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Ian Kershaw



What another great time we have had flying over this Christmas Season! What a bumper of an edition I have for you. Even though the weather has been unpredictable hot, raining and very windy, there have been many good days for flying.

I have been off to a few flying events over the past months and seen some spectacular flying exhibitions. The VMAA Trophy Weekend returned to P&DARCS and a fantastic weekend was had by all.

My favourite event, the Twin Cities Model Aero Club TCMAC's, held their 32nd Annual Seaplane Event at Table Top Reserve on Lake Hume. Stories and pictures to follow.

Coming up again, in March, is the annual Twin's Day at the Northern, State Field where participants fly a variety of twin engine planes and multi-winged aircraft. The next VMAA Trophy Weekend will be on at Northern, State Field so get your teams ready to enter this competition.

Don't forget! You can email me at editor@vmaa.com.au with articles, up coming events or any suggestions or feedback. Happy reading and I hope you all will enjoy the summer season. Land safely more times than not.

Ian
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Secretary's Report

Norm Thompson



It's been a busy time over the last few months. I personally have visited the Melton Club meeting, Yarra Valley Club meeting and also the Valley Radio Flyers Meeting. Several of our committee visited the Central Highlands club as well; so we are getting around a bit. If you would like us to attend one of your meetings please let me know and we will do our best to accommodate your club.

It was interesting to sit on the YVA annual general meeting last month. It was a packed house contrary to other clubs reports on attendance at club meetings, well done guys.

The Melton Club was also a packed house and it was pleasing to see some Female involvement in the club. Several awards were given out at the meeting and we enjoyed a good social chat and a bit of flying afterwards. As Usual the meeting was

well run in the capable hands of the President, David Axon.

The Valley Radio Flyers meeting was busy with matters concerning the Mammoth Scale event and Co-op matters. Meeting was well attended and the club is actively seeking new members, the VRF is a great place to fly, for membership enquiries direct your correspondence to the secretary Ron Poole.

It was good to put a face to some of the people I have been talking to and corresponding with over the last couple of years, the general theme of all the meetings was communication not only from the VMAA but in general.

Several clubs have put in applications to run displays, as per the MOP's. They must have a risk assessment as part of their application. While I have been getting them they have in generally not been up to the standard required especially if it has to go to CASA. Any clubs or contest directors who are having issues or are not sure about risk assessments should contact me and I will endeavour to guide you through .

Norm Thompson
VMAA Secretary

President's Report

Greg Lepp



As we are now at the start of another new year, I think everyone is saying where did last year go.

A lot of things have happened over the last 12 months, Our Treasurer Brian Dowie has decided to step down so he can concentrate on his position as the MAIA Treasurer, we all thank Brian so much for the Long hard work he has put in over the last 10 years. Arthur Bablis will continue as Treasurer until the next elections. Arthur is from the Greensborough club and we thank him for stepping up and filling the position

The VMAA with assistance from the MAAA has secured another State Flying Field, this field is approximately 20ks south of Ballan. It will be able to service both the Geelong and Ballarat aeromodelling communities. The Bachas Marsh club will look after the property and we thank them for all their hard work in helping to secure this property.

As we head into the New Year the VMAA wishes all members a safe and happy start to the New Year, and hope we all get out for a fly.

Greg Lepp
VMAA President



VMAA Membership 2017

Senior Members - 2364

Junior Members - 74

Life Members - 3



Education

Over the past several years we have been working on ways to bring young people into the fold, and have used many methods to achieve this goal. We have visited many scout groups and also have some clubs currently working in schools. Air league squadrons have been good as well. All this exposure has had its success, but the unseen benefit of this effort may not become apparent for some years in the future. Whilst this is part of the plan, it has not fully addressed our immediate problem, which is how to make them into flying members right now. One obstacle we have always had was getting a parent to bring their budding, keen young lad or lass to the field, especially if other siblings, participate in alternative sports.

I have thought long and hard about how to fix this, without a great deal of success, but I still





chuck gliders. Thanks again to Dave Brown for his laser cutting service donations. It has made a big difference to what I am trying to achieve and these little aircraft have been much loved and embraced by all. I also welcome all ideas, so please do not be shy in coming forward.

Fly right and make it happen.

David Nichols
VMAA Education Officer



firmlly believe that in every problem there is an opportunity. An idea has now come to mind which I hope will benefit all concerned, but it will need some participation from our clubs and their members. Usually there is a core of dedicated model flyers in every club who are willing to help; Once I have worked out the finer details, (and run it by the VMAA committee for approval) we will start to put some things in place. All it needs is enthusiasm of the addictive type. Together I feel we can still achieve a great deal by putting our sport in front of the eyes of many more people in such a way that they will find it attractive.

Everybody who has helped in the past has been most willing and deserves great credit. In the mean time I will keep on plugging away. The attached pictures show some of the recent uses of our Spitfire



VRF Mammoth Scale Fly In

Shepparton 9 to 11 Sep 2016

The Mammoth Scale Fly in was held at Shepparton on the above dates, which is a bit earlier than the normal week before the AFL grand final. The weather leading up to the event was less than favourable with a lot of rain and wind a few days out. This year I was asked to take on the duties of the Flight line Director to help out the Valley Radios Flyers Club which hosts the event each year, as most of us know.

The mammoth is a major event for the Club and one of the major events for the scale fraternity. So on the Friday afternoon I packed my bits and pieces



Tom Sparkes WRCS (NSW) Laird Turner Scratchbuilt 100cc DL



Jay Woolley KDMAS (Keilor) Citabria 102" W/S 50cc RCG



Adam Goulding Lithgow Extreme Flight Extra 300 88" W/S DLE 55

and I headed up to Shepparton. When I left Bacchus Marsh it was raining and was thinking, no problem, the rain would stop and the sun would come out. Well the sun did not come out and it rained all the way up and continued to rain into the night. By this stage I was thinking that I will be making my way home early on the Saturday as the ground was waterlogged and I expected the Club field to be the same.

Saturday morning the rain did stop, but it was overcast with a bit of wind. After breakfast I made my way towards the Club Field to see how things were going. As I am getting closer, there were pools of water everywhere as the ground could not



Michael Farnam Model Engines Phoenix Tucano 3.2m W/S OS 60cc Petrol

absorb any more. Arriving at the field at about 8:15 am, I could see a number of pilots preparing their models and setting up their spots in the pit area. The caravan and camping area was busy as it normally is and there was a hive of activity around the Clubhouse and main shed. As things took shape, I was surprised to see not as many pilots as in previous years and I dare say the inclement weather predications would have kept many away. Plus there were other major events on the Sunday. Unperturbed, I ventured out to the pit area and as expected, the ground was heavily water logged.



Alan Wright Wangaratta Super Decathlon 120" (¼ scale)
50cc Saito Twin



There was no water sitting on top of the ground but it was not far from it.

As I approached the runway, thinking they would be the same, I was pleasantly surprised as they were in very good condition with no signs of water sitting on top and firm under foot. The main runway is crowned which proved to be a winner when it comes to water drainage. So as far as I was concerned, we could fly. The trick was to find a start-up area suitable so we did not need life jackets.

After a quick look around we found an area for the pilot's box and start up area for the day (Saturday) and preceded to setup what we needed including runway entry/exit points. Lucky for me I had some great help from Greensborough (GMAC) Club



Steve Millar Canberra MAC Top flite P51 Mustang 86" W/S DLE
55cc



VRF Mammoth Scale Fly In - cont.

Members and a couple of VRF Club Members as well. This made the task a lot easier for me and assisted in keeping things flowing. It was very much appreciated.

