



VICTORIAN MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION

The Aero Modeller's Newsletter

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**Good luck to our World Scale Championship Team
as they head to France to mix it with the world's best**

*The team competed in the recent VicScale Championships in Shepparton enjoying the
facilities of the Valley Radio Flyers Club*



*From (L to R) Noel Whitehead with his CT4, Greg Lepp, Team Manager, David Law
(Will be flying his Pitts Special) and Noel Findlay with his Fox Moth. Thank you to all
the sponsors in helping out. No doubt the team will do us proud.*



For the Record... July 2014

See you later, it has been fun but it is time to go...

In 2006 I was asked by the then VMAA Editor David Walsh to take over the position and to give it a go. At the time I was in the print

industry and was printing the newsletter for David for a while. The other reason I decided to give it a go was that I wanted to find out what the VMAA did and how they worked as the State Body. I found out quickly the Committee does a great job covering a multitude of items each month to keep our great Association running and communicating with the National body, the MAAA. Each Committee Member donates their personal time and brings to the table a great deal of modelling experience and life's extras that are needed in an organisation like this. The Committee worked very well together and I think many Clubs saw this with the many visits we completed along the way.

During my stay with the Committee I have held different positions apart from editor which has given me valuable experience and understanding of the various roles. I have been the Vice President, Web Master, Safety Officer and Contest Director. However, the editor's role stayed with me throughout as it was my focus to try and improve on what David had achieved and continue to expand. I tried with the newsletter to cover as many areas of our hobby as I could with the support of many Club Members. I have also assisted on instructor's courses, MAAA Nationals and have chaired or been involved in MAAA Sub Committees.

In the last couple of years, we changed the format of the newsletter from the printed version to a full electronic format. This has been successful over the past two years and the end of the day, it was the way of things to come. Printing was expensive and the Committee had a bigger vision in regards to buying land for State Fields. We have 3 State Fields now in Victoria and it is hoped to have more as time moves on.

I have always held the view the power of the written word is amazing and it is a pity more people do not use the newsletter to submit reports, articles on a Club event to showcase not only our hobby, but the Club itself. For those that submitted reports religiously every quarter need to be thanked. People like the VMAA Secretary Chris Caulcutt who always had information to pass on and DVD Librarian Ivan Chiselett who manages the best collection of DVDs in regards to model and in some regards, full size aviation. To everyone that has submitted articles, reports, photos or flyers for their events, thank you for your efforts. I must also thank those Club Members that made me feel welcome when I turned up with my cameras taking photos from every angle to get the perfect shot. Lots of work, but enjoyable as well.



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I was also lucky I had people like Ken Thomas and RCMN who have assisted with photos when I could not make an event. Ken was always willing to share a photo or two as I did with him. I must also thank Des Bayliss who has read probably most of my articles and provided valuable guidance and support. The other person is my best friend my wife Judi who has supported me from the start and still does. Without these people I could not have progressed with the newsletter.

So the time has come to say goodbye and thank you for allowing me to be the VMAA Editor and promoting our fantastic hobby and Association. I hope to catch up with many friends and do more flying and with any luck even build a model or too.

So for the final time, keep your face into wind and your wings level. See you on a field somewhere in our great Association. Roger and out...

ED...

TO ALL MEMBERS.

16th May 2014

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary of the V.M.A.A. Inc. hereby gives notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 17th July 2014, at the Balwyn East Uniting Church Hall, corner of Belmore and Wingfield Roads East Balwyn starting at 7.30pm.

The business to be transacted at this Annual General Meeting shall include:

- To confirm the minutes of the last AGM.
 - To receive the President's report
 - To receive the Secretary's report
 - To receive the Treasurers report
 - To elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Executive.
 - To appoint V.M.A.A. nominated positions. **Eg. Editor, Video Librarian, Chief Flying Instructor, Assistant Flying Instructor, Heavy Model Coordinator, Education Officer, Public Relations Officer, Display Coordinator, Web Master etc.**
(Affiliate members wishing to be appointed should notify their intent of being an appointed member should notify the Secretary in writing.)
 - General business.
- Nil

The positions of the Executive to be elected are;

- 1/ President** - This position is not scheduled for election as it is mid way through a two year term
Current Honorarium is \$0.70 p/member = approx \$2,000 p/year
- 2/ Vice Pres. - Due for election this year for a two year term.**
Current Honorarium is \$250 p/year
- 3/ Secretary - Due for election this year for a two year term.**
Current Honorarium is \$3.00 p/member = approx \$7,000 p/year. (plus Superannuation)
- 4/ Treasurer** - This position is not scheduled for election as it is mid way through a two year term
Current Honorarium is \$1.00 p/member = approx \$2,800 p/year
- 5/ Registrar - To be elected for a one year term.**
Current Honorarium is \$1.20 p/member = approx \$3,400 p/year
- 6/ Contest Director - To be elected for a one year term.**
Current Honorarium is \$0.70 p/member = approx \$2,000 p/year
- 7/ Ordinary Members (Two number) To be elected for a one year term.**
Current Honorarium is \$250 p/year

Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as Ordinary Members of the Executive shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the V.M.A.A. Inc. and be;

- made in writing, signed on behalf of the Member (Club) and accompanied by written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than twenty-one days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

Any business to be placed on the agenda for the AGM must be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than thirty days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

Correspondence should be sent to:

Secretary V.M.A.A. Chris Caulcutt PO Box 5695 Cranbourne 3977



Secretary's Report July 2014

VMAA Flying Field - Echuca

The Open Day / Annual Fun fly day was successful. Several of the VMAA Executives were on hand for the opening and flying over the weekend. The Club members must now be proud to

have a field that they can develop knowing they will be there for a very long time. The addition of some very good toilets will make the difference to get the wives to attend a weekend away.

Also making it a great weekend away is the friendly members of the Club. Why didn't we do this years ago??

Wangaratta MAC,

Have been busy lobbying the local council and have managed to secure a grant from them, along with some financial assistance from the VMAA. The Wangaratta club will now be installing better toilet facilities at the field.

Bairnsdale State Field

The BADMAC Club has been busy over the last couple of months, preparing the newly purchased field. Fencing and gates are being installed, driveways and flight lines are being graded and levelled.

It won't be long until this new field will be available for all to use.

VMAA State Field

Recent summer fires at the State field saw the loss of a lot of fences to the property. We are taking this opportunity when replacing the fences to actually move some of the internal fences further away from the flight lines. This should make it a more acceptable to the larger and faster style planes that may require longer run-off areas.

VMAA Country Visit

The VMAA will be visiting the Moira MAC in Cobram over the weekend of the 21-22 June. There is also another Country Visit scheduled in for the Ararat Club to be held on the 13-14 September 2014. At these Country Visits, we used to conduct a Committee meeting so the Members can see how the VMAA conducts the business tabled and many other items of discussion.

This was not as successful as we first thought, so we have changed it around to be a very relaxed question and answer style meeting. All Members from the VMAA are quite welcome to attend any of these visits, and join in the fun and fly with the VMAA Committee.

If you would like a visit from the VMAA Committee to your Club, please contact the VMAA Secretary.

VMAA Secretary
Chris Caulcutt

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The fees for Financial Year 2014/2015 are:

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

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

"VALE"

RONALD DOMETT ERICSON

8th June 1944 to 9th March 2014

AUS 11457 Life Membership of the MAAA & VMAA

Some of you may be aware already of the passing of a great modeller and person in Ron Ericson. His funeral was on 9 March 2014. The funeral was a celebration of life as Ron had achieved so many things in his long and distinguished journey. Ron would have liked a simple no fuss affair and a simple good bye to family and friends. I attended Ron's funeral and initially I was amazed how many people from modelling and other streams of life were in attendance, but then again, if you knew Ron and the amount of work he did with Rotary, modelling and his life passion of flying being a pilot for most of his life, you would understand why he knew and had so many friends.

