



# BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER – July, 2005

### Committee 2004/2005

<i>President</i>	Glenn White	<i>Returning Officer</i>	Rick Pimblott
<i>Vice President</i>	Nick Katsikaros	<i>Public Officer</i>	Roger Carrigg
<i>Treasurer</i>	Rick Pimblott	<i>Safety Officers</i>	Peter Evans, Wayne Goodwin
<i>Secretary</i>	Roger Carrigg	<i>Newsletter Editors</i>	Glenn White, Roger Carrigg
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	Graeme Allen	<i>Field Maintenance</i>	Peter Barnett

The **Annual General Meeting** of BRMFC is to be held **out at the flying field** on **Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005** commencing at **2:30PM**. 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 afterwards.

The ordinary meeting will then be held with the newly elected committee.

### Agenda Items for the next ordinary meeting

1. New Flyer to Promote Club/Hobby
2. Investment Account
3. Strategic Plan – Club Field Ownership
4. Field Maintenance
5. Constitution Amendments
6. Annual Membership Renewal
7. Gate Keys – Further Quotes and decision
8. Roy Gladman Round 2
9. Sausage Sizzle

### Annual General Meeting

As already noted above, the AGM is to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July prior to the ordinary meeting. This is where the current committee, present their reports and the committee for 2005/2006 is elected.

Please do your best to make it to the meeting. It is encouraging to see a good roll up at the AGM.

#### President's 2005 annual report

This will have to be a short president's report as time is slipping away. Having just returned home from a week at the Nationals there are many things to catch up on. Hard to believe another A.G.M. is here. I have enjoyed my year as President; hope that you the members are happy with the progress the club has made and the direction we are heading. Things don't just happen there is always work to be done by someone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger for all the time and effort he has put in over the last year keeping all the clubs affairs and records in order. There are some that think he is an a\$#@hole (especially when he puts his overalls on) but I don't! Rick has done a great job as treasurer (another thankless job) and deserves a lot more Brownie points.

All the signs are pointing to a good year and I am sure that as soon as the weather begins to improve more members will be taking advantage of our excellent facilities. Max will be on the job this year with a lot more improvements so we should see things happening within the near future.

It would be nice to see a few members raising their hand at the AGM to fill the vacant committee positions. I don't mind standing for president again but it would be nice to have someone else's input.

Warmest regards

Club President (Glenn White)

#### Treasurer's 2005 annual report

As I am writing this, I am reflecting on the 2004/05 financial year, it dawned on me that we have had two less than average years. 2003/04 was a negative result that we have at least managed to turn around to a modest profit this year.

The increase in the club component of the subscriptions last year has been beneficial to a positive outcome. It would appear that we now only need to have a yearly CPI increase.

Another reason for the turnaround would be the substantially lower maintenance costs, I can only assume from this that the field and equipment is now at an acceptable standard, and will only require minimal maintenance.

Our open days up until the last two years has been our major income, unfortunately due to weather conditions the last two years have been very poor. We can only hope next year will be better.

Raffles were our major income for the last two years, and we need to maintain and hopefully increase this profit rate if we aspire to own our own flying field. This can only be realized by all members participating in fund raising events Etc. Raffles, open days, sausage sizzles, or we will all have to face the prospect of increased fees.

Rick Pimblott,  
Treasurer.

#### Secretary's 2005 annual report

The Secretaries job is largely an administrative one. Incoming mail is sent to the club secretary and it is the secretary's job to respond to all correspondence on behalf of the club. Minutes of club meetings must be recorded and made available to club members. Since I have been

secretary all club records as far as is possible are kept electronically. Minutes are sent out to all members who have an email address in PDF format. I try to remember to post a copy of minutes on the notice board at the field. Points of interest from the last meeting are always included in the next newsletter. It is very important that there is a flow of information throughout the club so that members are fully informed about club activities and issues affecting the club.

I don't mind doing the Secretary's job but it would be nice to see someone else showing some interest in taking on the position.

Roger Carrigg,  
Secretary.



### Subs 2005/6

Just a reminder that subs must be paid before the **1<sup>st</sup> August 2005** if you wish to fly. If you have already paid please disregard. As you will see we have managed to keep the fees as low as possible. There has only been a small increase in the club component to keep up with inflation thus maintaining the financial viability of the club. There is an overall fee decrease due to the lower VMAA/MAAA component. The fee structure that we have will still require supplementing with money raised from sausage sizzles, raffles, open days etc.

