



VMAA NEWS

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The VMAA Bulletin will provide information on news, events and articles on what is happening around our fantastic Association. It is intended the bulletin will be circulated on a monthly basis, highlighting items of interest to the Membership. If you have flyer or a story that can be linked, please send them to the VMAA Secretary or VMAA CD.....

Grampians Model Flying Club Aerotow Weekend - 17th & 18th February 2018



As you can see from the photo, GMFC had a fantastic turn out and great weather. This is GMFC first big event and by the looks of the models that turned out, , no doubt the event will continue to grow. Like any event and being a new Club, there some small teething problems but nothing to stop a great weekend.

Have a read of the article with associated photos. Well done GMFC

Northern Flying Group's Annual Twins & More

Sunday 25th March 2018

Held annually at the State Flying Field, Quayles Road,
Darrawiet Guim Melways Reference 425 63

Visit www.nfg.org.au for a detailed map and registration form.

All pre-entered registrations will include a bonus entry into the prize draw at the end of the day.

Entry is open to all MAAA registered Pilots that have a plane with two or more engines or two main wings (bi-planes).

Non flying visitors are most welcome to come and enjoy the day. Food and drink will be available during the event.

Prizes on a fly per ticket lucky draw system.

A trophy for the most unusual machine on the airfield.

Free entry on the field for the day. No admission charge.

Pilots bring in and registration 9.30am

Flying from 10am

Contact: Mark Sills – 0419 338 847

Northern Flying Group in conjunction with our major sponsor hopes you come and enjoy a relaxed Sunday flying at this unique event.



Grampians Model Flying Club

Aerotow Weekend - 17th & 18th February 2018

Article by: Phillip Daynes.

Photos by: Andrew Neil Downing,

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A bit of background on this event, it all started with a late night call from Ross Bathie who asked if the Club would be interested in putting the event on. This was followed by some more calls to the Grampian Soaring Club who we share the Ararat Airport with and before we knew it, we had interest from all over south eastern Australia so it was full steam ahead from there.

With the help of the VMAA and the Club Committee we were ready to go on the morning of the 16th. Our first visitor arrived at 9.30 am and they just kept coming all day. Flying started Friday afternoon until my own tug broke a header pipe.



Ross Bathie and his 46% Pawnee was kept busy for the weekend.

Saturday morning up early for the 9:00 am briefing for all pilots RC and full size. After a few flights the wind changed so it was time for a quick runway change and a meeting was held between the Safety Officers to have small but important change to flying directions to benefit all. Some of the RC guys had flights in full size gliders while the full size guys showed great interest in their smaller counterparts.



Ross Bathie and his Libelle....

Some of the problems we faced were with general aviation planes that use Ararat as a place to do some touch and goes which means we had to land. Frustrating not only us modellers, but the Soaring Club as well. Sundays flying came to a halt with the big tugs breaking down so we resorted to Dave's old faithful Boomerang 60 powered by a 120 AX which surprised many of the glider pilots as it towed their gliders to 1000 ft with ease.

Saturday our catering Girls Lorraine Lovell and Bev Daynes went to work providing lunch for all and a two course dinner for more than 40 happy pilots. They also supplied lunch on Sunday before people packed up to head home. As a club I think we learnt a lot and when we do this again we will implement some of the feedback suggestions that we received.

Our thanks must go to all the pilots that came so far to fly with us, we hope you had a great time. Thanks also to the Grampians Soaring Club for their co-operation and for allowing us to use their hangars for overnight storage with in excess of 40 fully rigged models with room for many more.

Special thanks to the tug pilots, Ross, Keith, Anthony, Andrew, John and Dave without them the gliders would not have left the ground. To Andrew Neil Downing for all the photos, they are amazing great job mate. If you would



*Wayne Jones and his 1/3 Scale Fauvette.
Nice approach.....*

like to check out more of Andrew's fantastic photos of the weekend please check out the Clubs Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/grampiansmodellflyingclub.

Well done to GMFC and the effort in putting on a event such as this. Need to start somewhere and it can only get better. Events like this can only help our great sport as it provides another opportunity to do what we love. Hope next time round it will be even bigger. Ed



Jonathan Greeves 1/2 Scale 7.5 m KA6



Rolf Hedt, (Horsham Club) at the controls



Duster on tow.....



Shane Talbot K21 on tow



George Buzuleac Longwing Kookaburra

Nhill Airport

N h i l l

2 Asphalt Runways

Scale Model Aircraft Fly-In 24/25 Mar 2018

*This event has been postponed.
New dates will be advertised once confirmed
So get ready for a great weekend..*



Any type of scale flying model. Control Line, Free Flight, R/C Ducted Fan, Turbines and gliders.
Location is ideal for large scale jets.

Entry includes weekend access to museum Tiger Moth, partly restored Anson and lots of other goodies.

Secure over night storage in hanger for large models

If you are interested, please contact Greg Stanfield at sceptre48@optusnet.com.au





P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



Monty Tyrell Memorial Scale Rally — Sunday April 8th 2018

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne) Vic



All Scale Aircraft welcome, ARF, Kit built does not matter.

