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Web Site: www.bmmaa.net.au

Presidents Report - June 2016

I hope everybody is well and keeping them self's busy and warm. The cold has arrived early this year with winter certainly arriving. The weather has been all over the place with weekends being anyone guess in regards to flying. But is certainly does not take long for the field to turn green and pleasing to the eyes.

The first week of June 2016 have been quite pleasant weather and I was lucky to be able to get out on Friday and get some flying in. The sky had low cloud in the morning and it slowly cleared up to a very nice day. I found Kevin Thomas and Joe already out at the field around 9:30 am. I actually got a total of 8 x 14 minute flights 4 on the Pulse 125 and 4 on the Spacewalker II.



It was a shame we had to cancel the inner Club Glider Challenge due to poor weather, but Mother Nature was against us this time. We will try and find another date and let you all know. The rules and flyer are still on the website.

Our treasure Deb Hill has been busy updating the Club accounts and this year we will be emailing out invoice with your Club fee's which will include the associated participation level based on your category. The invoices should be sent out after the June Club meeting. All fee's and participation level have to be paid by the end of June 2016. If you want to fly from the 1st of July 2016 you need to be financial so you are covered by insurance.

As mention in my last report the Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and all Committee positions will be declared vacant. So if you would like to take an active part on the Committee and help steer the Club, now is the time to nominate for a position. Nomination forms can be found on the BMMAA web site.

Lez Spaltman, the Club CD has been busy organizing a scanner event for the 26th June 2016 so please come along and have a go or just come out and help with the event. The Committee is looking at some prizes for both the scanner and (Glider Challenge) and should be a lot of fun. But that can only happen if you come along to have a go.

On a safety Note:

We remind all members that all engines are to be started at the starter stands and electric models are to also be armed at the starter stands, NOT IN THE PIT AREA. And a quick reminded 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 and this includes Helicopters, Gliders, Quadcopters & take off & landings.

Next meeting of BMMAA will be held at the RSL Hall on Wednesday 08 June 2016, 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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On another note: please do a range check on you radio before your first flight of the day just to make sure everything is working. Another great feature of our computer radios have is a Fail Safe capability. For your own and other safety can you make shore your fail safe on your radio and model are activated.

Another important note is, make sure it is working properly with the right orientation. If you do not know how to set it up, let me or one of the Committee Members know so we can assist you.

If you at the field by yourself, let someone know that you at the field and the approximate time you are leaving. Even a simple text message letting someone know that you are leaving the field.

This is part of the overall safety conditions we all need to be aware of and ensure 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 the field clean and tidy.

Over and Out.....

Regards
Michael Whelan
BMMAA President



*The landlord, Mr Bob Hawk
 Still boss...*

Editor's Report – May 2016

Not much has been happening of late. The weather has been unpredictable for the past few weeks with only the last week been near perfect conditions, except for it being cold. I think the winter is going to be a cold one, but we need more rain to get those dams filled. The colder weather has also bought colds and coughs and it seems it has started earlier this year. If this is the case I can see everyone having a second bout half way through winter or at the end. So stay warm, especially at the field as the wind can be lazy and go straight through you instead of around you.

It was unfortunate that our Glider Challenge was postponed on 22 May, but the winds really did came up on the day so it was a good call in the scheme of things. I know our CD (Les Spaltman) will look at another date, but it may be after winter.

If all goes well, we do have the Scanner Racing event coming up on 26 June. So if you do have one, get it ready and give it a go. Lots of fun is had along the way with some close racing to top it off. The event will be opened up to other Clubs and will be posted on the Website. We closing the entries to no more than 24 pilot's tops as this is comfortable for all.

The AGM is coming up in July and a notification has been sent out to all. The Committee provides the direction the Club should be going with the consultation of all Club Members. That is why and if you can, attend the Club Meetings so you know what is happening and be part of the conversation. If you cannot be there, then accept the decisions made so we can all get on with what we are trying to do and enjoy. Sometimes decision made may not look clear in the first instance, but every decision made is based on Club needs and Members majority views.

If you have some spare time and would like to be part of the Committee, now is your chance. Nominations forms will be available on our website.

On the scale seen, I have been preparing my J3 Clipped Wing Cub for the Scale Championships which will be held next weekend in Shepparton. Last year I ended up 5th out of a group of 18 so hopefully I can go one better. The weather in Shepparton at this time of year is pretty good, but it can be cold in the morning and early afternoon.

