



# *VICTORIAN MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION*

*The Aero Modeller's Newsletter*

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## *67th MAAA Nationals 28 December 2013 to 5 January 2014*

*Some of our winners*



***Congratulations to all competitors for taking part in the nationals and making the event a success. A big thank you to all helpers, judges, sponsors and support provided by Twin Cities Model Aero Club and Wangaratta Aero Modellers. A job well done***



## For the Record... March 2014

From the VMAA Committee, we hope your Christmas and festive season was a safe and joyful one. It only seems a short time since we were wishing everyone Merry Christmas and going on holidays to have some rest and fun. The majority of the Committee were off to Albury/Wangaratta for the 67th MAAA Nationals. These Nationals were hosted by the VMAA and at the end of the day, it proved to be successful for the many competitors that took part. The work done by the supporting Clubs like TCMAC and WAM was appreciated. The numbers were only slightly down from the last Nationals the VMAA hosted so it was a great outcome. The weather during this time in the Albury, Wangaratta and Springhurst area can become very hot, but this time around we were a bit lucky with the weather being ok for most of the Nationals. There is an article on the nationals in the newsletter and you can find the daily newsletters on the VMAA web site [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au) Pictures are included and are available for download.

On our return from the Nationals, I was hoping to get into some flying and try out some new stuff, but yet again, the weather has not been friendly for January, going into February. The conditions and the subsequent fires caused a great deal of concern and destruction. Our own State Field in Darrawiet Guim came under siege and we were very lucky that the Clubhouse and associated equipment was saved. Well done to the Club Members of Northern Flying Group and the local CFA who did an outstanding job during this critical time. The conditions for a number of days were not favourable with a number of early events being cancelled. What makes this even worse is knowing that some of the fires were deliberately lit. You need to ask yourself what type of person would even consider doing such a thing. Hopefully, they will all be caught and dealt with.

There is a multitude of events scheduled over the next 3 months as the weather is supposed to be at its best. Let's hope the wind is calm and the sun shines for us. Many of our Clubs run displays and other events to generate some funds and prepare for the season ahead. With that, have a look at the VMAA Calendar and you will see what I mean.

Another developments in the past few months is the new MAAA Membership database which is now available to the Secretary of each Club. This will make the administration of our hobby that much better. Information will be provided by the VMAA Registrar on how to log in. If there are any issues, let the Registrar know for the moment.

Well that is it for now and another edition of the newsletter. Please remember, if you have an event or an article on an event or something that is happening in our great Association, drop me a line.

Until next time, keep your face into wind and your wings level

ED...

### Closing dates for VMAA Newsletters

July Closing Date = 12 Jun 2014

If you have an article, event or just information you would like to share with all Members, please send an email or contact the Editor to discuss. All articles are considered, space is always an issue so first in will have the space. There is no charge for Club events or Display Days to advertise in the VMAA Newsletter.



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### The fees for Financial Year 2013/2014 are:

	MAAA	VMAA	Total
Seniors	\$60	\$54	= \$114
Juniors	\$30	\$27	= \$57



*Vale*  
***William (Billy) Matthews 1940 - 2014.***

Billy Matthews was a well know member of the Bendigo Radio Control Aircraft Club and for many years Billy made his mark with his camera and crossed paths many times. He captured many a great shot having the uncanny ability to be at the right place at the right time. He has shared many of his photos with me which have been used not only in his Club magazine and website, but in the VMAA Newsletter as well. Regrettably, Billy passed away on the early hours of Thursday the 30th of January 2014 at the Bendigo Base Hospital.

Billy started his flying days in flying control line then moved onto radio control gliders and powered aircraft and in the later years the camera had to come with him to all his flying adventures, and in turn, became the BRCAC official photographer.

Billy did very well with his camera with some of his pictures being on display in England and also in America of aircraft that had been flown and photographed here in Bendigo. This was a credit to him and his love of aviation.

Billy was a true modeller which allowed him to have a go at R/C Cars, R/C Boats and Yachts, Model Railways and of course, all types of Aircraft were his favourites. Billy just loved aviation and yes the Spitfire was his most favourite aircraft.

I had the pleasure to know Billy and have many discussions of the best photo of the day. The little round guy with the camera stuck in your face will be sadly missed. Billy was always there looking for that memorable shot that we all can remember and quite often got just right. He may have been small in stature, but his presence was larger than life. I will miss the smile and the warm greetings on arriving to the Club. I was felt comfortable and at home with Billy.

I have no doubt Billy will be on the edge of the runway made of clouds trying to get the perfect shot. May you fly with the angles on gentle winds. Until we meet again.....

Condolences to Lyn, Susan and Tim, and the rest of the families, from Victorian Model Aeronautical Association. ***Ed***



# SCANNER MANIA AT ARARAT

## 01 FEB 2014

By David Lovell



*I think Ararat was out to win.....*

A&DAC held an extremely successful Scanner Race on Saturday 01 February that was very well patronised by modellers from many different Clubs as well as many of our own members. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone that helped out on Saturday despite the heat. Without the fantastic support that our members provide for our Club these events would not be able to happen here. I had no trouble getting anyone to help with the many jobs that need to be done so once again thank you to everyone involved.

For those of you that could not make, here is a small report so you get a little bit of an idea on what it was like and what you missed out on. Planning for the race started around 6 months ago and gained momentum once the date got closer. Many behind the scenes tasks were performed such as advertising, canvassing Members from other Clubs to see if they were interested in coming, organising trophies, raffle prizes, programs for both registration and scoring which I must thank Rick Pimblott for producing as it certainly took a load off my mind and it worked perfectly on the day. Rick also produced the rules for the day which other Clubs that are looking at holding similar events took away a copy, with the intent of operating under the same set of rules at their Clubs.



*From GMAA, 2nd place went to Shane Keddie.*

We had 17 pilots registered and ready to go shortly after 10am on the day. We held 6 heats in each round with 3 planes in each heat and 2 in the last heat. The first race got underway and two of the country's best air race pilots in Richard Mudge (from SA) and Stephen Green (RCM News magazine editor and owner) had a coming together after turn No 1. The end result being 2 wrecked planes and a DNF for each. The following heats all went well with some really fast times being flown and no more mid airs at this stage.

We ran a full 3 rounds in the morning before a break for lunch was called which gave our hard working crews a time to relax and cool down a little. Lunch was superbly prepared by Pam and Lorraine as well as the boys on the BBQ. The Clubrooms were air-conditioned for the day (thanks Paul and Russell) but with the heat they were really working hard but it certainly would have been worse without them. After Lunch we got back into it and ran a further 2 rounds before the

final 4 to race off was decided.

