



VMAA NEWS

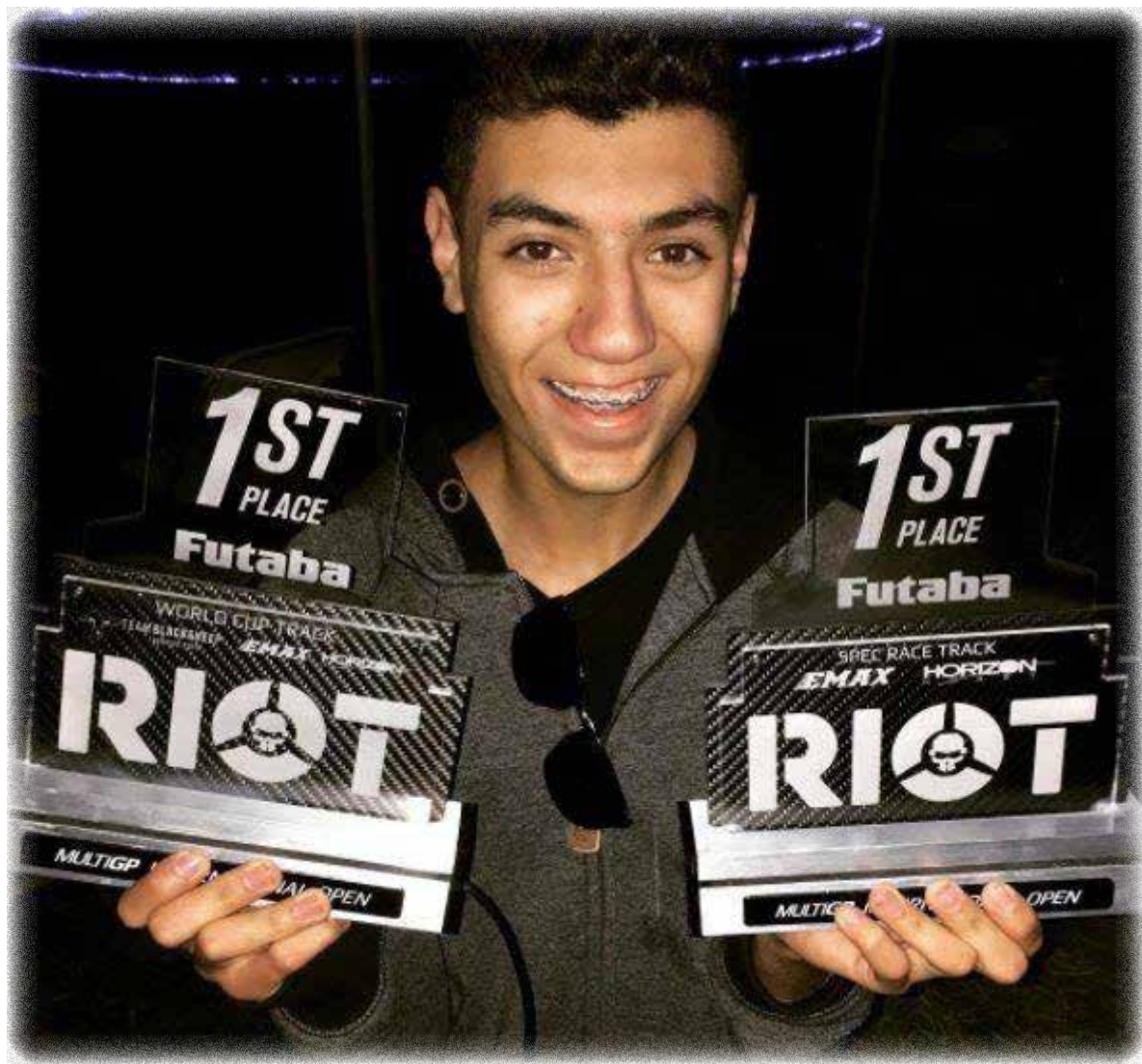
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The VMAA Bulletin will provide information on news, events and articles on what is happening around our fantastic Association. It is intended the bulletin will be circulated on a monthly basis, highlighting items of interest to the Membership. It is not a newsletter. If you have flyer or a story that can be linked, please send them to the VMAA Secretary or VMAA CD. Space is limited.....