At 9:15 am I provided a pilots brief and covered the mandatory items we would expect for a public display, plus a couple of additional points. Flying started at about 9:45 am and away we went. The day was not the greatest, but the wind was down, the runway and the big yellow thing in the sky was hidden by the clouds so we started off the main runway and stayed there for the day. A number of pilots did go out and fly and those that did enjoyed themselves.



There were a couple of incidents early in the piece, but in general everyone that flew had a great time. Flying continued to about 4:30 pm and by this time the weather seemed to settle. After this time the flight line was opened up for general flying. It was a successful day considering on how it started.

As I returned to my motel room, the weather chart showed that Sunday was going to be a better day all round for pilots and spectators so I was looking forward to getting back out there and get things rolling.

Sure enough, Sunday morning the sun was out with no clouds in site with a calm wind of about 5 kph. I arrived at the field just after 8 am and again there was a hive of activity with more pilots preparing their models and the kitchen in full swing providing



Rob Hulett Twin Cities (Albury) Scratchbuilt Grasshopper
3.2m W/S DLE 60



Ross Smith Lithgow Boeing Stearman From Balsa USA kit
2.9m W/S



Rod Mitchell Warnambool Scratchbuilt Grumman TigerCat

breakfast. The clear skies required for the East/West runway to be used until the big yellow ball was high enough in the sky to not present a problem. Again, areas were set up and away we went.

By 11:00 am we moved to the main runway again and found new areas to set up. The ground was still wet, but it was better than the day before. The weather remained calm with clouds building over the course of the day. Model Engines (Michael Farnam) flew the Lockheed Constellation and a number of other models from their stable with Neil Addicott. Royce Bux flying his F15 Eagle. Ron Clark from WRCS (NSW) fly his scratch built Avro



Adam Goulding Lithgow Austars Cessna AG Wagon 120" W/S DLE 111



Rob Hulett Twin Cities(Albury) Westland Lysander Greatly modified Seagull ARF 3mW/S Evolution 77cc radial

Lancaster. Another fantastic model that looked the part and looked great in the air.

There were many other aircraft and the photos provide a small snap shot of the weekend. Thank you to Ken and Brendon Thomas for taking the photos as I was busy directing traffic with my merry men. Overall the numbers of pilots and spectators were down from previous years with the weather contributing to the result. But for those 60 odd pilots that were there it was a great weekend with plenty of laughter, camaraderie and flying. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted in making the event as successful as it could be. Let's hope 2017 is a better year.

Joe Finocchiaro CD VMAA



Steve Malcman P & DARCS Cessna 182 Skylane 4m W/S (35% scale) 33KG DA 150cc



Phillip Singh VARMS Edge 540 146" W/S 3W 275cc

Photos: Ken and Brendon Thomas

VRF Mammoth Scale Fly In - cont.



Steve Millar Canberra Top Flite Corsair 86" Landed short-minimal damage



Ron Clark WRCS (NSW) Scratchbuilt Avro Lancaster 134" W/S
4 x Saito 21cc 4/stroke petrol engines



The new Jimmy Olsen - AKA Brendan Thomas (son of Ken) on his first official assignment snaps Steve Millar's damaged Mustang (which should be repairable). Brendan's results for the entire day were exceptional



David Chivers Lilydale DHC - 4a Caribou 100" W/S

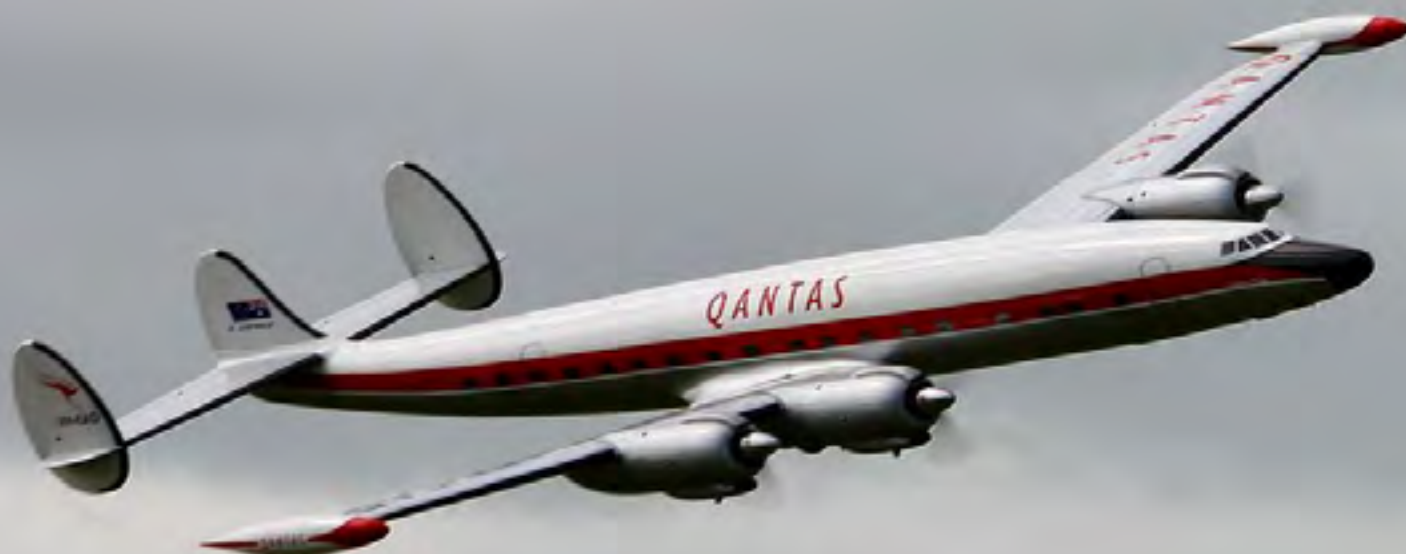




Brian Whellan and Anthony Monteleone NFG Druine Turbulent 82" W/S OS 120 4/stroke



Royce Bux McDonnell Douglas F15 Eagle 60" W/S Kingtech 140 Turbine Israeli Airforce livery Dicey landing but model survived



Michael Farnam (Model Engines) Lockheed Constellation 4.5m W/S 4 x OS GT33 2/S P

VMAA SFI Report

It's been one year that I have been sitting in the SFIs seat and it's been rewarding, frustrating and interesting. Since last October I have created, packaged and posted over 250 sets of certificates and badges, created a new streamlined instructors course and travelled to the corner of the state to run an Instructors course. Needless to say it was a steep learning curve and a busy year to date.

It has been particularly interesting being able to have so much contact with the VMAA's members. In almost all cases I have been able to get closer to the membership base, get feedback on the wings awarding processes, provide advice on different situations and generally get to know who's leaning against the wind sock and who is holding it up!

After some consultation within the VMAA committee it was decided that the instructors course needed to be streamlined and modernised. Feedback from members indicated that the course was too long and the testing process was cumbersome and dated. The old course was fit for purpose in that it delivered suitably qualified instructors but lacked modern materials and teaching pedagogy.

So a new instructors course has been developed. It is a work in progress but the basic core of the program has been created. The principles around which the course has been developed still focus on the same key areas of knowledge, safety and suitability as the previous course. However, there is more emphasis on expectations of instructors in relation to the MAAA Manual of Procedures (MOPs) and general common sense at the field.

The new course has been compressed into a single day course. The day itself is broken down into a few key areas;

- Safety, Procedures, and, MAAA expectations
- Teaching strategies
- Flight Manoeuvres
- Written Test
- Flight Test.

