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Above - Rex Mitchell's P40 Warhawk which has an OS65 AX engine with an in cowl muffler.
 It fly's very well with Rex at the controls.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES: The MAAA /VMAA earlybird discount no longer applies. You cannot fly at club sites/events after the 30th June unless you are financial.

As of Thursday 30/7/20 we have 46 paid up members !

**Senior Members = 21 , Junior Members = 0, Pensioner Members = 13,
Associate members = 6, Life Members = 3 & Indoor Only members = 3**

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Pressies Preamble,

Hi guys,

A good batch of flying conditions have made a big impact on attendance at the Lake, the only downer being the temperature of course. The fire has been given a bit of a hammering in the early hours of some fly days if only to defrost the fingers ready for the next flight or in some cases to have them flexible enough for a repair job (yes it happens).

There has been a few comments about having to close the gate after each individual entry, well rest assured it is being looked in to, and I have taken note that it didn't keep the dog walkers vehicles out nor did it stop the police from a quick visit one morning, even if it was too cold for them to get out of their nice warm divi van.

Another unannounced visitor was the Air Ambulance on a couple of occasions, and when they come in flat out fifty feet off the ground and you are up there at two or three hundred feet the situation can turn nasty real quick, especially when you are supposed to land when they are around and they are between you and the deck. After a phone call to the man in charge asking what happened to our heads up phone call I was informed that he was on leave on this occasion but it was on the to do list for his No2 IC and was missed. The net result was somebody got a strip torn off them and I got a promise of 24hours notification for the next outing, we will have to wait to see if that happens, but in the meantime if you hear or see them low and close, get down quick.

That's it from so keep your 1.5 distance and happy flying, see you at the field.

Cheers Chris.



Bob's Bus



Depron Bug

INDOOR REPORT 20th June 2020

It was a most welcomed return to indoor flying. Apologies were received from Jason and family and Gary and there were 7 keen fliers and one visitor.

Ash had a break from the planes and had the Ferrari, Audi and Mini Minor all charged up and ready to go. He also had some fun with a Guillows rubber powered plane that had Fred intrigued.

Bob was as keen as usual being first there waiting for the gates to open. He had a large scroll saw wedding arch he erected to photograph in the hall. He had a fascinating Tamiya 6WD King Yellow with a US school bus body – wow it could go! He also had his 8012 motorcycles, a micro Trainstar, Kugan Drone and his old faithful Swallow – about to be retired (or put down)

Fred had his reliable Skybugs flying well and also joined Ash with a couple of rubber powered models.

Graeme flew the Skybug until the gears wore out! Also kept the attendance register and supervised the Covid requirements and was fed bickies and tea from Ash.

James had his new homemade Yak 54 copied from original model that just disintegrated and also flew the Spacewalker. He also helped Ash run down the batteries in the cars.

Mal had the Tello going great – must have been practicing at home during lockdown! He also greatly enjoyed catching up with everyone.

Mick was a starter for the first time in nearly a year and was the last to finish flying – he certainly has not forgotten how to although his batteries were a bit tired! He had his large Yak 3d, the Mustang, Trojan and Corsair.

Visitor: Terry Algie popped in to see what was happening – Still wondering what to do next now that the farm has been sold.

Indoor flying procedures during Covid 19 closedown drawn up by Graeme and approved by the school:

LVMAC INDOOR FLYING RULES FOR ATTENDANCE AT GREY STREET VENUE

1 Access to the hall is allowed for the purposes of individual flying by club members providing adherence to Covid 19 separation requirements

2 The maximum number of club members allowed in the hall at any one time is limited to a maximum of 10 in accordance with Government directions. The areas available are the foyer (to be used as pits), the basketball court area (for flying) and toilet areas.

3 All members are to check in with Graeme Blackman and sign in the attendance record. Visitors (non-club members) are only allowed if total numbers remain less than 10 and must check with Graeme Blackman (mob: 0438 597 723) before entering the hall.

4 Members who take advantage of the relaxed restrictions must comply with all Government directives such as safe distance, sanitising etc. Members must provide their own sanitising and safety equipment needed to comply with the government directives.

5 The foyer will be set up for flyers to use the tables provided such that the 1.5 m rule is followed. As the tables are 1.5m long, 2 flyers can set up at the ends of each table with a chair at each end.

6. Chairs for sit down pilots will be at the required spacings inside the hall, those standing to operate a minimum of 1.5m from other pilots.

7 Any school equipment you use to be returned to where obtained from and be wiped down with sanitizer before leaving the hall. Entrance door to be wiped with sanitizer as final exit to the hall is made.