Listening to the Eulogy on the day and the many speakers to highlight Ron's life, you realised that Ron was a quiet achiever with a big heart and a calm disposition. He was a very good listener and could make his point heard at the right time. One thing for me was that Ron always made you feel at ease. His contribution in so many areas of life are many, but modelling has lost a statesman and a gentleman.

I had the pleasure of working with Ron on the VMAA Committee when he returned from New Zealand. He had the appointment of Public Officer but his experience and knowledge of our hobby (over 37 years) and aviation was first class and provided valuable advice on many occasions. He eventually left the VMAA to take up an aviation position in Brisbane, but the short time he was with the Committee he did make a difference. His involvement at State and Federal level is well known as he held a number of positions, one being the President of the MAAA. He was a very well-liked and respected individual, not only in the aero modelling, but in general aviation as well.

From the VMAA Committee we hope all your flights are true and the gentle winds carry you across the sky. Sadly missed,

Ed



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Chris Caulcutt - VMAA Secretary (retiring)

I took on the position of VMAA Secretary in 2002. The then current Secretary, Ivan Chiselett, was stepping down from the VMAA to take on the position of the MAAA Federal Secretary. Ivan's shoes were figuratively and literally big shoes to fill as he had held the State position for quite a number of years. Prior to my appointment I was happy in my position on the VMAA as a Committee Member and it was with the encouragement of a friend to step up and take on the Secretary position. I could never have achieved what I did without the assistance of other Members of the Committee

In my 12 years as Secretary I have been fortunate enough to sit alongside 3 Presidents, 4 Vice Presidents, 2 Treasurers, 1 Registrar, 2 Comp Directors, and several committee members.

During my term on the Committee I believe it has done a great job in servicing the Members of the VMAA. We now have 3 State Fields, hosted by the Northern Flying Group, Echuca Moama MAC, and Bairnsdale & DMAC. I hope this is just the beginning of more land purchases.

During my term we have hosted several MAAA Nationals of which the VMAA always receives very good praise for a job well done. This could not have been achieved without the forethought of some, to put in a control line circle at the TCMAC Club and the assistance from the TCMAC members along with a dedicated few that put in a lot of time and effort to make them successful.

There are also things that we have not done so well, but we have learnt from these and moved along.

Travelling around to Clubs and many S.I.Gs competitions to chat with the Members to get a better insight of what the Members get up to and why it has not been beneficial for my flying (only because I never got to fly enough myself), but it has given me a better understanding of why members fly the types of planes / disciplines they do.

Interstate travel for the MAAA Council Conferences has opened my eyes to see what the other States do or don't do. Sharing of ideas between the states can only be beneficial to all modelers.

As you can see from the above the position of Secretary has given me a lot of opportunity to travel, and it has been with this that I have been able to make a lot of friends (although this is a position you also do make some enemies). I will look back on my time with honor and pride.

I would like to thank all those who along the way have assisted me during my term as VMAA Secretary. Special thanks to my wife Melisa, for without her support and encouragement I may not have stayed as long as I did.

Chris.

Country Meetings

The purpose of country meeting is so country Clubs can meet the Committee and ask questions of the VMAA on any subject of concern or just to clear up issues that have been brought up by Club Members. Normally, the Committee would join the Club at their field and meet as many Club Members as possible, followed by dinner on the Saturday night.

The meeting is designed for questions and answers so if any Club is interested in hosting a Country Meeting, please contact the VMAA Secretary, to discuss a suitable date and make arrangements. We would also encourage other Clubs in close proximity to join in as well.

Meetings held in 2013/14 were very successful with the VMAA Committee meeting a number of Club Members. So give VMAA Secretary a call to find out more information. **Ed**

COUNTRY VISIT 21 TO 22 JUNE 2014

MOIRA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB



Chris Caulcutt, myself, David Nichols and Col Collyer from the VMAA Committee had a great weekend with the Club. Gliding has a big presence at the Club



MMAC is a family Club and the kids have a good time with the chuck gliders. I dare say our Education officer has been around again...

opened up and the sun broke through. We were all looking forward to another great day of flying and having a Q & A session later in the day. As we entered the field location, the fog was just sitting around the field as there was no breeze. The glider pilots were keen and assembled their models for a morning flight, keeping a



Early in the morning the fog was still around but once it lifted it was great flying. It was chilly at first, but a hot cuppa and a quick chat before the sun broke out and another great day was had....

Like we have done in the past with a number of Clubs, Members of the VMAA Committee ventured up to Cobram to visit MMAC and to have an open forum. Our drive up started on Saturday early morning, taking in some of the beautiful Victorian country side. The weather leaving Melbourne did not look promising but as we progressed up the highway and passed over the ranges, things started to change as they always do.

On arriving at the Club there were a number of pilots enjoying the sunshine (yes there was sunshine) and a calm day. The facilities of the Club are a credit to the membership and no doubt, as they should be, are proud in what they have achieved. To top this off the hospitality and camaraderie was first



Col Collyer enjoyed himself flying his powered electric glider. Flew very well indeed.

class.

The Saturday was spent enjoying the field by joining in with the Club Members and having a few flights while introducing ourselves. It was a great first day with the weather being first class and watching Jason's Sagaidak 6 metre plus K8 glider taking to the sky. Still needed some finishing work, but flew so graceful and majestic it was a pleasure to watch. Saturday night a few of the Club Members and the VMAA representatives went out for dinner and to progress a number of conversations from the field. Good company, lots of laughs and of course a great country meal.

We woke on Sunday morning with a chill in the air and fog which rolled in overnight. After breakfast at the local bakery (yes, the eggs and bacon was very good), we departed for the field again as the skies



This is the new dam being built on the door step of the Club. Hmmm, looks like it will be able to hold plenty of water..... Now what comes to mind do you think!!!!

low altitude within a tight circuit. There were only a couple occasions where the fog appeared to swallow up a couple of models that ventured too high up, but nothing to worry about.

By 11:00 am the sun started to appear again as more pilots turned up for the Sunday BBQ lunch. After lunch those that wanted to have a chat, ask questions or clear up a point or two, gathered together. It was great to see so many pilots (20+) having a fantastic time enjoying the field. One thing that stood out was the mixed disciplines that were flying. IC, glider, Helicopter and quadcopters all shared the air space with no issues. Communications and mutual respect played out as you would expect and all was good. Well done.. Other Clubs within the surrounding area were invited to attend so they could provide feedback or ask questions of the VMAA. The idea of the visit has always been to give the opportunity to our country Clubs to meet members of the VMAA and put a face to the various positions that each Club may deal with or ask for advice on a multitude

of issues. It is a pity more Clubs don't take up the offer of a visit so they can ask those odd questions or just want to see why certain things are the way they are. The offer is always there for any Club to ask for a visit and if you contact the VMAA Secretary, it can be arranged.

This is not the first time the VMAA have ventured back to MMAC and as per normal the VMAA were made welcome by the Club President Jason Sagaidak and fellow Committee/Club Members. From the Committee Members that attended, we would like to thank MMAC for the opportunity to visit and be part of Club life for a couple of days. Well done and safe flying to all....

Ed



The pit area on the Sunday was bussing with activity as more than 20 pilots came out to enjoy a great day of flying. A very friendly Club that made you fell welcomed...

Cobram Scale Aerotow 2014



For information on this great event click onto [Here](#) to get all the details 1 to 4 November 2014

THE ANDREI TUPOLEV AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA PRESENTED TO ANTHONY MOTT WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2014



Congratulations to Anthony in achieving another milestone in Aeromodelling and one for Australian history. On the above date, the VMAA Vice President, Greg Lepp and VMAA Secretary, Chris Caulcutt presented Anthony with the diploma in front of Club Members at Greensborough Model Aircraft Club (GMAC).