In order to pass the course participants must attend for the day, pass the written test and the flight test. The written test contains both multiple choice and short answer questions and is designed to determine if the applicant has sufficient basic knowledge to become an instructor. An information pack is sent to participants prior so they can familiarise themselves with procedures, process and safety requirements. On the day all of these topics are revised and thoroughly discussed to ensure fair opportunity for all.

To attend the Instructors Course a pilot must be nominated by his or her club, have had their Gold Wings for a period greater than one year and be deemed a suitable candidate by the VMAA committee. The VMAA is looking for active, patient and respectful instructors. If anyone has any questions regarding the new course please feel free to email myself and I would be happy for feedback and to answer any questions. Please keep



Kyle Orrock, Steven Dawn, Michael Timms, Foster Taylor and SFI Dr Adam Thompson

an eye out and an ear to the ground as another instructors course will be run in the near future.

With the advent of modern technology, yes things like smart phones, the VMAA is now accepting flight test forms via the web or is it the internet? If you wish to email in the forms, which is my preferred method, please ensure that;

- The electronic form is legible
- Both AUS numbers of instructor and person tested are legible
- They are sent to the correct SFI email:
SFI@vmaa.com.au

We are also aware that Australia Post is now using Donkeys to deliver mail so things are now taking longer to arrive and this has been particularly evident in Rural areas. Please be patient, as ideally I process fortnightly, things take time. I would also like to point out that forms cannot be processed until a new member has an AUS number. Please do not send in forms without AUS Numbers.

If it has been a month and you have not received your award please contact your instructor to make sure the form has been emailed or sent to the SFI, if so please contact myself to see if I have received your forms. You will find that I am polite and helpful and can generally sort things out efficiently.

Finally, for those that have read this far, I have a photo of the Guinea Pigs participants from the last instructors course. The course was run in Mildura at Sunraysia Aeromodellers Inc. What a stunning venue with a fantastic bunch of blokes. I would like to thank the president Chris Jory for shuttling myself and the VMAA secretary Norm Thompson around for the two days that we were there. A big thank you also to Glenn Orchard who delivered the manoeuvres section of the day. Well done Boys.

Dr Adam Thompson
VMAA SFI

Country Meetings

The purpose of country meetings is for country clubs to 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 2016 were very successful with the VMAA Committee meeting a number of Club Members. So give the VMAA Secretary a call to find out more information

Closing dates for VMAA Newsletter Contributions

If you have an article, up coming event or just information you would like to share with all VMAA Members, please send an email to me at: editor@vmaa.com.au.

There is no charge for Club events or Display Days to advertise in the VMAA Newsletter. All articles are considered so send them in ... and the earlier the better.

Remember. most email attachments need to be under 4mb. The format for Display day anClub events should be a PDF. Stories in word with attached pics. If you are having any trouble sending donot hesitate to contact me.

The VMAA Newsletter is published quarterly and the closing dates for the submission of contributions will be two weeks before the month of publication.

The next VMAA Newsletter Publication Dates will be the start of April.

Scale Aircraft

Victorian Flying Scale

Aircraft Association - VFSAA

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: vfsaa.org.au

VMAA Trophy Weekend

8 to 9 Oct 2016

This year we had 7 teams take part in the event which was held at the P&DARCS field, Cardinia. It has been a number of years since the Trophy Weekend returned to P&DARCS as this event was held regularly at the field. It was decided at last year's event to move the Trophy Weekend from the State Field Northern to other fields. This was so other Clubs could participate and did not have to travel long distances each year. The event was also reduced from 12 events to 10 to help the event to run that little bit better and finish at a reasonable time so Clubs could return home at a reasonable time.



The VMAA Troffy and Medals ready for the winners.



Joe giving the pilot briefing.

This year, as it happens to be, it was P&DARCS 50th anniversary and they provided another fantastic venue to hold the event. Even though the amount of rain we have had lately is a lot more than we expect at this time of the year. It seems Mother Nature is set on giving us all the rain we need in the shortest possible time. Everything is certainly full at the moment with more rain to come.

So the weather condition leading up the weekend was not good, with, you guessed it, more rain and wind. But as the week progressed, a glimmer of hope appeared with a nice day to be had on Saturday, 8 Oct and then turning to mush on the Sunday with expected 35 km winds.





Combat brings the spectators out and the action didn't disappoint with some not making the next round

Of course no one in their right mind believed the weather chats as we all know how quickly the weather can change in Melbourne. So with the help of my fellow Committee Members, we prepared the event as we do, expecting to run most of the events. I arrived at P&DARCS on Friday night and with the help of Paul Webber, marked the helicopter events. Setting up the office in the Clubhouse did not take long and in no time we were ready to go.

Teams:

1. P&DARCS - Pakenham
2. PARCS - Peninsula
3. VARMS - High Street
4. NFG - Darraweit Guim
5. LVMAC - Latrobe
6. MFWAC - Seymour
7. YVA - Yarra Valley

Saturday – 8 Oct

The forecast for the day was spot on. Light winds, no rain, sun shining and blue skies. So the pilot brief was given and by 9:00 am, the combat and Heli events were up and running. The good weather continued for the whole day and by 2:30 we had completed the 5 events scheduled for Saturday. Due to the expected poor weather for the Sunday, we conducted two more events to complete 7 in total. A good day's work.

Sunday – 9 Oct

Sunday morning proved to be a bit weird as it was totally overcast, but with no wind at all. But this was 8:00 am in the morning and it seemed to be the calm before the storm. We decided to run the last three events on the Sunday morning, hoping we would get a window of opportunity to fit at least one, maybe two events. As I arrived at the field, pilots, CD and spectators were ready so a pilots brief was provided, explaining what we intended to do. The weather was calm and then for a short time the wind did come up with some rain. Then suddenly it just stopped. No rain, No wind.

None of us believed it as we pushed through with all events, and apart from the Old Timer event running one round, all the other events, Fun Scale and Musical landing were completed. Great stuff.



F1 racing and Scale

I did receive a phone call mid-morning asking how things were going as the wind was horrendous elsewhere. I looked outside as the windsocks were dangling down with no wind in sight. Maybe Mother Nature does like modellers..... Sometimes....

VMAA Trophy Weekend cont.



kept the food coming with some very lovely sweets available for us..... Not spoiled though... Much..

Like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their assistance and the various Clubs that provided officials, timers and judges. Without the combined effort of everyone, the event would not be as successful as it was.

Hope you enjoy the photos from the event as it really was a great weekend for those that were in attendance. Any

By 11:30 am the presentations were completed with individual winners presented their medallions with P&DARCS winning the Trophy for 2016 by one point. Congratulations and well done to the teams.

Well done to the teams that took part, enjoying the weekend with plenty of laughter, a bit of competition and best of all, camaraderie amongst the groups. It was also good to see juniors take part in some of the events and mixing it with the seniors. The event is designed to introduce some competition in various events as the events are not hard, but need some pilot skills to achieve a result. The scores between first and last was not much which goes to show you that any team can take out the trophy irrespective of size.

Thank you to P&DARCS for hosting this year's event as the Club has fantastic facilities. All three runways were used over the cause of the weekend based on wind direction and type of event conducted. Thank you to the ladies in the Canteen that



VMAA Club can enter and all you need is a team of 5 pilots as each pilot can enter two events with the best six events scored. Camping and amenities are available at the fields the trophy is held at.

123 launch, and away it goes, up, up and away. The gliders launch is a challenge in its self.



Greg Leap getting ready for some serious compertion.

