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Above – A Westland Wyvern from my collection. The pic may have been taken at one of the Bairnsdale events. The Westland Wyvern was a British single-seat carrier-based multi-role strike aircraft built by Westland Aircraft that served in the 1950s, seeing active service in the 1956 Suez Crisis. The full size plane had contra-rotating Propellers. I imagine that hearing one of these engines starting up would be something that you wouldn't forget.

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 28	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport - 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 12	General flying at all sites. “Club Christmas day”
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 19	General flying at all sites. Club Christmas backup day.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26	Boxing Day & General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JANUARY 2	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 6	No monthly meeting
SUNDAY	JANUARY 9	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JANUARY 16	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JANUARY 23	General Flying at all sites (Floatplane Day)
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 26	Australia Day
SUNDAY	JANUARY 30	General Flying at all sites



Pressies Preamble,

Hi Guys,

Well it's that time of year again, and I can still remember the last one as it doesn't seem to have been that long ago, I am beginning to believe the old adage that " life is like a toilet roll, the closer you get to the end of it, the faster it goes."

But away with all that,'tis the season to be jolly and wish peace and goodwill to all mankind (with a few exceptions) and all that jazz, the best I can say to all our guys is may your landings equate to your take-offs and enjoy the bit in between.

Social life has been very scarce over the last two years and we have been left with too little time to organise anything major for an end of year function, so what we propose to do is to have a KFC lunch at the field on Sun 12th Dec with a back up date on Sun the 19th Dec if the weather is not kind to us. There will be a nominal charge per head and this will be decided at the next Meeting which incidentally will be on Wed the 1st Dec at LV airport starting at 7.30pm precisely. Things are sounding like a bit of normality is returning to Club life. As per usual we will require names for catering purposes and once again the deadline will published after the meeting, so keep your eyes on your emails 'cos I don't want to hear anyone say they didn't know about it till it was too late.

One last thing the Bomb Award and Bent Wheel Award are back in contention so don't forget your nominations, everybody is a contestant in these awards, and everyone is a nominator !!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's it from me.....See you at the field, cheers.....Chris.

2021-2022

As of 20th November 21 the Club has 41 financial members. Fees are

Senior Member - \$230

Pensioner Member - \$194

Senior Associate member - \$86

Pensioner Associate member - \$50

An Associate Member is a Full Member who pays the MAAA & VMAA fees through another Club.

Club Facebook page – The Club has had a Facebook page for several years and it was originally set up by Paul Mitchell. We are trying to get members to start using this Facebook page more frequently than at present. You can post and comment. I know us oldies don't like technology but sometimes you need to go with the flow.

<https://www.facebook.com/flylvmac>

Gunfighter Cup & Combat Classic -Sunday 31st October 2021

The Gunfighter Cup is usually held around March each year but with Covid lockdowns and the crappy weather and several postponements throughout 2021, it has finally been held at Lake Narracan.

The weather forecast was favourable and it was a little windier than the forecast with the wind gusting 17 to 24 Kmh at 11.00am and gusting to 30KMH by 1.00pm. Combat model can handle that and so did the pilots.

Ian Heafield had lost his Gunfighter in practise yesterday so there were 7 lined up to start and Godwin couldn't get his nitro powered model started and eventually pulled out.

Wayne Lewis had 3 Gunfighters with 35-42 1450kv electric motors on 3S and came home with 2 intact.

Chris flew an electric Gunfighter and did well. Chris has not flown in this event for many years and has done the scoring for this event instead but this year he thought he would have a go. Well done.

Ian Partleton had 2 ASP15 powered Gunfighters but one had a broken Rx aerial so Ian was lucky not to need backup.

Brian Adams had a couple of 35-42 1450Kv powered Corflute SPADS and Lofty needed his spare one.

Stephen Lofy (Lofty) flew a Coreflute SPAD that Brian had given him some years back.

Roy White flew his OS15LA powered Gunfighter in the Combat only as this was also a round for the Combat Classic event.

Wayne, Chris, Ian were flying Gunfighters and Lofty & Brian flew Corflute models.

The first event was a one minute flight and most did well with Wayne getting the best score of 59seconds.

The second event was the loop, roll, loop, roll, loop, roll and the fastest time was Lofty with a 12.2 seconds.

