early on Easter Sunday to enjoy another great morning at the field. I was soon joined by Ken Mollison and Jim Hill who had bought scanners with them to do a bit of practice and fine tune the thumbs.

After a little chat we fuelled scanners up then carried out pre-flight checks before taking to the skies. Ken's discovered his scanner had a loose fuel bung which was quickly fixed. Ken took to the blue yonder first and found his aileron's had a little too much through. After burning off some fuel he landed and quickly made some adjustment. The second flight was a lot better as the throws were just right. Then Jim and I joined him in the yonder and pretty soon there were three scanners belting around the field as fast as they would go. Look out Geelong..



I also had my Ultra fun jet with me ready to go and with the help of Ken Mollison, we test flew the fun jet. Ken indicated he didn't need to do any trim adjustment but the ailerons are very touchy. He handed me the sticks and yes, any amount of pressure to the ailerons was server.

After the 6 minute flight mostly at 1/2 throttle, I landed and made adjustment in the radio to limit the throws by move the end points in and desensitise the ailerons by putting in 40% expo and rates.

The second flight was going really well until Ken handed the controls to me. I realised I was too far south of the field and when I turned it back to bring it home. The model disappeared as its profile is thin and white in colour when coming straight at you. It seemed like forever when I sighted the model again at about a 50 to 60 degree downward angle, 10 metres from the deck. I gentle pulled back on the sticks and was lucky enough to save it from what could have been a nasty result. I'm now flying a lot closer....

With April in full swing, it looks to be a busy month for flying with events on most weekends throughout the month. A major event for the month is the MAAA Nationals which will be held from 9 to 19 April in Queensland. If anyone is going, good luck and enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a happy birthday to Ken Mollison for the 1st April. Not a day over 35.... Well maybe a little over...

GMAA at Dog Rocks is holding their scanner race next Sunday the 12th April 2015. I hope the BMMAA members can support this event as GMAA members have supported us in the pass by competing in our two scanner events. Even if you are not competing, why not come down to support Club Members that are racing. There is a lot of fun to be had with some serious racing..... Well maybe not so serious...

Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 08 April 2015, starting at 8:00 pm. **This is our monthly meeting to discuss Club business and find out what has been happening around the Club. Come along and join in the discussions.**

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At the moment, the field is still looking top notch and the Control Line Circle flying area is still operational. So those flying control line, fill your boots and enjoy. Some rain would come in handy about now, but not all at once.

The Participation Level has been uploaded onto the web site nearly month ago and is there for your review. It is located under the Membership tab so have a look. There is still plenty of opportunity to make up the 4 Participations you need by 30 June as we have a number of working bees not counting any events we are hosting.

Don't forget to take all your rubbish home with you at the end of the day out at the field. This includes old broken props that have been changed and the plastic bags the new one came in. This includes Coffee cups, soft drink cans etc.

So please pick up your rubbish and take it home with you..... We do not want any rubbish flying up into anyone or anything while working in the bits or starting your model in the start-up locations.

The working bee to fix up the shade area will be done shortly. Joe Buttigieg has the material ready to go but Joe has hurt his back and is still recovering. Once Joe is back on deck a notification will be sent out. So keep an eye out...

Well that is it for another month. The good flying weather will hopefully continue as we are in the prime weather period (So they tell me), so see you at the field and don't forget the Club Meeting coming up.

Regards

Michael Whelan

BMMAA President

Editor's Report – April 2015

Since the last newsletter I have actually been doing some flying and have even ventured out to Mangalore for some jet flying as well. Garry Thiele, my wife Judi, Ken Mollison and myself headed up to Mangalore on Sunday 22 March I was lucky to have Ken Mollison provide me with a Foremost model which had most of the flight gear already installed while I supplied the turbine. The end result was a sweet model that flew so well on the day. After 4 flights I had a smile on my face for most of the week....

I also went to Northern Flying Group, Twins and More event held on Sunday, 29 March. This year the event was opened up to twin wings so bi-planes could take part. Well the decision to change the format slightly was a success with 41 pilots entering with more than 70 aircraft taken part. A very successful event

I must admit it feels great to get out and enjoy our sport and best of all, to share some time with friends. Our field still looks good considering we have just completed summer. All we need now is a bit of rain and the green will be back.