The top 4 after all their points were tallied were Jay Everett (Geelong) Brendon Lovell (Ararat) Matt Werner (Ballarat) and Shane Keddie (Geelong). The race started with all pilots very close to one another and the lead changed several time in the first few laps. On the 4th lap Jay and Matt came a bit close to one another with the result being that Jay crashed out and was out of the race. Matt was able to keep going after the touch with Jay as it did not slow him at all.

The lead continue to change several times in the remaining laps with this race being by far the closest for the day. At the finish all 3 planes were separated by less than a second so it would come down to the amount of cuts of the pylons that would decide the final.



*When all said and done, from ADAC 1st place to place went to Brendon Lovell. Congratulations*



*From BRMFC 3rd place went to Matt Werner*

*It was a clear and hot day at Ararat for the event, reaching high temperatures. But the show went on with some good racing and of course, great fun.*



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From GMAA, 4th place went to Jay Everett.

Race results were 1st Brendon Lovell, 2nd Shane Keddie, 3rd Matt Werner and 4th Jay Everett. At the presentation of prizes the winners were presented with a trophy each as well as a certificate of participation. We also had a spot landing competition that was sponsored by RCM News. The top placing for the landing comp were won by Matt Young (Bendigo) and Marty Black (MT Gambier). We also had several other prizes (every pilot got something) that were very generously donated by Ken Mollison from KMRC Jets and Phillip Daynes from Aerial Hobbies which we were most grateful for.

We also had a raffle with the prizes donated by Model Engines for which we thank them for as they are great supporters of our Club, 1st place was taken out by our own Rick Pimblot and 2nd place was taken out by the very lucky Peter Harrison. So in conclusion it really was a great day and a baptism of fire for me as CD but I feel that we put on a great day that everyone enjoyed and that is what it is all about.

*Well done to ADAC for for a great event with no doubt there was a lot of fun. laughs and of course some serios racing..... i think. At the end of the day i think everyone was a winner and everyone enjoyed themselves. Great work. Ed*

# Northern Flying Group's Annual Twins & More

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Held annually every year at the State Flying Field, Quayles Road,  
Darrawiet Guim Melways Reference 425 G3

Visit [www.nfg.org.au](http://www.nfg.org.au) for a detailed map and registration form.

All pre-entered registrations will receive one 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.

Non flying visitors are most welcome to come and enjoy the day

**Food and drink will be available during the event.**

**Great prizes on a fly per ticket lucky draw system.**

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**\$10 Entry Fee for all Competitors – bring as many planes as you like.**

Pilots briefing and registration 9.30am

Flying from 10am

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# 67<sup>TH</sup> MAAA NATIONALS – HOSTED BY THE VMAA 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013 TO 5 JANUARY 2014



It was the VMAA's turn to host the 67<sup>th</sup> Nationals and to bring as many disciplines to a central location. Again, Twin Cities Model Aero Club (TCMAC) provided the centre of the universe for the nine days of competition with Wangaratta Aero Modellers Club (WAM) providing additional support

needed to ensure a successful competition. The preparation for this event started in February 2013 when a Nationals Committee was formed with Greg Lepp as the Chairman. The preparation and progress was steady over the next 10 months and before we knew it, we were driving up to Albury to set up our headquarters at the Thurgoona Community Centre which was also our registration and processing venue. Great location and facility.

As per normal pilot's entries were slow in coming in initially but soon enough the Registrar could not keep up as he checked his mail box on a daily basis. The last time the VMAA held the Nationals was the 63<sup>rd</sup> with total entries hitting 220. The 67<sup>th</sup> Nationals attracted 203 entrants which is a little lower, however, over 70 events were held over the competition period. Not bad considering the concern was the heat and flies that you would expect during that time of year in the country.

Well I can happily report that it was hot but workable with good weather generally for the whole week of the Nationals. Even the flies must have been on holiday as we certainly did not see that many during the competition. The following is a summary of the Nationals and will probably will not do all the events justice in how they were conducted and performance of many individuals. However one thing did stand out was the camaraderie, spirit of competition and the love of aviation. It was great to be part of it, even though I was in an administration role. If you want to have a read of each day's competition, you can find the daily newsletter on the VMAA web site [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au) with some results.

## Day 1 – Saturday 28 December

This day was dedicated to registration and practice for those that could. Our new headquarters proved more than adequate for the task and allowed the committee to plan and provide a central place to collect information and the goodie bags provided to each competitor. The day progressed very well with many registering for the pilot's events

## Day 2 to 9 – Sunday 29 December to 5 January 2014

With the weather being warm to hot, the first disciplines on their way were Control Line (always a big presence) at Murray Field in Albury and the hard surface at TCMAC. Pylon racing was at TCMAC as well with Free Flight at Springhurst. Old Timers were at WAM doing their thing and having fun along the way. So the long day settled in with many more to come over the course of the competition.

Control Line at Murray Fields and the Hard Surface at TCMAC continued for most of the week with some 20 events in various categories taking place. As most of us that started in control line and watching some of the guys go through their paces, you appreciate the skill and what can be done with this discipline. The combat was exciting as per normal and the aerobatics were first class. Like most who compete at this level, they make it look easier.

The Pylon guys competed in FAI, Quickie 500 and Formula 400 and over two days there were some fast times put in and close

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*The Thurgoona Community Centre  
Headquarters for the 67th MAAA Nationals*



*Old Timer Standard Duration  
1st Dave Paton, 2nd Peter Van der Waterbeemed  
3rd Peter Scott*





*Old Timer 1/2a Texaco  
1st Brian Stebbing, 2nd Jim Rae and 3rd Lyn Clifford*

racing as well. These machines are slick with the FAI being the top end of the discipline. So if speed is your thing then you won't be disappointed. The Pylon Association have provided an article on the Nationals which is in this edition so have a read.

Free Flight was 50 km south at Springhurst which is the same area as the last Nationals the VMAA hosted. The wind in this event has a great impact with the starting point changing on many occasions to get the best flight in. Starting early each morning (about 6:00 am) provided the best conditions most of the time. These models in their own right are amazing and the technology used first class. Col Collyer was the CD for the event and kept things moving with some 18 events conducted. Indoor Flying was held at the Indoor Stadium Wangaratta. These mighty mites of the air are so graceful and fly beautifully. The indoor event did not have many entrants (only 6) which is not the best of turn outs and is probably a sign of the times. Many are on in years with not too many young ones taking up the discipline. It is a pity really as this is aviation at its best as everything has to be pre-determined before take-off and relies on the precision of the builder.