Congratulations to Thomas Bitmatta

Winner of the 2017 Multi-GP Drone Racing League, World Championship Quad Racing at Muncie Indiana, U.S.A. in August 2017



Thomas won the Multi-GP World Championship “Spec” Race, in which pilots must fly a quad racer built to specific design rules as voted previously by all participating pilots.

He then went on to win the Multi-GP World Cup Open Class Quad Race.

2017 Multi-GP Drone Racing League, World Championship, Muncie Indiana, U.S.A.

Article by: Graeme Anderson

Congratulations to Thomas Bitmatta. The course consisted of a highly technical fast paced track, which required the pilots to navigate through a series of raised gates at different levels and tight zig zags around markers. The World Cup race was three laps and the Spec race was four laps. The World Cup Final consisted of 2 of the fastest US Pilots including the Regionals Finals record holder and the top Korean pilot and Thomas representing Australia. This event was the largest Drone racing event ever held attracting the world's best at The Academy of Model Aeronautics (A.M.A.) Headquarters in Muncie. Overall a total of 310 pilots competed on eight separate tracks with eight pilots in each race.

After the races, Thomas commented,

"It was truly amazing to fly amongst the best in the world and people that I look up to. Meeting so many new people was also a humbling experience that made the event awesome".



Congratulation Thomas on a fantastic result and being on the world stage representing Australia

The Riot International Open was truly an insane feat that could only be achieved by someone as crazy as Chris Thomas and his amazing Multi-GP team, who created history and they should be so proud of what was achieved at this event"

The Multi-GP World Championship event was open to top pilots from all over the world, including the Drone Racing League (D.R.L.) & the Drone Racing 1 League (D.R.1.), who are considered the "Formula 1" class of F.P.V. pilots. Thomas was invited after he won the Australian Open earlier this year. His prize included flights to Muncie Indiana for the Rotor Riot Multi-GP International Open. Thomas is also the 2016 and 2017 Australian National Drone Racing Champion.



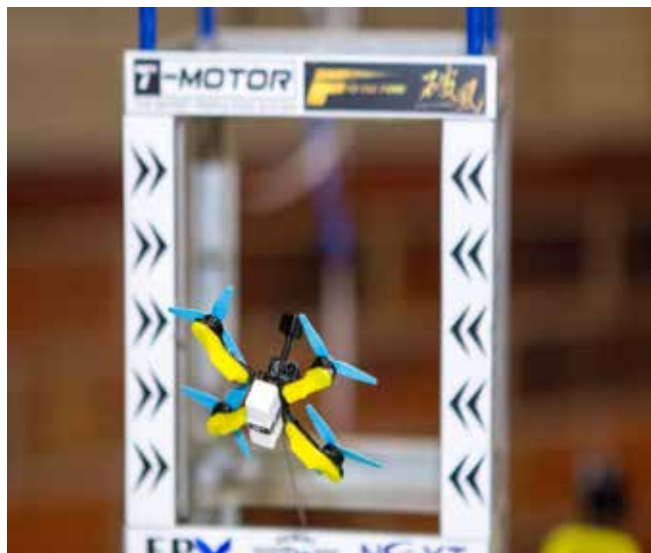
Preparing to race. Skill, setup and practice won the day.

Thomas Bitmatta has been racing quads for 2 years and is now just 18 years of age. He has been supported by his parents Christine & Paul Bitmatta, with Paul travelling to Muncie, Indiana and acting as his spotter/support.

Despite Thomas' remarkable skills as a pilot, he is an incredibly humble and likeable young man and an excellent ambassador to represent Australia, the M.A.A.A. and the V.M.A.A. on the world stage.

Thomas is a member of Greensborough Model Aircraft Club (G.M.A.C.). In 2016 G.M.A.C. purchased the necessary equipment to set up a full quad racing circuit. This has greatly assisted Thomas to practice his racing on various tracks with timing equipment to fine tune his aircraft and hone his skills and being able to have very targeted training sessions in a safe environment. Thomas is also a member of Melbourne Multicopter Racing Club (M.M.R.C.) and EastSide F.P.V. Melbourne.