Many might not know of this award/diploma so the following extract may help to understand its significance:

"This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1989 and may be awarded annually by the FAI to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for outstanding record performance in aeromodelling. This Diploma is donated annually by the NAC of Russia to the FAI. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually".

(L) VMAA VP Greg Lepp, (C) Anthony Mott and VMAA Sec, Chris Caulcutt

"FAI Member" refers to a nation that is a member of the FAI. Whilst it specifies that only one award will be made annually, two awards (to Messrs Labrouve and Lentin) were made in 2010 as they were considered a two-man "team".

The diploma itself has only been awarded ten times since its inception (24 years), and two Australians are part of those ten recipients. From 1989 to 1999 the diploma was not awarded and again in 2002, 2003 and 2006 the award was not presented.

Year	Receiver	Award ID
2012	Anthony Mott (Australia)	6808
2010	Vincent Labrouve (France)	6556
2010	Daniel Lentin (France)	6557
2009	Pascal/Georges Surugue/surugue (France)	6428
2008	Lluís Parramon (Spain)	6264
2007	Sergey Makarov (Russia)	6167
2006	not awarded	6017
2005	Christopher Callow (Australia)	5898
2004	Antonio Mazzaracchio (Italy)	5718
2003	not awarded	5556
2002	not awarded	5377
2001	Robert White (USA)	5164
2000	Radojica Katanic (Yugoslavia)	4980



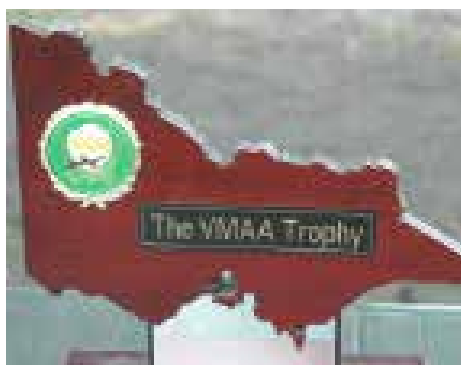
***Well done
Anthony***

Anthony has broken a number of IC and Electric endurance records of the past few years and his determination and endeavours are to be congratulated. I know he is working on another record. From the VMAA Committee and Members well done and good luck of future endeavours. Ed

VMAA Trophy 2015



Team play



Team effort

Why not get a team together for the VMAA Trophy for 2015? All you need is six pilots and you are in. There are 12 events and the best 6 will be counted. Each pilot can enter two events. It is a lot of fun with a bit of competition just to make it interesting....

The rules and conditions have been reviewed with the introduction of a "Sports Limbo" event. Most Unusual Model has been removed. Juniors attract a bonus point for a maximum of two events

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68TH MAAA MODEL AIRCRAFT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

2015 QUEENSLAND NATIONALS – BRISBANE – 9TH – 19TH 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 68th 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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VMAA Trophy Weekend

12 to 13 April 2014

By VMAA CD Joe Finocchiaro



Some great flying in Heli with a tie in the timed event.

Club teams started to arrive on the Thursday afternoon taking up the offer of the State Field camping facilities which include showers and toilets. Once again, Northern Flying Group (NFG), have done a sterling job in preparing the field for the weekend. Then again, the field always looks in tip top condition which is a credit to the Club.

I must admit after 3 days of rain and poor weather leading up to the weekend I had my doubts the event would even go ahead. But being optimistic, and with the philosophy the show must go on, I prepared my bag of goodies and loaded the trophies into the back of the car. As I left Bacchus Marsh it was wet and overcast and as I crossed the mountains going through Gibson, it did not look promising at all. As I was driving I realised the event (since my involvement) had never being cancelled. So the pressure was on.



The juniors made a big showing this year. Riely Sills above (R) and Daniel Goudge bottom (L)



but a change was needed as well. The "Sports Limbo" event has been introduced and was a great success. Team pilots enjoyed the new challenge and the competition was excellent as we had a junior who mixed it with the big boys. Good stuff.

The other big change, but not really visible to the teams, was the introduction of an electronic scoring system which helped greatly and provided faster turnaround times. There were things that needed to be sorted as the competition progresses, but nothing that could not be handled. The accuracy of the system was confirmed as CDs provided raw scores and added to each event while the system took care of the rest.

The other condition which I was aiming to achieve was to progress each event in a timely manner so down time was kept to a minimum between events. I do believe we achieved that for most of the weekend as there were events running most of the time and everyone was happy on how things were going. The two areas which we need to look at to improve the flow even further in regards to time is Musical Landing and Sports Limbo. Both suffer with different issues but one that will be fixed for the weekend in 2015 is using plastic tape for the Limbo event. We did use this type of tape and a big thank you to Jon Goudge for his assistance. The tape is easily set up and replaced.



The Sports Limbo event was a success and lots of fun as well. Some good scores were achieved as we completed 3 rounds.



VMAA VP Greg Lepp having some fun. This is what it is all about



Duct Tap and a model... Hmmm must be musical landing event...!!



A good turn out again for the Old Timer event.



The glider event was popular as well

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President of NFG Mark Sill with a microphone drawing out the NFG raffle. He just cannot help himself.

The competition was a close knit affair with scores after the first day being very close. It was also the first time we had 4 juniors taking part, the most we have had to date that I am aware of and is great to see. We have made another change to the allocation of junior points to make the event fairer and still maintain the competitiveness of the events. So let us see how we go with this change and any feedback is most welcome. This goes with any of the other events as well as feedback is the only way we can improve. We are trying to keep the same conditions/ rules for at least 3 years to provide stability to the Clubs participating.



Fun Scale is another event enjoyed by the teams

After day one, as the scores started to tally up you could things were going to be tight all weekend. The lead changed many times and I think at one stage we had 4 different leaders. We had 7 Clubs this year, two down from 2013. But the competition was as good as ever with nearly all events having a full set of pilots. The juniors performed with gusto as they entered two events each and kept the seniors honest. In the timed Helicopter event we had a tie with some great flying in the Scale Aeros and Fun Scale.



Club Pylon Racing is another well contested event. Good flying and steady hands needed...



On the Saturday night dinner at the Clarkefield Hotel was in order as we have done in the past. Good food, good company and close enough to home. So what do you do after a good meal and chat..... Night flying of cause. Even though it was cold, there was plenty of takers and the fun just kept on rolling on. The electric fomey gliders are perfect for this and the light arrangements on some are fantastic. It was amazing how daring pilots become at 10:00 PM at night. All this without anyone calling the police thinking we had aliens at the State Field planning an invasion. Great work..



NFG busy making doing repairs for musical landings

On the Sunday, the weather was still behaving itself with a slightly stronger breeze, but still flyable and no rain. Club Pylon event was exciting as usual and



the skill of "steady and consistent" was the order of the event. The Combat event this year had a pilot from



(L) Alan Swift, Team Captain for Doncaster receiving the VMAA Trophy from VP Greg Lepp. Congratulations. On the (R) the winning team



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



every team and was a lot of fun. There were some bangs, Ohs, Ahs and some confetti, but all good at the end. The Glider and Old Timer events were close with some great flying. This left Musical Landings and the fun really took hold.

It amazes me how competitive we are when we step on the flight line. The ingenuity of some of the team members is fantastic in keeping their charges flying. This event as mentioned took longer than expected so we do need to look at this. The idea is to finish the trophy weekend by 3:00 pm and have the presentation finished by 4:00 pm. This gives a reasonable time for everyone to get home as we do have Clubs like La Trobe that come a long way to take part. Well done guys

At the end Doncaster won the Trophy by one point from Pakenham and Yarra Valley who came equal second. This was followed by NFG who came third. So between the 4 teams there was only 5 points. Great stuff.