F3A Aerobatics was another event that could have had more entrants to fly in the 4 categories available. The ones that did fly enjoyed the competition with some of the aircraft state of the art models and construction. Again, amazing capabilities and precision but at the end of the day it is that guy behind the sticks that makes things happen. RC Scale was held in the middle of the week with the weather actually becoming cooler. The wind did come up on the first day which resulted in an early afternoon finish. The next day the weather was perfect and allowed for the rounds to be completed and determine winners in F4C, Large Scale and Flying Only. Not a lot of entrants but the ones that were there had a good time and enjoyed the flying and the TCMAC facilities.



The glider events in F5B and F5J took place and were conducted on a paddock just behind TCMAC. The paddock was prepared by TCMAC and was an excellent location for the gliders to do their thing. These machines are just as amazing with phenomenal acceleration and control. We did have an international competitor in F5B from Japan. The Open Thermal was held in NSW and the photos will tell the story.



The last event on the calendar was Helicopter at TCMAC with F3C, Advance and Novice flown over two days. Competition was close with the wind causing issues for everyone. Still some good flying was to be had and the skill of the pilots put to good use. The F3C was impressive to watch as they went through their paces with each manoeuvre. Many hours spent practicing like many other disciplines.



*Daniel Arapakis and his Dad...  
The youngest competitor in the Pylon.  
All smiles after some good flying*







*The control line had a strong contingent as they normally do. Some great flying in various events*

## Social Get Together

It was not all work as a social event was held on Monday, 30 December at the KINROSS Woolshed for 60 people. The venue was perfect and was able to handle the additional people who attended. The event was a get together with no pre arrangements/tickets with the event ended up with over 100 people attending with a raffle draw provided by the VMAA. The MAAA who were in attendance as well, presented a number of awards. A fantastic night enjoyed by all. The MAAA remained at the Nationals for most of the competition, visiting a number of sites and presenting trophies when available. I will let the photos tell the story.

This bought an end to the competition for another Nationals. Next Nationals will be held in Qld and a flyer is in the newsletter. The time period is away from Christmas so hopefully, more pilots can attend. Time will tell.

From the VMAA Nationals Committee, we would like to thank all those Club Members for taking part, our sponsors and those who assisted and helped us to

make the 67<sup>th</sup> Nationals the best they could be. No doubt the format for the Nationals is changing and this may be the last of this format.



*Wally and Peal have taken part in many nationals and make a great team*

Whatever happens, I hope the Nationals do continue and bring likeminded people together to enjoy our fantastic hobby and compete in a friendly and challenging environment. Hope to see you at the next one.... **ED**

*Control Line Combat. Fantastic to watch and plenty of excitement*



*F5B Glider  
Ken Ueyama from Japan joining the event*

*The preparation areas at TCMAC was a busy place. On the right was the staging area for Control Line. A very busy few days*



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# **Echuca Moama Model Aero Club**

## **ANNUAL FUN FLY AND VMAA FLYING FIELD OFFICIAL OPENING**

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**ALL TYPES OF MODEL AIRCRAFT WELCOME**

**As host club of the VMAA flying field at Echuca the  
EMMAC are holding the official opening of the  
Echuca field in conjunction with the VMAA at our  
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**A great day of fun and excitement is assured  
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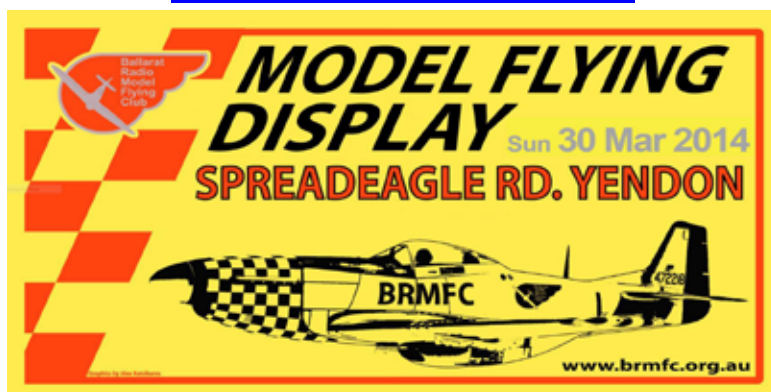
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## **Annual Display and Fly-In**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014**



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**For full information consult: [www.aefanet.com](http://www.aefanet.com)**



## Sunday May 18 2014

This is a "Scale" fun fly day, any model resembling a full-size flying machine is welcome. A registration fee applies, as it is a fund-raiser for our club, with catering, camaraderie and lots of air-space to fly in.

### **Fine Print**

Pilots must be MAAA affiliated and have at least Bronze Wings.  
(Card to be produced )  
Radio transmitters other than 2.4Ghz must have been certified at least once. A transmitter pound will operate under the supervision of a Club Officer.  
Heavy model permits are to be shown to the Club Safety Officer of the day.



For more up to date information visit our blog  
**[www.badmaceastvic.blogspot.com](http://www.badmaceastvic.blogspot.com)**



# VMAA Trophy Weekend

## 12 & 13 April 2014

### Trophy Events:

- Fun Scale
- 2 x Helicopter events
- Fun fly
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Old Timer Duration
- **Sports Limbo** (new)
- Musical Landings
- Club Racing
- Combat

*The aim of this event is to encourage Associated Clubs to have a go as a team effort in a two day event that has the emphasis on fair play and maximum fun.*

The Trophy rules make it fair for the many 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 twelve events to count.

A person may be a pilot in up to two events and also 'assist' other pilots/team members in other events. All Clubs may be asked to provide people to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.

The event will be held at the VMAA State Field. Catering available both days and on site camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are available nearby.

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight, Monday 07 April 2014.**

If you need further information, please contact the VMAA CD; Joe Finocchiaro on Mob: 0425 708 654, email [editor@vmaa.com.au](mailto:editor@vmaa.com.au) or go to the VMAA Website: [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au) and go to **VMAA News** for all the details and rules on all events

For continuity, the Trophy rules will remain materially unchanged for the next 3 years.. **ENTRY IS FREE**





# 3D HELI COMPETITION &



## FUN FLY

GREENSBOROUGH MODEL AIRCRAFT  
CLUB (GMAC)

9 AM, SATURDAY APRIL 5TH, 2014



THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL MAAA MEMBERS.  
ENTRY FEE \$10

COMPETITION ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 30 PILOTS.

