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Presidents Report - December 2015

Hi to all and Season Greetings to all Club Member.

Welcome to the BMMAA December Club Newsletter.

Well on behalf of your Club Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Club Members and their families are very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

We are looking to have a Christmas BBQ / Fun fly / Glider event day on Saturday the 19th December 2015. Flying starting at 9am. So come along to have a fly and get into the festive season as 2015 comes to an end and celebrate another great year for BMMAA. Remember, the Club is only as good as its Members.



Also on the 10th of December 2015. The Club is hosting another Senior Gentleman Group from the shire of Moorabool. So if you can help by giving a talk, display flying or static, it would be gratefully appreciated. Evnets such as these makes BMMAA part of the Community and give something back. It helps us just as much.

To Joe & Judi Finocchiaro I would like to pass on our deepest condolences on behalf of all the Club Members on the sad news of Judi's mother passing away recently.

Congratulations to Kevin Curwood on his resent achievement of passing his Gold wings for helicopters. Kevin had an oppourtunity at the Ararat Club to be assessed so well done. Look out VMAA Trophy 2016...

Again I would like to thank all the Club Members involved with the submission and paperwork for the proposed new flying field.

I was recently out at the field with a few other Club Members doing what we love to do, flying around at the field. I was watching David Wignell flying his trainer under the instructions of Joe Buttigieg.

His flying skills are slowly coming along as he progresses with his training. I was asked to adjust the throws rates in his radio and I added 30% expo into the elevator and ailerons. With the 30% expo the model was less twitchy and it flew a lot smoother. This translated to David's flying as it seemed he was flying a lot smoother



Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 09 December 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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and relaxed. So David, my advice to you is, start practicing flying circuits in both direction (Left & Right hand circuits) so you can handle any wind direction at the field or while visiting any other Club field. Keep up the good work.

And a quick reminder that all flying must be done forward of the centre line of the runway. No flying over your head or behind the flight line. No exceptions this includes Helicopters, Gliders, Quadcopters & take off & landings. This is part of safety for you and others and we need to make sure these simple rules are followed.

Please keep up the good work of taking all your rubbish home with you at the end of the day. It is pleasing to see our flying field clean and tidy

Over and Out.....

Regards
Michael Whelan
BMMAA President



*The landlord, Mr Hawk
 Came out the other day just to
 check on us..... Still boss...*

Editor's Report – December 2015

Well here we are with another year almost gone. The Club itself seems to be ticking over nicely and our Membership is ok. Over the past 12 months the Club has held few events starting with a very successful display day at the Ballan Tractor Pull. The year has seen a number of other events and some blown out due to weather. Weather, like it always does, plays a major role in our sport with the weather pattern being all over the place in the past few months. Climate change or whatever it is causing this weird weather is not going away in the short term.

I have been attending some events over the past few weeks which includes doing some jet flying. I can say that I have my wings, but more practice is needed. Great fun and I have enjoyed the experience. Hoping to do some more jet flying this weekend, but of course the weather will dictate that.

With the hotter weather coming in, please make sure you do cover up and put on plenty of sun screen. A hat is always good with a good pair of sunglasses. I know you have heard it all before, but you need to do it to protect yourself. The sun can be very destructive by the nature of what it is. Respect it and hopefully, you live to long age.....

Fire ban season is here with us as well and remember, during any fire ban days, there is no flying at the field.

You will see an article to support the MAAA for the F1 Racing and Sandown for 30 to 31 Jan 2016. Volunteers are needed to help out and if you do, then you gain entry for free. The event last year was excellent with plenty of people and RC stuff. The kids had a ball and adults just as much. There are flying demonstrations and things to buy. So why not go down and have a look and help out at the same time.

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The land acquisition is going well with a number of decision points reached and at this stage it is still very positive. We are preparing a submission for Council so we can obtain a planning permit. Once this is completed and all going well, 2016 will be a good year for BMMAA. Must thank all who have been involved and helped as Michael has said in his report. There has been many discussions and work done in the background to get the best possible outcome. Hoping to give another update at the next Club meeting.

This will be the last newsletter for this year and our next meeting after December will be in February. Don't forget we have the Ballan Tractor Pull on Sunday, 21 Feb 2016 so if you can bring a model or two for flying or static or both, then it will help out. If we can get as many models as last year, we will be on a winner. So put in your diary now and come out to support the Club and the display.

