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WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 3	<b>No monthly meeting</b>
SUNDAY	JANUARY 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JANUARY 21	General Flying at all sites - <b>Combat Classic event 1 at 11.00am</b>
FRIDAY	JANUARY 26	<b>Australia Day</b>
SUNDAY	JANUARY 28	General Flying at all sites( <b>Floatplane Day</b> )
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 1	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 4	General Flying at all sites – (Combat Classic event 1 backup day)
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 7	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport 7.30pm start.
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 11	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 18	<b>Col Cliff Memorial Trophy at Lake Narracan – 11.00am start.-</b>
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25	General flying at all sites & Col Cliff Memorial Trophy backup day.

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## From the President...

Hi all

After 33 years at the Latrobe Valley Airport we will be conducting our future monthly meetings at the Moe RSL, 63-67 Albert Street Moe.

Again the wind has been against us for flying in the past month so hopefully, January will be kinder to us in our chosen sport. I think we only had a couple of really good days for flying during December. It has come to my attention that a few members are facing ongoing medical issues and surgery in the near future. On behalf of the club I would like to wish them all the best for the procedures and recovery period.

Seasons greetings to all, Have a Happy New Year and let's hope we get some good flying in 2024.

See you at the field.

Cheers. Bill

PS

Don't forget to leave the back door open for the big boxes as they will not fit down the chimney.....!!

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## Minutes of the December 2023 General Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th December 2023 This was our last meeting at the LV Airport after 33 years

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 10 members - Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Bill Reid, Mick Dye, Brian Adams Chris Davenport, Stephen Loft, John Gillam, Paul Mitchell & Rex Mitchell

3 Apologies – Ian Heafield, Ivan Walker, Ian Partleton Fred Barabasz & James Morfitt

4 Visitors – Roy Urand, John McPherson & Bret Mitchell

5 New Members applications – Nil

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 1st November 23 – As per the December 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Brian    Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub – ongoing

7.2 HMI – Rod Hilsley has been reappointed and David Lewis has an application which has not been approved at this stage. The VMAA Secretary is of the opinion that the application does not meet the MAAA MOP on HMI's as Dave has only had large ARF's and has not scratch built a "Heavy Model".

7.3 Bendigo Bank signatures – Godwin had had the signatures changed as per the AGM agreement.

7.4 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Godwin has made a date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, which is a Saturday. Several Members have agreed to assist with the Sausage Sizzle & Display.

## 8 Correspondence In &amp; Out and Business arising from Correspondence

- 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
- 8.2 In & Out – email from Latrobe City Council– clarification on our needs for a new site & club Numbers x 3
- 8.4 Email from Consumer Affairs informing us that the Model Rules have changed – (we are under our own rules)
- 8.5 VMAA AGM & September Minutes

Moved : Secretary    Seconded: Chris                  Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied     Starting Balance     \$ 7588.67  
     Income     \$      0.00  
     Expenses \$    190.71  
     Balance    \$ 7397.96

Comm Bank TD     \$ 49701.58 (this investment was renewed on 9-7-23 for 1 year @4.74%)  
 Bendigo Bank TD     \$ 5277.80 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @ 3.75%)  
 Total Investments     \$ 54979.38

Total Funds                 \$ 62377.34

It was agreed that the usual \$100 Christmas Donation to John Patrick (Warragul Landowner) be passed on via Dirk Kurpershoek.

Moved : Treasurer                  Seconded: Paul                          Carried: Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 24-11-23 – 24 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 5 Associate, 1 Social. = 45 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -

12 Relocation Update: - The Shire have contacted Wayne and asked about the area we need, the noise we make, the size of the Club and location of where members live and would the Club survive if we could not fly noisy models.

Answers -The area we need is a minimum 500m x 500m, the noise levels for model aircraft engines, off the internet, are normally between 65 & 93 Db Numbers were given of members living in towns and the Club would survive if we had restrictions on noise but we would undoubtedly lose some members.

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety - A warning on Snakes and retrieving models in the long grass in the paddocks.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS - None

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Wayne was nominated for cashing his new S1500 Stick when the wing spar broke in flight. Eric was nominated for crashing his Sparkler. It was hand launched after a repair and did a loop and crashed into the bottom of the Windsock post.

**Congratulations Eric - well done !**

17 BOMB AWARD - There were no nominations

18 SHOW & TELL –

- 1 Rex Mitchell showed his finished Corby Starlet – Looks good and should fly well on 2850KV motor on a 4S 2200 battery.
- 2 Wayne told of a lady on Foster North wanting to get rid of her Husbands models. Wayne tried to contact Fred Walder who lives down that way but had no success. Roy Urand took the details and is going to chase it up.
- 3 Paul Mitchell told of a lady at Trafalgar East who found a foam model 1m wingspan on her property. It's too far from our field and was not from our club. Godwin had a photo and nobody recognised it.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM Dates

SUNDAY                  JANUARY 21     General Flying at all sites - **Combat Classic event 1 at 11.00am**  
 FRIDAY                    JANUARY 26     **Australia Day**  
 SUNDAY                    JANUARY 28     General Flying at all sites(**Floatplane Day**)

20 **Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm at the Moe RSL meeting room.**

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.05pm





Above – L to R Mick Dye, Paul Mitchell, Stephen Loft, Brian Adams & Rex Mitchell’s Corby Starlet at the meeting.



