



Mt Wallace State Field - Home of BMMAA

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PRESIDENTS REPORT – December 2018.

To all our Club Members and supporters.

Well as we end another year, I would like to thank our members that have contributed to making this a great Club. We have been fortunate to have local business support donating funds and equipment to make our field that much better., It all helps.

It has been a very busy year with some milestone achievements. We were able to finally complete the earthworks, grass on the strip, our first SIG event and finished the year with a watering system. All key infrastructure items that were fundamental for further success. The next phase is on the way.

It looks like 2019 will be an exciting year for our Club and I have a good feeling that we will grow as more people discover our part of the world. There are some fantastic events that are being planned as more SIGs realised the potential of Mount Wallace State Field.

So, as we end 2018, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy Flying and safe travels.

Regards
Mark Peterson
BMMAA President



Next meeting will be held at the RSL Hall ***on Wednesday 13 February 2019, starting at 8:00 pm.***
This will be our first for the year so please come along and be part of the conversation and discuss Club business and any up and coming events. ***Please come along and provide input and ideas.***

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Editors Round up. December 2018



Another year comes to the end and as Mark Peterson has mentioned it has been a busy year for us Martians. We have seen a Club chapter close (Parwan) and a new one start for the Club. Mount Wallace is a fantastic site and the potential is clearly seen now by many.

We have always said it was going to take time and of course funds to build the vision I think we all share. It will be the jewel of the West and the place to fly for many reasons. As we close of the year, 2019 is starting to look like another busy year with more events going to be held at the field and working bees held to build what we need.

With this the Committee and Club will need your help and many have rolled up their sleeves and got on with it. We all know help can be in many forms but we all need to pitch in to spread the load. We have been informed that our next Bunnings Sausage sizzle will be on Sunday, 3rd February. This is a major fund-raising activity for the Club and one that needs our support. Donate a couple of hours as this will make a difference.

No doubt we will see more competitions at the field as more SIGs become interested in what is on offer. But there will also be Club events such as fun flies, glider or whatever we think that is fun for us as Martians. We also need to support event like this so can enjoy our field and what we do.

Thank you to those Club Members that contributed to the newsletter and provide some interesting articles along the way. This includes photos from other events and Clubs within our great Association. Please keep them coming and if you go to an event, take a photo or two so we can share with everyone. A special thank you to Michael (got a photo of that) Whelan who has donated many photos and his time to help me promote our field, whether in the newsletter or on Facebook. It all helps.



*The landlord, Mr Bob Hawk
..... Still boss...and watching your every
move...*

The next few months we will have a number of events being held. Arguably, this period of the year produces some of the best weather. But it also seems the weather is becoming more unpredictable with extreme changes, moving from one end of the scale to the other. Climate change?? I am not an expert but things are certainly being weird of late.



I wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe festive season. May Santa bring you that next project and the flights a long and enjoyable. See you at the field and don't forget, our next meeting won't be until February 2019.

Remember, the only way is up....

**BMMAA Editor
Joe Finocchiaro**

**Help the Club and Committee and make yourself
available during events and activities. It all helps**



How mach Rain..??

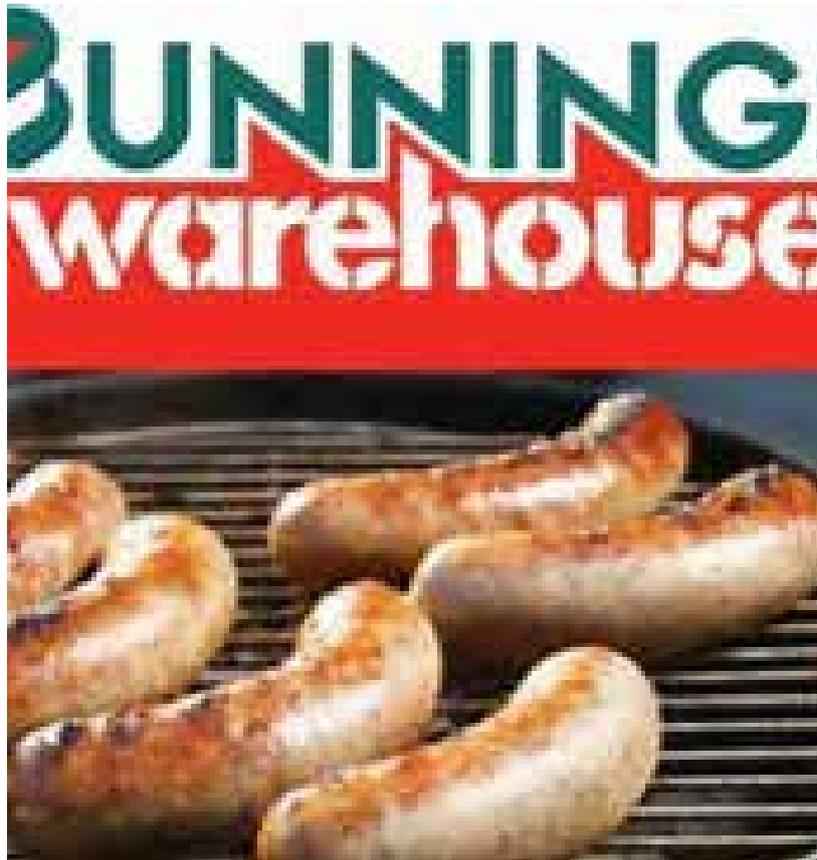
Talking about weird weather. This photo was taken by Tony Lovett from last weekend when we had a months worth of rain in two days. This was bough on by a hurricane that developed up North of Australia. No doubt things could have been worse with flash flooding everywhere on the two days. I am not sure, but I think Martians can swim.....



