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Wayne was going to fly his Cessna 421 at the Bairnsdale Mid May Muster but that didn't happen, but it did fly at Lake Narracan the following week. 2 x G46 motors , 2x 5S 5000Mah batteries in parallel. 6kg flying weight.

SUNDAY	JULY 2	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	JULY 5	Monthly Meeting at the LV AIRPORT - 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	JULY 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	JULY 16	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JULY 23	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JULY 30	General flying at all sites - Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2	Annual General Meeting – at the LV Airport at 7.30pm
SUNDAY	AUGUST 6	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	AUGUST 13	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20	General flying at all sites & Combat Classic Event 3 backup day
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27	General flying at all sites

From the President...

Hi all

In the last few weeks after a flight at the field, I had occasion to drive around to the sub division which is across Hayes Road heading in a westerly direction away from our field. Hopefully this gives us a longer time to acquire a new field if and when Latrobe City makes a decision on that matter.

On a membership basis, nice to see a couple of new faces attaining their flight status and enjoying their time with us.

Heard from the secretary that there has been a fair bit of carnage lately so no more like photos are needed at present. As they say the flight pattern is full, keep 'em straight and level.

Weather although cold and not always windy, still enables some fly days. On a good note, Latrobe City is looking at the state of the access road and may be able to do some much needed maintenance.

On a personal note, my health is much improved following a minor procedure last week at LRH. Ticker now running on all 8 cylinders!

Thanks everyone for your good wishes and concerns. See you at the field

Regards - Bill Reid

With the MAAA, VMAA & Club fees added in, here are the Fees for next full year. (1/7/23 to 30/6/24)

Senior \$54 + \$90 + \$86 = \$230

Pensioner \$54 + \$90 + \$50 = \$194 (needs to have a Centrelink Pension Card or Health card.)

Junior \$27 + \$45 + \$2 = \$74 (under 18 years old on 1/7/23)

Life member \$54 + \$90 + \$0 = \$144

An Associate member is a full member who pays his MAAA & VMAA fees via another Club so just pays the appropriate "Club Fee".

Senior associate member = \$86

Pensioner Associate Member = \$50

Junior Associate Member = \$2

Social member = \$20 (a Social Member has no flying rights.)

Half year fees are only available after 31st December 2023 and only for "new members" or "past members" that have not been a member for over 12 months.

Fees are payable before 1st July 23 with Bank Transfer the preferred method.

Account Name : Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club

BSB : 063530

Acc No :10068336

You can also pay in cash at the field if you prefer. (See Godwin or Wayne) or you can also pay by Cheque.

Thanks to those who have already paid

Once the Club Registrar (Wayne) processes your membership into the MAAA database, the money is transferred to the VMAA Bank Account. Once the VMAA Registrar processes the members he transfers the appropriate MAAA fee to the MAAA Registrar and your MAAA Membership Card for the 2023-2024 year is emailed to you.

You really only need to print your MAAA Membership Card if you fly at other Clubs as we know our own members. If you fly at another Club they may want to check to make sure you are financial for insurance purposes.

If you cannot print your own card and want one printed, please contact Wayne and he will print it for you.

Minutes of the May 2023 Committee Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th June 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 8 members – Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Chris Davenport, Brian Adams, Rex Mitchell, Ivan Walker & Stephen Loft.

3 Apologies – Ian Partleton, Paul Mitchell & Doug Jowett.

4 New Members applications – Jeremy Casaburi & Damon Davenport – Both past members have been approved to rejoin the club.

5 Visitors – Nil

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 3rd May 23 – As per the June 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian

Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed – Nothing from the MAAA Conference yet. The current system is being used to start off the 23-24 year.

7.2 Dirt for strip low & wet spot - completed

7.3 Grant – Application has gone in – Result due 6th June – Unfortunately our application for the Water Pump was unsuccessful.

7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub – ongoing – We may ask them for a Water Pump.