Well that is it for now and I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter for what it is worth for this year. I like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very safe festive season. It is a time to be jolly and most importantly, be safe. See you at the field sometime as we move to a new year..... roll on 2016...

Remember, the only way is up.....

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 after the meeting date.

***Thanks
Ed***



5 Seconds of Madness.....

Words of Wisdom...

Marriage is nature's way of preventing people from fighting with strangers.

The power of thoughts...

A little girl and a little boy were at day care one day. The girl approaches the boy and says, "Hey Tommy, wanna play house?" He says, "Sure! What do you want me to do?" The girl replies, "I want you to communicate your thoughts." "Communicate my thoughts?" said a bewildered Tommy. "I have no idea what that means." The little girl smirks and says, "Perfect. You can be the husband."

TV is good....

At a local coffee bar, a young woman was expounding on her idea of the perfect mate to some of her friends. "The man I marry must be a shining light amongst company. He must be musical. Tell jokes. Sing. And stay home at night!" An old granny overheard and spoke up, "Honey, if that's all you want, get a TV!"

See you on the flip side..... Merry Christmas to all ... Ed



Red Bull and Team Racing in Canberra 17 & 18 of October 2015



By Tony Curzon

Tony Martinico, Barry Townsend and myself left Bacchus Marsh in Tony's great war SUV with a trailer in tow, leaving about 16:00 hrs for Canberra. The trailer contained my Extra 330 Red Bull machine and Barry's Red Bull model, with the fuselage of my Texan in the back of the SUV. We finally arrived at our motel by around midnight.

The next morning we arrived at the field early to find a really neat flying Club with tents already in position with racing poles in position with lights at the ready. The racing was fast paced with me flying in Texan and coming 9th with a 4th place in Red Bull. The weekend was fantastic, but it did not go by without incident. Unfortunately,



Bazza, Tony C and Tony Martinico. The 3 amigos having some fun.

Barry crashed on his second flight after a flame out due to a pressure nipple coming lose on the muffler. Obviously, Barry did not place, however, he did have the second fastest time for Red Bull over the entire weekend on his first flight. Well done.



Just some of the racing machines that took part.

Over the weekend the classes flew were, Red Bull, Texan, Formula 1, and the new Nemesis 35cc Formula 3 class and inline heritage. So was plenty of opportunity to try your hand at more than one category if you so desire. It does make it hectic so preparation is the key to events like this.

Saturday night, the Club put on a fantastic roast dinner at a fixed price. (\$25 /head, with seconds on offer, a choice of 2 deserts and a drink). So the next day the

flying continued up to 15:00 hrs on the Sunday. The day started early with eggs and bacon sandwiches, plus coffee and tea on offer. The event itself was run very well with Jeremy Randle at the helm, plus flying in two classes himself. Overall a first class event in which I will be attending next year flying my new Nemesis in formula 3 along with my mate BAZZA!!

Thanks Tony, obviously a good time was had by all and the event ran very well. Great to hear and well done to all for competing and giving it a go. Ed



Plenty of Texans on display and racing. Can be a lot of fun. I think with any racing engine, airflow to keep cool is paramount. Some of the work on cooling is amazing....

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VICTORIAN MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION



Fast, furious FUN! The MAAA will host the F1 Air Race Sandown in 2016.

Like a top gun, you can experience the thrill of flight at the F1 Air Race Sandown. Australia's top display and racing pilots will put on a spectacular show for Melbourne. Along with RC helicopters and jets racing up to 300km/h there will be exhibits of the most serious radio control models and remote control equipment available from the best suppliers across the country.

The MAAA have just relaunched the Sandown website to keep you up-to-date on the event as it progresses. To learn more, please visit www.sandownairrace.com.au

F1 Air Race Sandown

Time: 9am – 4pm

Date: Sunday 31 January 2016

Location: Sandown Racecourse

591-659 Princes Hwy, Springvale Vic 3171

Entry:

\$40 Family (two adults and unlimited children)

Children under 16 are free

\$25 single adult ticket

\$15 Seniors

What can you expect?