The Judgersk look serious





The limbo is a crowd pleaser and it wasn't long before the tape was stretched to its limit. There was some fine flying with a top score of 24 passes in three minuits. Thats not bad flying!

I would encourage Clubs to enter a team and have some fun over a weekend. Spectators are most welcome to come along and cheer their teams on.

The next VMAA Trophy weekend is **to be held on 29 to 30 April 2017**. This places the event back to the right month of



Electric glider take off and land closest to the mark

the year as it normally held either two weeks after or before Easter depending when Easter is on. Some events may be modified slightly, but all the documentation will be made available over the next 4 weeks and will be placed on the VMAA website. All teams that entered this year will be sent an email notifying them of the dates.

So why not get a team together and give it a go. You will find it is a lot of fun. If you have a junior that is great as they will receive an additional score if they place in the event they are flying in with that score added to the overall team score. Until next time, fly safe, fly well...

Joe
VMAA CD.

LARGE SCALE RACING

20TH-21ST AUGUST

Another great weekends racing was had at our Marong Field for the running of the eleventh "Bendigo Large Scale Races", with a forecast that didn't look all that bright we did manage to get 6 rounds of racing in with only two minimal rain stoppages, both close to midday on both occasions, which become the lunch breaks. How lucky were we?

Four race Classes were raced those being, (1) Redbull, (2) AT-6 Texan, (3) Nemesis 35 and (4) F1 Goodyear. We had a total of 33 entries taken but only 28 got to the start line, we did get apologies from two who were stuck in bed with a cold/flu/virus, and another who had work commitments.

other. Oh-boy do you get a Raspberry from the crowd if you don't make a good landing with the Texan.

Nemesis 35 Class, as the name suggests the engines are up to 35cc size, but the OS GT 33cc engine does a great job although just a little under size the performance is up there as we could see by the way that Cooper Davis flew his Nemesis with the OSGT33, with Riley Sills with his OSGT33 chasing Cooper Davis all day, but cuts and the occasional backfire from his engine held him back a little.



Redbull winners, Byron Simpson 3rd - Jason Vanajek 1st - Tony Jones 2nd

Redbull was the first class to be raced early Saturday morning and it was very nippy on the fingers with the temperature at about 6 degrees, But this didn't stop the great tight racing we had. The engines were loving this cold air more than the Pilots, 3 heats were completed without dramas except for Tony Curzon who had left his wing Joiner tube home, so a high speed trip back home and back to the field to be ready for the second Round.

AT-6 Texan was the second class raced, and don't the Shepparton boys like this race. Half of the field were from Shepparton and the two L's (Les and Leigh) were flying like there was no tomorrow to try and outdo each



Nemesis 35 Class winners, Riley Sills 3rd - Cooper Davis 1st - Les Davis 2nd



F1 Goodyear winners, Riley Sills 3rd - Steve Davis 1st - Byron Simpson 2nd



F1 Goodyear was the last Class in each round to be raced, this the fastest of them all but again the engine of Steve Davis Fang racer went poof again, so another quick trip home for anther donk and a fast refit and he was back in the race, this time the engine was running on the rich side to make sure the engine stayed together, while Byron Simpson with his large Cassutt racer kept tearing under cart legs out on landing which kept us all amused.

Under the shelter keeping dry while waiting for the shower to pass, didn't take too long and we were back racing again.

Thanks to the Light Marshalls who were, David Munday, Gary Schmedje, Damian Reidy and Jack Andrew, and also the time keeping and computer work by John Newman. Thanks also go to Graeme Beagley for being the Race starter and also to Andrew Thomas for keeping us feed for two days. Without these helpers we can't run these successful days, so thankyou not only by me but from the club as well.

A thank you must also go to the commercial support we received, the main support came from Model Engines Australia,(through OS Engines,Seagull Models and Hitec radios,) also support came from Spektrum from Model Flight, DL Engines with well presented cash vouchers certificates, and Aero Aviation Hobbies Bendigo.

Les Davis



AT-6 Texan winners, Tony Jones 3rd - Les Sawyer 1st - Leigh Kellock 2nd

Group shot of cold but happy pilots and their race aircraft.



Twin Cities Model Aero Club TCMAC's 32nd Annual Seaplane Event

Twin Cities Model Aero Club TCMAC's held their 32nd Annual Seaplane Event on the weekend of the 22nd-23rd October 2016 at Table Top Reserve on Lake Hume. This is one of my favourite events in my flying calendar and look forward to this, months in advance.

Leading up to the event, the question on every body's mind is; Is there going to be any water in the dam? Or will it be cancelled like last year? The report came in that the dam had plenty of water. Now all I had to worry about was getting ready. Oh yah! and the email "Bring Mossy Repellent."

So preparation to get ready where on in earnest. The floats came down from the top shelf, dusted and attached to my Spacewalker. Repaired to my scratch built Northstar where well under way, it's only taken two years to repair it from the last crash at this event (a 30 second maiden flight).

On Thursday I packed the planes and gear in the car, hitched the caravan on and hit the Hume Highway and headed to Albury. Arriving in the afternoon at the venue to find a hive of activity, tents being erected, catering setup, flight line pegged and the



Norm Thompson and grandson Noah Thompson. Northstar decorated by his grandchildren.

pits organized. The TCMAC members working like a well-organized carrier crew. Comejutza the club rescue boat was ready for action. The weather reports for the weekend changed on the hour, good one minute, windy the next, hot then cold "make up your mind !"

There where a number of clubs represented from interstate and surrounding areas. I suppose I was an interstate visitor being from Victoria – GMAC. A convoy of caravan royalty from Noarlunga Model

Pilots briefing early on Saturday morning



*Right Rod King Stinson Reliant
Below Bugs and more bugs*



David Nichols VMAA Education Officer. What's that under my arm?



Above - The crew from GMAC Ian Kershaw, Trevor Puew, George Vasa and Billy Pearce

Looking over the lake to the green hills. The flightline was well managed by TCMAC members.



TCMAC's 32nd Annual Seaplane Event Cont.

Aero Sports, South Australia, turned up in force with many other Clubs represented.

After a freezing night (I couldn't believe how cold it was) Friday came and the sun is out, the wind has gone and the sound of Float planes taking to the sky can be heard. The flight line had a steady flow of pilots with lots of take offs and landing going to plan. Cumagutz retrieved a few planes with engine stalls and bumpy landings. The fish were jumping and the bugs stuck to the nitro trails on the models like glue.

Saturday morning I woke early to the sounds of electric planes... Buzz, Buzz...(not mosquitoes which were plentiful) the sun was shining, no wind, a beautiful morning... "quick lets make the most of it, lets fly". After the official opening and Pilot briefing the well-managed flight line fired up, pilots required a spotter with a limit of six in the air at once (which is plenty). There was a steady queue of pilots ready to go next. There was wind forecast for the afternoon and the wind arrived and by the afternoon it was too windy and remained for the rest of the day. Only a few continued to fly to the entertainment of onlookers.

The flying on Sunday was perfect, no rain and little wind and stayed fine well into late afternoon. There was some great flying models doing low fly bys, touch and goes and some bounce and go. Cumagutz retrieved a few planes that flew again and some that will have to wait for next year. One being my Northstar.

The TCMAC Canteen Tent served a variety of hot and cold food and drinks all weekend. The complementary breakfast for entrants on Sunday morning was a treat. The crew behind the counter should be commended.

The office event closed at about 4:00pm Sunday with the speeches, the raffle drawn and the awarding of the Perpetual trophy to Lyell Terlin. Most people got in all the flying they wanted and had a great weekend. Many thanks to the members of TCMAC for putting on another great weekend. Can't wait for next year.

