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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held out at the flying field on Wednesday October 25th 2006 (Always 4th Wednesday of the month) commencing at 7.30PM. Please come along to the meetings and support your club and be part of the decision making process. Don't forget to bring a plate for supper.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Field Maintenance
2. Xmas Party venue and date
3. Bus to Avalon 2007
4. Methanol Supply
5. Xmas Raffle
6. Club Trainer

What's On

This Saturday October 21st we've got a sausage sizzle at Bunnings and on Sunday the ARF Scale competition. If you can lend a hand at the sausage sizzle please come along. If you've got a scale ARF model why not come along and have a go. There are some good prizes on offer courtesy of Roj's Hobbies. See *Coming Events* further on for more info.



Points of interest from the last meeting

Extract of newsworthy items from the minutes of the last meeting. Note: Some events/activities may have concluded or been modified as circumstances change.

1. ARF Competition sub committee report

The ARF sub committee (Rick, Murri, Nick, Glenn & Gordon) agreed to organize another meeting at Murri Anstis place next week to tie up the remaining loose ends. (Since the meeting the date has been scheduled for Friday 6th October commencing at 7:30PM).

The committee estimates that we will need around 16 people to run the event so if you can lend a hand please let the organizers know.

2. Field Maintenance

- a) Wiring in Kitchen – Rob Beardall stated that the outstanding faults would be fixed by the ARF day.
- b) Wiring and light outside shed – Still looking for some cheap outside lights.

- c) Mowing – On behalf of the club the Secretary thanked Rob Beardall for looking after the mower whilst we were beefing up the container security and arranging insurance cover. Also thanked Matt Beardall for keeping the field mowed over the last few weeks. The point was also raised that the club must enforce the safety rule requiring a minimum of 2 people at the field whilst mowing.
- d) Container – now 3 keys per set on key ring, locking system is working OK. Rob and Max cleaned out the container a couple of weeks ago and took a large trailer load of rubbish to the tip. Murri Anstis offered to take over the job of building the roof over the container.

Action: Murri to build roof over container.

3. Sausage Sizzles – Fund raising

The Secretary reported on the Sausage Sizzle held at Safeway Sebastopol on Saturday 23rd September.

We only sold 136 (due to the location not being as good after recent store renovations) returning a profit of \$160. This includes allowance for stock left over.

We have another one booked for October 21st at Bunnings. Secretary to contact Bunnings prior to event to show MAAA insurance policy and to get an idea of how many we are likely to sell.

Action: Secretary to contact Bunnings.

4. Xmas Party venue and date

We have booked the Blackhill Hotel on Saturday December 16th for around 30 people.

5. Bus to Avalon 2007

Gordon Hicks is to get some prices on self-drive buses (around 22 seats). The last time we were unable to fill the 50+ seat bus, resulting in the club being out of pocket. Editor is to put an item in the next newsletter promoting the event and asking members to indicated if they are interested.

Action: Gordon to get prices on self-drive bus.

Action: Editor to advertise in newsletter.

6. Field Insurance

The secretary advised the meeting that we have taken out a contents insurance policy at the field primarily to cover the mower. The premium is \$255. The other option was to include property damage cover, which would have raised the premium to around \$435. The members consulted prior to the meeting thought that contents cover would be adequate for our needs. The policy had to be taken out quickly because the mower was being moved out to the field so the grass can be kept mown over this rapid growth period.

7. Methanol Supply

It appears from quotes we've had that methanol has gone up quite considerably.

Of course we must remember that the last drum (\$100) was not a commercial price.

They sell by weight \$1.90/kg = \$304/205L drum.

If we buy 4 drums \$1.05/kg = \$168/205L drum.

There is a suggestion that we see if other clubs interested in say 2 drums and we get 2.

Murri Anstis offered to ring Ozzie Traders in Bacchus Marsh re: 205L drum methanol.

Max Rowan also to check with R&J Batteries.

Action: Murri to ring Ozzie Traders.

Action: Max to ask R&J Batteries.

8. Membership List Publication

The Secretary advised the meeting that he received an email from Phil Pope expressing concerns over publication of club member details in the last newsletter and in particular over the internet. To address these concerns it was agreed that in future only name, phone numbers, email addresses will be included in the membership list published in the newsletter. For those who don't want their name published in the newsletter at all they will be asked to notify the Secretary to exclude them.

Printed copies of the full membership list as is currently published will then be made available at the field next to the notice board. (Usually updated 2 or 3 times a year)

Action: Editor to place note in next newsletter requesting members to notify if they wish to be excluded from membership list published in future newsletters.

9. Xmas Raffle

Malcolm Miles asked about the Xmas raffle. We want the prize (barrow and contents) ready for display in Malcolm's

Shop (*Stitched Up On Curtiss*) by mid November. Tickets to remain at \$1 each.