Working Bees

Working bees will be coordinated by the Committee and are normally held on Sunday after the Club Monthly Meeting starting at 9:30 am. Additional working bees maybe organised based on need. If this is changed or cancelled, you will be notified via email as soon as possible after the meeting.

*Thanks
Ed*



BMMAA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 03 Feb 2019

We need volunteers to fill the roster for the day, so if you can help, please contact the BMMAA Secretary. It going to be another busy day with BMMAA generating some more valuable funds.



BMMAA Fun Fly

09 Dec 2018

Article & photos by Ed

After our last event, BMMAA decided to have a Club Fun Fly and invite whoever wanted to be there. So, the call went out and was pleasing to see a number of different faces at the field. Once again, we had some fantastic models on show and some good flying to go with it.

The day did not start off as expected with heavy fog in the morning. When Michael Whelan, Ken Mollison and myself reached the BP on the freeway going to the field, it looked bleak at best and thought the event was going to be a dud. But we decided to push on to see what would happen and hopefully, the weather would turn out the right way later in the morning.



Another good turn out for our first official BMMAA Fun Fly. Great to see some new faces at the field.



Annemarie and Mark Peterson with the BBQ with PVA providing some support

did lift..... You guessed it, the day was going to be a good one.

By this time a number of Club Members and visitors started to turn up with Mark and Annemarie taking care of the kitchen and preparing the BBQ. So, we were open for business once again.



We arrived at the field at about 8:30 am and opening the gates. The fog was that thick we could not see the wind turbines at the Northern end of the field with no wind. So, for the next hour or so we sat had a chat, put up some shelters and completed pre-flight checks on some very large Sticks. Michael Whelan on his new Ugly Stick and me on the BMMAA Lolly Dropper Ugly Stick. In the meantime, Ken kept an eye on things.

As the morning progressed, we could start to see the trees at the Eastern end to appear with a slight breeze coming from the West. Sure enough, by 10:30 we were clear to fly. Joe Buttigieg went a bit earlier with his model disappearing in the fog a couple of times. But when the fog



Garry Thiele with his Avanti. Once again flew very well. I think the smile tells it all... Well done Garry.

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Ross Bathie and is very large Pawnee. Great glider tug and Ross tells me it is a pussy cat to fly... Certainly has a presence in the air.

As the day progressed, luck was not on our side with Michael Whalan having a burnt-out digital servo on one of his alerion (lucky that happen on the ground and picked up during some ground testing) with my Ugly Stick experiencing some engine start up issue. Once that was fixed, the muffler decided to part compony (on the ground) and that was the end of the day for me.

Ross Bathie and a couple friends came along with Ross flying his very large Pawnee and then test flying a 120 size Pea Shooter. Both models looked great in the air with the Pawnee certainly providing a presence in the air. Makes a great glider tug and we hope to see in action when the first Glider Tug event is held at the field.



Garry Thiele took up his Avanti Jet and that looked great in the air with Joe Buttigieg bringing out his fleet for the day. Michael Whelan was on the camera (how unusual), but did have a scanner fang along with Ken Mollison. Can't hand a man a better model than a scanner..... so they say.

Another successful day was had by those who attended and we know there will more to come. The new pilot boxes worked a treat and provides an effective safety barrier. We have two so have a look at the wind direction and pick the one that gives you the most runway to use. There will be other events coming up at the field in the new year stay tuned. Be

aware that jets turbines are not allowed to be flown during the summer months. The Committee will inform us when the restriction will be lifted.

So, have fun, enjoy our great sport and see you at the field. If you go by yourself to the field, just let someone know that you are there and when you have left. Just a safe guard to look after yourself.

Ed



Another good turn out for Mount Wallace State Field. This will be the field to fly at.



Ross Bathie at the controls with Ken Mollison (Front) watching on for certification. No problems



Ross Test flew a 120 size Pee Shooter. Flew very well but need some trimming. All good and a very colourful model in its day



Joe Buttigieg showing off the field and models on show to visitors. Enjoying a bit to eat (below)



Just enjoying the day and waiting for another flight. Even though the day started slow, it certainly turned for the better as the day went on

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Mount Wallace State Field



Click on the image above to take you on a tour. Thank you Michael Whelan

26A Brisbane Ranges Road, Mount Wallace Update - 02 Dec 2018

The above photos indicates the amount of work completed with the field open for business. It was a while to get to this point, but one that was worth the wait considering what we have now and what the future holds. If you have any questions, please contact the BMMAA Secretary or a Member of the Committee.

Parwan is in the final stages of closing, We need to remove rubbish and close the gates for the final time. No doubt there will be fond memories of the place and now will be part of Club history.





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

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The newsletter and MAAA web site contains plenty of information and articles from a number of different areas.



Ed's Tip Bits

If you are not sure of a safety issue, process or procedures, the MAAA MOPs provides 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

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