



# **BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.**

Inc. No. A0001288M

## **NEWSLETTER – October 1999**

The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at B.R.A.C.E (Corner Windermere and Urquart Streets) on **Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> 1999** commencing at 7.30PM.

### **Agenda Items for the next meeting**

- a) **New Field**
- b) **Club Competition - Date**
- c) **Annual Display**
- d) **Trophy Report**
- e) **Open Fun Fly (31<sup>st</sup> October at our field)**
- f) **Forthcoming events**
- g) **2002 Nationals**

### **Points of interest arising from the last meeting**

13 members attended the last meeting.

Thank you note from the Gladman Family thanking the club members for their support during their time of grief and for the donation of \$50 to the Heart Foundation.

Letter from Wendouree Scout Group thanking BRMFC for the demonstration on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

- a) Martin Tuddenham advised the following after talking with Bill Ham (Field Landlord)
  - i) Power lines are expected to be erected along the far side of Bowes Road, in front of our field by the end of November.
  - ii) The land is or is being sub-divided into 20 acre allotments and are all for sale.
  - iii) Water is available to all blocks up to the cattle yards.
  - iv) It is okay to locate the new hut on our existing field.

On the subject of the land up the lane on the north side of current field, Bill Ham stated the following:

- v) He is agreeable if all adjacent landowners do not object.
- vi) The matter goes to council for permission.
- vii) Winter access would be difficult.

#### **b) Yendon Site**

Col Pinkerton advised that he spoke to Pat Fiskien and she thought that it would now be okay to talk to the family about using their land for a flying site. P.F. stipulated that they do not want any structures that are visible from the road because they fear that it would attract vandalism.

#### **Field Hut**

Max Rowan advised the meeting that the Ex PTC site hut has been purchased and road freighted to Ballarat. It is currently being stored at Laminex until we decide where and when it is to be more permanently sited. Graeme Allen said it is okay to leave it there, but there is no paperwork to prove that it is ours. The meeting agreed that the risk is acceptable.

The club paid \$750 for the hut and \$350 for transport. The hut contains electric stove, air conditioning and fridge.

Certificates of appreciation (Sponsors who supported our annual display this year) were handed out to:.

Sound and Light Concepts (Craig Butterworth)

Top Gun (Murray Anstis)

Coltman Mitre 10

WIN Television



## New Models seen at field

Looks like a slow month this month. Col Pinkerton has done it again with another ARF. A P51 Mustang with mechanical retracts and powered by an OS70 4 stroke. Col test flew the model at Mildura on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Col was quite calm but you could not say the same for everyone else. The model has more than enough power and Col flew it very well and landed smoothly on the runway. Max Rowan has rebuilt the Smiths Biplane and was seen out at the field last Sunday, but was too windy to test fly.

## Crash report

Glenn White had trouble with his MILES HAWK at Mildura on its second flight. It appeared that the two large engine cowls (port & starboard) flew open during flight causing a canard effect thus neutralizing the elevator. Glenn was lucky to get the model down without too much damage. Glenn says that it can be repaired. Glenn will have to improve his pre-flight inspections.

This is not so much a crash but an interesting incident. Glenn was flying his KOMET (Me 163) very fast as he normally does when a tree branch suddenly grew into the path of the model. There was a great CRACK!!! and everybody looked up to see the KOMET flying as normal with the exception that there was daylight showing through the starboard wing. Glenn thought it wise to land immediately. Upon inspection, the wing was torn open back to the main spar and the culprit branch was still embedded in the wing. Sad to say it has now been retired and hung up with the branch.

Still at Mildura, Col Pinkerton had a hard landing with the BIRDDOG damaging the undercarriage support. Suspect pilot error!!

Sorry we have to mention Col again but he had another hard landing with his new P51 while at Warracknabeal. On inspection the starboard wing spar was found to be broken between the landing gear support and fuselage. Pays to be gentle with ARF's. We expect Col to repair it and have it flying shortly. Guess who's going to be practicing their landings??

Now its Harley's turn. After a fast taxi his FW190 flipped over and broke off the nose pulling out the engine. No further details on this. Assume Harley is repairing it and we will see it flying again.

Whilst we have got hold of Harley we will talk about the TEXAN/WIRRAWAY. After engine failure and a very fast down wind landing it flipped over and damaged the tail. Again we assume Harley will repair it. Lets get the engine running right before takeoff. If its not running right on the ground, it wont improve in the air.

Sad to say Matt lost his BOLLY HOVERING COBRA. Matt believes he had a faulty switch harness causing batteries to be improperly charged. Would a battery checker pick this up??

Murray gets a mention too. Who forgot to check the wind sock before landing?? Small ducted fan jets do not take kindly to landing down wind at a 100mph without wheels. Result \$%#@%\*

GRAVITY SUCKS!!



## Events

It has been a busy month for events. Ten members from Ballarat attended the Mammoth Scale event at Shepparton. Three models from Ballarat were entered. Noel's GYPSEY MOTH, Glenn's MILES HAWK, and Col's BIRDDOG. There were three gas turbine powered aircraft simultaneously (something to see and hear). The standard of models at this event is awesome, and has to be seen to be believed. This event is a must to see for next year.

Two weeks later we were on our way to Mildura for the Large Scale and Fun Fly event. It's a long way to go but Col, Noel and Family, Glenn and Roger thought that it was well worth the effort.. We were made very welcome by the local club. It was sad that Peter Orchard (one of the guiding lights of the Sunrasia Club) passed away only days before the event. The weather was perfect, two great days of flying. There was a VMAA meeting held on Saturday evening after the dinner. (If you require any information on this ask Col). Congratulations to Joel

Findlay for winning the Peter Orchard encouragement award. Also congratulations to Noel who took Pilots choice with his GYPSEY MOTH, Glenn took best civilian with his MILES HAWK and also the hard luck trophy for the same model.

Two weeks later again we were off to Warracknabeal. Graeme and June Waterhouse, Noel and Joel, Glenn, Col and Roger represented Ballarat at the Mallee Rally. The weather was perfect on Saturday, but the wind was testing on Sunday. This is a tight field in all directions with a lot of restrictions on where you can fly. The flying surface was quite smooth, but surrounded by trees. It is a small club with very few members, however they did a great job of hosting the event. Best scale went to Noel (GYPSEY MOTH), Pilots choice went to Glen Orchard of the Sunrasia Club (100cc 3W powered EDGE), encouragement award went to Joel (Looks like he will soon catch his Dad up), Ladies choice went to Terry Weatherson (SPACEWALKER). Col got his first trophy, pity it was the broken prop award. Nice trophy though.



## Coming Events

It seems that everybody has forgotten the Fun Fly event scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> at our field. Twenty invitations have been mailed to clubs in close proximity to Ballarat. This is a fun fly with the emphasis on FUN. If you can take off and land come and join in. It should be a great day like it was last year. Remember, this is not a competition, you don't have to have the best model or be the best flyer. There will be food and drinks available. Bring the family and have a good time.



## Event Calendar

October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Fly at Bowes Road Ross Creek	(BRMFC)
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	VFSAA Fun Scale at Geelong	(GMAA)
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Interclub day at Bacchus Marsh	(BMMAA, MARCS, BRMFC)
November 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fly Swap meet at Hamilton.	

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W.