The following is a summary of the new fee structure.

	<u>MAAA/VMAA</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Seniors:	\$132.00	\$72.00	<b>\$204.00</b>	\$6
Pensioners:	\$125.00	\$64.80	<b>\$189.80</b>	\$6.20
Juniors:	\$100.00	\$36.00	<b>\$136.00</b>	\$12

The new fees are outlined in the revised **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM - 2005/2006** include with this newsletter.

Please fill in all the details on the form so they can be checked against the club membership database.

Send completed form with your payment to the Secretary Roger Carrigg, 11 Lawrie Drive Alfredton 3350.



### Points of interest from the last meeting

#### 1. Award Bronze Wings

The President congratulated Gordon Hicks on attaining his Bronze Wings and then presented Gordon with the Bronze Wings courtesy of the VMAA.

#### 2. Try Fly and Park Flyers

The President read out proposed introductory letter for retailers to hand out to purchasers of Park Flyers. After some discussion it was decided to drop the focus on Park Flyers and design a new flyer to promote the club and hobby. It was thought that inviting people who have bought park flyers out to the field and then imposing our rules and restrictions on them may cause friction and send complaints back to the retailer. The President also suggested sending a letter to Ballarat Model World in an attempt to rekindle association with our club.

### 3. Field Maintenance

Just before the meeting, the Secretary spoke to Dean Farnsworth about the short circuit in the wiring in the kitchen and asked whether he would be willing to assist rectifying the fault. Given that Rob Beardall has already done some work on the wiring Dean and Rob will be asked to work together to get the wiring repaired.

*Action: Secretary to contact Rob Beardall and Dean Farnsworth regarding wiring.*

Seeing as we are now holding meetings at the field it is necessary to have lighting on hand in the shed (as well as kitchen). To enable this a few ideas were tossed around such as battery powered inverter and small generator. Max Rowan suggested a base and secure enclosure under toilet to house existing 8kva generator. This way generator will be "online" at the press on a button. The meeting agreed with this approach to solve the power/lighting problem.

*Action: Max Rowan to construct generator enclosure under toilet.*

### 4. Annual Membership Renewal

The President advised the meeting that annual membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005. Payment form was included in June 2005 newsletter.

### 5. Constitution Amendments

Carried over until the next meeting.

### 6. Gate Keys – Further Quotes and decision

Peter Taylor's quote was higher than R.F. Scott (\$3.50 per key)

Nick Katsikaros received a quote from Geoff at [Sturt St Cobbler & Gifts](#) 113 Sturt St Ballarat VIC 3350. Will cut 50 keys for \$3.00 each, as long as they are Lockwood keys. (so he can get the blanks). However he can't supply the locks.

The President reminded members that they must return their current key to get new key otherwise \$10 deposit must be paid.

It was decided that we would accept the quote from the Sturt Street Cobler.

Peter Taylor is to procure two quality lockwood padlocks keyed alike. Once we have the new locks we can order the new keys.

*Action: Peter Taylor to procure two new Lockwood padlocks keyed alike.*

### 7. Strategic Plan – Club Field Ownership

Secretary advised the meeting that we received the MAAA funding guidelines from the VMAA. Based on availability of funds and all lending criteria being met the MAAA will lend clubs up to \$100,000 over a 15 year term at ½ the current bank interest rate.

Max Rowan advised the meeting that he has looked at a block of land near a quarry operated by Boral at Dunnstown. Land adjacent to quarry is privately owned (Boral has already bought/leased land for its quarry business) and may be available for lease or purchase. Max is to talk to the landowners.

*Action: Max Rowan to talk to landowners at Dunnstown.*

**8. Meeting Venue**

The general consensus is that members are happy holding meetings at the field. The field may become the official meeting location.

**9. Investment Account**

We have received interest rates from several financial institutions. Around 5.3% seems to be a reasonable return in the current climate. The club prefers to stick with a bank.

**10. Roy Gladman Round 2**

The Roy Gladman Round 2 aerobatics is scheduled for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July (day after AGM).