Ian Kershaw
VMAA Editor



The office event closed with the speeches by Graeme Fruenfelder, the raffle drawn and the awarding of the Perpetual trophy to Lyell Terlin





Take off a Piaggio by Graeme Fruenfelder.



Garry Oakley King Fisher



Garry Oakley Treasurer MASA. Neil Tank President MAAA , Malcolm Bartlett, Noarlunga Model Aero Sports , South Australia.



Club members from ROW NSW



A trio of happy flyers from ROW NSW



Squadran of King Fishers

Trevor Pugh low pass 1/4 scale Cub



F4C World Championships Ploiesti Romania August 2016

This year we fielded an F4C and F4H team to compete at the world championships held in Ploiesti Romania.

The team consisted of:

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F4C

David Law
Noel Findlay
Noel Whithead

Pitts S2B
Foxmoth
Ct4

F4H

Anthony Ogle (NSW) Neiport 28

In total we had a team of 11 (Supporters & Helpers)
The preparation for this year's world champs started 2 years ago, after the 2014 World Champs in France.

There was a lot learnt about how the Europeans interpret the rules, and how this relates to Flying and Static scores.

This year we were competing against Competitors using sophisticated 3axis gyros and GPS, all of which are legal for the competition. That said the F4C team placed second behind Switzerland.



Individual Placings:

Dave Law placed 5th
Noel Findlay placed 7th
And Noel Whitehead 15th.

Anthony Ogle came in 11th in F4H, this was a tremendous effort seeing his 7 cyl radial seized during the practice round, an all-nighter was done to get a borrowed 30cc 2stroke petrol engine fitted and test flown. Anthony's Dad Ray helped him all the way....

A Great team effort.

The Current team is already looking at the next World Champs in 2018, and by taking advantage of what has been learnt over the last few championships, a better placing by all could possibly lead to a 1st in team for Australia

Greg Lepp
(Team Manager)



F4C and F4H team and support crew



VMAA DVD Library

IMPORTANT NEWS - 4 DVD's for only \$6.00

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

Full details of how to join the V.M.A.A. Video Library is in your V.M.A.A. Directory. Alternatively you can e-mail me at videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au and ask for details of how it operates, joining form or a list of DVDs available or all of the for mentioned and I will send them to you.

To join the library, send and e-mail to the Librarian at videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au requesting an information pack. This will include a joining form, fill it in the membership application form and send it to the Librarian, at 1 Watson Ave. Mont Albert Nth. 3129, who will send your membership card back. Please note that there is a \$10 joining fee. If you would like to borrow titles when you apply to join then send \$16 and a list of at least 6 titles you wish to borrow just incase some of your selections are not available..

Due to the recent increase in postage charges it has been necessary to increase the cost of borrowing from the Library. The cost has risen from \$5-00 to \$6-00 for 4 DVDs. It is still great value when considering the great selection of DVDs available from the Library.

The video library is a great resource, if you are not using then it why not. You get 4 DVD's delivered to your house for only \$6-00. This includes the return postage. New DVDs have been added since the last V.M.A.A. Newsletter and are listed below.

6337 OMAKA 2013 60 Mins.
The highlights from this great airshow in New Zealand.

6338 OMAKA 2015 60 Mins.
The highlights from this great airshow in New Zealand.

- 6339 OSHKOSH 2016 60 Mins.
All the action from the great Oshkosh including a demo by the big very big Martin Mars flying boat.
- 6339 OSHKOSH 2016 60 Mins.
All the action from the great Oshkosh including a demo by the big very big Martin Mars flying boat.
- 6340 FARNBOROUGH 2016 90 Mins
Highlights from the big Farnborough 2016 Event.
- 6341 2016 AIR TATTOO 115 Mins.
Lots of great aircraft on display at this famous event. I ncludes the F-35B, F-22 and many more.
- 6342 FLYING LEGENDS 2016 Part 1 110 Mins.
The Flying Legends Airshow is held at Duxford.
- 6343 FLYING LEGENDS 2016 Part 2 100 Mins.
The Flying Legends Airshow is held at Duxford.
- 6344 THE AMERICAN AIRSHOW 90 Mins.
The Flying Legends Airshow is held at Duxford.
- 6345 YEOVILTON AIR DAY 2014 108 Mins
The Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton International Air Show. Featuring lots of great aircraft.

Flying Fields

We, at the VMAA do not think that anyone would argue that the most important matter is having use of a flying field from which to function.

With this in mind the MAAA has a policy of supporting State Associations and Clubs to acquire suitable properties to go some way to guarantee the future of Aeromodelling in Australia.

In Victoria we have a number of Clubs that have secure tenure because they or the VMAA own the property from which they fly and operate.

The Clubs so far are Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society; Sale and District Model Aero Club; Valley Radio Flyers; and Twin Cities Model Aero Club and more are coming.

Each of these Clubs hold their property through various arrangements, but they all have one thing in common. A person or group of persons committed themselves to finding and then putting together an arrangement from which their local Club could secure their future and tenure.

VMAA would like a local club to investigate in their local area and see if there is a suitable property that could be used as a flying field. It may be that the first proposition is rejected but without some effort from the local Clubs there will be no permanent flying field established.

It would be difficult to give you any criteria to assist in your search but the flying site must be of a size to allow multiple discipline use and also not likely to be swamped by suburbia in the short term.

So, the challenge we at the VMAA would like to issue to all Clubs is to locate a site, put together a proposition, submit it to the VMAA and be prepared to argue your case. If at the end we can agree on the concept we will work with you to put together a finance package that will bring the dream to reality.

Model Aircraft Club and Special Interest Groups Newsletter/Bulletins

Below you find a variety of links to the latest news from Model Aircraft Club and Special Interest Groups that come across my desk:

Website	Newsletter Link
Australian Model News	April Newsletter
BRMFC	BRMFC March Newsletter
LVMAC	LVMAC Newsletter
MAAA	MAAA Newsletter
P&DARCS	April Newsletter
VALLEY RADIO FLYERS	The Valley Flyer

Flying as a Visitor

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Enquire about local rules before flying and obey them, especially frequency control.

At competitions, the Contest Director usually takes charge of these matters, and explains the details at the 'pilot's briefing' before flying starts. Checking entry procedures and processes are other available before the contest dates.

Above all, treat the host club and its members with respect, and feel privileged you are allowed to fly at their field.

NOTE... most clubs don't fly at all on days of declared Total Fire Ban.

Membership Fees For 2016/2017

Determined as of June 2016

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

A request for information, from those who can remember ?

The lead item in this article has been taken from a very early Modelling magazine, re-typed for clarity, and seems to indicate that there was a precursor to the VMAA Cup (as indicated below), the Futaba Trophy, and the VMAA Trophy that came into being in the following years.

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CLUB NOTES

Eastern Suburbs

I think it would be a most fitting gesture, if at our next club meeting, all ESMAC* members were to remove their prop-driven headgear and stand in reverent silence for some minutes as a token of our heartfelt sympathy for the many recently departed members of the other Victorian model aero clubs. To all interstate readers all this means is that at the Victorian State Championships, ESMAC “killed ‘em all”, and emerged as the 1965 winner of the Sun Shield, awarded annually by the V.M.A.A. to the top club in Victoria. Last year we were just pipped at the post by Elsternwick-Caulfield M. A. C., but this year we beat these same worthy opponents by a good many points. Better luck next year fellers.

This year’s success by ESMAC reflects the healthy state of this club. We boast a club spirit of which we are rather proud, and which no doubt contributes to the success we have enjoyed for many years. To all our members who took part in the year’s State Championships, we say congratulations and many thanks fellers.