[www.gmac.org.au](http://www.gmac.org.au) or email [cd@gmac.org.au](mailto:cd@gmac.org.au) with  
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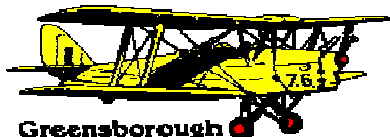


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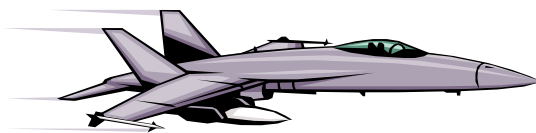


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Greensborough  
Model Aircraft Club



## Model Aircraft Display Day

**Sunday 23rd March 2014**  
10am to 3pm

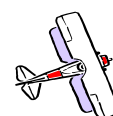


Plenty Gorge Park, Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat



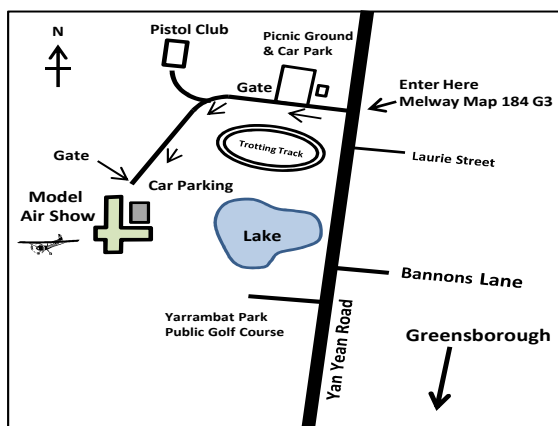
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## VMAA 2014 VICTORIAN CONTROL LINE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 18TH – 21ST APRIL – PROGRAM

Date	CLAMF Aero Sports 104R Old Wells Road Seaford 3198 VIC (Melway 97 J10)	KMAC Stud Road Knoxfield 3180 VIC (opposite Caribbean Gardens) (Melway 72 K9)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Practice *F2C Rd 1&2 (start 12.00pm) F2F Classic FAI T/R	Practice
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	*FAI Speed (start 8:30am) F2C Rd 3&4, Final Combined Speed (hard) F2D Combat	*F2B Aerobatics 1&2 (start 8:30am) Vintage Stunt (start 1.00pm)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Closed	*FAI Aerobatics 3&4 (start 8:30am) *Vintage A T/R (start 8:30am) Classic B T/R Classic Stunt (start 1.00pm) Combined Speed (start 1.00pm) Vintage Combat
Mon 21 <sup>th</sup>	*Goodyear (start 9:00am) 1/2A Combat	Closed

### Latest Calendar of Events

To find the latest events and what is happening around our great Association, just click on [Calendar of Events](#) New events are added frequently so keep an eye on the calendar by using the link or our go to the VMAA Web site [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au)

### 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.



# P&DARCS Events

P&DARCS Invites modellers from all clubs to join us for a number of events in 2014

## 22-23<sup>rd</sup> March - Monty Tyrell Scale Event & Giant Model fly-in

- On the first day we invite you to join us for a Giant Modelling day. All models over 100" will be given time to fly on their own so there's no danger of collision. This is just a relaxed flying day & all models of all sizes are welcome. This is the first year we are running the open field for Giant Models, so we'd love to see you there.
- That evening we will fire up the BBQ & have a Twilight Flight. Light up your models & fly in the dark.
- On the Sunday we will hold the Annual Monty Tyrell Scale Event & car Boot Sale. To book for a stall, please see the link below.
- Modellers are welcome to camp at our field. We even have a shower for your convenience.

## 6<sup>th</sup> April – Model Engines Day

This event (formally OS Day) is open to all modellers flying any aircraft, motors or radio's imported by Model Engines. This has always been a great event with fantastic prizes.

## 26<sup>th</sup> April – Open Twilight Fly

Why not join us in a bit of night flying. Stick some lights on your model & fly it in the dark. It's a fun way to add a twist to everyday flying.

If you'd like us to keep you updated on these events via email, just go to [www.pdarcs.com.au/events](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/events) & register your email there. We can then let you know if there's any changes etc.

# SCANNER RACING.

Come join us

**Geelong Miniature Aircraft Association**

**Dog Rocks Field, Eynsford**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Contact Jay Everett

0402 719545




NO GLASS OR CARBON FIBRE  
PROPS  
OS .46 engines only

\$10  
Entry fee

BBQ Lunch  
& drinks  
available for  
purchase

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# ANZAC Day Warbirds



**When-** Friday 25 April. 2014  
+ flying all weekend

**Where-** Hamilton Model  
Aero Club. 16 km out Port  
Fairy Rd. (From Hamilton)  
Then turn right onto  
Bransholme-Byaduk Rd and  
travel 5 km.

**Public welcome. BBQ &  
refreshments available.**

**Further info.** contact Julian. 0437 362 980.



## SCALE AIRCRAFT

### VFSAA

Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association

If you like to build and fly scale radio controlled aircraft then the VFSAA is the SIG for you. Scale events at various venues and are listed on our website. Events are open to all members of the MAAA and cater for Scratch built/Kits as well as Flying Only (ARF) scale models.

General Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Thursday of every even month at the Field Naturalist Club of Victoria. Address: 1 Gardenia Street, Blackburn. Visitors are always welcome. The highlight of meetings is the show and tell presentations from members of their new models and includes discussions on construction techniques. Members are always available to advise or assist you in your building project or to explain and guide you through our flying schedules.

Our website keeps members up to date with news and information on upcoming events as well as event entry forms which can be downloaded and printed prior to entering an event.

Visit our website at [www.vfsaa.org.au](http://www.vfsaa.org.au)



## ***So Close and So Lucky February Fires***

The recent fires in early February were devastating as fires normally are and the State Field was in its path twice. As the fires raged in Wallan, Kilmore and Darraweit Guim, the direction was changing continually with roads blocked with no access to the field the only updates available was by the Club's neighbour (Alan) and kept an eye on things as the fires approached not only the State Field.

But before the main fire hit and roads were blocked off, smart thinking Club Members placed all the machinery on the green patch at the field. The sprinkler system was turned on to keep the whole area wet during the worst of the fire. This proved to be a winning move but we cannot take away the courage of the local CFA who provided a fantastic effort to protect the Clubhouse and the infrastructure remaining via the use of a water bomber, two tankers and lots of hands on deck.