Arguable, the weather this time of year is the best time with calm winds and sunny days. One thing is for sure, the events calendar is full with many Clubs running their display days or other major events. This month we have the 68th MAAA National Championships held in QLD. The competition will be held over 10 days with a number of disciplines taking part. Pilots from all over the country will be coming together to display their abilities and hopefully, get on the podium. I would have loved to have gone up, but work commitments makes it difficult to get up there. The Nationals, traditionally, have been held over the Christmas period which has advantages and disadvantages. This year they are trying for a different time period to see if it will attract more competitors to the field. Time will tell, but I hope it is a great success for the competitors and organizers.

On our Club front, we have events coming up. The first one our President has indicated already which is the Scanner race at Geelong. If you can, come along to take part of help out would be greatly appreciated. GMAA has supported our Club with our own annual scanner event. The Pylon racing event on 19 April has been canceled due to a number of Club Members being away. It is hoped the event will be rescheduled later in the year.

We do have a Sports Scale event on 9 May be held out our field. This will be good opportunity to get your name ticked off for another participation as help will be needed to run the canteen. It is also a good opportunity to join the competition on the day if you have a scale model. We normally have a good turnout for this event so why not come along to support or take part.

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(Editor's report continued)

This year it will 100 years of ANZAC. It will be a milestone as we pay homage to our fallen. The event will cover all wars/ conflicts Australian soldiers have taken part in. There are no original ANZAC left, but their bravery and their sacrifices will not be forgotten. I will be going to the ANZAC service at Bacchus Marsh as Judi and I were impressed how many people turned up and the following service. Let's not forget...

By the time you get this newsletter, daylight saving will be over for another six months. I don't know about you, but I do like daylight saving as it gives you that extra time in the afternoon to do so many other things such as... go for a fly. But the quiet months, if you can call it that, does have its purpose as most of us will settle in for their next project or complete some maintenance that is always needed.

That is it for another month at BMMAA. I hope you enjoy the weather while it lasts and get out to the field.

Until next time..... Be safe, fly true.

Ed



Old Man River Moving On

Peter has now completed all his initial training and has been posted to Sunny Brisbane. It was a long road to get there, but finally he made it to the other end.

Now it is time to pack up house and get ready for the move up. So from the BMMAA we wish Peter and Tina all the best for the future. As an ex-soldier, I hope you enjoy what it has to offer.

Happy soldiering.... Ed

PS. There are plenty of flying clubs in Brisbane as well....

5 Seconds of Madness.....

Q: Why did President Obama get two terms?

A: Because every black man gets a longer sentence.

Politicians and nappers have one thing in common: they should both be changed regularly... and for the same reason.

What did the elephant say to the naked man? "Cute, cute, but can it pick up peanuts?"

A guy was driving in a car with a blonde. He told her to stick her head out the window and see if the blinker worked. She stuck her head out and said, "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes..."

Q: What's the difference between England and a teabag?

A: A teabag could stay in the cup for longer.

Wife: "I look fat. Can you give me a compliment?"

Husband: "You have perfect eyesight."

Two bats are hanging upside down on a branch. One asks the other, "Do you recall your worst day last year?" The other responds, "Yes, the day I had diarrhea!"

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A DAY AT MANGALORE

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VJAA President, Russell Eastaway briefs the pilots and what is happening during the course of the day.

On the 22 March Ken, Garry, my wife Judi and I went up to Mangalore for a jet meet. Peter Stefurak also ventured out for the day with his L39. The VJAA holds these events on a regular basis and provides an opportunity for the Jet community to get together. Mangalore itself is a great location with its full size runways which provides plenty of room.

So early on Sunday morning we headed off with the expectation it would be a good day. The weather for Sunday was predicted to be good and Mother Nature did not disappoint in this instance. The day did start off a bit cool as we left for Mangalore, but as the day progressed, it become warmer and by midday it was actually quite warm. By the end of the day event a bit of sunburn was evident. More slip, slop and slap was needed....