7.5 F3A Event - Sunday 28th May was cancelled – Maybe next year

7.6 Fees & Insurance info has been circulated to all members via the VMAA & Club.

7.7 Go Daddy fees have been paid for 2 years

8 Correspondence In & Out & Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In – Email from Swinburne re: more dates for testing the Drone

8.3 Out - email to members on 23-24 fees.

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Chris

Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

Starting Balance	\$ 6077.98
Income	\$ 1754.00
Expenses	\$ 764.70
Balance	\$ 6948.22

Comm Bank TD \$ 48513.01 (this investment matures 9th July 23)

Bendigo Bank TD\$ \$ 5277.80 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @3.75%)

Total Investments \$ 53790.81

Total Funds \$ 60739.03

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ivan

Carried: Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 6-6-23 – 8 Seniors, 0 Pensioners, 1 Junior, 2 Life, 1 Associate. = total of 12 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - hopefully a meeting this month. Things to discuss are the roadway & Blackberries in the old HCV area.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – There are a couple of members practicing for Bronze Wings and some for an upgrade to Silver Wings.

14 Safety: - No incidents reported.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Social evening – It was agreed that we would have a mid year Social event and that it would be a late lunchtime meal at the Morwell Club or Moe RSL on Saturday 15th July 2023
- 15.2 Club Stickers - There are not many small Club Stickers left. Wayne suggested that we don't get any more and reduce the Joining Fee to suit
- 15.3 LN Gate Box Keys – It was agreed to get 5 more gate box keys (71 to 75)
- 15.4 AGM – August 2nd – We need at least one replacement on the Committee.
- 15.5 It was suggested we do another order of Club Jackets. Chris & Wayne to get current prices.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – There were 6 nominations.

Ian Partleton for demolishing his Stik after a Midair with Glen's Boomerang

Chris Davenport for a crash of his little Fokker with no elevator

Eric Spratt for breaking his Crusader in 3 bits on a bad take off

Mick Dye for crashing his Super Stik which was repaired

Doug Jowett for crashing Bixler No 25 or 26

Rex Mitchell had to land his Christian Eagle in the paddock after the engine died and it landed ok but came up against the barbed wire fence and sustained some tears in the covering.

Congratulations Ian Partleton for winning the amazing monthly award.

17 BOMB AWARD – the only nomination was for Glen Neal for having the midair with Ian P. They were flying in close because it was foggy. Glen's Boomerang model was undamaged in the incident.

Congratulations Glen, you can keep it for another month.

18 SHOW & TELL – Godwin showed a picture of the Lake Narracan Mud Flats when the water was very low a few years back. The grass had grown and it was all nice and green.

Rex Mitchell showed a Cessna 182 model that he picked up the fuselage for at the last Auction. Chris fixed him up with a wing that had to be slightly modified and it looks good. Rex has a Saito82 4stroke engine installed.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Slope day at No Pine 18th June & Combat Classic Event 3 25th June @ 11.00am

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.20pm



Above – Godwin showed this Pic of Lake Narracan when it was empty a few years back. It's amazing just how quickly the grass grows on the mud. There is normally 1.2m to 1.8m of water over this area.



Above– Rex Mitchell’s show & tell – Cessna Fuselage with the wing off another model



Above - Wayne testflew 2 of Chris’s old Phoenix 2000 foamy gliders on different days and they both did the exact same thing in the exact same spot. Not sure why. The second time there were cows in the paddock and they went for a look. By the time Wayne got there one had a wingtip in its mouth and another was sucking on the rudder. Wayne was trying not to stampede them or they would have trashed the model.

Club Flyday – Sunday 11th June 2023

What a puuurrfect day for flying Models. It was a cold start but the sky was clear and the Sun was shining brightly so it warmed up pretty quickly. There was no wind to speak of and the windsock took several trips around the post during the day. This was the best roll up of members for some time and there was plenty of action with a couple of new models and a few broken models.

