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Above - Stephen Loft's Fly Baby (B Adams pic)

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 4	General Flying at all sites – (Combat Classic event 1 backup day)
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 7	Monthly Meeting at MOE RSL -7.30pm start.
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 11	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 18	Col Cliff Memorial Trophy at Lake Narracan – 11.00am start.-
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25	General flying at all sites & Col Cliff Memorial Trophy backup day.
SUNDAY	MARCH 3	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 6	Monthly Meeting at MOE RSL – 7.30pm start
SAT/SUN	MAR 9/10	SCALE ACTIO(n) EVENT at the STATE FIELD at BAIRNSDALE
SAT/SUN/MON	MAR 9/10/11	Labour Day Long Weekend.....Various Events see VMAA Calendar.
SUNDAY	MARCH 10	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	MARCH 17	COMBAT CUP at Lake Narracan at 11.00am (event 2 of the Combat Classic)
SUNDAY	MARCH 24	General flying at all sites Slope Soaring Day at No Pine
SUNDAY	MARCH 31	Easter Sunday - General flying at all sites
FRI-MON	MARCH 29 - 1APR	EASTER....Various Events see your VMAA calendar

From the President...

Hi all

Still the wind Gods are against us but we did manage to get a few good fly days despite the weather adversities. With all the rain and the Sun that we have been getting, the mower has been working overtime. Thank you to all the mower operators. (Fred, Wayne & James)

It is strange to see the field so green at this time of the year but it's good to see that the adjoining paddocks have now been cut and baled.

It's also good to see that the Club numbers are growing and have picked up 4 new members this month.

Please remember the first meeting for the year is to be held in the new venue - Moe RSL in the Boardroom at the rear of the building at 7.30 Wednesday February 7th.

See you at the field.

Bill Reid

There was no Monthly Meeting in January 2024

2024 Monthly Meetings are now at the MOE RSL.

If you would like to join the Moe RSL as a Social Member the cost is \$25.00 for the year and you can get Entry into ALL Victorian RSL's Venues, RSL Rewards Program, MOE RSL Kiosk Promotions, Discount on Food and Beverages, Courtesy Bus, Members Cash Draw- Jackpot starting at \$1,000, Birthday Vouchers, Birthday Raffle tickets and a Birthday Meal.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – This day includes a static display of models if the weather was suitable. Godwin has arranged Sunday 4th March so please keep this date in mind.

Several members did put their hand up at the last meeting so it should go well if the weather is suitable.

A reminder that the Col Cliff Memorial Trophy will be run at Lake Narracan on SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 24 with an 11.00am start. It will probably take an hour or 2 depending on the amount of starters that we have. Practice is the key. The CCMT sheet is in this newsletter.

Club Flyday – Sunday 7th January 2024

It was a great day and got the year off to a good start. It was overcast and the cloud kept the temperature down but it was very humid. The wind was light and by midday there was no real wind to speak of. Best day for a long time and an excellent roll up of 16 members and several prospective members/visitors.

David Lewis flew his Red Bull Edge 540 with the DLE150cc engine. It's the noisiest model that I have heard. He also flew his electric EF Extra and had a very nice looking, unmotorized "Ventus Glider" to test fly but after setting up the winch he found the model had issues which turned out to be a stuffed Battery so it didn't get to fly it on this day.

Glen Neal flew his large foam Corsair, his CAP 232 and his Super Stick and had no issues.

Owen McLaughlan had his new Draco but it didn't get to be test flown because the battery connection was Spektrum and not compatible with his (or anyone else's) 6S battery.

William McLaughlan flew his Sparkie, Walrus and Arrows Hobby SZD-54 Glider and tried to fly his small A10 Warthog but that was unsuccessful. He also had others in the trailer. He now has quite a collection !

Wayne Lewis flew his Boomerang V3 and the SPAD 40 and was giving some training to 2 individuals, on his Sky Climber Glider which is set up with wireless buddy box

John Gillam flew his Stickett and his Pen-Knife. Both are Funfly home built electric models that fly very well.

Eric Spratt flew his S1500 Stick, Stick 100, Crusader Stick and his Craze Wing. Unfortunately his S1500 Stick main spar broke and the model hit the ground in 3 pieces. (identical to Wayne's Stick crash last month)

Stephen Loft flew his Fly Baby, a Viper EDF and a Wots-Wot Foam E Biplane.

Rex Mitchell flew his Cessna, Phaeton Biplane, his Corby Starlett only had one erratic flight and may be hung on the wall.

Chris Davenport flew his Draco and his Carbon Cub with no problems.