May also be able to have some tickets printed for Bunnings Sausage sizzle and ARF Event (Oct 21/22).

Gordon suggested that we raffle a complete ARF trainer at Xmas. Gordon to get some info.

Need to book in at Stockland Wendouree for Saturday December 16th.

Action: Roger Carrigg to print raffle tickets.

Action: Roger Carrigg to book Stockland Wendouree for December 16th.

Action: Gordon to get info on ARF Trainer.

10. Club Trainer

The question was asked whether we are going to replace the club trainer. The club has no plans at this stage. The meeting agreed that it needs further discussion and has been placed on the agenda for future meetings.

11. Indoor Electric

Murri Anstis also reported that the indoor electric flying might be up and running again shortly.



Field Maintenance

It's nice to be able to report that things are back to normal with the mowing and that the club now has contents insurance to cover the mower etc.

We must take this opportunity to thank Rob and Matt Beardall for looking after the mowing whilst we were beefing up the container security. Rob housed the mower at his place for several weeks and brought it out to the field so as Matt could mow the field.

Last weekend we gave the mower its first oil change (21 hours). Everyone who uses the mower says that it does an excellent job and is a pleasure to drive.

The next major job at the field is the roof over the container to preserve it for a bit longer. Murri Anstis has stepped forward (or should we say everybody else stepped back faster) to take over this job. Hopefully we'll get it finished before the drought breaks. If anybody knows where we can get some second hand roofing iron (2.7m lengths) let Murri know.



Xmas Raffle

Sorry to put this on to you all again but we hope to have the raffle up and running buy this weekend. If you want a book of tickets contact Roger. (there'll be a nice prize for the seller of the most tickets) The format will be the same as last year – Barrow load of Xmas Cheer. Lawrence won the raffle last and kindly donated the barrow back to the club as it's too big for his wife to manage and Lawrence doesn't push barrows. The barrow and contents will be

located at Veronika and Malcolm's shop (*Stitched Up On Curtiss*) from late November onwards.



VMAA News

A request was made to host a float plane event on 21st/22nd October on the Eildon Wier to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building of the dam. After receiving a safety briefing the VMAA Executive decided NOT to proceed with the display.

The TCMAC (Twin Cities MAC) has been given a VMAA grant of \$7500 to cover the cost of materials for a new toilet block at the TCMAC field. *This is one of the fields to be used by the Nationals over the new year period.*

The MAAA is seeking member nominations to form a Large Scale racing sub-committee.

New DVD's have been purchased and will be listed in the next VMAA newsletter due out shortly.

State Field – The NFG has some major works on the agenda. They propose to level and seed the pit area, erect shade cover on the south side of the club house and investigate installation of shower.



New Models seen at field



A Sporty Forty which Russell picked up on ebay.

Russell has had the model pictured above out at the field for a few weeks but we saw it for the first time on Sunday October 15th. It's a Sporty 40 which Russell acquired on ebay. It seems to fly quite well and is also quite fast. Certainly fast enough to keep Russell wide awake.

Ebay is certainly becoming a very popular way of acquiring and disposing of aero-modeling equipment these days. All helps to keep the modeling budget under control.



Crash Report

It's been a strange few weeks recently given that the last 6 Sundays (with the exception of the Shepparton W/E) have been virtually unflyable due to the strong north winds. This has been very annoying because during the week the weather has been perfect for flying (I guess this is the modelers lament). So there has not been a lot of flying activity recently.

Glenn's been hanging out for 7 weeks to have a fly and get a practice in for the ARF competition and look what happens on the first flight. The f#\$@ wheels fell off.



Glenn's CAP is back in the pits for examination of fuselage damage where U/C was torn out. Also sustained some minor damage to the wing.

What looked to be a minor job turned out to be a bit more serious. We were all shocked to see the poor quality of the plywood used in structural components and the construction methods of this older model. Thankfully ARF's have improved markedly in recent times. But you still can't take things for granted when you buy an ARF, they need thorough checking and in many cases strengthening in key areas. Example: undercarriage and wing attachment points. Anyway we'll get off the soap box and describe what happened to Glenn's CAP.



Len Astbury videoing the evidence.

As previously mentioned Glenn wanted to get some practice in for the coming ARF competition and after doing a few manoeuvres things were looking good but on

landing he misjudged the height of the crop (you can see it in the background of picture above) while coming in to land. He was rather unlucky and the CAP just clipped the very last row of barley causing model to flip on the runway. Had it stopped shorter it most likely would not have sustained any damage. If Glenn had had another inch it would have landed OK.