Dave Theideman flew his S1500 Stick with the Saito 11cc 4 stroke petrol engine and did manage to break it by spinning it into the strip. Wayne was testflying his .25 powered Combat Model and was handing it over when it went off the air and his TX spoke a message “lost connection”. He thinks a servo pulled the Battery lead out. It crashed out in the paddock. Dave also had his Carbon Cub but I am not sure if he flew it on this day.

Glen Neal flew his Super Stik with the OS120 4 stroke engine and test flew a new electric “Sport 10cc” which has a Dualsky GA1500R brushless motor, 15cc, 550kv motor that runs on a 6S battery and 100amp ESC. It flew very well and had no issues.

Wayne Lewis flew his S1500 Stick and a Cessna 421 with twin electric G46 motors and runs on 2 5S batteries in parallel. The model is 10 years old and hasn’t been flown for about 8 years but it went well.

Chris Davenport flew his Ultra Sport Stik with no issues

Doug Jowett had 1 flight of his Bixler 3 and all went well on this occasion.

Fred Barabasz did not fly on this day.

Brian Adams flew his Fun Cub Float plane, his OS55AX powered Calmato Low Wing and his “Something Extra” running on a 5S battery.

Eric Spratt flew his Craze Wing, his S1500 Stick

Rex Mitchell flew his Warhawk with the OS65AX engine, his Christian Eagle and an old foamy biplane that was For Sale.

Ivan Walker flew a Primo foamy Cub, a high wing trainer type model and he did have his push pull model that needed a test fly but he left early so that didn’t happen.

Roy White flew his Ultimate 120 Biplane and miscalculated the first landing with it ending up on the roadway.80 metres away. It didn’t look damaged but he didn’t fly it again. He then flew his “Wing Thing” and the engine died on the first 2 launched but it got away on the third try.

Ian Partleton Flew his OS55AX powered blue Stick, his DLE30cc powered big brother blue Stick and an electric Combat model with a Spad Wing. Unfortunately, it took a swim in the Lake but Brian Adams came to the rescue and stripped down and went in and got it. It was about 7 metres from the shoreline and it wasn’t too deep.

Stephen Loft flew his Crusader, Challenger and a Combat Spad that had some issues to start with but Lofty has now sorted them out and this model fly’s well.

Oliver Wilson flew his “Easy Trainer” Foamy Glider and passed his Bronze Wings test so he can now fly on his own. He will need assistance to launch his model as it needs a good throw with his fingers on the sticks.

Godwin Bugeja flew a high Wing Sports model and his Precedent Low Wing model with a 4s engine. He also had a nice foamy T tail Glider in the car but it didn’t get to fly on this day.

Mick Dye flew a Super Stik with a .90 ASP engine and had several successful flights.



Above – Dave Thiedeman’s S1500 Stick spun into the ground.

Swinburne University Air hub attended to field on Thursday & Friday to do some more testing and to get their CASA accreditation which went well with good weather .

They have 2 Drones, one flying on batteries and the other on Hydrogen. The Drones have a 3.6 m wingspan and the battery powered one flies on 4 x large Lithium Li-ion batteries, each weighing 10Kg. It also has a 10KG payload so it's all up weight would be over 70Kg.