*A smart move to place the valuable items on the green patch with the sprinkler turned on.*



*The trees remaining posed a danger as you did not know if they were burnt out inside and hollow. Many will be bought down for safety reasons*

No doubt the toll could have been worse and lot more damage could have occurred. A well maintained field and surrounding area could only contribute in minimising the effect of the fire. But even with all the effort and firefighting, all of the fences have been destroyed and will need to be replaced. This includes the front gate (already done) and the removal of many trees that have become dangerous.

The field was closed for a week based on the danger of falling trees, with many still smouldering after the fire had passed. The photos will show how close and how the field looked when the fire completed it onslaught. Yes, the State Field was lucky to survive with some damage which could have been a lot worse.

In appreciation, Northern Flying Group provided a financial donation to the CFA as a way of saying thank you and supporting the great organisation that it is. From the VMAA Committee, we also wish to extend our thanks to NFG and the CFA for an outstanding effort.

Ed



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## MITCHELL FIXED WING AERO CLUB Inc

Invite you to our Inaugural

### BIPE & BUSH PLANE DAY

TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2014



Bring your plane, bring your seat.

& Bring your friend. 10am start

Food and drinks will be on sale

\$5 ENTRY FEE FOR ALL COMPETITORS.

AS MANY PLANES AS YOU LIKE.

must be MAAA Registered Pilots.

Contact: Barry Dunn. 03 5792 1017. Mob: 0418 246 693

[barrydunn42@bigpond.com](mailto:barrydunn42@bigpond.com)

Our field is located at 470 Seymour Toobarac Road Hilldene  
Vic. (Between Seymour and Puckapunyal) Map on website

Pre-entry registration form can be found on our website

## 2014 FUN FLY

Mildura

May 3 & 4

2014



ON FIELD CATERING

A GREAT DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT

TROPHIES AWARDED  
OVER THE WEEK END



Superb Facilities

FREE CAMPING SITES  
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PLEASE NOTE: APPROVED 2.4  
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## TWIN CITIES MODEL AERO CLUB

Albury

7th Annual Autumn Scale Rally

May 17th to 18th 2014

2014



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

Dinner Saturday night at a local Restaurant

[WWW.TCMAC.COM.AU](http://WWW.TCMAC.COM.AU)

Contact : David Balfour 0407953903

## Model Engines' Fun Fly VIC 6th April 2014 At P&DARCS

Wenn Road, Cardinia, Victoria (Melways Ref. 139 K1/Keymap 18 P16)

**\$1000's of dollars worth of Lucky Dip Prizes!!!**

Must have current MAAA Membership to fly! Heavy Model Permits required for all aircraft over 7kgs.

Entry is open to all \*registered pilots who fly the following:

- Any plane powered by an O.S. Engine or Electric Motor
- Any plane controlled by a Hitec or Multiplex Radio
- Any Phoenix or Seagull ARF model powered by anything

- Lucky Dip Prizes drawn at 3.00pm
- Excess prizes will be AUCTIONED with proceeds going to P&DARCS
- Relaxed and fun day of flying at one of Australia's premier R/C flying fields
- Latest releases to be demonstrated by the Model Engines' Display Team
- Hot food & drinks available all day
- Enter on the day from 9.00am to 11.00am

Entry Fee: \$5 donation (for up to 3 aircraft).  
All proceeds go to P&DARCS



Proudly sponsored by  
Model Engines  
(Aust.) Pty. Ltd.  
Special thanks to the Pakenham  
& Districts Aircraft  
Radio Control Society inc.



For South Australian's; The Model Engines' Fun Fly SA, will be held at the Skyhawk's field in Smithfield, on the 18th May 2014.

# EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

## MARCH 2014

At the very start of the year not much happens on the education scene because of people being away and school holidays, however this has given me time to reflect and plan things for the coming year.



In the meantime the MAAA has set up a working party with the aim of developing a universal program backed up by a data base which will be able to be used in schools. This we hope will lead to model aircraft construction and flying becoming part of the school curriculum. It will include things like aerodynamics but more importantly will contain the basic knowledge needed to get started.

Last year was good with most of my effort going into Australian Air League groups. We also worked with an Australian Air Force Cadets Squadron with whom we did an assembly/construction project and an intensive buddy box training session. Plans are afoot to do it all again this year but a date is yet to be fixed. We are presently working with three different Air League groups and hope to add more to the list in the future.

Later this year we intend to hold for the first time what will be known as The VMAA Junior Trophy. This will be open to all Victorian junior members and will be designed to encourage them to gain some competition experience without the normal pressures associated with such a venture. There will be two categories, Bronze wings level and up to Gold wings level but the emphasis will be on having some fun in a friendly and very reassuring environment.

The event will be held at the VMAA State Field (Darraweit Guim) and sponsored by the VMAA. Other sponsors of course will be invited to contribute if they wish to so we will be able to provide very worthy prizes. We presently have over 100 registered junior members in the state so hope to have a good response from the membership and their instructors. A date is yet to be set but we will keep you posted.

Above all have fun

**David Nichols**  
**VMAA Education officer**







## Proficiency Ratings



**As from March 2014**

### Bronze Wings (Fixed Wing)

35620	A BARRAND	76118	J K WHITE
72413	A BROWN	75891	K EGGLETON
64793	A THOMPSON	72582	L RICHARDS
81421	C J CHIPPENDALL	72695	M ROBERTS
76204	C SCHEBELLA	75989	P BLOOMFIELD
81673	D J MABBETT	75920	P HERRIMAN
75880	D P MEINTJES	33078	P J WEBBER
26347	E S GOULTER	74276	P RALIS
76140	G F AGNEW	76126	R M BAMFORD
75991	G MADLEY	76050	R W IRVING
76056	G SAMOLIN	50524	T WILKINS
75926	J A BERRY	76085	Y BINDER

### Gold Wings (Fixed Wing)

58081	D N GIBBS
76118	J K WHITE
66319	M TRAINOR
74525	V DAVISON

### Gold Wings (Helicopter)

75871	A CASTAN
77935	J LABITA

23829	D K BURVILLE
74641	G STEVENSON
76223	I C GILLIES
76245	J K BHALLA
72589	K P THOMPSON
76246	M CHOI
60913	M W CARPENTER
77942	R HICKMAN
72453	R J WALKER
81453	S D TURNER
58325	S J MESSER