The return to flying is most welcome and I would ask members to be tolerant and flexible in adhering to the directions and the government requirements for separation and sanitising.



Above – Glen Neal’s electric powered Sputnik – flies nice and is fast



Above – The Warragul boys didn’t get to fly much on this foggy Wednesday morning. They cooked a few snags to pass the time. Dirk, Greg & Chris.

INDOOR REPORT 4th July 2020

Apologies were received from Gary and Mal

Ash had the Delta Dart and a new supply of motor rubber he purchased so has power for years to come. He also moped around with the Min Minor

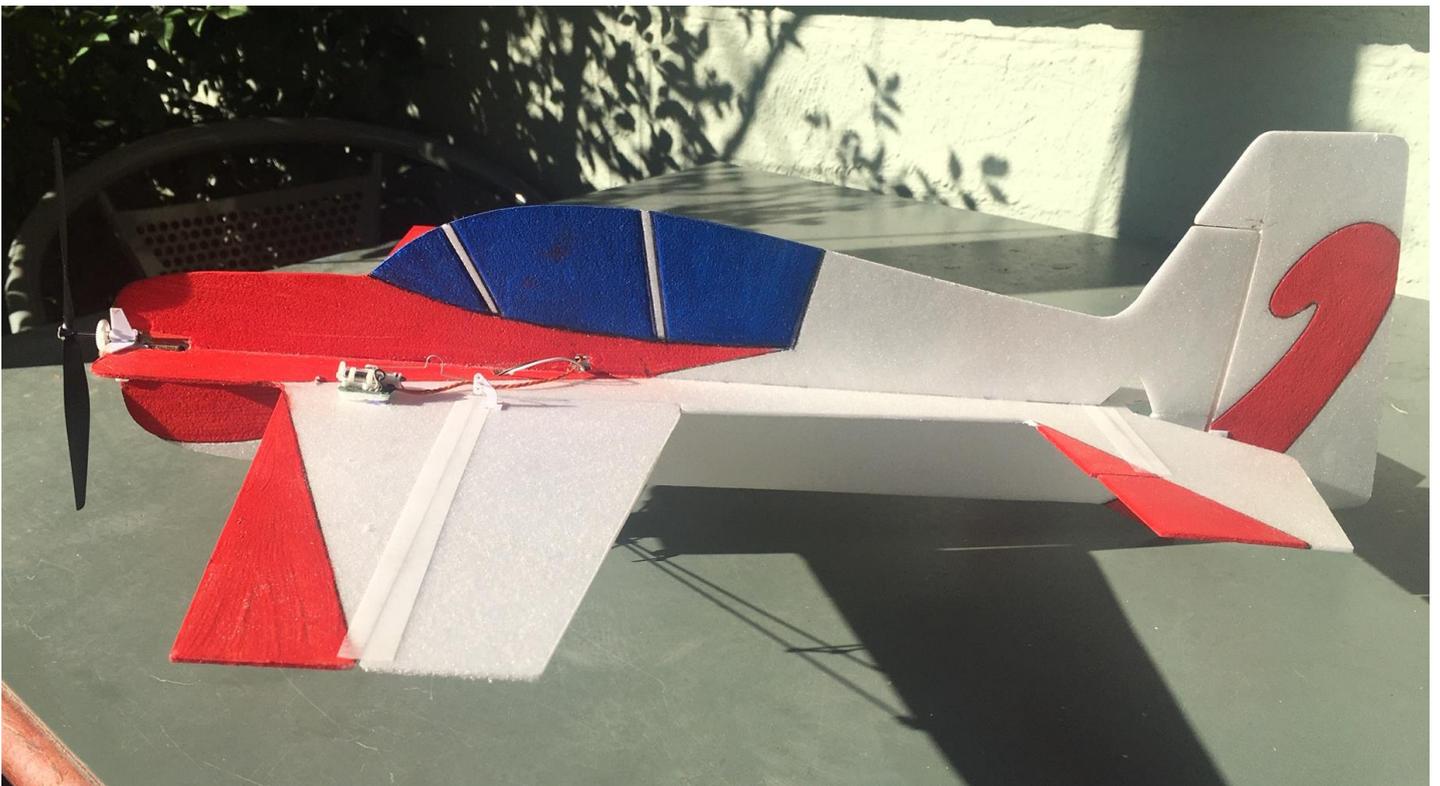
Bob had the Swallow going well and the Micro Ministar and then cruised the boards with the Cheetah and Cracker Max 4X4's and the motor bike.

