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Presidents Report -July 2015

Hi to all Club Members

Welcome to a new BMMAA Club Financial Year.

At the recent AGM with all positions on the Committee being up for re-election, we had a couple of Committee positions change hands. So with that said I would like to thank Anthony Curzon for his years of service to the Club as Safety Officer and would like to welcome Ken Molison as the Clubs new Safety Officer and Jim Hill coming onto the Committee as a Club Ordinary Member.

The Committee has asked Joe Buttigieg to take charge of all the working bees and organise what needs to be done at each one. Joe has accepted the position to assist the Club. So again thank you to all the past Committee members and welcome to the new Committee.

The Club has been invited to a couple of events that are coming up. One being the Ararat race of champion's scanner racing on Sunday the 30th August 2015.

The VMAA Trophy Weekend is the 10th & 11th of October 2015 and we are looking to enter a team this year. So please support the Club and have a go having fun with fellow aero modellers from other Clubs.

At present the Club has 26 financial members in which three are life members. Not a bad start to the year and looking good.

The weather has not been too bad over the last couple of weekends so I have been heading out to the field and having a fly with Jim Hill and Joe Finocchiaro.

I'm slowly getting my spacewalker II sorted out and I'm starting to love flying it.

One of the issues was when I pulled the power back to idle the model would climb rapidly. Another was when I went vertical the model would do a wing over to the left. I have now got the motor pointing down & to the left more but I still need to do another flight to see if I have it right. My pulse 125 and scanner have also been flown and on one of the weekends we had 20 to 30 km/h breeze which made the scanner bounce around a lot while flying. So I took the ugly stick Joe Buttigieg put together for me. I think it's a 60 size with an OS 75 2 stroke up the front. It flew like it was on rails in the 20 to 30 km/h breeze.

I have put together my new radian pro glider and that's also ready to test fly. Garry Thiele fix up my 40 size trainer so I don't need elastic bands to hold the wing on. I have set it up for buddy box flying for mode 1.

The field is still looking good but may need to have the grass around the strip cut soon.

And a quick reminder that all flying should be done forward of the centre line of the runway. No flying over your head or behind the flight line No exceptions.

Last Saturday I headed out to the field as it looked to be the better of the two day over the weekend for flying. I met up with Jim Hill & Joe Finocchiaro around 9am. The first for the day was with the scanner and then a couple more before getting the radial pro out for a maiden. Joe Finocchiaro hand launch the model for me. All that was needed was a couple of clicks of down trim and it was flying nicely. After a 10 to 15 minute flight I landed and got the spacewalker II ready to fly. But I found the tail wheel sticking on taxiing out and with a quick spray of WD.40 it was back in business. A couple of flight all was good so I got Joe Fin-



Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 12 August 2015, starting at 8:00 pm. This is our monthly meeting to discuss Club business and up and coming events.

Please come along and support the Club.

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occhiaro check my setting and he said it was a joy to fly. I put the cowl back on. Before having a final fly with it for the day.

The last model to fly for the day was my old 40 size trainer which had not been started for quite a long time. It started once primed and I let it run awhile to warm up. Once all good, I taxied out and took off to the south. Once trimmed in and burnt up most of the fuel, I landed and set up the buddy box working on the Futaba wireless link.

I told Garry Thiele it was set up on the buddy box and if he wanted to try mode 1 flying now would be a good time. He accepted the offer and with a quick run through the controls on the Futaba 10 channel. I fuelled up the trainer started it up and taxied out to the flight line. Once everybody was comfortable I took off and got the model 3 mistakes high and level and gave Garry control of the model. I must admit he was flying nice and smooth on mode 1. He flew around and started to get control with a couple of rolls and loops. I took control of the trainer while he gave the radio to Joe Buttigieg. Joe was flying around only a short period of time before the motor died so I took control and landed from the south end. Re-fuelled the trainer and tuned in the motor all running good now.

It was great to see 11 Club member out at the field in the one day.

We also have a new Club member who wouldn't listen, that we don't fly behind the flight line or over the pit area. See photo below

Over and Out.....

Regards
Michael Whelan
BMMAA President



Editor's Report – August 2015

Well another year is in swing with a healthy start to our membership. As Michael has reported, we have had 27 members on the books. What is pleasing is that we have had new members join and the majority of the existing membership has rejoined. That is really pleasing and well done to those that have rejoined and welcome to our new Members to the Club.

Is has been relatively quiet for the Club this last month. No events and no working bees at the moment, but that will change with winter coming to an end and plenty of events coming up. There are a few things to do at the field and Joe Buttigieg will let us know what will be done.

Our first event is the Scanner racing at Ararat on Sunday, 30 Aug. So if you like racing and have a scanner, why not go along. It is a lot of fun at a great field. The Ararat Club will welcome you and will look after visitors very well. The next big event will be the VMAA Trophy and I know there is plenty of work being done in the back ground preparing models and a little practice as well. Being the VMAA CD and looking after this event, I have received team sheets already so hopefully it will be another fund event with plenty of great flying to boot. We still have events that need to be filled by pilots so if you would like to give it a go, please put your hand up and represent the Club for a great weekend or come along to support the Club on the Saturday or Sunday.