Above – The Swinburne Drone

Below - one of the 10kg Drone Batteries

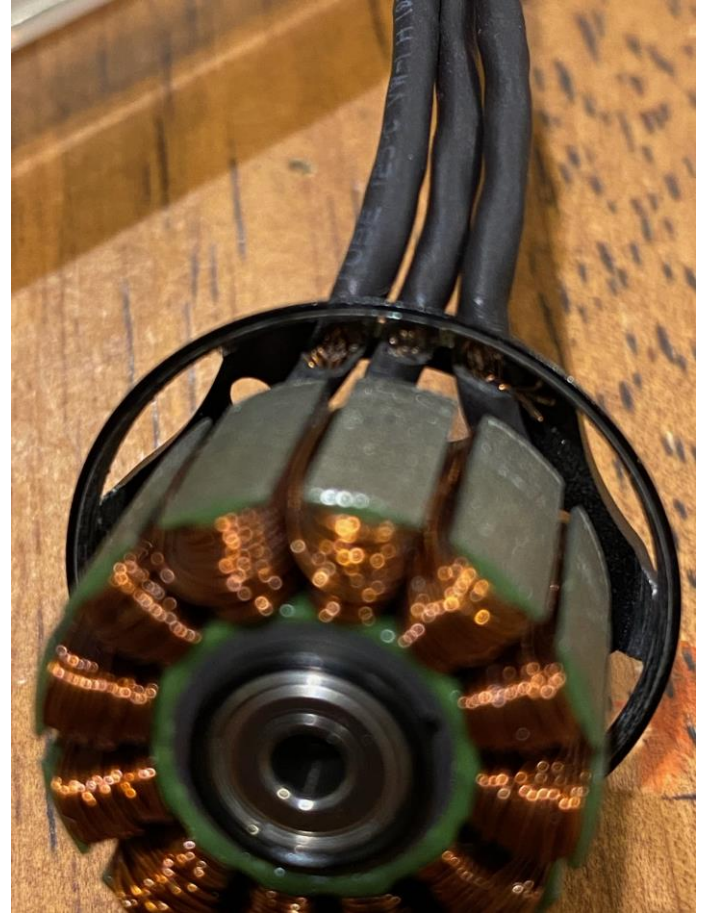




Above – two of the drone battering charging on a generator

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.

12yo Ollie Wilson had a problem with his Easy Glider motor and his Dad pulled the motor apart and found that some magnets had come loose and had cut into the 3 wires as in the pics below. It even melted the plastic engine mount.



Thanks for the report & pics James



James Morfitt recently attended the NSW Control Line State Championships in Sydney.

We were lucky to have 3 perfect days weather wise. Light winds, blue skies and nice warm sun after a cold start in the mornings. I moved up to expert in this competition after coming away with the advanced win in 2019.

Making a late decision to attend my lack of practice shows in the scores but by the end of the comp I was back to where I left off.

Flying aside I enjoyed catching up with everyone and meeting a few new faces. Spending the weekend with like minded people at a competition or event is well worth it if you get the chance!



Above - the CL flight Line at Doonside in Sydney

Below – the Expert class event scoreboard



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EXPERT F2B AEROBATICS 10/11/6/2023						
COMPETITOR	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	TOTAL	PL
R. TOWELL	1	5 849.97	920.80	835.55	885.38	7
B. HOFFMANN	2 954.80	3 929.40	975.50	1004.50	979.65	3
B. EATHER	3					
M. HOWELL	4 1074.70	6 1091.20	1139.90	117.65	1115.55	1
J. MORFITT	5 850.03	1 688.27	931.50	848.75	890.76	6
K. BARNES	6 980.73	4 1002.07	1033.50	1025.35	1017.78	2
B. DASHDORJ	7 898.57	8 179.73	854.40	992.55	945.56	4
O. ROGERS	767.73	2 904.77	926.95	979.60	942.18	5

There has been some **Flight Proficiency** action this month.

12yo Ollie Wilson has passed his Bronze Wings test, flying his Easy Glider that was given to him by Doug Jowett. Ollie has only been flying for a few months and has done remarkably well. He is getting a collection of planes that have been given to him.

Godwin Bugeja has upgraded from Bronze Wings to Silver Wings flying his Precedent Low Wing model.

Jeremy Casaburi has passed the Silver Wings test flying his 30cc Extra and will be heading for Gold Wings in the very near future. Jeremy has just re-joined the Club after a 5 year absence and seems to like 3D flying.

Congratulations to these guys and well done. Hopefully a few more members will be spurred on to upgrade to a higher level.

The AGM will be on Wednesday 2nd August at the Latrobe Regional Airport after the General meeting which starts at 7.30pm. We have at least 1 vacancy on the Committee so if you would like to be on the committee, please let anyone on the current committee know.