Thank you to all Clubs pilots, helpers and spectators that participated in the trophy weekend and we hope you all return. Next year we hope to see ten teams take the field and have lots of fun and have some great competition. I must thank my fellow Committee Members for their support and effort over the weekend.

See you in 2015..... Bring it on.



2014 VMAA Trophy Weekend Individual Winners & Placing



Event	1st	Club	2nd	Club	3rd	Club
Helicopter 3 circles task	Minfang Duan Junior	Doncaster	Geoff More	VARMS	Paul Webber	Pakenham
Helicopter Novice Class rules	Matt Carmichael Greg Lepp	Lilydale Yarra Valley	Minfang Duan Junior	Doncaster	Paul Webber	Pakenham
Fun Scale	Paul Mitchell	La Trobe	David Chivers	Lilydale	Daniel Goudge Junior	Yarra Valley
Thermal Glider	Steve Malcman	Pakenham	Phil Nolan	La Trobe	Graham Sullivan	VARMS
Fun Fly	Cliff McIver	Pakenham	Mick Gunn	La Trobe	Chris Claydon	Lilydale
Combat	Euan Haig	Yarra Valley	Colin Kahn	Doncaster	Tim Dawson	La Trobe
Scale Aerobatics	Jarod Gouge	Yarra Valley	Cliff McIver	Pakenham	Adrian Koro	Doncaster
Sport Limbo	Roland Gauman Alan Swift	Pakenham Doncaster	Daniel Gouge	Yarra Vally	Graham Sullivan	VARMS
Old-Timer Duration	Anthony Monteleone Junior	NFG	Collin Collyer	VARMS	Kevin Fryer	Pakenham
Musical Landings	Reilly Sills Junior	NFG	Peter Harries	Pakenham	Collin Collyer	VARMS
Electric Glider	Mick Gunn	La Trobe	Anthony Peate	Doncaster	Zdenek Busek	VARMS
Club Racing	Stephen Green	Pakenham	Grant Collins	Doncaster	Jarod Gouge	YVA

 Indicates equal 1st

***Congratulations to all participants for a succssfull VMAA Trophy Weekend
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real fun and***



2014 VMAA Trophy Team Results

VMAA Points

The best 6 of 12 events to count

Juniors receive an extra 1 & 1/2 point and will be added to overall team score



CLUB	RC Combat	Heli 3 Circles	Fun Fly	Fun Scale	Scale Aeros	Heli Novice	Thermal Glider	Electric Glider	Sport Limbo	Old Timer Duration	Club Racing	Musical Landings	Total of the best 6 scores	Junior points	Total points	Team PLACE
Northern	3	0	2	3	3	0	3	3	1	6	1	6	24	6	30	3
La Trobe	4	1	5	6	2	3	5	6	3	3	2	3	29		29	4
Lilydale	1	3	4	5	1	6	1	1	2	2	3	1	23		23	6
Yarra Valley	6	2	1	4	6	6	2	2	5	0	4	1	31	3	34	2
Pakenham	1	4	6	1	5	4	6	1	6	4	6	5	34		34	2
Doncaster	5	6	4	2	4	5	0	5	6	0	5	2	32	3	35	1
VARMS	3	5	1	1	0	2	4	4	4	5	0	4	26		26	5

indicates tied position

VICTORIAN SCALE FLYING AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS SHEPPARTON 7 TO 8 JUNE 2014



***Rob Hullet TCMAC and
his Steanson***



***The 3 amigos from BRMFC.
Roger, Max and Greg. Great
supporters***



***At the end of the presentation, the
VFSAA presented a cheque to the
World Scale Team Manager, Greg Lepp.
Sponsorship helps the team in many
ways***

The VicScale Championships were again held in beautiful Shepparton at the Valley Radio Flyers (VRF). Each year over the past few years, the weather has been fantastic and this year was no exception. 23 Pilots made the trip plus helpers for a weekend of scale flying. Again, VRF provided a canteen which kept us all watered and fed with an added surprise of new runways.

The old matting has been lifted taken away with new runways top dressed, laser levelled and re-grassed to produce a very nice surface to fly off. The main runway has been slightly changed in direction to take in the prevailing wind and hopefully go down the strip. In part this did happen which made the flying that much better, even though on the Sunday we had slightly stronger wind but nothing that could not be handled.

As per normal we started on the East/ West runway in the morning based on wind and the position of the sun over the main runway. This runway is not as long as the main, but the upgrade made it that much better as well. By late morning both the wind and sun were not an issue and the flight line changed to the main runway. On both days we started on the East/West only to finish up on the main runway which made the flying experience that much more enjoyable.

The Australian World Scale Championship team were all in attendance, preparing themselves for competition at the highest level. David Law, Noel Whitehead and Noel Findlay made up the pilots with Greg Lepp helping as Team Manager. All have been busy getting things ready and will be departing in mid July to go to France. The photos show the team and we wish them all the best and good luck for the event. All the team members are part of the VFSAA and no doubt they will do us proud and fly the Australian flag. It takes a lot of dedication, patience, skill and funding to travel to a competition like this with a number of the team members taking part in the Scale World Championships on a number of occasions.



***Danny Malcman preparing his
Spacewalker. Had some engines
troubles***



***Gary Sunderland calling for
Tony Grieger, Great Weekend***

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<i>Flying Only Results</i>						
<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Flt1</i>	<i>Flt2</i>	<i>Flt3</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Placing</i>
David Law	Vampire	2271	2397	DNF	2334	1
Noel Whitehead	CT4	2173	2235	DNF	2204	2
Roly Gaumann	Wilga	2089	2217	2133	2175	3
Steve Malcman	J3 Cub	1706	2212.5	2028	2120	4
Rob Popelier	Extra	2163	2113.5	2042	2138	5
Roger Carrig	Stearman	2019	2080.5	2054	2067	6
Joe Flnocchiaro	J3 Cub	2005	2040	2037	2038	7
Greg Lepp	J3 Cub	2054	DNF	1925	1989	8
Rob Hullet	Stinson	1865	1654.5	1968	1916.5	9
Daniel Wheeler	Stuka	1887	1290	1791	1839	10
Gary Sunderland	Scout	1810	1447.5	DNF	1628.5	11
Danny Malcman	Space Walker	1268	1422	1425	1423	12
Ian Lamont	Yak	1865	DNF	DNF	932	13

<i>Large Flying Only Results</i>						
<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Flt1</i>	<i>Flt2</i>	<i>Flt3</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Placing</i>
David Law	Super Decathlon	2556	2005	2352	2454	1
Matt Werner	Sukhoi SU 29	2479	2361	2379	2429	2
Steve Malcman	Piper J3 Cub	2220	2273	2112	2246	3
Anthony Mott	Cessna 182	2109	1905	DNF	2007	4
Daniel Wheeler	Yak 55	2047	1486	1953	2000	5
Tony Grieger	Super Cub	1915	1819	2075	1994	6
Max Rowan	Super Cub	1803	1787	1748	1795	7

<i>F4C Scale Result</i>							
<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Aircraft</i>	<i>Flt1</i>	<i>Flt2</i>	<i>Flt3</i>	<i>Static Score</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Placing</i>
Noel Findlay	Fox Moth	2028	2468	DNF	2385	4663	1
G. Sunderland	Pfalz	1788	1656	1382	2283	4005	2
Bill Wheeler	Turbulent	1727	1573	1106	1953	3603	3

Having scale flyers like the above can only improve with the individual flying skills as it provides the incentive to do better. That is how I see it being part of the VFSAA and it is more than just flying, it is also the building. I am not saying that world competition is for everyone or you need to compete in this arena to enjoy flying scale. There are plenty of competitions and scale events locally to have a great time.