### Glider Bronze Wings

### Glider Gold Wings

13671	A J SWIFT	65197	G D COLLINS
68427	A R MCALLISTER	33979	H T KOBILANSKI
62968	A R PRICE	29857	J M SAGAIDAK
41235	A ZATTELMAN	65176	M J BEST
41245	C KAHN		

***Congratulations to all recipients in achieving their proficiency ratings and being part of the National Framework.***

### MAAA Instructor's Course

***If any Club is interested in hosting an Instructor's Course, please contact the SFI, Greg Lepp. Just remember, nominated Club Members require to have their Gold Wings before attending the course. This is due to the course being completed in one day.***

***By completing the course you will be helping our hobby by teaching within a National Framework and promoting safe flying.***

***Note to all instructors - Scanned copies of proficiency achieved are to be sent to the State Flying Instructor at:***

***[sfi@vmaa.com.au](mailto:sfi@vmaa.com.au)***



# SEYMOUR ALTERNATIVE FARMING EXPO

*By Barry Dunn*

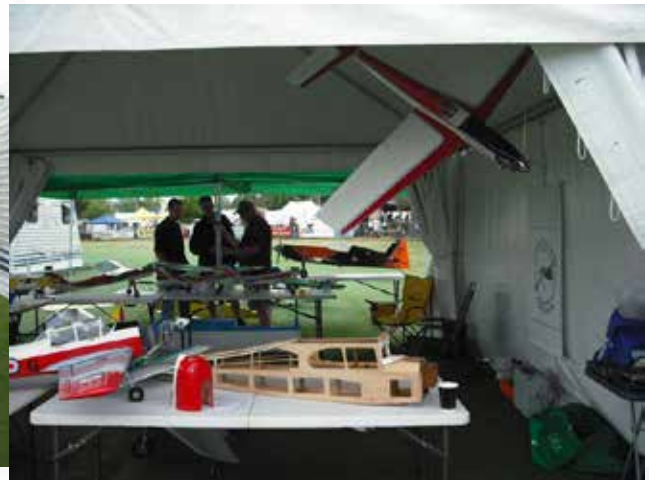
Our Club had a marquee display at this year's "Seymour Alternative Farming Expo" with over 30 planes on display and held over 3 days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it was a big commitment that the members carried out superbly, **Each year, over three days in February, more than 450 exhibitors present the world's best agricultural technology for a general audience of 45,000 visitors including farming professionals and members of the general public.,**

It was a fantastic way to promote our sport/hobby to the general public and spread the word of modelling.

From the event, we gained 6 new senior and 3 junior members, whom we now have to teach to fly. Can't knock that and a fantastic problem to have. We now run displays at 5 different events in the Mitchell Shire each year; we also take a projector and flying simulator to most of our displays, and the kids queue up to have a go.

When our Club gets some more funds, we are going to get two groups of school kids from Seymour College (All the state run schools in Seymour are now in one place) with supervision from our members, each group will build a trainer. We will then hold a BBQ day, and the parents can see their kids fly (Buddy Box) it might help to show them there's more to do than ipads.

*Mitchell Fixed Wing Aero Club is a new Club in Seymour and it was great to receive a letter from Barry. The Club Members need to be congratulated on their work and far they have come with the Club over the last 12 months. The Club will hold a bush and biplane event on 16 Mar. Contact details are [flymelow@bigpond.com](mailto:flymelow@bigpond.com) Web: [www.mfwac.com](http://www.mfwac.com) The President, Barry Dunn and Secretary, John Blackwell would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or if you interested in attending the inaugural event. Ed*



*Well done to MFWAC for displaying our hobby to the masses. It is events like this that will generate interest and as we have read, new Members. Great Job*

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# MOIRA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB Inc.

## Cobram Scale Aero Tow 2013

By Henryk Kobylanski

Photos by: Henryk Kobylanski



I look back on the weekend with withdrawal symptoms wishing I was still there. It's been a while since I have had such a great weekend of flying, fun and camaraderie.

The Cup weekend event run by the MMAC at Cobram has been slowly building over the past few years, and this year, it's fourth was by far the biggest and most impressive.

For a few, the weekend started a little earlier with Jason Sagaidak (MMAC President) and a couple of others turning up on the Thursday then a few more on Friday. The Cobram weather turned on the usual wonderful conditions right through to Saturday evening. As the hordes arrived during the course of Saturday morning, Jason and Col made final adjustments to their new sponsored club-managed Tow Plane – a 150cc 3 meter Yak 54. And as far as I am aware, it's the first sponsored Club-Managed tow plane.



The Yak had an unfortunate incident 5 months earlier with a dead stick and wet-ware error. After dissecting the remains, Colin Booth took up the challenge and said “we can rebuild it”. With that enthusiasm, soon the whole Club got behind the project and driven by Jason and Col, YaKanTow was rebuilt and ready for duty for the Cup weekend. All of the original parts were donated to the club and shortly thereafter the enthusiasm spread to the sponsors; RC Trader, WorldHobbies and Pro Hobby (who are regular supporters of the Club and its events).

*Always restrain your model while starting or tuning  
Please remember - “Never leave” a charging battery unsupervised*



The tow plane was decked out in the club's new livery which well-and-truly stood out even after sunset. This is the first of a two part plan with its sole purpose being to create an impressive first experience to new scale soaring pilots, promote and facilitate aero tow of larger sailplanes within the club and also as part of the "experience flights" for the Schools program that the MMAC created and conducts regularly. More on that in the coming months...

bring some average weather, people got into it as soon as they could and not long into the morning gliders were flying.

With the knowledge that Sunday may



As with all their events, the club turned out a fabulous lunch during which Theo Arvanitakis put on a great display of his Tomahawk Futura Aerobatic Jet. Only a mother could love the looks, but the JetCat P180 pushed this through a huge speed range and made for wonderful break from soaring activities.



With Lots more flying right through to about 7.30, when the club served up a roast dinner, followed by some night flying. After the carnage, Steve Lunney and Neil Spencer served up the ritual jelly shots. We then settled in for an evening of outdoor soaring videos courtesy of Jim Houdalakis and light entertainment from Jason and co.

Sunday brought some rather windy and difficult conditions that

eventually blew the day out. Sunday night we all gathered at the Cobram Hotel for what must be one of the best steaks you can get, and a full evening of debate and analysis. Everyone can be at peace; all problems of the world were solved!