**11. Sausage Sizzles**

The Secretary advised that we have booked Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September at Safeway Sebastopol to conduct our sausage sizzle fund raisers. Still require food permits. *(Food permits applications sent off on 27<sup>th</sup> June and received on 4<sup>th</sup> July)*

*Action: Secretary to send off food permit applications to Ballarat City Council.*



**VMAA News**

**Height Recorder** – The VMAA has recently purchased a height recorder. The unit is available to all clubs and SIGS to borrow. Graham Scott (VMAA CD) is the custodian and is the contact person.

**Pilot Bibs** – 100 Pilot bibs have been purchased at a cost of \$900 and will be made available to clubs when running competitions/displays etc. A \$50 deposit will be incurred by the club as well as freight costs. 12 Safety bibs were also included in the purchase.

**Frequency/Interference** – Interference has been detected at the VARMS field. Local Community Radio station seems to be interfering with 36MHz band. VARMS committee has recommended that flying cease until a satisfactory answer is found. MAAA frequency sub committee is urgently investigating in conjunction with VARMS so as definitive results can be passed on to Australian Communications Authority.

**VMAA Newsletter** – A new editor is required as David Walsh is not re-nominating for the position.

**Insurance** – MAAA insurance fees have reduced slightly resulting in a decrease in MAAA membership fee. Excess on claim has dropped from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Member on whom claim is made is still responsible for first \$250 while MAAA covers remaining \$4,750.

Indoor meet organizers/clubs are allowing members to use household insurance to fly at indoor meets. The MAAA insurance will not cover this person. Should the injured party sue the pilot and organizer our insurance will not cover the non-member using their own household insurance. (Looks like a spectator is covered but not a fellow pilot unless pilot also has MAAA insurance – Ed)

**Membership cards** – New type of MAAA membership cards are to be issued this year. Contain more info.

**MAAA handout brochures** are going to be updated to a new look format.

**Nationals** – Nationals 2006 are to be held at Strathalbyn S.A., 2007 are still up for grabs. VMAA has the option to put in a submission and if so, must do so by the September MAAA Council Teleconference.

**Wings** – Bronze/Gold/Instructors wings are to be issued at no cost to members.

**Flags** – Clubs that hold public displays will be issued a VMAA flag when display permit is submitted. Clubs can also purchase for \$35.



**New Models seen at field**

We didn't see any this month. If anyone has a new model that hasn't been in the newsletter please let us know.



**Crash Report**

**The continuing saga of Glenn's Ju52**

Well we got to round 5 but unfortunately things didn't go as planned. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June (the day of the last meeting) weather conditions were ideal for the second test flight after having moved the undercarriage forward and adding more weight to the nose to correct the CofG problem.

With the new undercarriage position the Ju52 seemed to handle okay on the ground. The motors were fired up and the JU was taken to the end of the runway pointed into wind and the throttle opened. I (Glenn) think I was so concentrating on keeping the model tracking straight that I allowed it to lift off too soon. The JU wallowed into the air dropping its right wing which I managed to correct, however with the low flying speed model turned crosswind to the left at this stage I thought all would be well and kept the nose down hoping to gain more speed. Now the left wing dropped which I was able to correct but on correcting it rolled over on its back to the right and into the ground inverted. Thankfully not much height was gained and the JU suffered relatively minor damage to nose and tail.

Conclusion, too much weight had to be added to the nose to get the CofG correct. I now plan to rebuild the fin and stab lighter in the hope of reducing lead in the nose and thus reducing the all up weight.

Stay tuned!!!!

Here's somebody that we never thought would be in this column. Len Astbury had an altercation with the fence south of the runways. Whilst having a leisurely fly the motor stopped on his LA special (must have run out of fuel because Len's motors don't just stop) but being the skilled pilot that he is he managed to avoid the fence posts and



bounced on the mesh or wire without causing any damage whatsoever.

Sorry to say I have to include myself (Roger). If you are going to have a mishap you might as well do it at the Nats. On my second round with the Cessna 182 after a perfect touch and go I stuffed up the landing. Trying to land crossed wind on a strange and rough runway I got the Cessna too slow and touched down on the nose wheel this caused model to bounce. Any other time and place I would have applied some power and there would have been no problem but being the Nats I let the model come down heavily again on nose wheel this time it dug in causing model to flip on its back. The only damage was a bent nose leg fork which was able to be straightened prior to the next round and of course my pride.



Roger repairing nose leg after embarrassing himself at the Nats with a nose over.