Jamie McLaughlin flew his Helicopter and his Ultra Stick and a small foamie model called an "Eratix 3D".

Jamie also did his Silver Wings test once the crowd eased and passed with flying colors.

Mick Dye flew his Super Stick and had a Tow Rag V tail Biplane but it didn't get to fly on this occasion

Godwin Bugeja flew a high Wing Trainer and a SPAD Combat Model

Paul Mitchell flew his Multiplex Fun Cub and was doing weird and wonderful things with it close to the ground. He also flew his Dads Phaeton Biplane.

Ollie Wilson flew his Easy Glider and had his Combat SPAD but he didn't fly it.

Jamie Sjamsudin had Rex fly his electric Dandy 20 and Wayne flew his Pen-Knife which was quite tail heavy and out of balance

Adam Monument is a prospective member and had a fly on Wayne's Sky Climber Glider. It was on Safety and he handled it well.

James Bugg is a photographer and was out taking photo's for an exhibition later in the year at the Morwell Gallery. His Friend Nicky also had a go at the Sky Climber on Safety and she did very well for someone with no flying experience at all.

Doug Jowett dropped in for a short time.



Above – Dave Lewis's "Ventus" (As always, Dave did his own color scheme)



Above – it was a busy fly day



Above – Lofty's Wots-Wot Foam E (B Adams pic)

**Don't forget to Slip, Slop & Slap on those hot, sunny days
and keep yourself hydrated.**

Sunday 21st January

The day started out overcast and the Westerly wind was gusting to 35Kmh at 9.00am. The Combat Classic Event had been postponed to the backup day which is Sunday 4th February.

There were only 5 flyers and they all flew in the uncomfortable, gusty conditions.

Stephen Loft was there early and flew his Combat SPADS and his Viper.

William McLauchlan flew his Combat SPAD and his Sparkie and had a Craze Wing to be test flown. It was too windy for a test fly on a fast and hairy model so it will wait until next time.

Eric Sprat flew his Crusader and Tiger and the Crusader wing broke away from the Fuselage on a landing.

Wayne Lewis flew the SPAD 40 and Boomerang with no issues.

Rex Mitchell flew his Cessna and all went well.

Owen McLauchlan and **Fred Barabasz** didn't fly on this occasion.

The Wind Generator battery has not been charging so Wayne took it home to fully charge. We have been blaming the Easterly winds for the battery not charging so we may have to make some changes. It now has voltage indication so we can see that it is being charged but it's a slow process.

Sunday 28th January (Floatplane Day)

It was a windy start to the day with the South Westerly wind gusting 24Kmh to 35Kmh at the LV Airport but it didn't really seem that bad at Lake Narracan. We had 2 visitors from Melbourne that did fly models of the lake successfully, but they did have to use their powered boat to retrieve their models.

10 Members rocked up but only 3 LVMAC members had floatplanes and none of them flew off the Lake. There was plenty of General flying in the gusty conditions and Rex Mitchell's Mustang did manage to take the wingtip off Wayne's Sky Climber Glider which spun to the ground and is repairable. No damage to the Mustang.

The grass in the adjacent paddocks has now been cut and baled, so there are lots of bales to hit if you have to land in the paddocks. Let's hope they at least stack them in a line quickly.

Even though the grass has been cut, please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and watch where you are walking if you have to go into the paddock. There are bound to be some slithery creatures out there somewhere.

Congratulations to John Gillam and Jamie McLaughlin for passing their Silver Wings test.

Both these new members had flown previously so it was pretty easy for them.

Have you got the correct Wings ? Several members have "Bronze Wings" and should be upgrading to "Silver Wings" or even "Gold Wings. Don't be afraid to have a go at the manoeuvres, especially when you may be the only one in the air. It can only make you a better pilot. There is more to flying RC than just flying around in circuits.

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-016-POWER-BRONZE-SILVER-WINGS.pdf>

<http://www.maaa.asn.au/images/pdfs/forms/Form-017-POWER-GOLD-WINGS.pdf>

[http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight Intruc/Part 5 5 -Description of Gold Wings Manoeuvres.pdf](http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10194601/f/Flight+Intruc/Part+5+5+-Description+of+Gold+Wings+Manoeuvres.pdf) (read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are manoeuvres that we do not do, included in this pdf)

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CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 13-6-23

(Note the price change for 4 stroke)

Roy is still purchasing fuel from Toy World in Bulk at a 20% discount and is leaving a small quantity in the flying field container.

