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The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at B.R.A.C.E (Corner Windermere and Urquart Streets) on **Wednesday October 25th 2000** commencing at 7.30PM. **Don't forget to bring a plate and relax for ½ an hour after the meeting.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. Fund Raising
2. Nationals 2002
3. New Field
4. Fun Fly 29th October

Points of interest from the last meeting

1. Fun Fly 29th October

The Fun Fly to be held on Sunday 29th October was discussed and arrangements made.

2. New Field

- a) **Grading** – Max Rowan advised, that it will take another 3 weeks before the grader can get in because of the recent heavy rain.
- b) **Generator** – Max also reported that he has purchased a 7.5kVA generator for \$550. The new price for a generator with this capacity is around \$2200.
- c) **Tanks** – Max reported on the cost of rainwater tanks.
500L tank for toilet \$230
2270L tank for main shed \$400 (PolyMaster)
- d) **Container** – Max advised that he can obtain a container for \$700 from Brooklyn. They generally cost around \$1400. The meeting decided to hold this item over for the time being.
- e) **VMAA Loan** – The Secretary stated that the loan application for \$4000 will be submitted in the next few days.

3. Nationals 2002

- a) The Secretary reported that the submission to host the 2002 Nationals in Ballarat was sent to the VMAA Secretary on 4th September 2000. A copy of the submission was passed around the meeting for information.
- b) The VMAA Nationals organizing committee has scheduled Sunday 8th October to come to Ballarat and look over our facilities. Max Rowan has volunteered to be our club

representative and show the committee over our facilities



Sale of Club Assets

Max Rowan raised the subject of selling some club assets, which are fixtures in the recently purchased site office, which is to be relocated shortly to Yendon. The surplus items are:

- a) 2 x ¾ HP Air-conditioners
- b) An Electric stove.
- c) Fridge (a bit larger than a bar fridge)

It has been decided that the items should be put up for sale by tender and offered to club members first.

If you are interested contact Max Rowan and make an offer.



Mildura 2000 Fun Fly – by Matt Billett

For weeks we'd been planning, organizing lifts, models, and accommodation for one of the more anticipated events of the flying calendar. Mildura, a supposed oasis in the desert! Every time I'd ring Glenn Orchard to say g'day, I'd ask a question and the reply would always come back, "beautiful mate!", or "perfect mate!" or "well it's better than Ballarat mate!". Yes, we all know what the question was! How's the weather?

There was of course a fantastic representation from the Ballarat Radio Model Flying Club, despite the weather on Saturday being not too much unlike what we're all used to in "the Rat", with showery, cool (not



cold), moderately breezy conditions. Sunday was almost the weather we were promised, and it got better as the day progressed, with more than one or two people coming home a little sunkissed.

Our advance party (and from all reports, "party" is all they did until the business end of the trip on Saturday!!!!) consisted of Noel, Joel and Sharon Finlay, Roger Carrigg, Glenn White, and Col Pinkerton. They casually traveled up to the sunny town on the Thursday prior to the weekend and reportedly walked the streets of the country town reaping havoc and even spent an afternoon on a river boat seeing the sights. It's great to see that the fun-fly's are being used as relaxing, enjoyable weekends, not just to go somewhere and get serious about winning prizes for flying. After all, this is why we do it!!!

Saturday morning finally rolled around and the other part of the Ballarat contingent showed up. As per normal there was the normal exchange of boisterous, friendly abuse. Matt and Amanda Billett, had left at O'dark hundred that morning to be there when the flying began.



Glenn Orchards 36% scale Edge 540 (SMAC)

The day progressed nicely with all having at least one or two flights each. Noel flew the Gypsy Moth with his excellent scale manner (and even in the rain, although it was relatively calm), Joel flew his L.A special. Roger did his signature low passes with the Cessna and the ever faithful (and ageing – not the

pilot Ed.) Cherokee. Matt carved up the skies with his Extra's. Col flew the trainer he has grown to love so much (even if the rolls weren't QUITE axial), and Glenn flew his Texan and was particularly "chuffed" with his landings. It sounded like a good day was had by all.

This flurry of flying soon took its toll on our hungry stomachs and most were really looking forward to the camp oven dinner, which was organized by the Sunraysia club. There was a selection of two meat types (some had both) and a great spread of beautifully cooked vegies. All was consumed with great zeal, and when everyone thought that they had had enough to eat, it was announced that John Mock (also a fellow modeler, and more importantly cheesecake shop owner) was supplying dessert. Funny how you always manage to find that extra room!!!!!!

Sunday arrived and all of the pilots plus extras had come back to the field for another fantastic day of incident free flying (for the Ballarat crew anyway).

Presentations were done, and before we knew it, the BRMFC members had taken home a healthy portion of the prizes. Roger and his Cessna took out best civil aircraft (civil plane not pilot!!!), Joel for the encouragement award for the second year running, Noel for the best Biplane, and Matt for the best scale aerobatics (although he said he was just out of control most of the time). All members who attended the fun-fly also took home a certificate of participation. Everyone had a great weekend and were all appreciative of a very well run event. The facilities at the field were A1, with a fantastic shade cloth set up over the pit area, not to mention the start up benches.