Monday we awoke to slightly calmer conditions, but still with a fairly stiff southerly. As is a regular pattern in Cobram, the weather abated towards the afternoon and late afternoon flights



were again a pleasure. Tuesday still had a slight southerly but by lunch time it had given way to huge thermal activity and lots of very big sky. We almost saw Gary Mac maiden his scratch built 1/3 scale Minimoa, but it still needed some adjustments before it flew. Nice work Gary.

Probably one of the most impressive sights was to see all the new glider pilots from the MMAC get well into towing and with the number of local glider pilots now ten plus, and the Club aero-towing almost every weekend, the MMAC must be the most active scale soaring Club in Victoria.

I would like to thank all the members of the MMAC for welcoming us back again and looking after us so well. It is amazing how such a small Club can get together and produce such fabulous facilities.

I would like to especially make mention to the people who manned the canteen and cooked the roast dinner. Our thanks to Frank Rettke, Michael Stephens, Glad Stephens, Jim Dykes, Bruce Hobley and Barry Humphries.



I would also like to thank the guys who do not fly gliders but came out and helped on the flight line, learned the job and then made it look easy. Our thanks to Bill Scholtes, Garry Bushby and Allan Foster.

Now, without these guys, the event will never happen – the tug pilots. They build the models out of their own pockets and make them available for everyone's benefit. Thanks to Jason Sagaidak, Colin Booth, Theo Arvanitakis, David

Hobby, Chris Graham, Daryl Blow, Neil Spencer, Steve Lunney, Rod Watkins and I suppose I should include myself.



Finally – A big thanks to Jason Sagaidak. He battled some difficult situations to make the event happen and he has also had the amazing vision to engage with a new discipline and inspire so many in such a short space of time. It is a breath of fresh air to see so many new faces in the Scale Soaring scene.



With a final tally of 37 glider pilots, over 80 sailplanes and 12 active tow planes, it has to be one of the largest Victorian events to date, if not for quite some time.

Everyone is already looking forward to going back in June for the “Cobram Queens” weekend.

# Scanner Challenge

The Model Engines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scanner Challenge conducted by Bendigo Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.

**Date: 27th of April 2014**

Phoenix Scanner Aircraft

**46** size engines\* (OS preferred)

1 in every 4 pilots' will be a winner

Safe off the course racing. 300 metre course

Catering on the day

**Entry Fee \$ 10.00**

Entry Form/Full list of race rules, Club web site

<http://www.brcac.asn.au>

[les.davis5@bigpond.com](mailto:les.davis5@bigpond.com)





# 68<sup>TH</sup> MAAA MODEL AIRCRAFT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

## 2015 QUEENSLAND NATIONALS – BRISBANE – 9<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015



MAAQ in conjunction with MAAA and the Host club Tingalpa Model Aero Club invite you to attend the 2015 Nationals in Southeast Queensland.

Together with the magnificent holiday destination of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and surrounds there will be no more fitting time to enjoy 10 days of aeromodelling camaraderie throughout the 68<sup>th</sup> MAAA Nationals Program while combining and extending a family holiday.

All flying sites will be located within 50min drive from the Brisbane CBD for all event disciplines including:

1. Radio Control    2. Control Line
3. Free-flight      4. Indoor

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# DVD Library - March 2014 Update

## IMPORTANT NEWS – 4 DVD's for only \$5-00;

Effectively immediately the VMAA has increased, from 3 to 4, the number of DVD's you can borrow from the Library for no additional cost. Yes the cost remains at only \$5. This means that for only \$5-00 you can select 4 DVD from VMAA's huge library of over 1200 DVD on aviation topics and have them posted to you with the return postage included for you to send them back. No doubt a great bargain.

The V.M.A.A. has a very extensive DVD Library. It contains over 1200 titles covering models and full size aircraft as well as aviation movies. Please note that the library sources DVD's from all over the world so you will need a DVD player that can play DVDs from all regions. There are many excellent instructional tapes/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 \$5-00, which includes the return postage, for **4 DVDs**.

Here are three links to get you started in a flash:

Join the VMAA DVD Library just click [Members Application](#)

Want to order a DVD, just click on, just click on [Order DVDs](#)

Want to have a look at the DVD Catalogue, just click on [Listing](#)

Still not sure, then the full detail of how to join the V.M.A.A. DVD Library is in your V.M.A.A. Directory. Alternatively you can e-mail me at [DVD Librarian](#) and ask for details of how it operates.

Please note that there is a \$10 joining fee. If you would like to borrow titles when you apply to join then send \$15 and a list of at least 6 titles you wish to borrow. The DVD library is a great resource, if you are not using then it why not, particularly now that you get 4 DVD's for only \$5-00.?

New DVDs are added all the time so visit often and have a look what is on offer. Please note that these new titles can only be held for one week due to the demand on new titles.

### *Latest DVDs on Offer*

1415 LA FERTE 2011 - 2012 70 Mins.  
Lots of very large impressive models from this fantastic model show including a B-25 with two 400cc Moki radials, a 120Kg Stearman plus many more. Please note that the commentary is in German.

1416 MONSTER PLANES USA 2013 92 Mins.  
From Lakeland airport in Florida. Lots of very large models including 50% models of Christen Eagle and Decathalon. Also lots of very big warbirds including A10, F-100 DC3 and many more.

1417 GATHERING OF EAGLES 2013 89 Mins.  
Lots of very large warbirds including B-17, F4U Corsair a turboprop Tucano and many more. Great models of warbirds.

6267 LEUCHARS AIR SHOW 2103 125 Mins.  
The last ever airshow from RAF Leuchars with lots of very good displays from both modern and historic aircraft. Includes the Saab Viggen, Wildcats, Sea Fury and many

### *MAAA Policy - Reference 2.4 Ghz,*

*All members are reminded that the MAAA policy states which Transmitters are approved by the MAAA and are permitted to be used at our fields.*

*Go to <http://www.maaa.asn.au/maaa/mop.html> for more information*

*You need to read through the policy MoP058.*

*Particularly Clause 3.1 & 3.8, and refer to the table in appendix A which lists the MAAA Approved radios. All Clubs need to know what is approved and constantly check MOPs as their are a live document and updated on a regular basis. The VMAA Secretary Sends out with the VMAA Minutes of what MOPs has changed to Club Secretaries on a monthly basis.*



## PYLON RACING at the 67<sup>th</sup> MAAA Nationals

By: John Schmidli and Tom Wetherill

Photos by: Andrew Arapakis.