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rubbish with you*

The VMAA held their AGM last month with Greg Lepp taking over as President. Greg has been part of the VMAA for a number of years as I have and will lead the VMAA team for the next two years. There has been some new blood coming into the mix of the Committee which is a good thing as new ideas and approach can only help steer our great Association. I have said in the past the VMAA do a lot of work in the back ground which many do not see. A lot of work but it has its own rewards.

I have been attending the field each Saturday as it seems this day is the best for each weekend. I have been practicing my flying with the J3 Cub for the State Scale Championships which will be held in Albury at the TCMAC 15/16 Aug. Looking forward to the event as the Cub is well and truly ready. It has taken a few months which started with a broken aerial and some fine tuning of control surfaces. Add to this the encouragement to continue for Club Members and all is good. Need to that Garry Thiele, Joe Buttigieg, Michael Whelan and Jim Hill who have all contributed to the end result. Thank you.

The search for a new field continues and will be one of the Committees prim objectives. As you can well image, not an easy task but one the Committee accepts and needs to do. Every Club Member can help by looking out for any land that you think may be suitable. I know there will be something out there; we just need to find it.

Well, that is it for another edition so I hope you enjoy the newsletter. See you at the meeting on Wednesday night.

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

Ed



Working Bees

Working bees are normally held on Sunday after the Club Monthly Meeting starting at 9:30 am. If this is changed or cancelled, you will be notified via email as soon as possible.

*Thanks
Ed*

5 Seconds of Madness.....

WALKS INTO A BAR... DOUBLE VODKAS

A guy walks into a bar and says to the barman, "Give me six double vodkas."

The barman says, "Wow, you must have had one hell of a day."

"Yeah, I just found out my oldest son is gay."

The next day, the same guy comes into the bar and asks for six more double vodkas. When the bartender asks what's wrong, the man says, "I just found out that my youngest son is gay, too!"

On the third day, the guy comes into the bar and orders another six double vodkas. The bartender says, "Jesus! Doesn't anybody in your family like women?"

The man downs the first drink and shakes his head, "Yeah, my wife!"

WALKS INTO A BAR... STRING STYLE

A string walks into a bar with a few friends and orders a beer. The bartender says, "I'm sorry, but we don't serve strings here." The string goes back to his table. He ties himself in a loop and messes up the top of his hair. He walks back up to the bar and orders a beer.

The bartender squints at him and says, "Hey, aren't you a string?"

The string says, "Nope, I'm a frayed knot."

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VMAA Trophy Weekend 10 & 11 October 2015



Well the dates for the trophy weekend be in October on the above dates. The documentation is on the VMAA Web Site. We can talk more at the next Club meeting to see if we can get a team together.

So if we are serious about the event, we do not have long 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” was run 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 models 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

We are getting a team together and there is plenty of events open. Come along and put your hand up for a fun weekend.

Event	Name
Team Manager	Joe Finocchiaro
"Helicopter (Heats 1 & 2) Novice Club Rules"	Kevin Kurwood
"Old Timer Duration"	Les Spaltman
Fun Scale	Ken Mollison
Scale Aerobatics	
R/C Combat	
Electric Glider	Mark Peterson
Musical Landings	
Club Racing	
Fun Fly	
Sports Limbo	
Thermal Glider	Mark Peterson

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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Maryborough Jets Queensland 2015

By: Ed

Photos: by Sandra and others



Great turnout for the Maryborough Jet 2015. Plenty of different models of all sizes. Fantastic to see.

This event is an annual trek to Maryborough which is North of Brisbane in sunny QLD. One thing is for sure, the weather at Maryborough is warmer than here and there were plenty of jets taking part in the weekend event. The trip for many start a few days out, depending where you are departing from. One of our Club Members, Ken Mollison and partner Sandra, start early on a Sunday morning to cross two states. Plenty to see along the way with a number of photos and Facebook entries. Of course the stirring started as soon as Ken and Sandra left and I am sure Facebook must have gone into melt down.....

Not a short drive by any length of the imagination, but one that is very enjoyable going up and coming

home according to Ken and Sandra. The event is a great opportunity so showcase KMRC Jets, display some new models and best of all take a well earned break over a few days to see the sights and do some relaxing. Of course, if you are in Bundy country and the bear us out, then a little bit of socialising is ok with the bear not too far away.



Blue skies and the L39 in full motion. Now tell me that does not look real.....

By the look of some of the photos on Facebook, the food was not bad either.

The event does bring together many pilots from all over the Australia together for a weekend of great flying and lots of laughs. The location and weather on most occasions is fantastic as the photos show. Tyson Dodd only had 200 litres of fuel to consume..... must be a slow weekend...