### Tips & Tricks

Anybody got anything!!!!



### Events

#### 58<sup>th</sup> Nationals Richmond NSW

Our apologies for the rushed newsletter as we only just got back from the 58<sup>th</sup> Nationals held at Richmond NSW. They were held from the 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July.

Briefly six club members attended namely Rick & Pam Pimblott, Graeme Allen (A1), Graham Waterhouse (A2), Glenn White (A8) and Roger Carrigg (A9) (Glenn and Roger are way down the A list). We arrived late on the Thursday and were immediately disappointed with the accommodation arrangements as they were not what we expected but after shuffling beds and bedding from one cabin to another, things were sorted out no thanks to the unhelpful staff.

Friday morning was registration day. Rick and I (Roger) went to register and were immediately surprised by the laid back style of administration. The registration center was also used for indoor flying, static judging and the

swap meet. We managed to cover most facets of our hobby during the event.

The weather was kind to us with the exception of the Sunday which was very wet and windy. We took the opportunity to take a day trip into Sydney on the train and do some site seeing.

The R/C scale competitions were not held until the last three days. Because of a smaller than expected number of entries in F4C and Large Scale the last day (Thursday) was not required.

Most of the models we have seen before but one highlight in F4C was John Lamont's Percival Gull. The judges liked the model and it scored well in static but unfortunately only managed one of the three rounds in the flying. First round John forgot to switch the receiver on and as a result engine would not start (a senior moment). Third round we don't know what happened.



John Lamont's realistically finished Percival Gull – picture taken during static judging at the Hawkesbury Indoor stadium.

We all learnt some valuable lessons. There were three disqualifications. Sadly the first was Rick, the judging panel would not accept his entry in Large Scale as the DH Beaver is an ARF. We thought that the judges were being a little unfair but Rick was not the only one, they could have given zero static points and let him fly. The second was a NSW entrant with a Miles Magister (we think) he had his model on the judging table being judged in F4C and the judges disqualified him because the three view drawing was too small. Three view sizes are clearly written in the rules. Third and last was Don Murray who entered a nicely finished Stuka in F4C and did not have a photo of the full size aircraft. (Rules are rules)

There were also some nice scale control line models entered. There was a particularly nice B25 Mitchell bomber that caught our attention. It actually took off on one engine.

Other highlights were the night scramble. This is a must if you get a chance to get to a Nats. It is an hour of mayhem, lights in the sky everywhere as the free flight models buzz around in all directions. You can't take your eye off them for a second otherwise you'll be wearing one.

The free flight events got the pick of the fields – they were flying off beautiful flat turf, miles of it, as it is a turf farming area.

During the free flight flying we were entertained by the RAAF flying out of Richmond RAAF base only a kilometer or so away. There were 2 or 3 F18's doing circuits and bumps. It was noticeable that they don't apply a lot of power given that the base is surrounded by houses. (Not like at Avalon Air show). There were also C130's coming in and out of the base all the time we were there. All in all we had a good week away. Sydney can keep its traffic and high petrol prices. We were all glad that we live in Ballarat.



Control line B25 Mitchell about to land. Flew very well even on one engine. Had retractable gear

Results of F4C were: 1<sup>st</sup> Dean Erby – Albatross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alf Williams – Fairy Swordfish, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Prosser – Pace Aerobatic.

Results of Large Scale were: 1<sup>st</sup> Alf Williams – Typhoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Botton –Kingfisher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Murray – Douglas Dauntless.



### Coming Events

#### Roy Gladman Round 2 – Aerobatics

This event is scheduled for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July (day after meeting). Let's hope the weather is kind to us. If not we will postpone until another date.

#### Sausage Sizzle – August 6<sup>th</sup>

We have a sausage sizzle scheduled for Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> outside Safeway Sebastopol. If you can lend a hand it would be much appreciated. We also have a second one booked for September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Council now charges a \$5 fee for the food permit for each occasion.

#### Shepparton Mammoth Scale 2005 – Sept 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>

This event is not that far off now. It would be advisable for any members wishing to spend the weekend to book now.

At this stage several of us have already booked in at the Wyndamere Motel. Anyone wanting information please contact Roger. Entry forms are available. It is cheaper to pre enter.