There were number of different models on display and flying over the weekend with flying starting at 9:30 am. We flew 3 categories with Scale Flying Only, Large Flying Only and F4C but having so many pilots did slow things down a bit, but we still managed to complete a number of flights. Consideration to dual flight lines will need to be considered based on numbers and location.

Once again, the competition was tight and after the first round across the categories, there were some good scores to deal with. We managed another round and again some good scores were achieved. Unfortunately, Ian Lamont had a flame out and landed downwind to cause damage which could not be fixed on the day and Ian retired for the weekend. The rest continued taking care of minor issues along the way. Static judging was also in progress for those that needed this done including Noel Finlay's Fox Moth which was a new build for the World Championships. This took up most of Saturday as each model was scrutinised.

Saturday night some of the group went out to the Pepper Mill for dinner and a chat. The food was good and the evening passed away with a couple of quite ales as we discussed the day's activities and many other parts of modelling. But it was a big day and by 10:00 pm it was time to call it for the night and get ready for Sunday.

We started on Sunday morning early and we completed another round across the 3 categories. The wind came up a little and needed that extra bit of experience to hold true and complete the selected manoeuvres. There was still some good flying with no casualties to complete the day. After the scores were tallied up we gathered around the Clubhouse and presented the placegetters a trophy. We also gave out goodie bags for all those Pilots that flew at Shepparton and to say thank you for the past year of support and competition. I am sure 2014/2015 will be another great year for VFSAA.

One thing that does stand out that I have noticed is the standard of flying has improved as the scores indicate for each category. The photos will tell the story and what a great weekend was had by all. Thank you to the Valley Radio Flyers Club for their hospitality and providing us with their facilities for the weekend. It was greatly appreciated. I also need to thank all the pilots, helpers and supporters that assisted the VFSAA over the weekend. We are looking forward to 2015....

Ed



VRF have done a lot of work at the field. As you can see on the left. On the right is the outcome. Still settling, but it was still great to fly from. By the time the Scale Mammoth comes around, it will be fantastic



Screaming Scanners!

By Jarrod Tippins

The skies were filled with excitement this month at GMAA with running of a scanner race on the 23rd march. Jay Everett and Murray Ellis did a great job in spreading the word for the event as we had 11 members from Ararat, Bendigo, Bellarine and GMAA entering the event. Jay was expecting a few more entries from Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh but unfortunately they did not turn up.



Excitement plus.. Plenty of rounds to enjoy a great day

Flying from GMAA was Murray Ellis, Dave McFarlane, Jay Everett, Peter Ashley and Jarrod Tippins. With rain prevailing on the Friday before the event, it was lucky

the weather held off on the Sunday with overcast skies and a light slightly cross wind breeze. After pilots, timers and flaggers briefing, and a group shot of all the entries, racing got underway at 10am. The circuit comprised of two pylons 80 meters out and 250 meters apart. Planes used coloured streamers for identification and flags were used to indicate planes had passed the first pylon. Races were run with four planes per heat and a total of 5 heats run throughout the day.



This must be a gaggle of scanners.....



The law of physics.... Or is that the law of OOPs

It wasn't long before the carnage started as Barry Veale from Ararat had an engine failure and hit the ground at pylon two, destroying the model! Murray Ellis also had an issue with an un-steerable nose wheel and had to resort to a nose up take off. This also made it interesting when coming in to land! Surprisingly the rest of the heats were run without any more mishaps and the five heats were completed before lunch time. With the results counted and the worst heat dropped, the top four pilots were to compete in



Moss Head for the A&DAC getting ready for another race. All good fun

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the final. It was also decided that a B final would be run to let the slower planes have another fly. Making the B final was Dave Barling, Murray Ellis, Moss Heard and Peter Ashley. Unfortunately all the planes could not be saved as Moss Heard also came to grief at pylon 2, hitting the ground in a fine display of broken balsa! The race was won by Dave Barling with Murray Ellis in second and Peter Ashley in third.



...and of course there were raffle prizes to win.

Fun turned into seriousness as the A final was run. Flying in the final was Les Davis, Jay Everett, Danny Chapman and Jarrod Tippins ready to battle it out for the top placing's.

The race was closely fought between Jay and Les who seemed to be in a class of their own. In the end both pilots were a full lap ahead of Jarrod and Danny who also had close battle for third. After some very close calls, and some tight racing all planes survived the final race. Les Davis finished first with Jay Everett in second only 0.7 sec behind. Jarrod Tippins took out third with Danny Chapman in fourth. Commiserations Danny!

After the medal presentation, the pilots were entered in a raffle with two prizes kindly donated by World Hobbies up for grabs. Barry Veale won a convertible and Dane Barling won a sonic trainer. Congratulations to both fliers.

The day was a great success thanks to all pilots that entered and to all Club Members that helped out on the day. It is much appreciated that the Members from GMAA were able to help out with timing, scoring, flagging, calling and cooking lunch. Without the support of both fliers and helpers, events like this cannot be held so a big THANKYOU must go out to all that were involved. A lot of pilots travelled long distances to be at the

event and must be thanked for supporting our Club.

World Hobbies must also be thanked for donating the two raffle prizes and their support is much appreciated.

Thank Jarrod. Again another great day enjoyed by all because of a cheap and very flyable scanner. There are other Clubs running scanner events such as Ararat, Bacchus Marsh and Bendigo. All have been successful and all have been enjoyable. Ed



Winners are grinners, (L to R) 2nd, Jay Everett, 1st Les Davis and 3rd Jarrod Tippins. Smiles tells it all...

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Model Engines Scanner Challenge No 2.

By Les Davis
Photos by: Ted Goulter

The Bendigo Radio Controlled Aircraft Club (BRCAC) took on the job of running the 2nd, **Model Engines Scanner Challenge** on Sunday the 27th of April at their Marong flying field under ideal conditions, blue skies, light winds and on lovely green smooth grass runway.

In total, 24 entries were expected, which is the maximum that we can handle in a one day competition, this time it was run under a different format to last year's Scanner Challenge. Any pilot can enter if they have MAAA Bronze Wings, being that we graded the flyers from most experienced to the least experienced, using the results from last year's Bendigo event, along with the full results list from Ararat and Geelong Scanner events. This then gave us the format/guide to place the best pilots in the heats 1 and 2. Heats 3 and 4 are for the flyers that are just off the speed or sport flyers, (we have plenty of them). Heats 5 and 6 are the beginners/ first timers, so there's different heats to suit all levels of flyers.

This format then means we will have a winner from each heat. The best time after 5 rounds in heat 1 will be a winner. The same applies to heats 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. At the end of the day we will have six (6) winners with every pilot having a 1 in 4 chance of winning one of Model Engines prizes, all for just a \$10.00 entry fee.



Looks like Moss Head from A&DAC consoling Murray Ellis. It is alright. Supper glue will fix anything....

and all Scanners were still intact. A good start to the day.

During the lunch break you could hear the rivalry coming out, "I'll catch ya next race just you wait and see", and so we knew it would be lots of fun and excitement in the next three rounds in the afternoon. So that is exactly what happened, cut corners, wing tips dragging on the ground, and a couple of misjudgements, which brought about some debris and some skilled flying.

It was too much excitement for Andy Ward and Brodie Hunter, as they didn't like number one pylon and kept turning too early, culminating in a large number of cuts. Graeme Beagley was also trying too hard and over rolled on the turn at number 3 pylon, thus dragging his wing tip along the ground until the rest of the aircraft came to grief. Next we had Rick Johanssen and Andy Ward fighting for the same piece of air when there was a loud bang, we all knew what had happened. There were bits



The pit area is a buss with activity and enjoying a beautiful day.