BAE Hawk, it has a presence of its own and flies like it is on rails. Not that I have had a fly, but Ken tells me she is a pleasure to fly. It seems others pilots that saw her in the air agreed as Ken one "Pilot's Choice" for the meeting. Well done Ken and congratulations on another trophy.

Ken will be home soon and I dare say he will have a number of stories to share for the next meeting. One thing is for sure, the L39 has taken centre stage for now

In this trip Ken took with him his L39 Albatross, which some of you may have seen already? Like the



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and is one of those models that has that something extra and just looks the part in the sky.

I am hoping one day I will be able to take part in the event and enjoy another great weekend in Maryborough and be part of the action. One day.....



Ken and his award as "Pilot's Choice" of the meeting. Well done and congratulations.



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BEEN COLD... BUT STILL GREAT FLYING

By: Ed

Photos: Michael Whelan

As it has been mentioned already, a bit of flying has happened on a Saturday as it seem to be the better day of the weekend. But it can still be cold when the wind comes up or the sun decides to take a break behind a cloud. I have noticed over the last few days we are getting more daylight so I think we are on the downhill run of winter looking forward to spring.



Michael Whelan's Spacewalker 2. After all the fine tuning flies great.



Jim Hill's 46 size Hanger 9 Plus. Another good model. Pity they don't make the kit anymore.....

There has been a number of models at the field with Jim Hill, Michael Whelan and myself, burning plenty of fuel of late. I have been practicing for the State Scale Championships with my famous J3 Cub and been doing some instructing with Neil Killeen (one of our new Club Members). Neil is into silent flight and has flown before, but quite a few years ago. He has chosen a Radian Glider to get back into it and it flies very well. All good stuff.



Jim paying full attention. It is alright Jim... it will fly....

I would expect not too many came out to play based on the cold, with only a few Club Members going to the field. The Saturday just gone, 8 August, was a change and great to see so many Club Members at the field. As Michael reported, 11 Club Members ventured out, flying everything from pylon racers to radian gliders. We also had Don Murphy come out to say hello and enjoying a chat. Don has been busy doing some renovations and busy with the paint brush. That will keep you out of trouble as it will never end.....



My Ultra Sport above and my Cub below. Flying very well and ready for action. Ed

It was also fantastic to see one of the locals and the probable owner of the sky, Mr Hawk. Now Mr Hawk was told a number of times about flying over the pit area, but the photos will show he had complete contempt for our rules or requests..... Then again, I think he thought he was the boss..... He was right as he gave the Neil Killeen's Radian glider a very close once over. Just a little closer and.....



Eventually, Mr Hawk decided we were not a threat to him so after about 30 minutes he ventured off to the west. It was certainly a good moment to see a hawk with his wings spread and manoeuvring so gracefully above us.

Anyway, hope you enjoy the photos as they will tell a story of their own. Looking forward to some great weather and in my case, this weekend for the scale championships.

Ed



Mr Hawk and Neil Killeen's Radian had a close encounter with the Radian looking like lunch. Mr Hawk was determine but after a while he realised his turf was safe. A magnificent bird and deserves respect for its beautify and elegance of flight.

	<p style="text-align: center;">MAAA Newsletter</p> <p>The latest WingSpan newsletter is now available from the MAAA website. Go to www.maaa.asn.au and have a read of the latest news from around the nation for August 2015</p>	
<p>The newsletter and MAAA web site contains plenty of information and articles from a number of different areas. The Formula 1 Sandown event will be running on 30 & 31 January 2016 and will be bigger and better. Great stuff...</p>		



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ARARAT RACE OF CHAMPIONS SCANNER RACING

Sunday 30 August, 2015



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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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Daffodil Day at GMAC

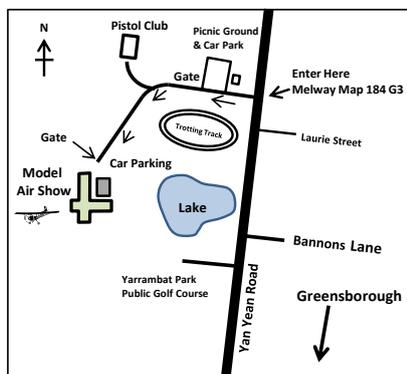
Sunday 30th August 2015 9am to 4pm

An invitation to all clubs, from the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club

**This is a Fly-In to raise funds for Cancer research.
It is open to all MAAA members.**

We invite you to join us and fly a YELLOW aircraft.
Or any aircraft with YELLOW on it.
If it doesn't have YELLOW on it, we can supply a YELLOW sticker or a Daffodil Day badge for \$5.00 with ALL of the proceeds going to the Daffodil Day Cancer Council funds.

**We request a donation (Optional)
of \$5.00 from all pilots on the day.
No charge for spectators.**



A BBQ lunch and drinks will be available on the day.

Donations on the day are for the Daffodil Day Cancer Council.

Please spread the word, and join us for a fly, or just come along for a look and to support this very worthwhile cause.

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