Graeme flew the Sky Bug until the gear shaft wore out and continued the Covid marshals' duties.

James again had lots of flying time with the homebuilt Yak 54 and the Spacewalker and is wondering what model next!

Visitors:

Fred, Terry and Gavin Algie. Gavin had a test fly with the Spacewalker and flew it nice and smooth but his hearts in gliding.



Above- James has built a Depron Yak 54

Don't forget if you use the rescue boat you must wear a PDF or life Jacket. You also need to know how to use the PDF lifejackets. If you don't know, ask !

The boat is now in the " New Container ".

There is also some dry firewood in the new container

JULY CLUB FLYDAY AT LAKE NARRACAN (SUNDAY 5/7/20)

It was quite sunny to start with and the wind was blowing at around 20Kmh but there were several thick cloud banks moving through and 2 very light rain showers and the wind increased to 25Kmh, gusting to 40Kmh at 10.00am then settle back to gusts at 35Kmh. Not a real problem for experienced pilots, but uncomfortable.

Wayne flew his Craze Wing, Teksumo and S1500 Stick and had no issues. Wayne also attached a direction of flight arrow to the windsock pole. We have had several days of no wind where the windsock was going around and around and some pilots were getting confused as to the takeoff direction. Hopefully problem solved !

Godwin flew his Easy Sport 40 and all went well.

Doug arrived and decided that it was too windy for him and didn't stay long. A good move I think.

Lofty flew his Crusader Stik and only had 3 batteries charged so he used them all.

Chris arrived and we did a repair on the top windsock arrow which had slipped down the pole a little. Easy to get at now that the pole can be tilted down.

The **Police paddy wagon** arrived soon after that because the gate was open but they did a u turn and drove straight back out.

There were also several groups of female joggers passing through our site. There were some balloons and ribbons on the gates which were part of some event I suspect.

The **Combat Classic** round 3 had been postponed until the August Flyday.



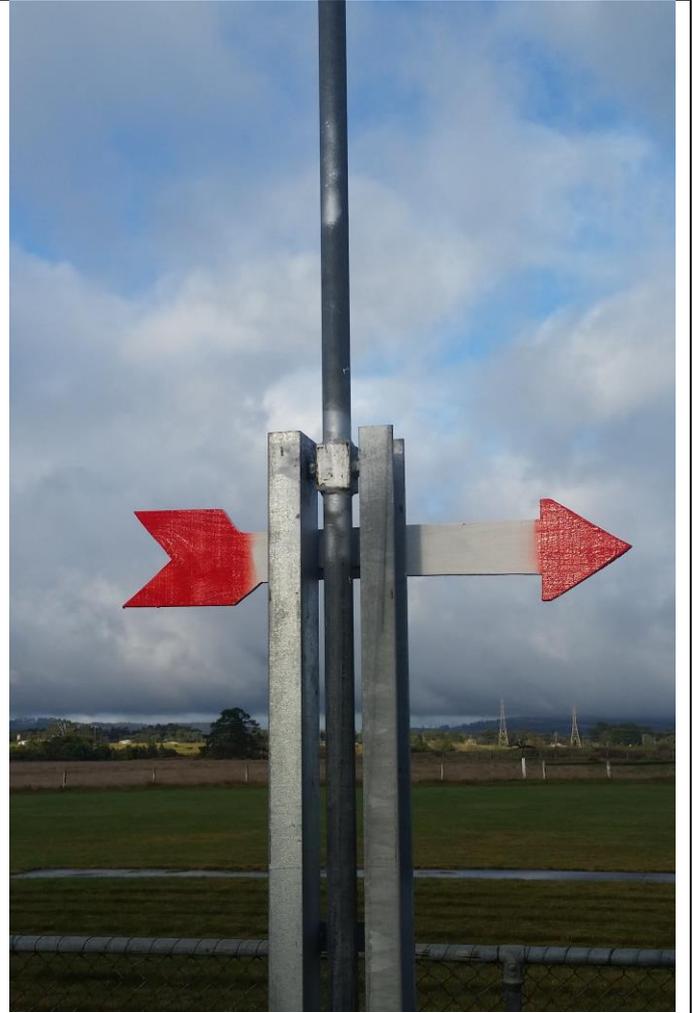
Above – Wayne's selection of flying electric wings CrazeE, Teksumo and Obelix

Midweek Flying at Lake Narracan– We have had some great days averaging 10 flyers and there has been plenty of broken planes as well. All part of the game ! We have a at least 3 models end up in the lake.