The 3rd event was the 10 second inverted flight and everyone was close but Chris managed to get 10 seconds exactly which was great for him.

The 4th event was the spot landing and Brian managed to slide in sideways to be half a metre off the mark and he was wrapped with that result.

We then had some hotdogs for lunch and whilst we were eating our new member from Perth, James gave us a demo on a Control Line model doing aerobatics and having a great time. We were all impressed with James's skill with his model.

After Lunch we got into the 4 rounds of combat.

The first round was going well and Wayne got a cut on Roy but 30 seconds later Wayne & Lofty had a midair and there were bits floating down in the wind. Patrina and Stewart went walkies to pick up the bits that had landed 60 metres away, downwind. Both models were totalled. That's why you need a backup model which Wayne had 2 off, but Lofty had to borrow Brian's Spare model to continue.

In the second round Lofty got a cut on Brian and Brian got a cut on Lofty. There were also several models clipping another.

Round 3 saw Brian get a cut on Wayne and Wayne retaliated by getting a cut on Brian and there were some close calls.

Round 4 saw Brian get a cut on Wayne and Wayne's streamer was stuck to Brian's wingtip causing a lot of drag on the right hand side but Brian managed to finish the round successfully

All in all it was a great event and when the scores were tallied the event was

Won by Brian 2180 points

Second was Wayne with 2130 points

Third was Ian with 2007 points

Thanks to those who flew to make the event successful and to all those who helped out on the day, especially Bill for doing the Hotdogs and Chris, James & Roy for timekeeping & scoring

The Next Gunfighter Cup is programmed to be in March 2022 – start building now !



Above – Gunfighter Cup participants

Covid update - Out of lockdowns for good (we hope) and now we have a few simple rules to follow. Please make sure that you “Check In” with your phone or manually when attending our sites.

The Lake Narracan QR code is on the container wall & the sign in sheet & pen are in the container. Warragul doesn't have a QR code.

At this time if you are not fully vaccinated you are not able to fly at our sites unless you are on your own.

That may change in the next month. Please make sure you have your proof of Vaccination status with you until the Secretary has viewed it.

I assume that you have all received the updates from the VMAA. If you haven't been receiving the updates then contact Wayne to check that your email address is correct.

Combat Classic Event 2

This Combat only event was held in conjunction with the Gunfighter Cup and there were 6 flyers for this event so the action was as above but the scoring is different as it is “Combat only”. There is one more Event to go.

Brian came first with 800 points

Wayne came in second with 780 points

Lofty, Ian P & Roy all finished with 750 points

Chris only managed 730 points as he didn't finish the 3 minutes in 1 round because his battery died.

Scores after 2 events are

Lofty	850	+	750	=	1600
Wayne	700	+	780	=	1480
Roy	700	+	750	=	1450
Ian P	250	+	750	=	1000
Brian	0	+	800	=	800
Chris	0	+	730	=	730





Above Wayne's and below Lofty's – the result of the midair collision in the combat



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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)

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, White Stickers for .50 cents each and Club Caps @ \$15.00

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan - Sunday 7th November 2021

It was an overcast day with thick cloud and no sunshine but the wind was under 20Kmh and was coming mostly from the South with the occasional swing to the West. The grass had been mowed and all was good for those that showed up.

Wayne Lewis flew his Funfly Stik with 42-38 750Kv motor, Teksumo Wing with 2826 2200kv motor, the AXN Floater with 2826 2200kv motor, a foamy Extra 300 with a 35-36 motor and also test flew a Twin Boom Gony which went very well and did manage to use 13 batteries. Wayne also test flew Dougs SPAD

Rex Mitchell flew his Little Toni pylon Racer which has an OS46AX engine pulling it around and the engine was running really well. This was the only model Rex flew as he had to leave early.

Chris Davenport flew his Twin Otter of the Lake and that went well. The Red Bull Zlin was out but didn't fly on this day.

Godwin Bugeja flew his Super Tigre46 powered QB40 and it flew well. Godwin also had a SPAD Combat model which flew ok now that he has sorted out a few problems that it had. He also assisted Paul O'Bryan with his Bixler. Godwin's wife Julie was also there for a look at proceedings.