This year, the Sandown F1 Air Race program has been expanded, to deliver a longer, more exciting and spectacular air show. The day will feature:

- F1 model aircraft fly past
- Spectacular Aerobatics
- Giant Scale models
- Fast and Furious Sandown F1 Air Race five aircraft will battle it out in a spectacular show of speed and skill
- Fast and Furious Sandown F2 Air Race
- The best young F3D Pylon Racers in the country

Volunteer

The VMAA would like to support the event at Sandown. We require volunteers from Melbourne to help set up the exhibition hall and pack down the event beginning on Saturday 30th January 2016 and setting down on Sunday 31st 2016. To register your interest please contact the Event Manager, Louise Winduss directly cocoweddingsandevents@gmail.com, she's compiling a list for the VMAA, please write "Volunteer" in the subject heading. Volunteers will receive a free pass for the event.



VFSAA Scale Meeting Pakenham - 15 Nov 15



Article by Ed

Photos: Michael Whelan

On the above date, Michael Whelan and I headed to the home of P&DARCS (Pakenham) for another scale competition. Michael came down for support and to take some photos of the event itself. We had a reasonable turn up with 3 categories on offer. So early Sunday morning we made tracks down the freeway. With the new freeway, it only took 75 to 80 minutes and that is with road works and an event being held in the tunnel. An easy drive, there and back.



Above and below - David Law's Spitfire makes an awesome sight as it went through it's manoeuvres.

Garry Sunderland arrived as well and we all prepared our models for flight. In the back ground, score sheets and pilot list were being organised. I was lucky enough to be first one up to test my Cub to make sure that all was good and to give the OS 120 a run. Unfortunately, the Cub did not behave as expected. Motor was going great, but a handful of aileron to left was not a good start. Even Michael noticed it was not flying as it normally does. Anyway, after trimming out the model with a safe landing to finish off, I prepared for the competition. The rest of the attending pilots, prepared their models with a few following suit to ensure all was good.



After a quick refuel and doing final checks, I was first on the runway with Michael being my caller. It was good experience for Michael as he is keen to try his hand in scale competition as well. So I took up my position and started to roll straight down the centre. The take off was find (may be a little fast) and away we went. Again, the model dropped the right wing as I went through each manoeuvre. It really becomes noticeable when trying to do a loop and a Cuban 8. Each time the model screwed out to the right and needed a handful of left aileron. Not good....

So another check of the model and ensuring all the surface were working correctly was done. On the second flight the same situation occurred forcing me to use a lot of left aileron and reducing my score for the



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Greg Lepp and his Decathlon. Big model that flies very well.

loop and ½ Cuban 8. On the touch and go a gust of wind caught the model and I could not correct fast enough based on the issue. When returning back to the pits scratching our heads on what was going on, Michael picked up the model from the tale end and moved the 2 elevator half's and notice that one half was not moving the same. End result, the elevator horn on the right hand side had broken so every time I used it, the model would screw to the right.

Well my flying was over for the day as I did not have a spare horn, but gained sufficient points to come third overall..... Oh well, that is modelling.

The competition continued with Michael helping me with the scoring and taking some great shots along the way. The weather was excellent overall and we both had a good time helping out. The Club canteen provided lunch and drinks which was appreciated by all pilots and visitors. I am sure Michael would enjoy scale flying and be competitive. Just needs a scale model which I know he has..... Michael, get to it.....

Scale flying is a lot of fun when you fly a model as it is expected to fly in the era it was designed for. Great to see Garry Sunderland still enjoying every bit of model aviation, flying his biplanes in the way they should be. His knowledge on aviation and his experience is very good.

I would encourage those that like scale to give it a go. It is not hard and there is plenty of support and help available to get into it. It is good fun and best of all, the camaraderie and discussion is great. See you at the field sometime.....

Ed



David Anderson (Caller) and Mario Schembri (NFG) Pilot going through his paces.



Roly Gaumann (P&DARCS) and his PZL - 104 Wilga



Noel Whitehead, David Law and Greg Lepp judging on the day. A new way of scoring was introduced which proved to be very successful in providing feedback to pilots.



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MAAA Newsletter

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 **September 2015**



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....

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Ed's Tib Bits



If you are not sure of a safety issue, process or procedure, the MAAA MoPs provided a valuable guidance and direction. It is up to every individual to become familiar with the MoPs. If you are not sure, don't make it up!!!! Go to the MoPs and find out..... It may save embarrassment later....