When G.M.A.C. first considered buying the equipment to set up a quad racing circuit, the support from members was 100%. Since that purchase, the equipment is set up for practice several times each week. Just last Friday, there were four of us practicing with our F.P.V. race quads, three members with their DJI photographic quads and another eight or more members watching on and asking what they needed to get involved in this relatively new aspect of our hobby. G.M.A.C. is the first mainstream model aircraft club in Victoria that has become so involved in F.P.V. quad



They maybe small, but their speed and manoeuvrability is amazing in the hands of a skilled pilot.

racing, but through social media, I am aware of an increasing number of members of other mainstream V.M.A.A. clubs that are very involved in this new area.

G.M.A.C. has developed a strong partnership with M.M.R.C. who have held one of their monthly F.P.V. race days at G.M.A.C. earlier this year. At that event, there were over forty five pilots competing and all positions were pre-booked at least one week before the event. The classes of racing are “C” Division, “B” Division, “A” Division and Super Class. “C” class is the entry level for beginners. In this level, pilots are only expected to follow the shape of the course and are not required to go through the gates or perform the more complex manoeuvres such as “Cut Backs”, loops, etc. As a pilot’s skill improves they gain promotion to the next levels, with Super Class being the top level. The races are managed by the organisers from M.M.R.C. with an incredibly high level of discipline. The whole event ran exactly on time with a very high emphasis on safety. All races

were electronically timed and results are immediately displayed on large TV screens. Live video was also shown on the large screens so spectators could see the pilot’s eye view as it happened. The next F.P.V. racing event to be held at G.M.A.C. is on Sunday 22nd. October. Spectators are very welcome at no cost. BBQ refreshment will be available. If you are interested in F.P.V. racing, come along and see firsthand just how exciting this really is.

Well done to Thomas in achieving a first class result. I am sure you will continue to impress at the highest level. Well done to G.M.A.C in embracing Quad discipline and expanding there view on modelling and what it can done. This discipline is growing and I am sure there are other Clubs who have taken similar steps. Well done to all..... Ed

MMRC
FPV MULTIROTOR RACING
ROUND 10
Sunday, 22ND October 2017
Greensborough Model Aircraft Club
 Yarrambat Park, Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat

GMAC is hosting the MMRC Round 10 FPV multirotor race.
 Open to MMRC Members & Visitors!
 All pilots must be MAAA members.
 Pilots must register on the MMRC Facebook Page.
 Visiting pilots must register in C Class.

Full details on the MMRC Website at www.vicfpv.com
 BBQ Lunch will be available.
 9am - Track Setup / 10am - Scrutineering / 11pm - Racing Starts

MELBOURNE MULTIROTOR RACING CLUB
M.A.A.
G.M.A.C.
 Greensborough Model Aircraft Club

Out and About with Clubs.....

Sent in by: John Byrden

It was a cold foggy and still morning at G.M.A.C. On 2nd Aug 2017, our heavy model inspector and keen Clubman, Norm Thompson was in attendance to inspect two quarter scale DR1's owned by Ian McInnes and John Byrden. We were joined by Club Member Haydn Trudgen with his DR1.

As you can see from the photo, he even flew in the morning's heavy fog. A scene probably played out many times in WWI over the battle fields of France.

All three models survived their flight with one requiring a lot more weight in the nose, which is not uncommon with this type of model.



GMAC Member Haydn Trudgen with his DR1. Recon mission....

Norm Thompson amongst the DR1. Inspection all good and ready to take to the skies.



VMAA Website

Over the past few weeks the current website has been updated with some changes occurring to include additional information. One area has been the VMAA Inspectors List. This list has been updated with the information available from the MAAA Membership Register which was recently updated via letters sent to all registered inspectors.

It would be appreciated, if you are a VMAA Inspector, to check the website. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to review your details. If the information is not correct, please contact the VMAA Secretary, secretary@vmaa.com.au Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

MAAA Membership Register

We are constantly receiving emails indicating email addresses, phone number or mailing addresses have changed. All Members can change their own details as required by going to the MAAA Membership Register website and registering yourself to update your 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.