The 67th MAAA Model Aircraft Championships were held in Albury, New South Wales on 28th to 30th December 2013. This year they were hosted by the VMAA and the pylon event was organised and run by the VMPRA (Victorian Miniature Pylon Racing Association), at the Twin Cities Model Aero Club's field.

The club provided some of the officials necessary to run the event, with the competitors filling the rest of the positions when not racing. There was one day of practice and two days of racing planned, with the objective of running 9 rounds in each class, these being FA1, F400 and Q500.



*The Twin Cities Model Aero Club - Albury*

The flying field had undergone some significant changes since the last time the pylon fraternity had visited. Most notably, there was an impressive concrete runway, which replaced the previous runway made from conveyor belt matting. However, a new feature was a permanent pilot station and a large sunshade structure that was

located immediately adjacent to the runway. The proximity of the sunshade as well as the fencing and a power line located on the landing approach at one end of the field, meant that the pilots had a challenge landing their models after each race.



*The Pit Area - Sheltered area very welcome*

Contestants from Victoria and New South Wales began arriving on Saturday 28th December to complete registration and get in some practice and tuning for the conditions. The temperature was in the mid to high 30's and there was a Total Fire Ban in place across the border in Victoria. Most chose to put in a few flights before heading back to the swimming pool at their motel for refreshments.

On the morning of Sunday 29th December, the course was set up to allow for the cross-wind conditions. Racing was conducted over 10 ½ laps,

with the timers being located at the No.1 pylon. Temperatures were slightly lower than the previous day, but conditions were still very hot being in the low 30's.

Racing got underway mid-morning with 5 rounds of F400 being flown. There were 10 entries and Ranjit Phelan set the pace with a fastest time of 64.85 seconds. Andrew Davies lost a model when it came in contact with a pylon and others tried to sieve their models through the fences and sunshade structure during landing.

Next up was Q500, which attracted 8 entries. Daniel Arapakis set the early pace with an impressive time of 94.96 seconds, which was backed up with a couple more times in the 95-second range. Jim Orenshaw also posted some impressive 95-second times.

FA1 got underway mid-afternoon and there were 10 entries. However, this was the hottest part of the day and the walk to and from the flight line in the heat was beginning to take its toll on the pilots. As a result, only 3 rounds were flown before it was agreed to call it a day. The heat also meant that the race times were not as fast as are seen at other locations.

Before racing could get underway on Monday 30th December the course had to be changed, as the wind was coming from the opposite direction... but still a cross-wind. This took some time as the course had to be laid out to avoid obstacles and stay clear of the control line area which was being used for other Nationals events.



*Tony Howse and Jeremy Randle for NSW*



*Daniel Arapakis, Jim Orenshaw and Gary Davidson*

Racing recommenced by mid-morning with 4 more rounds of FA1 being flown. The heat as well as the rate of attrition increased with both Andrew Davies and Gary Davidson losing models. In the end, Ranjit Phelan flying a model of his own design and manufacture, was in first place with a score of 403.4. He was followed by Tom Wetherill with a VooDoo who posted a score of 405.9. Rick Townsend was third with a score of 408.6. Ranjit also posted the best time with a score of 62.84.

Next up was Q500 and 4 more rounds were flown to complete the class. David Axon and Barry Townsend had a spectacular mid-air at pylon 1, obliterating both models. Daniel Arapakis cruised

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home to first place with a score of 687.2. His time of 94.96 was the fastest time for the event. Jim Orenshaw was second with a score of 750.6 and James Hurley was third with a score of 802.5.

F400 was up last, with 4 rounds being flown in the afternoon heat. By this time the pilots and workers were all getting tired and dehydrated so it took some time to get all the rounds completed. The final result was that Ranjit Phelan gained first place with a score of 480.7 with his Nelson-powered Polecat.



*James Hurley preparing his Q500*

Daniel Arapakis was second with a score of 488.0 with his Nelson-powered Terry O'Connor model. Tom Wetherill was third with a score of 512.5 with his Nelson-powered Loki. Ranjit's time of 64.85 seconds from the prior day held as the fastest time for the class.

#### Quickie 500 Results

Name	Total
Daniel Arapakis	678.2
Jim Orenshaw	750.6
James Hurley	802.5
Jeremy Randle	878.0
Barry Townsend	886.5
Tom Wetherill	920.3
David Axon	930.7
Gary Davidson	1147.9

#### FA1 Results

Name	Total
Ranjit Phelan	403.4
Tom Wetherill	405.9
Rick Townsend	406.6
Barry Murphy	408.9
Jim Orenshaw	442.3
Tony Howse	443.5
Brian Steele	686.0
Glenn Matthews	699.1
Andrew Davies	944.9
Gary Davidson	957.3

#### F400 Results

Name	Total
Ranjit Phelan	480.7
Daniel Arapais	488
Tom Wetherill	512.5
Glenn Matthews	512.8
Tony Howse	522.3
Jeremy Randle	528.1
Jim Orenshaw	805.5
Gary Davidson	899.2
Andrew Davies	914.3
James Hurley	937.1

It was a sunburnt and somewhat weary group that packed up after the event and stayed on for the prize giving ceremony. Trophies were given to the top three finishers in each class. Special thanks were given to Glenn and Nerida Matthews for running the event, Toni and David Axon for working as starters, the people who worked the course and the host Club for providing their facilities.

For more photos, you can visit the gallery on [www.vmpira.org.au](http://www.vmpira.org.au)

## What is the VMPRA

The Victorian Miniature Pylon Racing Association (VMPRA) is the organization responsible for the running and promotion of remote control model aircraft pylon racing in the state of Victoria. The VMPRA runs competitions all year round at many country and city based model aircraft Clubs throughout Victoria.

We race a variety of classes on a regular basis, from the sports racing class of "Quickie 500" through the mid to high speed Formula 400 right up to the F1 of pylon racing, "F3D". We also offer sports racing at our 1-day Q500 events where pilots can fly their trainer or sports models (Scanners, Boomerangs, and Classis Trainer etc.) and get a taste for the thrill of pylon racing.



**Quickie 500 (Q500)**



**Formula 400 (F400)**



**FA1 (Australian F3D)**

Pylon racing is the most exciting facet of remote control aeromodelling. If you like racing your model aircraft, then come along and join in the fun. Come to an event and see what it's all about and introduce yourself, or make contact with a committee member via the website.

The members of the VMPRA, are a very friendly and encouraging group willing to help any newcomer to pylon racing. To see a schedule of race events and more information about what we do, visit [www.vmpr.org.au](http://www.vmpr.org.au)

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