



VMAA NEWS

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Australian F4C Scale Team Number One in the World Congratulations and well done..

*Australian F4H Scale Team places 4th in the World
Outstanding effort by both teams on the world stage.*

FAI F4 Scale World Championship 2018 Meiringen, Switzerland



Winning Team

*From the left, Noel Findlay, Noel Whitehead,
Team Manager, Melissa Law and David Law
I think the smiles tells it all.....*

*The Australian Team on parade right.
Proud moment for all concerned to be competing
in Switzerland.*

*If you are interested in seeing the rankings, go to
the website
[Click Here](#)*



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VMAA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017-2018



My main aim within the VMAA this year has been to build upon the solid basis within the Association to improve the relevance to Clubs and to increase the value provided to Affiliates. The VMAA Committee is very aware that Clubs and Affiliates are demanding better service from the Association and we targeted a few specific areas for immediate attention with more on the list for the future. I am very thankful for the efforts of all the Committee Members over the past year. While I know we have effected significant advances in what we do and how we do it, I am excited by the prospect of more to come.

We have enhanced the methods of communication between the VMAA and the Clubs to provide information and assistance more clearly and more responsively particularly through the revitalised regular bulletin and our revamped website. Both channels can now incorporate event notices produced by Clubs and both will continue to evolve.

We're also introducing better ways for the Clubs to contact and interact with the VMAA such as simple forms to facilitate requests, making these available through the website for immediate use. We continue to review and improve how we provide financial support to Clubs and Members. More and more Clubs are seeking loans and other assistance to develop better facilities or promote activities – vital for general social and flying activities, attracting new membership and providing practice facilities for ambitious people to develop their skills and aspire to greater achievements. Similarly, there is always a need to support the strong contingent of Victorian Members who choose to pursue international competition; we know such endeavours are costly in terms of setup, preparation, team qualification and overseas travel but these people can be great ambassadors for our sport. The challenge is to maintain an appropriate balance of using your fees to benefit all our affiliates, be they experts, beginners or avid recreational pilots.

The VMAA Trophy event remains an important occasion. The intention is to encourage interaction between Clubs – and friendly rivalry! The timing, events and rules have been tweaked a little over the years and while we're open to feedback we'll be looking to stabilise things in the future to allow pilots to practise their skills against a known requirement. We hope this event will continue to attract strong interest and we encourage all Clubs to consider participation.

The past year has seen significant initial steps on setting up the new State Field at Mt Wallace and a new Clubhouse was recently opened at Echuca Moama MAC. The other State Fields regularly progress improvements and please remember, the State Fields are available to all VMAA affiliates; requests to visit or stage events can be made through the host Club as noted on the VMAA website.

I'm excited by the future opportunities I can see will be available to Victorian Clubs and the VMAA; I think there are many improvements we can still make and there is lots more we can achieve. I look forward to furthering the work with the Committee in helping the Association achieve its potential and deliver to the expectations of the Clubs.

Reeve Marsh
President,
Victorian Model Aeronautical Association.



A Note from the Vice President

Well another FY draws to a close and the VMAAAGM is rapidly approaching. As Vice President of the VMAA, I have enjoyed the engagement and opportunity to contribute to the administration and operations of the VMAA over the last 2 years.

There have been some challenging issues to deal with and some great progress along the way. The acquisition of the Mt Wallace State Field would have to be the highlight for me. This project has run under the guidance of the Committee of the Bacchus Marsh Club and being represented by Joe Finocchiaro. The project has progressed to an agreed level in accord with the Business Plan developed in conjunction with myself as the VMAA Project Officer. The introduction of a State Field in the Western District will be a great asset to the hobby/sport and provide another location for our affiliated members to enjoy this great sport we all enjoy so much.

I congratulate Reeve Marsh for completing his first year as the VMAA president. Reeve brings a professional approach to the Committee and his business experience and leadership has been well received by my fellow committee members.

Looking back over the past year, a personal highlight for me, was the pleasure of opening the new Club House at the State Field in Echuca. The Committee have done a great job with limited funds and a small group of willing members to develop this field into a first class facility representing the sport in the North of the state. I personally Like Echuca as a location to holiday at, given the warmer climate and relatively short travel time (from memory 202 Kms from the Melbourne GPO). The opening of the club house brought a large number of visitors to the Club and made for a great weekend of flying.