Above - James Morfitts’s new foam” F7F Tiger Cat”



**Bunning Sausage Sizzle – It was suggested at the last meeting that we should have a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day to promote the Club and make a few dollars. This would include a static display of models if the weather was suitable. Godwin has arranged Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February so please keep this date in mind. Several members put their hand up at the last meeting so it should go well if the weather is suitable.**

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### **Club Flyday – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

It was a cloudy and windy morning at Lake Narracan with that dreaded Easterly wind gusting 20 to 30kmh at 9.00 and there was only 5 members attending on this day. The wind did back off as the day progressed which is very unusual.

**Doug Jowett** was there but I don't think he flew.

**Ian Partleton** and **Ian Heafield** both turned up but did not fly

**Stephen Loft** flew his Combat SPAD and had no issues with the conditions.

**Ollie Wilson** had 3 flights with his new Combat SPAD that Lofty had made for him and one of those landings was in the drain I think. No damage.

**John Gillam** rocked up but did not fly.

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### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

After a couple of weeks of windy and wet weather there was a good turn out on this day. I'm sure all 16 members in attendance were happy to see a day of perfect condition for a change. Fine and sunny, 24 degrees and a light Westerly wind with the occasional thermal moving through. The grass was a little on the long side but we managed.

**Glen Neal** flew his Cap 232 & Dolphin ARF's and his EDF Wing and had no issues.

**William McLauchlan** flew his new A10 Warthog once Wayne had testflown & trimmed it out. Nice little model and quite fast. It is a Bind & Fly model but the Safety was switched off and not used. William also flew his Sparkie and a foam glider.

**Owen McLauchlan** did not fly. He is still getting a model sorted.

**Fred Barabasz** flew his experimental mini Ultra Stick and it went well.

**Eric Spratt** flew his Stick 1500, the repaired Sparkler, once Wayne had trimmed it, and his Crusader.

**Doug Jowett** flew his Timber, Conscendo and a Bixler. Unfortunately, the Conscendo nose was broken off on a bad landing.

**Wayne Lewis** had a busy day testflying his new Boomerang V3 and also flew the SPAD 40 and Teksumo. He also test flew Jamie's Ultra Sports, Williams A10 Warthog, Eric's repaired Sparkler and Bill's repaired Boomerang v2 and they all went well.

**Chris Davenport** flew his Ultra Sports, told a few jokes and socialised.

**Ian Partleton** flew his Electric Stik and the Big Stik and had a Corsair on the ground but I didn't see that fly.

**Rex Mitchell** testflew his Corby Starlett look-a-like and it didn't go well. It took off ok and danced around before landing heavily, taking out the undercarriage and wing mount. Fixable. Rex also flew his Little Toni and his Cessna with much better results.

**Stephen Loft** flew his Fly Baby, Sparkler, Crusader and Combat SPAD and had no issues.

**Lynton McPhail** flew his Combat Model and a Phoenix 2000 glider and was soaring with an Eagle at one stage.

**Ollie Wilson** flew his Foamy Glider and had Wayne test fly one of Fred's Mini Stik's that he gave to Ollie. The model flew well but had a hard landing in the long grass at the east end of the strip. No damage to speak of.

**Mick Dye** had several flights on his Super Stick and all went well. He even did 3 touch and goes on the concrete strip. He also went to fly his big Astro Hog but it left the ground without enough speed and came down heavily on the undercarriage and did some damage. Repairable.

**Bill Reid** flew his repaired Boomerang V2 after Wayne trimmed it and it flew just like a Boomerang.

**Roy White** flew his Ultamite Biplane and had no issues.

**Jamie McLaughlan**, a prospective member, had his first day flying a new Ultra Sports and all went well with this nice stable model. Jamie was in the Sale Club about 20 years ago and has been flying Helicopters recently.





Above – William’s new A10 Warthog. It flew well and is quite fast. Unfortunately it has small wheels and needs the concrete strip for take off. The “Smart Battery” is a problem and are quite pricey.



Above – Wayne’s new Boomerang V3. Flew well and is a nice replacement for the Stick 1500 that crashed recently



**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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Just remember - if you crash out in the paddock, try to get a line on when it ended up. The grass in the paddock is quite long and its not easy to find a model, even when you know where should be. The grass will probably be slashed and made into round bales sometime this month.

**Also 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.**



Above – regular flyers will know that the grass has been growing fast and thick with the rain & sunshine. We were unable to mow for a few weeks because of the rain and the grass continues to grow. Fred has done over 6 hours mowing so far this month. Thanks to Fred & Wayne for keeping the strip flyable.



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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 -John Gillam got this Apex3D from Neville Lowe and may fly it in the CCMT



# 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	
If there is a Tied Score proceed into a fly-off, 1 event.....				<b>BEST TOTAL SCORE</b>	



## Monthly Meetings.

It was agreed at the September Committee Meeting to move our monthly meetings to the MOE RSL meeting room in 2024, so the December Monthly Meeting was the last meeting at the LV Airport. We had been meeting there for 33 years. Ian Partleton has organised the Moe RSL for us and there is no cost involved. Thanks Ian.

Note : There is no monthly meeting in January



The Combat Cup Trophies were presented at the December Meeting. Wayne was first, Brian was second and James was third. Brian & Wayne are pictured with their trophies.

Don't forget that Event 1 of the Combat Classic will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 11.00am if the weather is suitable.

## Wishing you all a Happy New Year from the Committee.

**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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