Education – An ongoing Activity

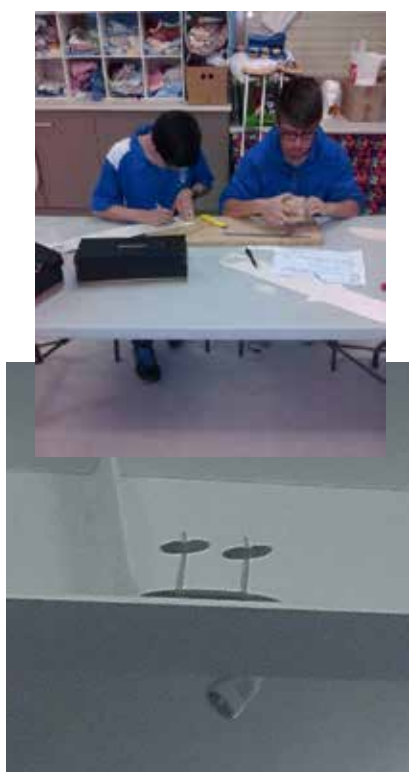


The attached photos are of some of the efforts made by the Mill Park Air League who are trying hard to win a national chuck glider competition organized by their leaders. With keen input from Graeme Dyer from the Greensborough club a subject was chosen, materials purchased, head scratching begun and building instruction commenced.

The gliders will be scratch built from a plan and certainly provide a challenge. As mentioned, work has begun but before we did that we had a fun night with Spitfire chuck gliders. Whoever would have thought that a twin boom Spitfire would fly. One enterprising young cadet tried it finishing up in the rafters proving at least one thing. It is ok, nobody was hurt in the exercise and as usual a good time was had by all. I will keep you up to date as things unfold, but in the meantime the photos will give you an idea of just one of the things your VMAA committee gets up to.

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Seymour IMAC





14th to the 15th October 2017
Mitchell Fixed Wing Aero Club,
MFWAC, Seymour.
www.mfwac.com

Thinking you want to try IMAC?
 All new comers welcome to enter.
 In the Basic Class any type and
 size of aircraft can be used.
 More Info Visit
www.scaleaeros.com.au/



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Twin Cities Model Aero Club

Albury

Seaplane Weekend



Fri 20th to Sun 22nd Oct
with catering

Lake available for flying Thursday 19 to Monday 23
 no catering Thur/Mon

- ★ Perpetual trophy
- ★ Full catering at the Lake
- ★ Complementary breakfast for entrants on Sunday morning
- ★ Lunch time Polaris Pylon racing spectacular
- ★ Contact David Balfour on (020) 60433169 or 0407953903

Table Top Reserve Old Sydney Rd
Ettamogah GPS s 35 58 506 e 147 02 754



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



<i>First names</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Rating</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Dominic</i>	<i>Biviano</i>	<i>Gold P</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Breuer</i>	<i>Gold P</i>
<i>Warren</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Alan</i>	<i>Crisp</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Glenn</i>	<i>Duvalois</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Greg</i>	<i>estcourt</i>	<i>Gold P</i>
<i>Rolf</i>	<i>Hedt</i>	<i>Gold G</i>
<i>Uwe</i>	<i>Jacobs</i>	<i>Silver M</i>
<i>Walter</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Alex</i>	<i>Palmer</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Mike</i>	<i>Rathbone</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Colin</i>	<i>Vandersluys</i>	<i>Gold P</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>Walker</i>	<i>Silver P</i>
<i>Gary</i>	<i>Whitbourne</i>	<i>Gold P</i>
<i>Ted</i>	<i>Witnish</i>	<i>Bronze P</i>
<i>Jay</i>	<i>Wyntjes</i>	<i>Bronze P</i>

VMAA Video Library September 2017 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.

Contact the VMAA Librarian now for information about the library; you will be amazed at the huge selection of titles available as there are over 500 plus titles to choose from..

VMAA Committee Members 2017/2018

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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 - Ph: 9898 4379 videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au
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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 Januray at VARMS Clubrooms

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 competition

The Trophy rules make it fair 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.)

Trophy 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 **P&DARCS, 30 Fowler Road, Cardinia 3978**. Catering provided both days with camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are nearby.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight, Sunday 16 April 2018.



If you need further information, please contact the
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