Ivan's hoe after a midair with Lynton's glider



Direction Arrow at Narracan



Ivan's Stick – not related to the hoe above.
Its been a bad few weeks for Ivan !

INDOOR REPORT 18th July

Apologies from Ash, Jason and Mick

Bob had the Tristar Micro, J3 Cub and Smart Plane SP001 jet that goes like the proverbial bat. He also had the Wings to Fly and Pigeon and a 1 metre EP Super Glider (free flight) that test glided great.

Graeme had changed the motor/gearbox over on the Sky Bug but needs a motor upgrade for more power. He did enjoy bringing the micro vapor out for an airing as did everyone else who had a go flying it.

James had the Yak54 sporting a little carbon fibre reinforcing and he is really getting lots of aerobatic time out of it. He did have some relaxed flying with the Micro Vapor.

Visitors: Fred dropped in for a chat as did Gavin and Terry Algie who had some JR Radio problems with gliders. This became a task away from flying sorting out some transmission interference problems as well as V Tail set up in 2 channels.



Demoselle

Combat Classic – We will try to have the last round of this 2019-20 event on Sunday 9th August at 12.30pm. As we can't have a Sausage Sizzle it will be a BYO lunch if you want a feed. If the weather is unsuitable we will try for September 6th.

My thinking is that the Combat Classic will become a once a year event in the future. Discussion at the event and AGM!

Club Stickers & stuff.....

Wayne now has some large club stickers that go on the inside of glass windows and they are for sale at \$2.00ea. He also has the new Club Cloth Badges for Sale, at \$8.00 each, Metal Badges for \$5.00 each and White Stickers for .50 cents each and Club Caps @ \$15.00 .

AGM

The 30th April was the end of the financial year for the Club. We would normally have had our AGM in June but that didn't happen due to Mr Covid 19. We have had a second Committee Meeting and have decided to get a 3 month extension from Consumer Affairs and have an outdoor AGM on Sunday 8th November 20. Hopefully by then the weather will be on the improve and an outdoor meeting will be quite pleasant. We may have a limit on the number of members allowed and that all depends on the State Government directives. (20 at the moment)

Naturally we will keep members updated as things change or become known to us.

Geoff Bruerton has not been seen at the field for a while but he has been busy. Years ago Geoff had a Bear as a slope glider so I am not sure if this is the same one , now electric powered, or a whole new one. Looks good anyway !





Above and below - More of Geoff's builds



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(read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are manoeuvres that we do not do, included in this pdf)

Its time some of you Bronze Wing Pilots got your Silver Wings.
Its not that hard you know ! Practice Practice & Practice !

If you don't have your Bronze Wings or Club Solo rating, you need to have someone with at least Bronze wings to be standing with you when you are flying. It does not have to be an Instructor !



Above – Dave Thiedeman's Electric Decathlon didn't come out of a spin. He thinks the battery may have disconnected In flight.

Current Fuel Situation – If you need Nitro Fuel See Roy who is keeping some 4 lt bottles of 10% fuel in the Container. Failing that, you will need to get it from Toyworld in Traralgon. Toyworld has given us a good price for buying in bulk so 10% nitro is \$40 for 4 lts. That's \$10 off RRP. If you want to transfer the money here are the details.

BSB 063530 Account 10029601 Account Name: Roy White

So you will need to plan ahead. Don't let yourself run out as there may be a time when there is no fuel available at the field.

Remember to take your Club ID card to Toyworld Traralgon and get you 10% discount.

Sausage Sizzle Roster..... All Sausage Sizzles are cancelled until further notice as per recommendations by higher authorities.



Above – Eric’s CraZE Wing went for a swim. Luckily he didn’t lose the motor !

New Club at Bluerock – Steve Tilley has registered a new Club that will be based at the Bluerock Dam site. LVMAC has relinquished the Bluerock site and sold the container and its contents to Steve who has been maintaining the site for some time. Several Melbourne floatplane flyers have shown interest in keeping the site going and becoming Club Members so we will see what happens. Steve has negotiated a lease with Southern Rural Water for the new club.

The Club is called BAWBAW RADIOMODELLERS ASSOCIATION GIPPSLAND INC.

LVMAC now has no connection to the Bluerock Site.



Keep up to date with the VMAA & MAAA updates !



Above – Lynton’s Phoenix 2000 had a midair with one of Ivan’s models



Graeme sent this pic of the Depron Bug and wing jig.



Ivan's F16 was flown successfully by Wayne but it was a short flight. The 6S battery didn't last for long !

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