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The wind is normally light and straight down the strip later in the morning. So I am looking forward to the event and see if I can improve my standing.

On a final note, fees will be due and need to be paid by 01 July to be financial and covered by insurance. If you have not paid your full fees, then you will not be able to fly. This is the same for all Clubs.

Well that is it for another month as we prepare for winter and get stuck into building another model or maybe doing some maintenance. Either way, stay warm and if you going to venture out to the field by yourself, let someone know you're at the field and when you leave. Until next time.....

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.

*Thanks
Ed*

5 Seconds of Madness.....Short one liners.

1. Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house? Of course, a house doesn't jump at all.
2. A man asks a farmer near a field, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4:23 train."
The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead. And if my bull sees you, you'll even catch the 4:11 one."
3. It is so cold outside I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.
4. My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad that I finally had to take his bike away.
5. Police officer: "Can you identify yourself, sir?"
Driver pulls out his mirror and says: "Yes, it's me."
6. When my wife starts to sing I always go out and do some garden work so our neighbours can see there's no domestic violence going on.
7. How can you tell you have a really bad case of acne?
It's when the blind try to read your face.

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If you like some adrenalin combined with a lot of fun, why not join us for a great day of racing.

Sunday 26th JUNE 2016

Field Location : [Click here](#)

Hot food and drinks available all on the day.

Plenty of space for camping..

Guests are welcome from Saturday, 26 June 2016.

Entries limited to first 24, so be quick.

Prizes and raffles to be won. Pre Registration required.

Pilot brief 9:00 am. \$10 Entry Fee. Racing starts at 9:30 am

For more details Contact Les on [0418-405-549](tel:0418-405-549)

BMMAA SCANNER RAC

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Participation Levy

As you know the participation levy was introduced so the Club activities could be supported fairly across the Club Membership. To date, the Club has held 9 opportunities for all Club Members to complete their allocation of participations based on their Membership category.

Events such as Ballan Tractor Pull, could provide two participations if you attend for the whole day. A participation is classified as 4 hours or when the event is completed or called to completion such as poor weather.

Working bees fall under the 4-hour mark and start between 9:30 and 10:00 am with a completion time of 1:30 to 2:00 pm on the day nominated or earlier when all the tasks have been completed. This would normally be followed up with a BBQ and a fly if weather permits. Turning up doesn't mean you have participated, you are required to actually do some task(s) and turning up late does not guarantee you will be allocated a participation. The Working Bee Coordinator or his representative, will mark your name off. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your name is marked off.**

Participation Levy Allocation

The allocation of the levy will depend on your Membership category. If you are a full Senior Club Member, then you are required to complete 4 participations at \$25 per participation or if you are a Pensioner/Student Club Member, then you are required to complete 4 participations at \$15 per participation during a financial year. If you have not completed your entitlement, then you will be required to either pay the participation levy again or a pro rata of the levy.

Example 1 - Full Senior Club Member: if you are required to complete 4 (\$100) and only have complete 2, then you will need to pay for 2 participations (\$50) plus your fees at the start of the new FY.

Example 2 - Pensioner / Student Club Member: if you are required to complete 4 (\$60) and only have complete 2, then you will need to pay for 2 participations (\$30) plus your fees at the start of the new FY.

Fees and Participation Levy

It is required that you pay your fees and participation levy together. Part payment will not be accepted unless a submission to the Committee has been made stating your case into why you cannot provide all fees due.

The Participation Rules/Conditions can be found on our website, www.BMMAA.net.au A copy of how many participation you have complete to date can be found under the Members Tab, under “Downloads”. If you have mitigating circumstance, you can submit these circumstance to the Committee and each case will be looked at on its own merits and treated as confidential. The Committee understands that at times certain things can happen and do which may cause a delays.

Whats been happening at the field....

Article by Ed

Photos by: Michael Whelan



Beautiful morning on Friday, 3 June. Calm with a little overcast. Fantastic flying weather for a change.

Michael was able to fly his Pulse and Spacewalker and achieved 4 flights on each. Michael's Spacewalker is going very well after a bit of work and fine tuning. The model is a pleasure to fly and Michael is flying very well. I am hoping Michael will fly scale with me and enjoy some competition in the near future.