MAAA MOPs that you should read.....

MOP001 - Accident Reporting

MOP055 - Alcohol, Drugs & Medical Conditions Policy

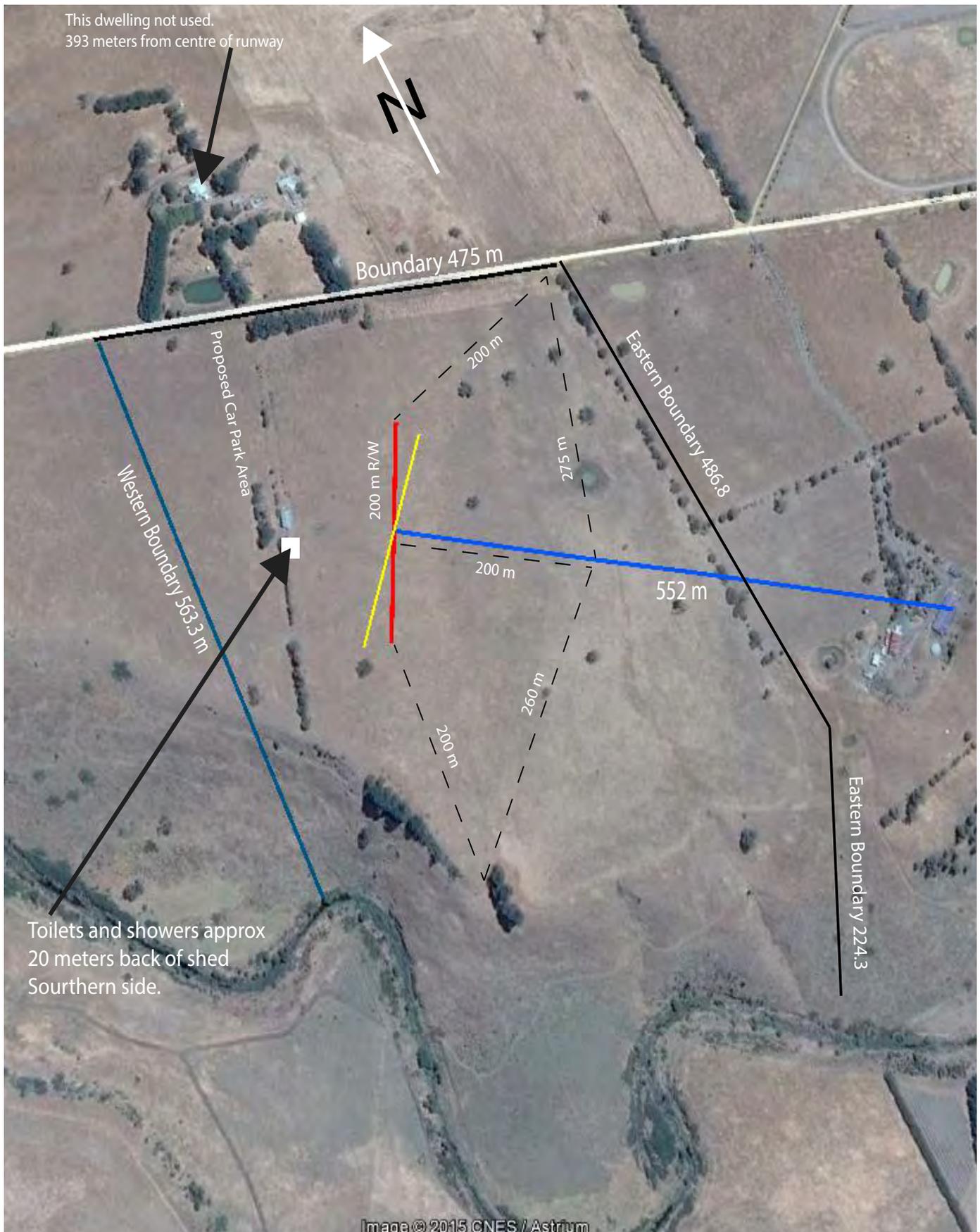
MOP018 - Night Flying

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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Above is a suggested layout of the proposed field. Once we know if the property will be bought we can get to work. The MAAA/VMAA are supporting us and will assist were they can. Good place to be....

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