Only 20 of the 24 Scanners present actually made it to the start line, this reduced the number of heats back to 5. The first two rounds were flown before the lunch break which gave me a chance to see how the grading of the pilots was working and all i/l can say is, it was working great. In heats 1 to 4 most of the Scanners were travelling at very similar speeds and nose to tail for most of the ten laps. This was exciting to watch as very few had a chance to make a passing manoeuvre, indicating the grading system was close to the mark. Heat 5 was the exception with the beginners/ first timers flying being a bit high and wide and sometimes over rolling, but all Scanners managed to stay intact. To these pilots it was still excitement plus to them. Time for the lunch break



Rob Popelier and a first one for Lucy Simkin. Go get them girl....



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and pieces of Scanners going everywhere, not all that far away again from number 3 pylon.

Yes there's still more, Rob Popelier and Moss Heard (Ararat) had a tangle again at number 3 pylon. Rob's Scanner unfortunately went down but Mossy's only lost the vertical stabilizer. Yep, no fin or rudder on the Scanner but still stayed in the air. The model slipping and sliding as it headed towards the pit area when Mossy gained some control and managed to steer the Scanner away and got it down on the far end of runway safely with no further damage. This brought plenty of cheers from the crowd for Mossy's skilled effort.

With the racing finished and five rounds completed, it was time to add up the scores and prepare the Model Engines prizes for a presentation. But before we do that we needed to thank the workers, the 5 light marshals, the canteen staff and Ted Goulter who took the photos. Because without these fine members we can't run these wonderful exciting events.

Results for the Model Engines Prizes are as follows.

Heat 1 Winner	Steve Davis	Bendigo
Heat 2 Winner	Les Sawyer	Shepparton
Heat 3 Winner	Leigh Kellock	Shepparton
Heat 4 Winner	Rob Popelier	Shepparton
Heat 5 Winner	Jack Andrews	Bendigo.

Two Special Prizes were awarded. First one to Lucy Simkin for flying under a handicap condition (with a lacerated thumb) and the second to Moss Heard for his skills and safe flying of a damaged aircraft. We would like to thank Mr Tony Farnan (Model Engines) as he was the person who made the request to us (Bendigo) to run this low cost fun event The **"Model Engines Scanner Challenge"**. Also to Model Engines for the prizes they supplied, for this wonderful day of fun.

A foot note, Phoenix Scanners were made back in 1998 some 16 years ago, check the front of a Scanner box, it won toy of the year back in 1998 for Model Engines.

Thanks Les for the commentary. No doubt scanner racing has taken off (no pun intended) and provides a low cost way to get into racing. There are a number of Clubs that are running the event now and have proven these events can be run safely and still have maximum fun along the way. The event also improves flying skills and provides an entry point to competitive racing. There are different types of racing from pylon to large scale racing so it is up to you how far you go, or just enjoy the thrill of scanner racing.

Ed



*The flight line was a busy place all day.
But smiles all round..*

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Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association

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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



3D Fun Fly Held at Ararat & District Aeromodellers Club

By David Lovell

Well the 3D Hobby Shop Fun Fly has just been held at our Club and what a fantastic event it was despite the bad weather forecast. We still managed to do a lot of flying and have a great time. I would first of all like to thank Andrew



World renowned pilot Ido Segev shares his knowledge with the crowd in an informal workshop.

Melbourne and from many different country areas as well to come together and have a great weekend. We even had Martin from Germany attend for 2 days. Ido Segev was also here trying out his newly designed 30cc size biplane. This was powered by a large electric motor and it was interesting to hear Ido say during one of the build forums that electric flight in the next couple of years will really advance for these larger aircraft with many new features available as yet and are set to really advance flying to another level.



Australia's friendliest model Club President, Moss Heard, the lucky recipient of one of the many raffle prizes

thank our Members that came along and helped out over the weekend as without your help it would be very hard to cater for events such as this. In fact over the weekend I counted more than half our membership at the field which is just great and proves that we are doing the right thing by providing our members exposure to many different forms of aeromodelling.

I would also like to thank both my wife Lorraine and my mother Mavis for the tremendous job they do in the kitchen when we have events such as this. The flying all weekend was conducted very safely and was a credit to everyone involved. If



A line up of 30cc size 3D Hobby Shop Slick and Extra 330 planes. Line them up

Sill from 3D Hobby Shop for asking ADAC if the event could be held at our Club as it provided our members a look at this type of flying that you would usually have to travel very long distances to witness. We were treated to several world class pilots going through their routines to music and commentary all weekend which added something special to the event.

Pilots travelled from Sydney, Adelaide,



Now here is a bunch of guys having some fun and enjoying the weekend. Left to right, Roger Scott, Adrian Koro and 3D Hobby Shop Australia's Andrew Sill enjoying the fun.

Tim from Sydney put on many fabulous flying displays throughout the weekend and was also very willing to help out our younger members with any assistance and advice that he could. The night flying was as always spectacular but with the added bonus that these guys also fly 3D at night which was something new for me to look at. I even had a fly on Saturday night but it was quick as it was dammed cold. The flying continued on Sunday up until lunch time as many of the pilots had long drives home. I would also like to



Marty Morgan's 3D Hobby Shop 104 Slick low knife edge pass.

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A great view enhanced by Marty Morgan from South Australia in a low hover.

the 3D Hobby Shop want to run an event in Ararat again they will be more than welcome to as a better bunch of guys would be very hard to find.

Thanks David. It is great to hear the event went so well and Club Members were interested in 3D flying. The event was run successfully and safely as mentioned based on how the event was conducted. Well done to Andrew Sills for the organising the event and ADAC for allowing it to be held. It goes to show that events such as 3D can be held safely taking into account the Clubs requirements and local rules. If anyone else is interested in holding a 3D event, contact Andrew at 3D Hobby Shop.

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EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

JULY 2014



It is always nice to get positive feedback regarding education, and I have had some of that of late. Recent activity has taken me to work with a number of Australian Air League squadrons, which I think are a very good group to work with.

They have a particular interest in aviation so are a captive audience when it comes to introducing them anything aviation related. With the help of Khalid Ally we recently presented to the Moorabbin Air League group and gave them an insight into how they could get involved in model flying.

Khalid was an Indian air force pilot and instructor some years ago and has many an interesting story to tell, including one time when he and a student were forced to bail out! He did a great job and kept the cadets well entertained. We had a trainer set up and handed round a transmitter to give them an idea of what is required of them if they are to have a training flight. That all went very well and we now have a date set for a buddy box training session at the Yarra Valley Club. They have kindly agreed to let us use their field and will provide a BBQ lunch as well. This means a minimum cost to the air league and maximum benefit to all involved. Photographs of this session will follow in the next newsletter.



I was given an opportunity to present to a scout group in Emerald which is not very far from my place. These were only Joey scouts who are quite young, but are more impressionable, and are fun to work with. I gave them the usual lecture about how and why things fly and demonstrated some of the delights of flying an indoor helicopter. This was followed up by the enjoyable part of the evening where we get them to assemble and fly their own Spitfire gliders. The added incentive is that if they do not break their glider they get to take it home. We had surprisingly few breakages that night so we can definitely count the evening as a success. It was enjoyed by all.



Great work has been done by Norm Thompson and his terrific team from the Greensborough Model Flying Club. For some time now they have been working with students from Greensborough Secondary College on a model building and flying project. They have been working both in the classroom and out at the field and are held in very high regard by those students who really want to participate. To this end the VMAA has given them a monetary grant so that they can buy materials and continue this great work more easily. In addition to that we will also be donating one of the VMAA trainers complete with buddy box set up and associated gear, and trust that this will assist their training program.

If you have contact with any group of young people who might benefit from an introduction to model flying please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your call and will get something organized.

Many thanks to Dave Brown Laser cutting service for the Spitfire chuck gliders. They fly really well.



