



BALLARAT RADIO MODEL FLYING CLUB Inc.

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NEWSLETTER – September 1999

The next meeting of BRMFC is to be held at B.R.A.C.E (Corner Windermere and Urquart Streets) on **Wednesday September 22nd 1999** commencing at 7.30PM.

Agenda Items for the next meeting

- a) **New Field**
- b) **Club Uniform**
- c) **Newsletter – Items report**
- d) **Club Competition - Date**
- e) **Annual Display**
- f) **Trophy Report**

Points of interest arising from the last meeting

12 members attended the last meeting.

Letter from Robert Hutchings (Secretary BMAC) suggesting 6th November, for get together between BMAC (Haddon club) and BRMFC. Fall back day of 4th December if weather intervened.

Max Rowan reported on the Fun Scale event held at Greensborough on Sunday August 22nd. Three members from BRMFC went down, namely Glenn White, Colin Pinkerton and Max Rowan. Good field with excellent facilities, however some trees in the flight path. C. P. had one flight and landed with suspected radio interference. Land is designated recreation area and as such, people are constantly walking across the end of the flying field.

Murray Anstis reported that he went down to the Small Model Day at Bacchus Marsh. Field is about 7Kms out of town in a sewerage farm.

Due to the sad passing away of Roy Gladman, our recently elected Vice President, it was necessary to elect someone to take over. Wayne Goodwin then offered to take on the position. Wayne's own nomination was seconded by Graeme Allen and agreed to by all.

Max Rowan stated that the PTC have huts for sale by tender. The huts are portables approximately 24 by 8 feet. Max said that his brother in law has put in a bid of \$500 on our behalf, although it is not binding. It would cost a minimum of \$200 to shift the hut from Dandenong to Ballarat. Colin Pinkerton moved that we accept the offer, which was then seconded by Craig Butterworth and agreed to by all.

Max Rowan reported that he has a club uniform order form for members to put down their name and size and the items that they require.

Rick Pimblott raised the issue of instituting a club competition. Rick said that he would like to put up a perpetual trophy and call it the Roy Gladman Trophy. It would probably be a basic scale event. The proposal was seconded by Glenn White and agreed to by all.



Murray and Sandra went to the indoor rubber meeting (sounds suspect to me). 13 flyers with 26 models enjoyed another successful evening of flying and chin wagging. For those who have not yet seen or had a go at indoor should check it out, it is a fun evening and is very educational in the field of building, trimming and flying of aircraft. It is also good for we "senior" modelers to get back to the basics. Put together a "rat" or a "peanut" and join in. Next meeting/flyin is October 19th 7-7.30PM at the Grammar School gymnasium.

New Models seen at field

Matthew Billet test flew his BOLLY HOVERING COBRA. This is an unusual model that looks like a profile pattern ship. Matthew said it took him approximately 2 weeks to build. The model is very agile in the air; it is user friendly on low rates. Might be a handful on high rates. Anyway it looks like a lot of fun.

Wayne Goodwin had his ARF HARVARD test flown a couple of weeks ago. There were no major problems, just a bit too much elevator travel. This seems to be a very popular model as this is the fourth one seen at the field. Wayne was flying it successfully last weekend.

Alan Kemp also had a new ARF model, believe that it is a SPACEWALKER. Alan is doing a bit of work on the C of G. Should be a nice model when sorted out.

Crash report

Max Rowan lost his once familiar FLAIR EINDECKER. He thinks the elevator may have damaged on the way out to the field. On its last fly past there was a very audible fluttering sound and then it was no more.

Sad to say Max gets another mention. This time it was his 1/4 scale SUKHOL. After several attempts to keep the 120 2 stroke running, the model finally left the ground, climbed to about 30 metres, banked left then continued to bank left lose height and spiraled into the ground. He was unsure what caused it, whether it was radio failure or pilot error.

Stephen Reece lost his OS FS91 4 stroke powered P51 MUSTANG last Sunday. After a nice low pass it banked one way then did a perfect barrel roll into the adjacent paddock. After recovering the remains it was discovered that the receiver battery was flat.

Do we all check our batteries before flight ????????

Graeme Waterhouse crashed his neat little 1930's ERA RACER turning on to final approach. Graeme admits it was a dumb thumb. Can't talk to your mates and concentrate on flying at the same time. Fortunately not much damage was done.

GRAVITY SUCKS!!

Visitors at Field

Eight scouts from the Wendouree Scout Group and their families attended the field last Sunday for an insight into aeromodeling. Roger went through the intricacies of aeromodeling with them. Noel, Max and Hugh were then kind enough to donate the use of their models to the would be new fliers. Judging by the feed back they all had a good time.

We also had a couple of visitors from the Greensborough club on Saturday afternoon. They were flying small electric models. This made a break for them to get away from the South Street Comps.



Don't forget the funfly at Mildura is not far off. October 2nd and 3rd. A few members have shown an interest in attending. Looks like being a great weekend. If any members would like to go contact Glenn White ASAP or at the next meeting, as he is arranging accommodation. The more the merrier.

One final item of interest. Max has reported that our tender for the PTC site hut was successful. We are now the proud owners of a new 27 x 8 foot club house with kitchen and two other rooms. It will be discussed at the next meeting when it will be delivered and where it will be sited.

That's all for now. Good flying.

G.W.