Ken and Garry preparing the L39 for flight. She flew very well and certainly had a presence in the sky. As good as the Hawk... Close

The “need for speed” was evident as a number of pilots arriving grew in number. The turnout for the event was excellent with a few new models making an appearing on the day. It was fantastic to be part of the action. So on arrival we prepared the models we had bought with us. Ken had his new L39 Albatross, the famous Hawk and his Xcalibur. We also had a Foremost which we prepared so I could have a go as well.

The event started with a Pilot’s Brief conducted by Russell Eastaway (President VJAA), which called for each pilot to have a caller while flying. This is now a CASA requirement to ensure we remained within the described boundaries detailed by the Flight Line Director and assist with safety. There were no problem in finding a caller as there were number of modellers who came up for a look and helped were they could.



Ken taking me through the start up sequence and what needs to be done. Ken is checking the battery with the data terminal. Handy bit of kit.

So we prepared the models and started to fuel them up under Ken’s watchful eye. Garry was the head pit bitch with me being the apprentice (again). You realise pretty quickly that 20 litres of fuel does not last that long when you are fuelling so many models. Of course Ken was always on hand to lend advice and to keep us on track with motivational comments such as “what are you pair of idiots doing out there” and “haven’t you got the model ready yet”. It was going to be a good day.....

Ken took up his Xcalibur to give it a go first and then prepared the L39 with Garry. The size of the model is impressive and I think a number of people were looking forward to see if fly. I assisted in preparing the Foremost for flight and learning the finer points of jets. I considered myself very lucky as I was able you have a number of flights with a Foremost belonging to Ken using my KingTech 100 Turbine. I think

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The flight line was a busy place. But no accidents or incidents apart from one flameout. Great day..

the smile is still on my face as I completed a number of circuits across the blue sky and having some fun along the way.

It was not long before the sounds of turbines filled the air with 4 Jets up on most occasions with Ken right amongst it. When the L39 Albatross with a KingTech 210 came out to play, many watched as it flew beautifully. It was one of the big aircraft on the day and did have a presence on the ground and defiantly in the sky.

Over 25 pilots took part with a multitude of different type of jets and sizes. The wind direction for most of the day was down the runway with a shift to a slight cross wind, but nothing the pilots or models could not handle.

For lunch, the VJFF put on a BBQ for which was a gold coin donation to help with the munchies and drinks. Nothing fancy, but it hit the mark so all was good. The day continued until about 4:00 pm were I was lucky enough to have a final flight with the Foremost before we packed up for the day.

Overall it was a great day enjoyed by all of us. There was a lot of laughs, bagging and of cause flying along the way. The next meeting will be Wangaratta Jet, on 17 to 19 April 2015. This year the event will be celebrating its 15th year anniversary at Mangalore and looks like it is shaping up to be another great jet meet as registrations continue to grow. If you are interested, why not come up for the day to see this part of our sport.

For Judi and I, it was a great day and I know Garry had a good time as well. Must thank Ken for taking the time to get me into the air with the foremost and his encouragement. His motivational speeches were sensational.....



Finally at the end of the sticks under the watch full eye of Ken. I had a great day. Thanks Ken.

Ed



Ken's L39 prepares for takeoff. Final checks complete.....



The L39 inverted flight with smoke on..... No problems at all. The Albatross looked the part and was a crowd pleaser.

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SCANNER RACING!

APRIL 12th 2015

Geelong Miniature Aircraft Association

Dog Rocks Field, Batesford



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OS .46 Engines & Electric Trial
No Glass or carbon fibre Props
Glo Engines Limited to 10x6 or 11x6 props
Electrics Limited to Turnigy G46 Motor & max 5 cells 4000mAh. No Prop Limits

RACING STARTS AT 10 AM!



Echuca Moama Model Aero Club

ANNUAL FUN FLY

Sunday April 12th 2015

AT THE VMAA FLYING FIELD ECHUCA

ALL TYPES OF MODEL AIRCRAFT WELCOME

A great day of fun and excitement is assured
Model flying for the fun of it !