### Event Calendar

- Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005 BRMFC Annual General Meeting.
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 Sausage Sizzle – Safeway Sebastopol.
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 VFSAA Scale Rally – Greensborough.
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 VFSAA Scale Rally – Bacchus Marsh.
- Sep 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 2005 Mammoth Scale – Shepparton.
- Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 2005 Scale: World ChampsF4C Team Trial – Shepparton.
- Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 Sausage Sizzle – Safeway Sebastopol.
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2005 VFSAA Scale Rally – Lilydale.
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 Military Aircraft Rally – State Field.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2005 VFSAA Round 5 & Scale Rally – Albury.
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2005 State Field opening 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

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

### More Pictures from the 58<sup>th</sup> Nationals held at Richmond NSW 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July



Rick, Pam, Graham and Glenn in shopping Mall at Windsor. Note the club uniform. It was very effective.



Seagull (above) crapped on Graeme at Darling Harbour

Rick doing the noble thing, wiping the droppings off Graeme's shoulder. Isn't it good luck or something like that!





Don Murray's Stuka at the F4C static judging.



Noel Whitehead's Winjeel also at the F4C static judging



Gary Sunderland's SE 5A in foreground during F4C comp.



Dean Erby's Albatross on the right, Alf William's Swordfish to the left during the F4c comp on Tuesday.



Ray Botton's Kingfisher



Don Murray about to commence take off with Douglas Dauntless. Assisted by Peter Gow.



Shot of the pits with our crew in foreground



John Considine's B29 taxiing back into pit area.



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## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT FORM – 2005/2006

Surname ..... First Name ..... Middle Name .....  
Address ..... City ..... Postcode .....  
Phone: Home: ..... Business: ..... Mobile: .....  
Email Address: .....

M.A.A.A. Registration Number: AUS ..... Date of Birth: .....

Partners Name ..... Occupation/Skills .....

Transmitter Frequencies Used: .....

Tick  membership type below and write amount applicable in column on right hand side of sheet.

**Note:** Pension rates with 10% discount, are shown in brackets (). Proof of pension entitlement must be provided.  
Includes MAAA insurance charge for all member categories

**New member.** (Existing members ignore this)

Joining fee **\$10.00 + \$10.00** refundable gate key deposit (receive starter pack)----- Amount: \$ .....

**Senior member** plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.

Definition: Any person over 18 years.

Club \$72.00 (\$64.80)

VMAA \$132.00 (\$125.00)

Total **\$204.00 (\$189.80)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

**Senior member** – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.

Definition: Any person over 18 years.

VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly regularly at our field.

Name of other club: .....

Club **\$72.00 (\$64.80)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

**Junior member** plus VMAA fee. – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter.

Definition: Any person under 18 years.

Club \$36.00 (\$32.40) – 50% of senior membership fee

VMAA \$100.00 (\$100.00)

Total **\$136.00 (\$132.40)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

**Associate member** – Benefits: Gate key & newsletter. VMAA fee is paid through another club and you intend to fly infrequently at our field. Probably live remotely. (2/3 of senior member fee.)

Name of other club: .....

Club **\$48.00 (\$43.20)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

**Social member** – Benefits: Newsletter. Non flyer. (¼ of senior member fee.)

Club **\$18.00 (\$16.20)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

**Family membership** – Benefits: Voting rights, gate key & newsletter. Consists of one **senior** rate plus \$10. Family members must pay VMAA fees as specified (Junior or Senior). Applies to immediate family residing at same address. There is no family VMAA fee arrangement.

Club \$82.00 (\$73.80)

VMAA \$132.00 (\$125.00)

Sub-Total **\$214.00 (\$198.80)** ----- Amount: \$ .....

Person 2 **\$100.00 or \$132.00 (\$100.00 or \$125.00)** VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$ .....

Name: ..... D.O.B. .... M.A.A.A No: .....

Person 3 **\$100.00 or \$132.00 (\$100.00 or \$125.00)** VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$ .....

Name: ..... D.O.B. .... M.A.A.A No: .....

Person 4 **\$100.00 or \$132.00 (\$100.00 or \$125.00)** VMAA fee ----- Amount: \$ .....

Name: ..... D.O.B. .... M.A.A.A No: .....

**Total amount to pay** (Less your Installments \$.....) **\$.....**

A \$5 Administration fee applies, if fees are not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

Please remit this form and the amount payable to the Secretary or Treasurer.