Our aim over the next couple of years is to become more active amongst the various affiliated Clubs in the state and build the awareness of the VMAA and the value it brings to the sport in Victoria. We are always willing to receive guests to the Committee Meetings and encourage you to come along and experience firsthand the activity and agenda the VMAA follows.

If am re-elected, I look forward to another 2 year term as Vice president and thank you all for your support.

Jon Goudge
VMAA Vice President



The fees for Financial Year 2018/2019 have been confirmed.
Full Year Membership for Seniors and Juniors are:

	<i>MAAA</i>	<i>VMAA</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>\$60</i>	<i>\$54</i>	<i>= \$114</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>\$27</i>	<i>= \$57</i>

For half year membership details starting 01 January, go to the VMAA Website www.vmaa.com.au

FAI F4C & D4H Scale World Championship 2018

Meiringen, Switzerland

5 to 14 July 2018

Article by: Tim De Haan

We have a team of six entrants from Australia heading to the FAI scale world championships entering the world championships. 4 members from Melbourne are David Law, Greg Lepp, Noel Whitehead and Noel Findlay. The two from NSW are Pete Goff and Anthony Ogle. With six entrants means Australia has a full team and should do really well in the team event.

It's a first for Greg Lepp and Pete Goff to compete and are both in F4H class. With the expense of getting all these models to Switzerland and the entrance fee's costing a total of \$24K it was nice to see a huge amount of support to help cover the cost when David Law put out a post on facebook. Several thousand dollars have been raised towards this showing that there is great support for scale modelling in Australia. Will have a full report after event but for now photos of models entered.



A military base and its location sets a beautiful scene for the competition. Surrounded by mountains.

F4C Team



*Left, David Law's Pitt's Special. Right, Noel Findlay Fox Moth
Below, Noel Whitehead CT4*





*Left, Greg Lepp Bristol, Right Anthony Ogle Nieuport 28
Pete Goff Tiger Moth below*



Update - Scale Championships

By Ed

Thanks to Tim for the initial article and since the article, the teams in both F4C and F4H have achieved great heights with the F4C Team coming first. Great effort, outstanding result.

The F4H Team has finished 4th in the world. Not a bad effort at all with another outstanding result. What a fine effort by both teams, supported by their callers/helpers that make up the teams. The callers are mostly wives/partners of the pilots, but during the competition, they are key component to the flying team.

It has been a fantastic week with Melissa Law providing excellent updates on how the team has performed. I think we all rode the



*First thing first. Checking and assembling the models.
Noel and Jenny Whitehead (L) with Noel and Sharon
Findlay (R)*

roller coaster as we followed the team through each flight, waiting for the next update. The photos and video's provided the visual affect of achievement as they progressed through the rounds.

Getting to the world championships is a mighty effort with a number of challenges that need to be dealt with, never losing sight of why you are doing this and maintaining focus.

Flying with some of the best in the world and being



amongst some amazing models. The teams held their own and flew the Aussie flag one more time. Over the past week, I was lucky enough to be part of the Facebook group with a number of photos sent. The photos will tell their own story, with the competition being held in beautiful surroundings. For those that fly, build or just admire the building of scale models will appreciate what it takes and the effort that is needed to be at this level.

There are a number of Aussie that compete in world championships in various discipline around the world, and I for one salute each pilot and support crews in their commitment, determination and skill. Australia once again will shine through these efforts.

Well done
Ed



*Competition starts with static scoring
David and Melissa Law waiting for their
turn.*



*F4H Team
Anthony Ogle (second from left), Greg Lepp and Pete Goff'
Sensational effort and congratulations*



F4C Team

(L) Noel & Sharon Findlay, Noel & Jenny Whitehead and David & Melissa Law. Fantastic effort. Top of the world finishing Number 1 Scale Team.