(* Eastern Suburbs Model Aircraft Club)

1974 16 Jul RCMC minutes. A letter from Futaba sales (Jim Davie) wishing to donate a Perpetual Trophy for the inter-club competition.

These minutes also record the existence of an inter-club contest on the VMAA calendar known as the VMAA Cup “For Effort & Proficiency”. Events nominated for this were; FAI Aerobatics at DDARCS, Stand-off scale at LDMFA, 2.5 Pylon at MARCS, Slope soaring/Pylon & Aerobatics, plus the four State Championship R. C. Power events and the R. C. Thermal events.

My question is of course, IF and When did the Sun Shield transition into the VMAA Cup?
All help, either in the form of memories, or documentation will be gratefully received.

However there is more; Left is the picture of a badge, belonging to the Model Flying Association of Victoria known to be in existence in the early/mid 1930’s. If you look closely at the badge, you will see that it has the same motto of the VMAA of today which was known to exist in the late 1930’s.

Can anyone provide any information when the VMFA became the VMAA please?

Des Bayliss

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www.vmaa.com.au
This WEBSITE Calendar of Events
Last updated: January 31st 2017

R/C POWER-MODEL CALENDAR

Events for 2017

Jan	21	VPA Comp	Yarra Valley	YVA
	22	VMPRA Pylon Racing	Crib Point	WPMAC
		Q500 and Sports		
	28	Classic Vintage Weekend	Pakenham	P&DARCS
		VPAA Classic Aero		
		Including Rob Roy event		
Feb	4-5	VMPRA Pylon Racing	Camperdown	CMAC
		F400, FAI & Sports		
		VPAA Nepean Club Trg Day	Nepean	NMAA
	11-12	Tates RC World Trophy	Trawalla	
	12	VFSAA Sports Scale Comp	Darraweit Guim	NFG
	18-19	VJAA Jet Weekend	Bairnsdale	BADMAC
	19	Ballan Display & Fun Fly	Ballan	BMMAA
	26	Leura Fun Fly	Camperdown Racecourse	CMAC
Mar	1-5	Avalon Air Show	Avalon Airport	VMAA
	4-5	Display Weekend	Warrnambool	WMAC
	10-13	Australian Master (Aerobatics)	Pit town	NSW
	19	VFSAA Scale fly in	Greensborough	GMAC
	19	Air Show / Display	Lilydale	LDMFA
	26	Twin & More fly in	Darraweit Guim	NFG
April	31-2	31 Mar to 2 April, Wang Jets,	Wangaratta	VJAA
	2	VPAA Competition.	Nepean	NMAA
	1-2	Display Day & Fun Fly	Trawalla	BRMFCA
	2	Monty Tyrrell Scale Event	Pakenham	P&DARCS
	9	VFSAA Sports Scale Comp	Trawalla	BRMFCA
	14-17	Easter Weekend		
	22-23	VPAA Competition	Albury	TCMAC
	25	ANZAC Day		
	25	ANZAC Day Warbirds	Hamilton	HMAC
	29-30	VMAA Trophy Weekend	Darraweit Guim	NFG
	29	Sport Aero's Trg day	Greensborough	GMAC
May	5-7	Autumn Scale Rally	Albury	TCMAC
		10 th Anniversary of the Rally		
	7	VJAA Mangalore Club Day	Mangalore	VJAA
	13	VPAA – YVA Sports Aero's	Yarra Valley	YVA
	14	Sunday Mother's Day		
	21	VFSAA Sports Scale Comp	Pakenham	P&DARCS
	20-21	VPAA State Championships	Bendigo	BRCA
June	4	VJAA Mangalore Club Day	Mangalore	VJAA
	10-11	VicScale Trophy	Shepparton	VRF
		Queen's Birthday weekend		
	10-12	Vic – Sa Challenge	Mildura	SAM
	18	VPAA Competition	Nepean	NMAA
July	2	VPAA Club Trg Day	Nepean	NMAA
	8-9	VPAA Competition	Echuca	MMAC
	15-16	VJAA Wangaratta Club Days	Wangaratta	VJAA
Aug	5-6	VPAA Competition	Horsham	WMAC
	9-10	VJAA Wangaratta Club Days	Wangaratta	VJAA
	9-10	VPA Competition	Newbridge	Newbridge
	23-24	APA Championships (TBC)		
Oct	14-15	VJAA Wangaratta Club Days	Wangaratta	VJAA
	21-22	VPAA Competition.	Bairnsdale	B&DMAC
	5	VPAA Competition	Nepean	NMAA
Nov	11-12	Scratch Build Scale Rally	Pakenham	P&DARCS
	18	VPAA Competition	Greensborough	GMAC
	19	Multiplex Fun Fly	Pakenham	P&DARCS
	25-26	Annual Fun Fly and Swap meet	Hamilton	HMAC
Dec	02	VPAA Competition	South West	SWAMPS
	3	VJAA Mangalore Club Day	Mangalore	VJAA
	3	VPAA Competition	Pakenham	P&DARCS

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For further information contact the VMAA Contest Director:

contestdirector@vmaa.com.au

Fly Safe, Have fun and enjoy our great Sport!

WEBSITES and CONTACTS:

Australian Precision Aerobatics Ass www.f3a.com.au (or...)
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Scale Aerobatics www.scaleaeros.com.au

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R/C GLIDER CALENDAR

F3K is discus-launch (hand-launch) R/C glider

Thermal (open thermal, or F3J) is a 10 minute thermal flight

F3B is multi-task, using the same model for all. From winch launches
Speed... fastest time around a number of laps of a pylon

course,

Distance... maximum number of laps around a pylon course,

Duration... 10 minute thermal flight and precision landing

RCGA/F5J

2017

Jan	22	RCGA Event Vic F5J	Diggers Rest
	26-27	Sailplane Expo. Stand Alone F5J	Armidale
	27-29	Sailplane Expo. Open Thermal Winch Launch, DLG	
Feb	10-12	Mantaray F5B Trophy In Memory of Ray Pike	Mansfield, Vic
	12	Millennium Cup Rnd 2	Goulburn
	12	RCGA Event. Open Thermal	Diggers Rest
Mar	19	HSL Club Comp Rnd 1	Maddens Plains
	10-12	FXJ Aust SSL. F3J & F5J Inter	Milang, SA
	11-12	F3J Open. Milang Thermal	SA
Apr	12	HSL Club Comp Rnd 2	
	25-26	Heathcote Cup	Maddens Plans
	26	RCGA Event. F5J Vic State Champs	Diggers Rest
May	1-2	Nowra EOT/F5J (TBC) Mel Gillott	
	9	RCGA Event. Vic Open Thermal	Ballarat, Vic
	9	Millennium Cup Rnd 3	Lake George
Jun	14-17	NEFR at NAAS. AEFA Rally	Canberra
	7	RCGA Event. Vic F5J (TBC)	VARMS
	7	HSL Club Comp Rnd 3	Maddens Plains
Jul	21	Millennium Cup Rnd 4	Salt Ash
	21	RCGA Event. Vic Open Thermal	Diggers Rest
	10-12	LSF Tournament. Includes F5J	Jerilderie
	2	First Rnd. Picton Cup	Appin NSW

Aug	19-20	2 nd F5J World Challenge	Trvana, Slovakia
	27	HSL Club Comp Rnd 4	Maddens Plains
Sept	16-17	F5J (2 day event)	Bundaberg, Qld
	17	HSL F5J	Maddens Plains
	23-24	Millennium Cup Rnd 5	Gloucester
Oct	22	Millennium Cup Rnd 6	Maddens Plains
	29	HSL Club Comp Rnd 5	Maddens Plains
Nov	4-5	F5J Perpetual Trophy	NASS Canberra
	12	Shoalhaven Shield. Millennium Cup Rnd 6	Bomaderry
	19	Picton Cup (TBC)	Appin
	26	HSL Club Comp Rnd 6	Maddens Plains
Dec	3	Ted Swan Cup	Goulburn

For Scale Pilots 2017

VARMS Club (Briggs Field) is off High Street Rd Wantirna. Mel ways 72 D2
The VARMS Trophy series is for 2-channel rudder / elevator gliders. 1 pm start
VARMS Aero tow is the second Saturday in the month

WEBSITES and CONTACTS for R/C GLIDER

VARMS website: www.varms.org.au

RCGA website: www.rcga.org.au

MAAA website: www.maaa.asn.au & go to Special Interest Groups.