It was also rumoured that some night flying was going to be performed (or attempted) by Noel with a HIGHLY aerobatic model, although I don't think he'd had enough bottles of courage at that stage. We'll look forward to seeing some nocturnal activity next year Noel!!!!!! ♦♦♦

Thanks for the article Matt (Ed.)

New Models seen at field



Matt's new 1/3 scale red white and blue EXTRA 300 was recently test flown. He was disappointed that he had to add excessive weight to the nose. After modifications model flies well and flew at Shepparton and Mildura.



Murray's latest acquisition, an ARF Piper CUB has been out to the field. Model was won in a raffle at Shepparton by Murray's son Sean and after much wheeling and

dealing it became Murray's property. Model was already built complete with JR radio gear and OS52 4 stroke motor. At this stage only the motor has been run. We think Murray is waiting for perfect weather conditions; no wind, blue sky and nobody watching. (It will never happen)



Crash Report

It has been a strange month due to weather conditions and travelling to other events. We aren't aware of any crashes other than Glenn's 1/4 scale LASER 200.

This is one model that has had a very hard life and was nearly worn out. On its last flight it was flying exceptionally well until one manoeuvre must have pulled out the aileron servo lead connection. Glenn soon found out that LASERS are uncontrollable without ailerons. Rudder rolled the aircraft, but opposite rudder held model in 'knife edge' until the wing tip touched the ground. Fuselage broke in half and is unrepairable (fiberglass). Wing and tail feathers undamaged. Glenn plans to get another fuselage.

Lesson to be learned is that on an aerobatic model of that size aileron connections should be taped. In fact all connections should be properly secured to prevent coming apart.



Tips & Tricks

Use fishing line to secure servo extension leads when the connection is of a semi-permanent nature. I.e aileron and flap servos in wing that require an extension lead where the connection is concealed inside the structure. Two or three loops threaded between the wires and around the connectors then tied will prevent the connectors from coming apart. Tape can come off after a period of time particularly if it gets warm. You can use tape to secure aileron servo to receiver extension lead when fitting wing.



Events

Fun Fly

We have left things a bit late this year (as usual). Our Fun Fly is fast approaching. We have sent out invitations to all the regular pilots who attend and to the nearby club secretaries. We plan to have a 'low key' day, however there will be some prizes and trophies. We expect most of these to be won by our members. So put in the effort to attend. Trophies will be awarded for Pilot's Choice, Encouragement Award and Most Entertaining. **This is not necessarily a scale day, bring any type of models.** There will be some fun competitions that anybody can enter if they wish. A Pilot's entry fee of \$5 will be charged to cover the cost of prizes and trophies. (Entry fee covers 1 or more aircraft). There will be a barbecue lunch (cheap) and drinks.

Roy Gladman Trophy Round 3 – Scale Event

This event is to be held on Sunday November 19th. You have only got 4 weeks to get your model ready (Graeme). Competition rules will be posted in the shed and a copy will be included in the next newsletter. Any model will do provided it looks something like the aircraft that it is modeled on. The only documentation required is either a photograph of the full size aircraft (not a photograph of your model) or a three view drawing. Most points awarded will be for scale like flying (realism). Flying will be similar to the Fun Scale flight routine consisting of take off, straight and level flight, figure eight, 3 manoeuvres of your own choice, rectangular approach and landing. Remember points are scored on realism. EG. You won't get good points for doing a knife edge with a Piper CUB.



Nationals 2002

Many thanks to Max, Rick and Martin for escorting the Nationals Committee on a tour of the proposed flying sites around Ballarat on Sunday October 8th. Max indicated that we were getting a very positive response from the committee members.



Emailing Newsletter

We are now distributing the newsletter by email to reduce printing/postage costs to those who have supplied an email address. If you have not already done so, could all recipients of the newsletter that have an email address, send an email to Roger Carrigg (roger@startek.com.au). This way I will get your email address correctly.

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Event Calendar

Oct 29th 2000

Fun Fly – BRMFC

Nov 5th 2000

Nov 18th/19th 2000

Nov 19th 2000

Nov 25th/26th 2000

VFSAA Fun Scale – Geelong.

Old Timer Fly-In – Haddon.

Roy Gladman Trophy Round 3 Scale Event.

Fun Fly/Swapmeet at Hamilton.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W & R.C.



Items for Sale by Members					
Item	Description	Cost New	Sell	Remarks	Contact
Engine	Super Tigre .90 CU 2 stroke		\$200.00	NEW - No muffler	Roger Carrigg Phone: 53 342189
Aircraft	Miss Muffett 1300mm High Wing model with OS 25 ball race motor.		\$220.00	Airborne plan No.201, Tail dragger, yellow, tank, prop, ready to fly	Roger Carrigg Phone: 53 342189



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