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Large Scale Racing at the State Field. Great location and fantastic racing

LARGE SCALE RACING STATE FIELD 24/25 MAY

By Stephen Green

The host Club, Northern Flying Group, were great. As is the flying field and facilities. It's a great place to race. Thanks to the VMPRA and the Sunbury Squadron of the Australian Air League for doing all the hack work that makes events like this feasible.

For me, this event was a test the "marketing experience" as to whether I run the next year's

meeting as a public display. Attending the Large Scale Racing event at the NSW State Field last October we had a dismal turnout. The facility is a marvelous place to race but nine entries was very disappointing for all concerned. I came away with an overwhelming feeling that perhaps it's time for some younger people to step up and put in. I am 55 and haven't been on a Club Committee since the 80s, when I had a stint as a Club VMAA Rep and Club CD. So, I volunteered to be Contest Director for our MAAA Specialist Interest Group. Having had three attempts at building a large Scale Air Race Meeting in Victoria, this was the last time I would bother going through the usual channels. I've been through it all before.

We had 41 entries and whilst some people thought that was a good result, I'm not really interested in running small events like that. I also did not have enough funds to purchase trophies even though I did ask all competitors to do so. I understand the impact of winning a race and walking away with little, but I have put up before from my own funds. This time I believe it was time for those that enjoy these events to understand it does cost to put on and need to make sure we do have enough funds up front.

Starting from a base of virtually zero funds in the bank, entry money received was enough to build the pylons and honor financial commitments made to the VMPRA and Air League. The shortfall created a few problems, which resulted in my having to do a presentation with no trophies or prizes. I had to purchase the Texan fuel and shelter/ shade for the pylon marshals and hope that those who said they were coming, would actually arrive. Those who were late with the dosh did pay up, so the racing Club now has some of the equipment it requires. Apologies to the 60%



Les Davis and Greg Lepp preparing their chargers.....

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.

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Must be a tired Texan..... Hard work all the raining you know

of competitors who did read the rules, and the entry form, and actually paid by the due date. Seeing my name was on the event, this time I decided to do something about it.

Sitting back and watching proceedings for two days highlighted that people enter these events for a variety of reasons. There are the top competitors. These are the people who read the rules and understand how they should be applied. As CD, I'm fine with that. I have two expectations when I race. One is to be given my score before my next race. Number 2 relates to problems with inconsistent or slow pylon marshals. My complaint should be treated fairly. Next are competitors who enjoy the thrill of close racing but have no desire to put in the extra effort required to get to the pointy end? Then there are those who are new to racing and

enter the Red Bull 20 cc class. We've created a new class called Formula 2 as a step up into larger models.

Finally there is a small minority who look at racing as a smack fest, with an expectation of coming home with a good prize, but poorly prepare their models for racing which includes radio gear used. This snapshot isn't just a reflection of large scale air racing. Even my calculations fell short for the Glomax Texan Fuel we were obliged to supply. My numbers were correct but I didn't account for people flying Red Bull who used fuel for free, for which they were not entitled. Before this year's event, a clause was added to the entry form, to make it easier for me to ground models before they even leave the ground.

Racing is such a great spectacle. We have enough categories for everyone and it does attract new, younger competitors. The majority are happy racing ARFs, but we do have some interested in actually building. My plan is to build this into a major event on the National calendar. Next year I will be inviting the public along.

Public Displays require a greater duty of care. So, I will be acting as both Display Director, and Contest Director and I would like to think we all can follow the rules and procedures that is expected by all of us and follow local Club rules. Let's all help and get behind the event to make it the best we can. There is a lot of fun, excitement and skill.

Thanks for the update and good luck in building up the event. There are plenty of pilots that love racing. Ed



Bank & Yank. A lot of fun to be had. The one that is consistent around the course has the edge.



Barry and Brodie from A&DAC



Twins and More Northern Flying Group 2014

By Ed

Photos by: Ken Thomas

This event has been running for a while now and if my information is correct, the Twins and More event, has been held for 7 years and has grown each year. I do remember the staging of the first one and the apprehension of some people on how the event would go. Would we see another year, would the event draw multi engine aircraft, will we get more than 10 pilots? Well I can honestly say not only has the event succeeded, but is attended by many Club Members from around the Association.

I remember Rob MacDonald giving me a description of the idea and that there was no other event at the time that catered for multi engine aircraft. A discussion with Ken Thomas, RCMN Event Editor, led to him providing the **KATY** award for the best innovative multi engine model flown on the day. This award also came with a monetary value to reward the pilot for his/her efforts and idea and is presented each year.

This event has bought out some beautiful models and others that just amaze you on what has been built. Twin body models along with multiple engines of either electric,



IC or anything else that will power, push, pull the model along. Some of the concepts that people come up with is not only amazing, but they actually fly and fly well. There has been those "moments" but they are far and few between. The event also has prizes to give away for pilots that fly their charges which goes on for the whole day, plus there are excellent raffle prizes to be won and the supporters of the event such as World Models, SC Models and Airborne need to be mentioned as they have been at each event without fail.

The event date did change for the first couple years as to find the best time of the year to hold a great event such as this. The event is held each year at the end of March where possible based on other major events that are held at the State Field, such as the VMAA Trophy Weekend. The hospitality at NFG has always been first class with facilities to match. Many believe the VMAA paid for everything you see, but I can assure you that is not the case. Club Members hard work, many raffles, Bunnings sausages sizzles and anything else that would generate a dollar the Club has done.

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Just the amount of gypsum and top soil laid on the runways is amazing and something that needs to be kept maintained to ensure we all enjoy the State Field and the grass runways. Now the main runway has been extended even further to provide a longer run off and plenty of room to fly any model including turbines.

The 2014 Twin and More was my last one as the VMAA Editor as I am standing down at the 2014 AGM. I have wanted to fly in the event since its inception but for one reason or another, it never happened. So with any luck at the 2015 event, I will have a multi engine model to

have some fun and join in on the day's activity without a camera in my hand. Have a look at some of the photos as they will tell their own story and display what a day it was.



I would like to thank Ken Thomas for his support and the many laughs we had on the day. We have shared many photos with each other and have the desire to report on our great hobby and Association. Thank you to NFG for their support and hospitality as it was always a great day to be at the State Field.

Ed.



Victorian Free Flight Society

9th Grand End of Year Indoor Scale Day

When: December 8th, 2014; 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Where: Sandringham Athletic Centre, Thomas St. Hampton [Melway 76 K6]

Who: A model flier should be a current financial member of a club or special interest group that is properly affiliated with the MAAA. Others are welcome as spectators or fliers under the MAAA visitor rules.

What: Models may be a glider or use any form of power except combustion. Models must be free flying, ie. no remote control, control line or tethered around-the-pole models permitted.

Models with a wing loading greater than 0.35 gm/in² are unlikely to fly at a speed the CD will consider safe. Lower wing loadings are preferred.

Prizes will be awarded.