The last few days have proven to be some of the best flying weather to date. The week starting 30 May to 03 June was cold, but the wind was calm for most of the days. On Friday, 03 June, some of us were lucky to venture out and enjoy a beautiful day at the field. It was a little cold and some fog around, but that lifted quickly.

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My Cub ended up with 4 flights as I practiced for the VFSAA Scale Championships to be held in Shepparton over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Lucky enough to have Kevin Thomas providing some advice along the way. Very enjoyable and like they say..... someone had to do it.



On Sunday 05 June, Michael and I planned to go out again depending on the weather. On getting up and looked out the window, I was greeted with very light rain and another dead calm day. So we waited a couple of hours and sure enough the rain eventually stopped and the clouds started to break up. With a spring in my step, the car was loaded with a quick SMS to Michael. Before we knew it we were at the field and once again Kevin Thomas was already enjoying the

great weather along with Les Spaltman flying his racer.

The weather just got better as the day went on. Kevin Thomas in the back ground flying his electric Yak I think. Have a great time. Michael Whelan and Joe Finocchiaro with their models ready for another flight...

When I got there, Les just had taken his cylinder head off his engine to find it blew a hole in his piston. Kevin was enjoying his electric model and I think he was on his third battery. We quickly set up our models and were in the air very quickly. Neil Killeen arrived soon after with his Radian and joined the rest of us.

Was upstairs any good..... oh yeah and it was a pleasure to fly. So did we get much flying in, well before we knew it, another 4 flights were completed with the weather just holding nicely for us all day.

There was little wind, if any at all with the added bonus that it was not cold due to being slightly overcast.

So it was a great weekend of flying with the weather being perfect to help us enjoy good



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company, have a chat with a bit of flying. Yep, it was a great weekend. Pity more people did not come out to play....

Ed



Michael Whelan's Spacewalker makes a very nice scale model. Flies very well and would go great at a scale competition...



VMAA Trophy

The VMAA Trophy Weekend will be conducted in October this year and held at P&DARCS (Pakenham). The idea of moving the event to allow other Clubs to participate and reduce the distance for those that come a long way each year.

The Martians have done reasonable well at the event and I hope we can get a team together again to take part. You don't have to be at the event for both days and to get to the field is easy as most of the road is all highway.. Something else to take part in as a Club team again.

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 July 2016

NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD AT THE RSL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY. COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORMS ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE DOWNLOAD TAB. THIS INCLUDES PROXY FORM AS WELL.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR NOMINATION OR PROXY FORMS TO THE SECRETARY GARRY THIELE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR MAY BE CALLED ON THE NIGHT

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VMAA Trophy Weekend

Oct 08 to 09, 2016

To be held at P&DARCS (Pakenham)



The Trophy rules make it fair for smaller Clubs to

have a go with a good chance of doing well against big Clubs. Enter as many events as you can. Your best six of the ten events will count.

A pilot can compete in two events only and 'assist' other pilots/team members in other events. All Clubs will be asked to provide people to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.

Trophy Events:

- Fun Scale
- 2 x Helicopter events
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Old Timer Duration
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat

The aim of this event is to encourage Association Clubs to have a go as a team over the two days. The event that has the emphasis on fair play, maximum fun and competition.

The event will be held at **P&DARCS, 30 Fowler Road, Cardinia**. Catering available both days and on site. Camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are available nearby.

If you need further information, please contact the VMAA CD; Joe Finocchiaro on Mobile: 0425 708 654, email contestdirector@vmaa.com.au
Rules and conditions will be posted on the VMAA Website
www.vmaa.com.au over the next couple of weeks

The Trophy weekend has been modified to ten (10) events. All rules are being reviewed for the 2016 competition



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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

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



Some special notes: Support the Royal Flying Doctors Service of Australia.

Last year we supported this fund raising event with great success. This year it will be held on the weekend 22-23 October. We need to set one day from this weekend and run a Club event such as a BBQ, display day, Fun flies etc. All Club Members that attend will receive a commemorative badge who donates \$5 towards the day to RFDS. The Secretary will then arrange for the badges to be sent to the Club. Let's get behind this activity as every dollar counts towards a fantastic service. Remember, Australia is a big place..

BMMAA Committee 2015/2016

President:	Michael Whelan	(0400 503 395)
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Appointed:	Working Bee Coordinator. Joe Buttigieg	

Ed's Tib Bits



If you are not sure of a safety issue, process or procedures, 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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