Paul O'Bryan was up from Melbourne and this was the first weekend that Paul has been able to fly for over 1 year because of the lockdowns. Paul flew well with his Bixler 2. Paul also had his Wife, Daughter and Granddaughter looking on.

Doug Jowett flew his Conscendo on a Safe Receiver and did well in the conditions and Doug also flew a new SPAD Gunfighter with a Safety receiver and that had some minor issues.

Lynton McPhail flew his Mini Jazz with the OS264stroke engine. That model flies for ages on a tank of fuel.

Stephen Loft flew his Challenger and the F27 Evolution

James Morefitt flew his 3 channel Radian Glider and kept clear of the faster models.

Wilson Hoyos flew his drone on FVP

Philippe, a friend of Wilson's also flew a drone



Above – Doug's SPAD – flies well on Safety



Above – Chris flew his Twin Otter off the lake



Above – **Chris Eeles** from Warragul has been busy and has done a Fokker D7 build from an old Flair Models kit from England. 1600 mm wing span, all light ply and balsa. Stunning quality in these Flair kits, which are hard to find as they haven't been made for decades.

I built this during the 2020 covid lockdowns and converted the design to electric power running a G60 and 100amp etc, 15x6 prop. I had to redesign the top cockpit area to provide access for a 4500ma 6s battery.

Covering is Oratex. Decals still to come.

Recent maiden flights were successful however it needed plenty of rh aileron trim which is frustrating as it was built as true as possible. I'll investigate this before further flights.

It's actually overpowered but easy enough to throttle back to cruise. Very easy to land too.

Current Fuel Situation – If you need Nitro Fuel contact Roy who is keeping some 4 lt bottles of 10% fuel in the Container. Toyworld has given us a good price for buying in bulk so 10% nitro is now **\$48** for 4lts from the Container. That's 20% 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.

Failing the above you will need to get the Fuel directly from Toyworld in Traralgon. Normal price is **\$60** for 4lts but if you remember to take your Club ID card to Toyworld Traralgon you can get your 10% discount. ie **\$54** for 4lts.

Rex Mitchell loves Warbirds and has sent so pics of this latest project, a P51 Mustang. The fuselage is all planked balsa and has a scale Cockpit

Combat Classic, Event 3.

Sunday 21st November saw the third and final round of the 2021 Combat Classic at Lake Narracan. The 5 day forecast for the weekend was wet and windy all weekend and I was about to postpone the event when the forecast changed on Friday afternoon. The weather gods came onto our side this time and the forecast changed to a calm and dry but overcast weekend so the event was not postponed and went ahead. It was overcast with the occasional sunny break and the wind stayed light and variable, Northerly to Westerly. There were 5 starters with Wayne and Chris flying electric Guny's, Brian and Lofty were flying SPADs and Roy flew a Nitro powered Guny

Round 1 saw Wayne get a cut on Roy but there were plenty of close calls.

Round 2 saw a little less action with no cuts however when Chris was landing he skimmed the ground and managed to rip half of Waynes Fin off. That was quickly glued back on for round 3.

Round 3 saw the most action with Wayne getting 2 cuts on Brian's streamer and then Lofty getting a cut on Brian by taking the whole streamer. Brian then took revenge and took a cut on Lofty's streamer. In this round Chris ran out of battery and hit the fence when landing taking half the elevator off and knocking him out of round 4

Round 4 only had 3 starters and saw Brian get a cut on Wayne.

Thanks to those who participated and to James for doing the time keeping and scoring.

Final scores for this event 3 were

Wayne	850 Points	1st
Brian	800 points	2nd
Lofty	750 points	3rd
Chris	730 points	
Roy	650 points	

This was the final round for 2021

Scores after the 3 events are

Lofty	850	+	750	+	750	=	2350
Wayne	700	+	780	+	850	=	2330
Roy	700	+	750	+	650	=	2100
Brian	0	+	800	+	800	=	1600
Chris	0	+	730	+	730	=	1460
Ian P	250	+	750	+	0	=	1000



Congratulations to the winners. The trophies will be presented at the Christmas Flyday.

Let's hope that next year we will have a smoother run with all events as Covid 19 should not get in our way as it did several times this year. The weather we will still have to deal with.

Thanks to Lofty's mate Stewart for the "Action Pics" that follow



Above – Combat Classic Event 3 entrants – All models survived, some with minor damage !