Some of the other fantastic models at the world Scale Championships. Amazing models, built with passion



37th MAMMOTH SCALE FLY-IN

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SAT/SUN 15-16 OF SEPTEMBER 2018

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Education's Officer Report

July 2018

The 10 June 2018 was a significant day for the VMAA, Yarra Valley Aeromodellers Club and the 1st Mt Waverley Scout Group.



Daniel Goudge helps out with some of the training (above & below). Well done



During the summer months I did a normal presentation introducing this scout group to model aviation and the fun that can be had. For various reasons I had previously said that I would concentrate on air leagues and not worry too much about scout groups, but I was asked to do this one and it seemed somehow different.

The evening was a success and this was easily the best group I have ever presented to. The last part of the evening was devoted to hurling Spitfire chuck gliders around the park outside which is always fun and something that always gives me great pleasure.

What inspired me to take it further was that one of the scouts showed great interest asked a lot of really good questions. One of those questions was could I teach him to fly the Boomerang 60 trainer I took along for demonstration. The answer of course was "yes" and we went from there.

That conversation resulted in a buddy box training session for 14 of the scouts together with some parents and helpers. Out at the field we had to wait for the fog to lift as it hung around until midday but once we got underway all was good. To fill in time much fun was had with chuck gliders so all was not lost.

Young Daniel Goudge volunteered to instruct and his help was invaluable. He did a great job with his group and that lightened the workload considerably. Given

the restricted time frame and numbers we had, another instructor would have been useful, but we managed through the day with few, if any dramas.

At the end of the day I issued certificates to two of the scouts who did exceptionally well. This is a VMAA initiative which entitles the recipient to free membership of the VMAA/MAAA insurance, free instruction of course, and everything they need to get started. This is designed to make it easier and to encourage juniors to get started, especially if they do not have a dad who flies (at the moment). The other cunning part of the plan of course is to drag the dads in as well.

I will be organising more flight training for these two young fellows in the coming weeks and will do another session for the group when the weather improves. If any of you can assist in any way with encouraging the young to get involved in model flying please feel free to contact me.

David Nichols

VMAA Education Officer

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As you can see above and below, the fog made it a bit difficult, but being kids, there are always ways to have fun while waiting it to lift...



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For Entry forms or more info.... les.davis5@bigpond.net.au

Update from the VMAA Registrar

Hello members,

Registrations are going well, with 1,466 members registered for the 2018/19 year. Most registrars are using the registry system well, with only a few tricky questions coming my way. This year I have access to a recently purchased folding machine, which has really made a positive impact on getting your membership cards to you sooner. What used to take me several hours folding Membership Cards, now takes me about half an hour. I can fold and stuff envelopes in parallel now.

One issue that get us every year, is the need to get some Membership Cards out prior to the new year, or shortly after. This is due to some Members needing their cards for international competitions. Please let me know in advance and we can work together to issue these cards with a priority and reduce the risk of panic.

Please remember to put a meaningful description in your EFT payment, and /or send me an email letting me know that you have made a payment into the VMAA account. I still getting some payments that I have no idea of which Club the payment is from. Remember that the Membership Register gives you the total amount owing for the Members registered. Having said that, paying by EFT is far better than cheque, as it means I can process the registration through faster. If you go to a branch to make the payment, let me know as well, as that just comes up as "Deposit" in the VMAA account.

I will also be doing another training video soon, based on some of the questions that I have been getting. So stay tuned.

Until next time, take care and happy flying

VMAA Register
Paul Webber

VMAA Video Library July 2018 Update.

Effective Immediately the VMAA has dropped the \$10 Entry Fee for joining the Library. You can now join for FREE. To join please contact the VMAA Librarian at videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au and ask for a joining form and list of DVDs available.

The V.M.A.A. has a very extensive DVD Library. It contains over 1,300 titles covering models and full size aircraft as well as aviation movies. There are many excellent instructional DVD that provide you with excellent information that will assist you in this great sport. There are also lots of titles covering many of the big model shows and competitions from all over the world as well as a huge selection of full size aircraft documentaries. You are really missing out on something if you are not a member of the library. It only costs \$6-00, which includes the return postage, for 4 DVDs.

The video library is a great resource, if you are not using then it why not. You get 4 DVD's delivered to your house for only \$6-00. This includes the return postage.