A little bit of humour

Glenn got into the computer age a recently and we gave him a test on cyber terminology. Here's a few of his answers:

- LOG ON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter.
 LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.
 MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.
 DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.
 HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
 KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.
 WINDOW: What you shut when the weather's cold.
 SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season.
 BYTE: What mozzies do.
 MEGABYTE: What Cairns mozzies do.
 CHIP: A bar snack.
 MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
 MODEM: What you did to the lawns.
 LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.
 SOFTWARE: Plastic knives & forks you get at Red Rooster.
 HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives & forks - from K-Mart.
 MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
 MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.
 WEB: What spiders make.
 WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
 SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.
 CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.
 YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.
 UPGRADE: A steep hill.
 SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
 MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
 USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
 NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
 INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

- NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover the hole in the net.
 ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.
 OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.



Tips & Tricks

When mounting fiberglass cowls you often experience chaffing where the fiberglass comes into contact with the airframe. To overcome this, the thin sheet sponge packaging that is used on electrical appliances does the trick. Cut strips about ½ inch wide and stick with contact adhesive to the inside face of the cowl where it will contact the fuselage. The contact adhesive melts the plastic sponge slightly thus ensuring a good bond is achieved. Also rubber washers fitted under the screw heads helps to prevent cracking around the attachment holes in the cowl.



Electrical appliance packaging foam used to prevent fiberglass cowl chaffing the fuselage.

I find this packaging material has lots of good uses – even wrapping around fuel tanks securing with masking tape. Prevents the tank rubbing on the airframe which can wear through the tank (if your model lasts a while!), also provides some vibration insulation.



Membership List

As discussed at the last meeting and noted under *Points of Interest from the last Meeting* membership details printed in the newsletter will no longer include address details. If you don't want your name included at all in the list distributed with the newsletter please advise the Secretary. The full membership list will still be available at the field.



Coming Events

Sausage Sizzle – October 21st

Hopefully this newsletter is out before this event – well that's the plan anyway. It's to be held at Bunnings on

Saturday October 21st, which should work out well given that Bunnings now supply most of the equipment. All we need to bring is the food which simplifies the organization quite considerably. Once again if you can spare some time it would be much appreciated. Please let Roger Carrigg know if you can lend a hand.

This one at Bunnings will be a tryout so no doubt we will learn from it and adjust our modus operandi for future events. If it works out successfully we'll book a couple for next year and forego the Safeway Sebastopol location.

ARF Scale Event – October 22nd

The same comment applies here, that is the newsletter should be out before this event. Let's try and make this a memorable competition. The committee has been working hard to tie up all the loose ends so hopefully it should run smoothly.

Roj's Hobbies is also putting up some pretty good prizes as an added incentive.

We will be running Novice (if numbers permit) and Sportsman class. Winner of novice will receive a 12volt Starter and glow plugs while winner of sportsman will be presented with an OS FS 120 E motor.

As usual there will be excellent cuisine from the canteen at very reasonable prices so you don't have to worry about packing your picnic lunch.

It's also a good chance to get to meet other modelers with similar interests.

We expect all our club members with scale ARF's to be there and support the event.

Club members who are not participating in the competition should be out there to lend a hand. It is quite amazing how many people it takes to run an event like this successfully. By the time you allocate people to judging, scoring, flight line and canteen I think the sub-committee estimated around 16 members are required.

Hamilton Fun Fly and Swap Meet – November 25th/26th

If you intend to go to the Hamilton Fun Fly & Swap meet this year you should be getting your accommodation booked. Most of us stay at the Hamilton Lakeside Motel. (Ph. 5572-3757)

Don't forget there is also a large buy and sell tent where you can get rid of your pre-loved treasures and buy somebody else's.

The Hamilton club has an excellent field with two huge runways. They are a very friendly club and welcome all modelers to participate in their event. It is always well catered for at very reasonable prices.

Xmas Breakup Party – Saturday December 16th

We can confirm the booking at the Blackhill Hotel on Saturday 16th December to hold our Xmas Party. This will be a two course meal (seasonal roast plus sweets) for \$20 per head. A booking for 30 people was made after discussion at the August meeting indicated that this would be a suitable venue.

Avalon Airshow – Sunday March 25th 2007

Gordon has been chasing up some quotes on bus hire to take club members to the airshow. We're looking at a self drive 22-25 seat mini bus. Probably have more on this at the next meeting.



Event Calendar

Oct 21 st	Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Wendouree.
Oct 22 nd	ARF Scale Event – Yendon.
Oct 29 th	OS Engines 70 th Anniversary Fly-In at Pakenham – P&DARCS.
Oct 29 th	Annual Display – Bendigo.
Nov 11 th /12 th	VFSAA Rally, Round 6 – Albury.
Nov 25 th /26 th	Hamilton Display and Swap meet.
Dec 16 th	Xmas Breakup Party – Blackhill Pub.
Dec 29 th 2006 to Jan 6 th 2007	60 th MAAA Nationals – Albury.
Mar 23 rd -25 th 2007	Avalon Airshow.
Apr 1 st 2007	BRMFC Annual Display – Yendon

That's all for now. Good flying.
G.W & R.C.