VMAA website: www.vmaa.com.au & go to SIG's and Clubs

LSF website: www.lsf.org.au

Oz Scale Soaring: www.scalesoaring.com.au/

VARMS President	Col Collyer	9561 9097
RCGA President	Marcus Stent	0419 690451
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VARMS Training	Ian Slack	9489 3001
VARMS Trophy & Slope events	Bruce Clapperton	9803 3108
VARMS Scale Group	Danny Malcman	9884 0614
VARMS Open Electric Glider	Alan Mayhew	9887 7885
VARMS Calendar		
RCGA Scale	Theo Arvanitakis	9561 6464 RCGA,
F3K R/C Hand launch glider	Brett Anthony	518 554
	brett@f3k.com.au	

R/C ELECTRIC Glider

OUTDOOR EVENTS

National Electric Flight Rally
at TCMAC, Albury. Presented by the AEFA
Contact: Laurie Baldwin 03 9437 0284
Mobile: 0417 347 034

NEW EVENT: AEFA F5J competition at
Picton, NSW over their long weekend.

AEFA Swan Hill Electric Rally

Monthly Postal competitions
Electric Old Timer

Peter Henderson (02) 4379 1121
peterhenderson4@bigpond.com

Limited Electric Glider http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/AEFA_postal/

Open to all AEFA members and conducted all over Oz.
For info see **Postal Competitions** page of the AEFA website www.aefanet.com

SEE ALSO: the R/C Glider Calendar for regular VARMS electric fun fly meetings at the Briggs Field, High Street Rd Wantirna. Mel ways 72 D2

INDOOR EVENTS

1 st & 3 rd Saturday each month	At Grey St School Hall in Traralgon (La Trobe Valley) 2 - 5pm. \$10 for flyers. contact Graham Blackman on 0438 597 723 Electric & all types of Free-Flight Sandringham Youth Centre 10 am to 4 pm Contact???
1 st Monday each month (except January)	Donvale/Manningham Sport Complex 8.00 to 11.00 pm Mel ways 48 F4 Contact Martin Lui 0408 406 758 AEFA show & tell
2 nd Saturday each month	8 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Essex St, Mt Waverley
4 th Thursday each month	

WEBSITE & CONTACTS for R/C ELECTRICS:

Australian Electric Flight Association (AEFA)

www.aefanet.com and see Contacts / Committee

Secretary: Laurie Baldwin 03 9437 0284 0417 347 034

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Gary Ryan garryryan@vegas.com.au (electric Old Timer)

FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR

2017

No information provided

INDOOR events are held at the Donvale Indoor Sports Centre (Manningham DISC), Springvale Rd Donvale (Melway 48 F4) between 12-45 and 4-30 pm

OR at the Sandringham Athletic Centre
Thomas St Hampton, between 10 am and 4 pm.

Fun or sports flyers are welcome at calendared indoor events at DISC, but visitors must heed the requirements laid down on the VFFS web site. Hall fee: \$10

Indoor flying at the Sandringham Athletic Centre is not supervised by or the responsibility of the VFFS.

Outdoor events are held at Eynesbury, south of Melton

The venue may change. Check first before attending.

(Mel way ref. 220 C9). The VFFS field is accessed from Eynesbury Road. Go through the Eynesbury township, past the golf course, then turn right [north] on Haul Road. Current construction works may force a detour through the housing estate. Total distance from the Parwan-Exford road to the field entrance gate is 7-8 km.

Visitors will need to contact the VFFS Secretary to arrange to meet with a key holder at the gate to gain access to the field. No dogs are allowed on the property. Competitions are from 8 am - 2.30 pm.

Notes: There may be some variations to this calendar due to weather. Participants are advised to contact the event CD listed on the VFFS web site or the VFFS contacts, on the day before OUTDOOR events. At Indoor State Champs, other events may be run if time permits. Planned changes to the calendar will be posted on the VFFS web site.

WEBSITE & CONTACT for Free Flight:

www.members.optushome.com.au/vffs

For general free flight information and for calendared outdoor events run by the Werribee Wanderers and others:

Col Collyer 9561 9097 llcollyer@dodo.com.au

For all other calendared outdoor and indoor events:

Sean O'Connor sean-oc@netspace.net.au or

Darien Cassidy joybdes1@bigpond.com

CONTROL LINE CALENDAR

Events marked * are qualifying rounds for the 2016 C/L World Championships.**

KMFC - (Ku-ring-gai Model Flying Club) - St. Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd, St. Ives.

SAT - (Sydney Aeromodelling Team) - "Duck Pond", Ashford Road, Milperra.

SSME - (Sydney Society of Model Engineers) - Model Park, Lud-denham Road, Luddenham.

DOONSIDE - Baseball diamond, Whalan Reserve.

Victorian Control Line Calendar - 2017

TBA

CONTACTS for CONTROL LINE:

CLAMF - Frankston. Old Wells Road, Seaford
10:00 am Start (Melways 97 J10) GPS: 38.086777,
145.148009

Contact: Secretary, Harry Bailey (03) 9543 2259

Email: hbailey@optusnet.com.au

Web Site: <http://clamf.aerosports.net.au/>

KMAC - Knox. Stud Road Knoxfield (Opposite Caribbean Gardens)
10:00 am Start (Melways 72 K9)
Contacts: Steve Vallve 0409935358 or
Bruce MacKay 0418380014

Web site :- <https://sites.google.com/site/knoxmacv/home>

CLAG (Gippsland) has a monthly fly-ins at the Moe Race Track every first Sunday of the month

Contacts:

Treasurer Alan Frost 0432 232 909 afrost2@skymesh.com.au

Secretary: Graham Vibert (03) 5134 6393

SAM 600 (Old Timers)

2017

TBA

Contacts for SAM 600

Website - sam600.com

Secretary - [Brian Dowie](mailto:Brian.Dowie) Secretary/Treasurer

Phone: 03 9706 2074

brianflyre@hotmail.com

For the most recent version of "Calendar of Events" you can view on the VMAA website at:
[Calender of Events](#)



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Tables & Chairs for Hire and Sale		

Having problems with URL links or printing the newsletter?

The newsletter is produced in a PDF format and contains a number of extra links for you to view additional information or email VMAA members.

Depending on how your computer is setup, when you open the newsletter from the Notification link in the email I send out, the newsletter may open in your default web browser, but not as a PDF. The end result is that you might be able to see the articles but you may not be able to access any links.

It may help to save the document as a PDF on your Notebook/Desktop and then open the PDF document. The document will open Adobe Acrobat Reader and you will be able to access any of the links contained in the Newsletter.