Refreshments available on the day.

Contact – Fred West Secretary 0418 362100



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VMAA Trophy Weekend (Looks like Oct. TBC)



Well the dates for the trophy weekend looks like will be in October. i am hoping the 10 and 11 Oct will be the dates so stay tuned and i will let you know as soon as the dates are confirmed.

So if we are serious about the event, we need now to prepare and get a team together. I know we have the flyers and the models. All we need to do is get out there and give it a go.

“Sports Limbo” is the new event which ran last year very successfully. Even though it sounds simple, it test the pilot skills and flying ability. Lots of fun and laughs along the way based on last year’s running of the event. The winner needs to complete 3 rounds and pass under the limbo as many times as possible within a time period. The juniors in the competition did very well and gave the seniors a run for their money. Really was a fantastic effort.

If we participate again this year it will be our third attempt at the trophy. I know some of the Club Members have already have mdoels but we need to prepare and hopefully have some test flight/practice before the event. I know some have practice so to give their chosen event a good nudge and score.

At the end of the day, I hope we have 12 pilots, one for each event so we can have max participation from the Club. The event will be counted be counted towards our yearly participation effort.

We need the support of the whole Club so if you are not flying, you can still come out and help out. Hopefully we will have a junior this year, but this needs to be confirmed. I know we have some very good pilots with very good models to compete with. We will talk more at our Club meetings so come along and see what we can do.

Ed

| Event | Name |
|---|-----------------|
| Team Manager | Joe Finocchiaro |
| "Helicopter (Heats 1 & 2) Novice Club Rules" | |
| "Old Timer Duration" | |
| Fun Scale | |
| Scale Aerobatics | |
| R/C Combat | |
| Electric Glider | |
| Musical Landings | |
| Club Racing | |
| Fun Fly | |
| Sports Limbo | |
| Thermal Glider | |

Pilots can enter a maximum of two events. Other pilots can assist as callers, spotters etc. Juniors attract additional points for competing in an event. Irrespective of how many juniors a team has a maximum of two events will be scored with an additional point. The additional point will be added to the team’s overall score.

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2015 FUN FLY

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May 2 & 3
2015



ON FIELD CATERING

A GREAT DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT

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OVER THE WEEK END**



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CERTIFIED**



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Working Bee - Shade Area

We have been meaning to hold a working bee to fix up one of our shade areas. Joe Buttigieg has all the materials but is not well at the moment.

Once Joe is on his feet proper, then a email notification will go out. So stay tuned.

TWIN CITIES MODEL AERO CLUB
Albury

7th Annual Scale Rally
 May 1st 2nd 3rd
 2015

Autumn is the perfect time to visit the BorderRegion and fly in ideal weather conditions
 This is a no competition rally open to all Scale Models, including ARF's and Non Builders
 of the model entries, so bring them all along ,even if it looks scale,come and fly.
 Current MOP certificates will need to be sighted for models exceeding 7kg
 Dinner Saturday night at a local Restaurant

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Ed's Tib Bits

MAAA MOPs that you should read.....

MOP001 - Accident Reporting

MOP055 - Alcohol, Drugs & Medical Conditions Policy

MOP018 - Night Flying

MOP027 - Award of Wings and Instructor Rating

Click on [here](#) to go to the MOP area of the MAAA Web Site

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Sunday 17th May **MID MAY MUSTER 2015** **State Field Eastern**

This is a "Scale" fun fly day, any model resembling a full-size flying machine is welcome. A registration fee applies, as it is a fund-raiser for our club, with catering, camaraderie and lots of air-space to fly in.

State Field Eastern is at Bengworden Rd. Opposite Boundary Rd. Goon Nure, 3875, Victoria
For information about the field, see www.statefieldeast.blogspot.com

Pilots must be MAAA affiliated and have at least Bronze Wings. (Card to be produced)
Radio transmitters other than 2.4Ghz must have been certified at least once. A 36mHz transmitter pound will operate under the supervision of a Club Officer.

For more up to date information *frequently* visit our blog
www.badmaceastvic.blogspot.com

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