Attention New Members

The Library has lots of Training/Information type DVDs available and these are extremely informative and will greatly assist you in both building and flying model aircraft. In particular the Dave Platt series of videos in the

5000 series are extremely informative and will help improve the modelers' skills, even those who have been building models for a long time.

Why not send an e-mail to the DVD Librarian and request him to send you the full list of DVDs available. You will be amazed at the huge section available.

Do not delay, do it now.

Contact the VMAA Librarian, videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au, now for information about the library; you will be amazed at the huge selection of titles available.

DVD of the Month – Highly recommended

Are you interested in how a Rolls Royce Merlin engine goes together? If so then join the DVD Library and check out DVD # 7255. Watch a guy rebuild a mighty Merlin engine. He explains what all the parts do and how the whole thing works as he assembles it. This DVD is extremely interesting to anyone with an interest in engines. DVD #7254 will probably interest those as well. It features the running of many of the WW2 large aircraft engines, great sounds

WAGGA MODEL AERO CLUB



LONG WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 29th-30th 2018

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WILL OPERATE ON BOTH DAYS. HOT FOOD AND DRINKS.

SWAP & SELL

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE OR TENT OR SELL FROM YOUR CAR.

NOTICE BOARD AVAILABLE TO LIST ITEMS OR YOUR PROMOTIONAL POSTER

ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT DETAILS

AVAILABLE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE AT waggamac.org.au FROM MAY 30 2018.

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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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November 11th 2018

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On line entry will be available in October at www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerrally

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- Large models will have solo flying spots if requested.
- Prizes for; Public Choice, President's Encouragement Award.
- Bring along your model or come and/or admire some great aircraft.
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- All sizes of scale aircraft most welcome.
- Models under construction are most welcome
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerrally, for more information and entry forms.
- Spectators are most welcome, tell your friends to come.
- Catering is available at the field.

\$5 per car entry fee for pilots and spectators

The Club has recently undertaken major runways improvement works and all runways are now in great condition.

From the VMAA Contest Director

To all Club Secretaries and SIG Groups. If you wish to have your event advertised, please send an email with your associated flyer to

contestdirector@vmaa.com.au

The Calender is updated on a regular basis and provides a heads up on what is happening around our great Association.

Were possible, your flyer will be placed on the monthly bulletin to get the word out. As always, the ones that get their dates organised and uploaded will hopefully get the best response..

From the State Flying Instructor

To all pilots wishing to give back to our hobby and particularly your Club, the latest "Instructors Handbook" is now available. This handbook forms the basis of the VMAA Instructor Course.

As per MAAA MOP027, if you wish to become an instructor you must have Gold Wings in the discipline you wish to instruct. You need to be nominated by your Club to the VMAA Secretary to attend a one-day instructor course which is conducted on receipt of sufficient participants.

The new course now has separate content for both Fixed Wing and Helicopter disciplines. If you wish to become an instructor and assist in advancing our great hobby/sport, please discuss with your Club for nomination."

To download the new Instructor's Handbook, [Click Here](#)

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<i>Mark</i>	<i>Ciberlin</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>Darren</i>	<i>Cockerell</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>Donovan</i>	<i>Cockerell</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>Steve</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Silver Power</i>
<i>Les</i>	<i>Beard</i>	<i>Bronze Power</i>
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Requesting Wings

ALL wings requests need to be sent to SFI@Vmaa.com.au and no where else. Long delays can occur (3-4 months) due to the requests being sent to the wrong email address or person.

*Thank you,
VMAA SFI*

MAAA Latest Newsletters

The MAAA Newsletter brings you information on a number of areas at the National level. This includes reports from the Committee and contact details, Manual of Procedure (MOPS), National and International Events Competition dates and reports on such events.

Click [MAAA Newsletter](#) to have a good read.

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*Contact Dave to organise a presentation on aero modelling. Scouts, Cadet, School Group, general interest in aviation.
All welcome.*

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The VMAA DVD Library has the best collections of aircraft stories, modelling building and building techniques.

Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month, except for January at VARMS Clubrooms

Please note the VMAA President, Reeve Marsh has a new mobile number as detailed above.