If you want to print a copy of the Newsletter Adobe Acrobat Reader will allow you more flexibility in printing. If you don't have Adobe Acrobat Reader you can download a free copy from the Adobe website.

MAAA Instructor's Course

If any Club is interested in hosting an Instructor's Course, please contact the VMAA, SFI, Greg Lepp. Courses will be arranged to run over one day.

Nominated Club Members are required to have their Gold Wings before attending the course.

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

Locate a Club

VMAA welcomes enquiries from people interested in the sport of RC Model Aircraft. Information about becoming a member can be found on VMAA Club Websites.

To location a club near you can search at:

vmaa.com.au/find-a-club.html

NAAS Fun Fly-In 24, 25, 26 February 2017



Fun FLY-IN

All MAAA Pilots welcome.

All aircraft types welcome.

If you want to be part of this great experience bring what you have.

Field will be open from Friday Morning.

Enjoy the great NAAS site:

Camping available \$15.00 per night
per site: Toilets and shower provided.

Pilot entry \$15.00

Saturday night roast/baked Dinner
at the field \$25.00 per head

Food and drink, tea and coffee will be
available all weekend

Register for the event to help with catering please use this
address in your web browser:

<https://go2.giftformap.com/NAASFunFlyIn17>

For more information please refer to:

Web: www.naas.org.au **Email:** naasact@outlook.com

Phone contact: (02) 62312200 or 0409917806





All Stars Showcase

and Aerobatics Workshop

SUNDAY MARCH 5th

F3A	Quad Helis
3D Planes	Scale
3D Helis	Jets
IMAC	Classic Aerobatics

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society
[P&DARCs]

*Featuring Robin Trumpp, Germany's top ranked
aerobatics pilot, along with some of Australia's best.*

<i>Showcase:</i>	<i>11:30am to 2:30pm</i>
<i>Aerobatics Workshop:</i>	<i>3:00pm onwards</i>

*If you have an interest in precision flying — whether looking to
improve, just starting out, or simply interested in watching —
please come along and meet the pilots and enjoy their skills.*

Aerobatics Workshop is entirely optional!

*Entry is Free * * * Food Available*

Lilydale and District Model Flying Association

LDMFA Annual RC Air Show 2017

Sunday 19th March 2017 10am until 3pm



Spadonis Reserve

Victoria Road, Yering.

Melway Map 274 REF: E10

Follow the yellow and black signs and then follow Victoria Road north from the corner of Macintyre Road and Victoria Road.

**Pylon Racing, FPV
Racing, Drones, Scale
Models, Large
Gliders, Jets,
Helicopters and
much more!**



Family Friendly Event!

Food and drink available. Full-flush men's, women's and disabled toilet on site.



For more information regarding the club please visit www.ldmfa.com

Northern Flying Group's Annual Twins & More

Sunday 26th March 2017

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

Visit 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 or two main wings (bi-planes).

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

Food and drink will be available during the event.

Great prizes on a fly per ticket lucky draw system.

A trophy for the most unusual multi-engine aircraft.

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

Pilots briefing and registration 9.30am

Flying from 10am

Contact: Mark Sills – 0419 338 847

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

World Hobbies 
www.worldhobbies.com.au

Airborne



2017 Phoenix Flyers of Launceston Scale Fly In

Come one and all to the 2017 PFL Scale Day Fly In.

When: 26th March

Where: Panshanger Farm, 41°39'32.0"S 147°08'44.7"E

Time: Pilots briefing will start at 0900, flying will commence shortly after then.

Award Categories Include:

Best Scale Fly including take off and landing for -

- ***Pre WW2 airplanes***
- ***WW2 airplanes***
- ***Post WW2 airplanes***
- ***Pilots Choice – ARF***
- ***Pilots Choice – Scratch / Kit Built***

(Combination of static and flying to be included in the awards)

A \$5 fee per pilot will apply (each pilot can fly multiple scale planes).

There will be BBQ lunch plus tea / coffee and soft drinks all available at club prices.

Sky's The Limit

VMAA Trophy Weekend

29 to 30 April 2017

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

The Trophy weekend has been modified to ten (10) events. All rules have been reviewed for the 2017 competition.

The Trophy rules make it fair for 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 ten events will count.

A pilot can compete in two **events only but can 'assist'** other pilots in other events. All Clubs will be asked to provide officials to act as judges or time-keepers for some events.

Trophy Events:

- Bomb Drop (New)
- Fun Scale
- Helicopter event
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Old Timer Duration
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat
- Ring In Pilot (New)

The event will be held at **Quetta Rd, Derrawarra Gully**. Catering available both days and on site. Camping facilities available. Motels and caravan parks are available nearby.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight, Sunday 24 April 2017



If you need further information, please contact the VMAA CD;
Joe Finocchiaro on Mobile: 0418 878 168, email
contestdirector@vmaa.com.au
Rules and conditions will be posted on the VMAA Website
www.vmaa.com.au



TWIN CITIES MODEL AERO CLUB

Albury/Wodonga

10th Anniversary Autumn Scale Rally

Autumn is the perfect time to visit the Border Region and fly in ideal weather conditions

This is a no competition rally open to all Scale Models, including ARF's and Non Builders of the model entries, so bring them all along, even if it looks scale come and fly

Current MOP certificates will need to be sighted for models exceeding 7kg

Contact David Balfour 0407953903

djbalfour@bigpond.com

Central Reserve Road Ettamogah NSW 36.00.431 146.57.891

May 5/6/7 2017

10th Anniversary

Norfolk Island Fly In

Allen Danvers Challenge



Allen Danvers Challenge

Come & join in the fun of an overseas TMAC weekend fly-in on Norfolk Island! Meet the locals who will share their favourite flying spots around the island. Bring your big planes and gliders (plus this year there will be some indoor night flying!) to cover all conditions.

21 - 28 October 2017 depart Brisbane
From \$1229pp twin share

20 - 27 October 2017 depart Sydney
From \$1279pp twin share

Holiday Package price includes:

- ✓ Return economy class seat plus bag airfare ex Brisbane or Sydney to Norfolk Island
- ✓ Meet & Greet at the Airport
- ✓ Seven night's accommodation
- ✓ Seven days car hire (petrol is extra and payable direct whilst on the island)
- ✓ Welcome Dinner
- ✓ Farewell Dinner
- ✓ Fly-in T-Shirt
- ✓ Complimentary Mini Golf and A Walk in the Wild rainforest walk
- ✓ Bonus Norfolk Island discount shopping card



Conditions apply • Prices are current today, subject to availability & change without notice • Travel insurance strongly recommended



**Norfolk Island
Travel Centre**
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P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally & Diorama Competition.

November 11 & 12 2017

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, Vic



2016 Winner – Pilots Choice Best Aircraft – Brian Hutchinson

Following the great success of last year inaugural event, P&DARCS are again hosting this very special event, the

Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally & Diorama Competition.

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

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









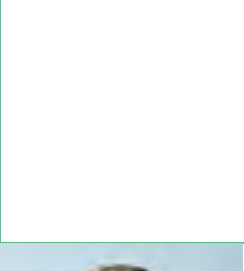



Onsite non-powered camping is available.

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

- Flying open to kit and scratch built models only – no ARFs.
- Large models will have solo flying spots if requested.
- Prizes for; Pilots Choice, President's Encouragement Award and Diorama, and lucky draw prizes throughout Rally.
- Bring along your model or come and/or admire some great aircraft.
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- All sizes of scale aircraft and unfinished projects most welcome.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerrally, for more information and entry forms.

\$5 per car entry fee for pilots and spectators

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