Above - In this pic Brian was chasing Lofty (Lofty pulling the blue streamer & Brian the orange)



In the pic above Lofty has just taken Brian's orange streamer whilst still towing his blue streamer and Wayne and Brian are having an altercation. Wayne & Brian have both lost their streamers !Wayne has some of Brian's streamer under his wing, attached to the servo.

MOWER SERVICE - The Toro Mower has had a service this month and is now back in the container. We had the service done at Georges Mowers in Moe and it cost us \$150 less than the last service through Brownwigg. Thanks to James Morfitt for arranging a tandem trailer and dropping off and picking up the mower. Much appreciated.

Chris then mowed the strip but the Eastern end is still a little boggy after all the rain we have had so the last 20 metres on the Eastern end hasn't been done. That still gives us a 100m x 50m strip to play with.



Above – Brian has cut Lofty’s streamer – Wayne & Brian still trying



Above - Brian & Wayne. It looks close

This type of combat is quite cheap and a lot of fun so why not get involved. There are several new combat model in the club so think about having a go at the next event.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Above – Ivan Walker decided to build a Twin which flew quite well under power but came down rather quickly when powered off. The conclusion was that it needed a bigger wing area so Ivan has added about 100mm onto each wingtip and it fly's better now. 6S battery. The pic above is the short wing version.



Above – Ivan's Twin in flight. The blue wingtips are the extensions and give the model more wing area



James Morfitt gave us a very impressive demo with this Control Line model during lunchtime at the Gunfighter Cup Day.



Above – Lynton's Mini Jazz.



Rex Mitchell has been busy building this P51 Mustang from a plan. The Fuselage is all planked Balsa and it has a “scale Cockpit”

There is an awful lot of work in this model, especially in the tapered wing. I guess it keeps Rex out of trouble ! The finished model will be covered in “chrome” coloured covering as seen on the fin & rudder.



Floatplane Day – Unfortunately the floatplane day didn't happen due to the cold, wet and windy, weather. The next floatplane day will be on Sunday January 23rd but of course, you can fly Floatplanes anytime you want to.

I am thinking that we should probably have a **Warbirds Day** next year, possibly Sunday April 24th. That will be discussed at our next Monthly Meeting.



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Above – Ian Partleton had the Stik brothers out last week. They may look like twins but one is powered by a 40cc petrol engine and the other is smaller with a 25cc nitro engine. The Little Brother came first and the Big Brother was a Covid project

Agenda for the next General Meeting
to be held at the Latrobe Regional Airport on Wednesday 1st December 21at 7.30pm

The meeting will be recorded to aid the Secretary in writing up the minutes

1 Meeting Opened at :

2 Present – as per the book

3 Apologies – as per the book

4 New Members applications –

5 Visitors -

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 7th July 21 – As per the Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

7 Business arising from the previous minutes -

 7.1 Newspaper article

8 REPORTS

8.1 Correspondence In:

 8.1.1 VMAA Minutes

8.2 Correspondence Out:

 8.2.1 Valley Fliers Newsletter to members , VMAA Secretary & others

 8.2.2 Phone call to Latrobe City about Potters Tree

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

9 Business arising from Correspondence –

10 Treasurer – As supplied

Moved : Wayne Seconded: Carried:

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -.

12 Relocation Update: - Static and ongoing. There is some movement in the area but not close to us.

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety: -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

 15.1 Club Rules to be sent out after New Year – no meeting in January – Special General Meeting in February to vote

 15.2 Gunfighter Cup – Combat Classic combo – GC trophies

 15.3 Road Repair – done by council. Do we need more gravel - We need to trim some trees with a pole saw.

 15.4 Christmas Social event ??? Lunch on December 12th if the weather is suitable.

 15.5 Warbirds day on the program for April 24th

 15.6 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – numerous since the last meeting

17 BOMB AWARD – ???

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM Dates –

20 Next General Meeting will be a Special General meeting to approve the Club Rules on Wednesday 2nd February 22 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at :

**Merry Christmas
to all members &
their Families
from the
LVMAC
Committee.**

**May you all get
what you want
for Christmas.**



Many Thanks to those who have contributed to the newsletter with articles, Pictures and information this month. It would be good to get some new contributors. Thanks also to our regular contributors in particular for their monthly contributions.

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