Excellent Trophies

P&DARCS have excellent facilities, including long and wide grass runways and several 12 and 240volt electric charging stations. Come and have a great days flying.

- Flying starts at 9-00am.
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- Bring lots of aircraft, any size any type, just scale.
- MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- Catering is available.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/monty , for more information.
- Goodies bag for the first 30 entries.

Come for a great days flying at a great field.

\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators



Presents:

VIC Round of Formula 1 National Air Races



Northern Flying Group
VMAA State field
214 Quayles Rd
Darraweit Guim VIC 3756



*This event has been rescheduled
To 5 and 6 May 2018
Same place, Same bat channel*

**All classes from beginners to
seasoned racers:**

- Red Bull (Entry Level)
- F2 (Entry Level)
- Texan
- Reno
- F1
- Golden Era

For more information check out www.F1NAR.com

Email: mark@airportde.com

Phone: Mark- 0419338847

Twin Cities Model Aero Club

11th Annual Autumn Scale Rally

Albury



May 4th 5th & 6th 2018



Autumn is the perfect time to visit the BorderRegion and fly in ideal weather conditions. This is a no competition rally open to all Scale Models, including ARF's and Non Builders of the model entries, so bring them all along, even if it looks scale come and fly. Current MOP certificates will need to be sighted for models exceeding 7kg

Contact David Balfour 0407953903

djbalfour@bigpond.com

Central Reserve Rd Ettamogah 36.007387 146.964953



Echuca Moama Model Aero Club

**ANNUAL FUN FLY AND
NEW CLUBHOUSE
OPENING**

**Saturday and Sunday
5th & 6th May 2018**

AT THE VMAA FLYING FIELD ECHUCA

**Full weekend planned – Camping available on the
Saturday Night**

ALL TYPES OF MODEL AIRCRAFT WELCOME

**Come and join us with the official opening of our
new facilities and a great fun weekend.**

Refreshments available.

Contact – Fred West Secretary 0418 362100



VMAA Video Library March 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.

6346 MAKS RUSSIA 2017 AIRSHOW 80 Mins.

All the action from the MAKS Airshow held at Zhukovsky Airport, 40K from Moscow

6347 2017 PARIS AIRSHOW 60 Mins.

The 52ND Paris Airshow. Lots of great aircraft on display.

6348 WORLD'S MOST EXTREME AIRPORTS Vol. 1 80 Mins

Featuring, Hong Kong's Kai Tak, St Maarten, St Barts plus more. Great action!

6349 WORLD'S MOST EXTREME AIRPORTS Vol. 2 80 Mins

Featuring, Tegucigalpa, Rio De Janeiro, San Francisco and many more.

6350 WORLD'S MOST EXTREME AIRPORTS Vol. 3 80 Mins

Featuring, Saba Island, Bagdad, San Diego, Washington DC and many more.

6351 OSHKOSH 2017 60 Mins.

All the action from the great Oshkosh including a demo by the only 2 B-29 flying today.

Features the Stuka as well as the Hs-129s and Fw-190 in action in Russia.

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.

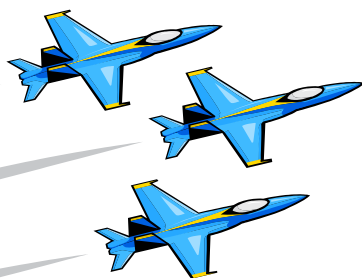
Contact the VMAA Librarian, videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au, now for information about the library; you will be amazed at the huge selection of titles available.

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



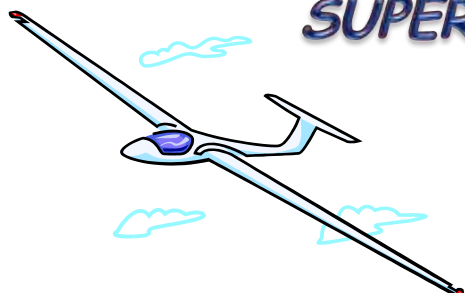
FUN FLY



MILDURA May 5th & 6th 2018

MAAA Affiliated flyers only

SUPERB FACILITIES



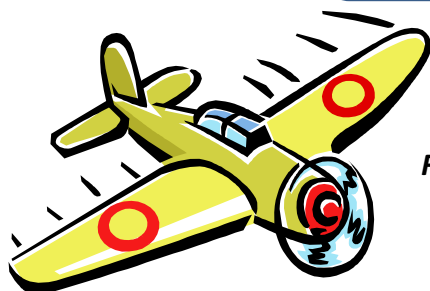
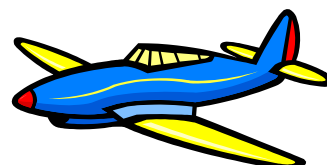
***FREE CAMPING SITES
TOILETS & SHOWER AVAILABLE***

ON FIELD CATERING

A GREAT DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT

Current FAI licence MUST be produced when registering

***Please make sure you have all of
the paper work for your heavy
models.***



**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PHONE: Rob Pedersen 0407878510
Darrel Blow 0400570814**

MAAA Instructors Course

The VMAA will be running an instructors course at the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club (GMAC) (melways 184 E4) on 14 April 2018. All Candidates must be nominated by their individual Clubs and must have Gold Wings. It would be appreciated if the Club Secretaries contact the VMAA Secretary, with their propose candidates.