Current prices inclusive of the 20% discount for 2 stroke and 10% discount for 4 stroke are:

2 Stroke \$48 / 4 litres

4 Stroke \$63 / 4 litres

Could club members please ensure that they immediately advise Roy (at field or text 0417 562014) when taking any fuel and pay prior too, or shortly after.

If you want to transfer the money here are the details: BSB 063530 Account 10029601 Account Name: Roy White.

Roy has also left some Glow Plugs and Ply wood in the Container at marked prices.



Above – This is why 3D models shouldn't mix with normal models
Ian Partleton & Jamie McLaughlin had an unfortunate meeting at 100ft AGL. Ians model survived the encounter.

LATROBE VALLEY MODEL AERO CLUB

2024 COL CLIFF MEMORIAL TROPHY EVENT

NAME.....MODEL.....ENGINE.....

1 round of each event to be flown and 1 event may be flown twice

NOTE : 1 MAXIMUM SCORE in any event is 200 points. (except for a fly off)

- 2 only 1 round will be flown if weather conditions permit.
- 3 Scores of all 7 events are counted. 1 event may be flown twice.
- 4 if there is a tied score the pilots concerned will go into a flyoff consisting of 1 event, drawn on the day, with no maximum score.
- 5 Timing starts when the wheels leave the ground.
- 6 Low Idle to be checked before any event requiring low idle.
- 7 Tuned Pipes are not permitted to be used.
- 8 Engine Throttle Cut must work.
- 9 Electric Models are permitted

	ROUND 1		ROUND 2		BEST SCORE
MAXIMUM LOOPS under power . in 60 seconds. 12.5 points per loop. Max = 16	number	score	number	score	
CLIMB & LOOPS on idle. 20 sec engine run. 25 points per loop. Max = 8	number	score	number	score	
ONE MINUTE FLIGHT. 200 minus 10 points per sec variation.	time	score	time	score	
SPOT LANDING Max climb 20 sec - engine to be stopped. 200 points minus 20 points per metre out.	variation	score	variation	score	
SPINS. 20 sec engine run. 7 points per spin. max = 29	number	score	number	score	
TOUCH & GOES. In 2 minutes. 20 points per circuit touch & go. max = 10	number	score	number	score	
CLIMB & GLIDE. 20 sec engine run. engine to be stopped. 0.5 points per second from take-off. Max = 6min 30sec	time	score	time	score	
				BEST TOTAL SCORE	
If there is a Tied Score proceed into a fly-off, 1 event.....					

Agenda for the February 2024 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024

1 Meeting Opened at :

2 Present –

3 Apologies –

4 New Members applications – Jamie McLaughlin & Jamie Sjamsudin, Adam Monument, Greg Mullins

5 Visitors –

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 6th December 23 – As per the January 2024 Newsletter

	Moved : Secretary	Seconded	Carried:
7 Business arising from the previous minutes –			
7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle			
8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence			
8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others			
8.2 In - VMAA Minutes			
8.3 In -MAAA info about CASA instruments (ie height limits)			
8.4 In - Phone & Email from NOVA systems re: use of the LN Field in March			
8.5 Out – reply to NOVA Systems –			
8.6 In - Email from VMAASecretary re: Dave Lewis HMI			
8.7 In & out – Email to Bunnings with info for the Sausage Sizzle			

	Moved : Secretary	Seconded:	Carried:
9 Treasurer – As supplied			
Starting Balance	\$ 7260.97		
Income	\$ 622.00		
Expenses	\$ 365.99		
Balance	\$ 7516.98		
	Comm Bank TD	\$ 49701.58	(this investment was renewed on 9-7-23 for 1 year 4.74%)
	Bendigo Bank TD	\$ <u>5277.80</u>	(this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @ 3.75%)
	Total Investments	\$ 54979.38	
	Total Funds	\$ 62496.36	
	Moved : Treasurer	Seconded:	Carried:

10 2023-2024 Membership at 28-1-24 – 27 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 4 Associate, 1 Social. = 48 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – John Gillam & Jamie McLaughlin both passed the Silver Wings test

14 Safety – 3D flying

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Bomb Award & Bent Wheel Award certificates
- 15.2 Solar Panels for LN
- 15.3 NOVA Systems use of the field
- 15.4 More Gate Keys required
- 15.5 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Eric – S1500 Stick, Bill R Boomerang, Ivan W S1500 Stick, Jamie M Erratic,

17 BOMB AWARD -

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - CCMT Feb 18th at 11.00am

20 Next meeting will be a Committee Meeting and will be on Wednesday 7th March 2024 at the Moe RSL Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at :



Above -Dave Lewis has done another fantastic paint job on this Mirage for someone from Melbourne.

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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