Want more information: www.members.optushome.com.au/vffs/

DVD Library - June 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

1418 FLORIDA JETS 2014	98 Mins.	6268 THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN	52 Mins.
From Lakeland in Florida all the action from this big meet. Lots of great jets including a big A-10, F-4 Phantom, twin turbine F-18 and many more.		A documentary about the Battle of Britain.	
1419 SEEF 2014	03 Mins.	6269 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #1A	152 Mins.
The Southeast Electric Flight Festival showcases all that is new in electric flight. Lots of really interesting electric aircraft are featured.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Unlocking Disaster; Racing the Storm & Fire on Board.	
1420 JOE NALL WEEK 2014	100 Mins.	6270 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #1B	152 Mins.
Lots great aircraft from the 1200 registered pilots at this huge fly-in. Lots of great scale aircraft including 2 65% DR1s and many more big aircraft.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Flying Blind ; Cutting Corners & Flying on Empty	
1421 TOP GUN 2014	100 Mins.	6271 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #2A	152 Mins.
See the best of this gathering of over 100 world class scale aircraft at the worlds biggest scale contest		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Blow Out ; Wounded Bird & Killing Machine	
5206 AIRBRUSHING TECHNIQUES	70 Mins.	6272 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #2B	152 Mins.
This DVD covers the painting of a model aircraft and shows you techniques to get the ultimate finish using an airbrush.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Deadly Crossroads ; Lost & Missing New York	
5207 AIRBRUSHING TECHNIQUES		6273 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #3A	152 Mins.
The photo reference DVD for 5206.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Hanging by a Thread, Attack Over Bagdad & Out of Control	
5208 SMALL ROTORS	40 Mins.	6274 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #3B	152 Mins.
An introduction to the very popular small electric helicopters.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Fight for your Life, Bomb on Board & Mistaken Identity	
5209 INTRO. TO RC HELICOPTERS	80 Mins.	6275 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #3C	152 Mins.
Follow an expert in model helis to show you all about this great aspect of model aviation.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc. Helicopter Down, Death and Denial & Kid in the Cockpit	

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6276 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #3D	200 Mins.	6291 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #11A	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Head on Collision, Collision Course, Runaway Train & Ocean Landing		Deadly Reputation, The Plane that Flew to High & Split Decision.	
6277 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #4A	152 Mins.	6292 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #11B	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Miracle Escape, Falling From the Sky & Fire Fight		Breakup Over Texas, Munich Air Blast & Turning Point.	
6278 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #4B	152 Mins.	6293 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #11C	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Missed Approach, Hidden Danger & Panic over the Pacific.		Bad Attitude, Blind Spot & Under Pressure	
6279 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #4C	200 Mins.	6294 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #11D	200 Mins.
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.	
Out of Sight, Fog of War, Vertigo & Ghost Plane		I'm the Problem, Nowhere to Land, The Invisible Plane & Impossible Landing.	
6280 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #5A	152 Mins.	6295 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #12A	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Invisible Killer, Gimli Glider & Behind Closed Doors.		Fight for Control, Fire in the Hold & Typhoon Takeoff.	
6281 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #5B	152 Mins.	6296 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #12B	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Fanning the Flames, Dead Weight & Southern Storm.		Pushed to the Limit, Blind Landing & Grand Canyon Disaster.	
6282 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #5C	200 Mins.	6297 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #12C	152 Mins.
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.	
Explosive Evidence, Mixed Signals, Fatal Distraction & Phantom Strikes.		Falling to Pieces, Focused on Failure & Lokomotiv Hocket Team Disaster.	
6283 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #6	152 Mins.	6298 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #12D	200 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.	
Ripped Apart, Fatal Flaw & Who's Flying the Plane.		Death of the President, Heading to Disaster, 28 Seconds to Survive & Vanished.	
6284 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #7A	152 Mins.	6299 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	90 Mins.
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.		The TV Series – 1 episodes per disc.	
Scratching the Surface, Lockerbie Disaster, Blown Apart & Sight Unseen.		Crash of the Century – The Canary Islands Disaster when 2 747s collided on the runway.	
6285 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #7B	200 Mins.	6300 THE RESTORERS	50 Mins.
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		A documentary about those that restore aircraft.	
Operation Baby Lift, Falling Fast, Flight 574: Lost & Frozen in Flight.		6301 THE RESTORERS – B-25	50 Mins.
6286 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #8	100 Mins.	The story of the Minnesota CAF preparing their B-25 to take part in the mass B-25 fly past at Dayton to celebrate the WW2 Doolittle raid.	
The TV Series – 2 episodes per disc.		6302 SPY IN THE SKY	50 Mins.
System Breakdown & Cruel Skies		The story of the U2 Spy Plane.	
6287 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #9A	200 Mins.	6303 RISE OF THE DRONES	50 Mins.
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		The story of these remote controlled aircraft and their uses.	
Panic on the Runway, Alarming Silence, Pilot vs Plane & Cleared for Disaster		6304 RED TAIL REBORN	60 Mins.
6288 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #9B	200 Mins.	The story of the reformation of P-51C "Red Tail" by the CAF as a tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen of WW2.	
The TV Series – 4 episodes per disc.		6305 RED TAIL REBORN PART 2	60 Mins.
Target Destroyed, Cold Case, The Final Blow & Cracks in the System.		Interviews with several WW2 Tuskegee Airmen.	
6289 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #10A	152 Mins.		
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.			
Cockpit Failure, The Heathrow Enigma & Pilot Betrayed.			
6290 AIR CRASH INVESTIGATIONS #10B	152 Mins.		
The TV Series – 3 episodes per disc.			
Dead Tired, Hudson River Runway & Who's in Control.			

B.R.C.A.C inc. **Presents,**

Large Scale Racing.

On the weekend of **23-24th August 2014** at the Bendigo flying field, Marong.

Classes to be run are the four (4) following,

Goodyear F1 -- Goodyear Racers and including Nemesis and Sundowners.

GTR, Texan Class -- Fuel supplied, props APC15x10 only.

Redbull 120/30 Class -- Any shape or size, 20cc on the box.

Reno Class -- (need at least 4 prepaid entries for the class to be run.)

Field open Friday arvo for practice, racing starts 10am Saturday the 23rd, and same on Sunday the 24th. Hot food and drinks Saturday and Sunday.

Please send entry forms and money (Cheques payable to BRCAC) to L. Davis. 88 Chum Street, Golden Square. 3555, if paying DD to bank, still forward entry form to the above address, as I need to know who has entered, please, please, please.

Entry Form

Name.....

Address.....

Email.....

Freq 2.4 () 36 Meg 36._____ HM permit required, F1, Texan, Reno. (Check)

Events, Goodyear F1 (), GTR Texan (), Redbull (), Reno ()

Entry fees \$ 40.00 per each event, Rules are same as last year, not sure check the RCMN web site, and you agree to abide by all MAAA safely rules and regulations.

Total entry fees. \$.....

SignatureDon't forget your FAI Card

Cut of date for entries is the, "1st of August 2014. "

Please return this lower portion in some form, snail mail with cheque, or e mail, les.davis5@bigpond.com with DD details. Bank details BSB 633-000 A/c132378514.

(Note, Results from Bendigo will be used as the second round of the LSRA points scoring system.)

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

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*Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month at Koonung
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Balwyn*

Closing dates for VMAA Newsletters

October Closing Date = 15 September 2014
December Closing Date = 20 November 2014
March Closing Date = 15 February 2015
July Closing Date = 15 June 2015

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.

10 Second Questionnaire

- ☒ I have a Scale looking model aeroplane
- ☒ I have a ARF model that I've modified and reckon it's as good a scratch build
- ☒ I only have ARF models put together as provided
- ☒ I like to Fly my model in a scale like manner
- ☒ I really just like to fly my scale model as I like
- ☒ I've built a scale model airplane and would like others to see it
- ☒ I like flying scale models competitively
- ☒ I just enjoy the camaraderie of other modellers with interests similar to mine
- ☒ I and my partner/family enjoy visiting tourist areas

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then the Bairnsdale and District Model Aero Club has just the meeting you should attend.



On the Labour Day long Weekend in 2015 we will be hosting our 'ACTIO(n)' scale rally at the new State Field Eastern.

What is ACTIO(n)?

Aeromodeller Competition Three In One.
It's a unique scale rally having elements of Concourse, Flying for realism and importantly, the opportunity to fly freestyle without competitive constraint.

Interested?

Find out more at www.actionscalerally.blogspot.com

*Please contact the VMAA CD for Calender updates
and inclusions.*

*Secretaries can use the new MAAA Membership
database to update Members details*