The course will be run over 1 day

By completing the course you will be helping our sport by teaching within the National Framework, promoting safe flying and giving something back to our fantastic sport.

***Note to all MAAA Club instructors** - Scanned copies of proficiency achieved are to be sent to the State Flying Instructor at: sfi@vmaa.com.au Wings will be sent out to recipients or Club, **ONLY** when documentation is received by the 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.

MAAA Membership Register

The VMAA Register has requested that Club Registers or individuals Club Members check their address and contact details on renewal. This information is used to send out your FAI card and any other electronic or written mail.

All MAAA Members can change their own details as required by going to the MAAA Membership Register website and registering yourself to update your personal details. On the left side of the front web page of the MAAA Register website, you will see, "Register" MAAA Members may sign up to update personal details.

It is quick and easy to do. [Click HERE](#) to have a look at the website so you can update your details as required. Emails recorded on the database will be used to send out information such as bulletins, events and flyers.

*VMAA Register
Paul Webber*

VMAA Trophy Weekend

21 to 22 April 2018

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

The Trophy Weekend has been modified to ten (10) events. All rules have been reviewed for the 2018 Trophy Weekend.

The Trophy rules make it easier for smaller Clubs to have a go with a good chance of doing well against bigger 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 but can 'assist' other pilots in other events. (All Clubs will be asked to provide officials to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.)

- Bomb Drop
- Fun Scale
- Helicopter (Timed event)
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Fun Fly
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat

New – Ring in Pilot for teams. Not enough Club Members, why not enter a **Composite VMAA Team**. Rules and conditions for Trophy Weekend are posted on the VMAA Website. www.vmaa.com.au

The event will be held at **PALARDS, 30 Fenne Road, Carolina 3918**. Catering provided both days with camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are nearby.

ENTRALS CLOSE: Midnight, Sunday 18 April 2018.



If you need further information, please contact the
VMAA CD; Joe Finocchiaro on
Mobile: 0418 878 168, email
contestdirector@vmaa.com.au





P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally & Diorama Competition.

November 11 & 12 2017

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, Vic



2016 Winner – Pilots Choice Best Aircraft – Brian Hutchinson

Following the great success of last year inaugural event, P&DARCS are again hosting this very special event, the **Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally & Diorama Competition.**

Excellent Trophies for pilots' choice as well as lots of lucky draw prizes.

P&DARCS have excellent facilities including long and wide grass runways.

Onsite non-powered camping is available.

On line entry is now available on www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerrally

- Flying open to kit and scratch built models only – no ARFs.
- Large models will have solo flying spots if requested.
- Prizes for; Pilots Choice, President's Encouragement Award and Diorama, and lucky draw prizes throughout Rally.
- 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 and unfinished projects most welcome.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerrally, for more information and entry forms.

\$5 per car entry fee for pilots and spectators

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 update 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](#)

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*

MITCHELL FIXED WING AERO CLUB Inc
470 Seymour Tooborac Road,
Hilldene, Vic, 3660



Bring and fly any Foam type plane .

ENTRY FREE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28TH

Gate open 7.30am

Food and Drinks for sale from 7.30

Web: www.mfwac.com

Mob: 0401 359 918 /Barry Dunn

email: clearpropdude@gmail.com

**There will be a bit of COMBAT
happening if your interested**

<i>First names</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Rating</i>
Geoff	Avery	Bronze Power
Peter	Avery	Bronze Power
Terry	Brew	Bronze Power
Godwin	Bugeja	Bronze Power
Nino	Cavallaro	Silver Power
Christopher	Cripps	Gold Power
Damon	Davenport	Bronze Power
Dane	Gubb	Bronze Power
Dane	Gubb	Bronze Glider
Leigh	Kennedy	Bronze Power
Peter	Lemm	Bronze Glider
Kevin	Mackrell	Bronze Power
Scott	Manson	Bronze Power
Jason	Oshea	Bronze Power
Stefan	Presinszky	Silver Power
Stefan	Presinszky	Bronze Power
Michael	Richardson	Gold Power
Chris	Riffkin	Gold Power
Anthony	Sajfar	Silver Power
Geoff	Trabant	Bronze Power
Hung	Tran	Silver Power
John	Wain	Bronze Power
Trevor	Williamson	Silver Power
Clarke	Williamson	Silver Power

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

- Ivan Chiselett - **DVD Librarian**
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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

MAAA & VMAA Annual Fees

The fees for Financial Year 2018/2019 will be available after the National MAAA Conference held in May 2018.

Secretaries will be notified once fees are confirmed

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