Above – Ivan's Jackaroo got caught with the wind on a touch & go which became a touch & crash.

<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)

Don't forget that fees are due & payable before July 1st

The **Combat Classic** event 3 didn't happen on Sunday 25th June as the wind was gusting to 35kmh by 11.00am. Lofty & James did have a go and James did cut Lofty's string about 300mm from the tail but it was considered too windy to hold the event so it has been rescheduled to Sunday 30th July at 11.00am.

COMBAT CLASSIC

After Event 2 the scores are as follows.....

James	830 + 750	= 1580
Lofty	750 + 750	= 1500
Ian P	750 + 750	= 1500
Wayne	700 + 800	= 1500
Godwin	730 + 750	= 1480
Chris	000 + 750	= 750
Brian	750 + 000	= 750
Roy	730 + 000	= 730

The next Combat Classic event is set down for Sunday 30th July 2023.

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 - Fred Walder's Tiger had engine problems and crashed

NOMINATION FORM FOR LVMAC COMMITTEE 2022-2023

The committee consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Ordinary Members

The election of LVMAC. Inc. Executive positions will be conducted as part of the LVMAC Inc. Annual General Meeting which will be held on

Wednesday 2nd August 23 at Latrobe Regional Airport, starting at 7.30pm.

I,being a Member of Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club (incorporated), hereby wish to lodge a nomination for for the following position on the LVMAC 2023-2024 Committee.

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tick appropriate Box One nomination per sheet
Vice president	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ordinary Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I have spoken to the person that I am nominating and he has agreed to me nominating him for the position indicated above.

Signed Date.....
(Nominator Signature)

This form must be filled out and returned to the Secretary Wayne Lewis, by Email (latrobevalleymodelaeroclub@gmail.com), Mail to 39 Kurt St, Morwell. 3840 or hand delivered by 6.00pm on Wednesday 26th July 2023. Once nominations are received, a List of Nominees and the Proxy Forms will be sent out for those who cannot attend the meeting.

Agenda for the July 2023 Monthly Meeting
held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th July 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present –

3 Apologies – Godwin, Roy Urand,

4 New Members applications –

5 Visitors –

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 7th June 23 – As per the July 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded Carried:

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed
- 7.2 Social Lunch now at the Moe RSL on Saturday 15th July 23 at 1.00pm
- 7.3 Club Jackets
- 7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

- 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
- 8.2

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

9 Treasurer – As supplied

Starting Balance	\$	
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Expenses	\$	
Balance	\$	

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Total Funds	\$	
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Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Carried:

10 2023-2024 Membership at 27-6-23 – 8 Seniors, 0 Pensioners, 1 Junior, 2 Life, 2 Associate. = total of 12 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - The Council are looking at supplying a load of road gravel

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Oliver - Bronze Wings, Godwin - Silver Wings, Jeremy – Silver Wings

14 Safety: -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 AGM
- 15.2 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

17 BOMB AWARD – IW Jackaroo, DT Stick, DJ Bixler, FW Tiger, JH Monaro,

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting & AGM and will be on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at :

Insurance Change –

You would have all received the VMAA news regarding Insurance. The only part that effect's us is below. We do not have Insurance cover on the containers or contents.

At the Council Conference, the following was agreed:

Individual members lodging a public liability claim will now be required to contribute \$500 towards the excess payment. (Previously \$250) The financial co-payment of \$500 is not applicable to junior members or instructors and students during instruction. The Executive may also consider applications under financial hardship.

The good news is - After 50 years, the Club has never had an insurance claim through the MAAA. Let's keep it that way. Safe flying habits is the key.

Regalia

Wayne 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

Please remember that we never use petrol to start any fire.

There is dry wood and some old fuel in the back container and there is plenty of firewood around.

The Committee decided at the last meeting to do an order for Club Jackets and we ended up with an order of 11 which was good. Totally Workwear in Warragul is giving the club a 20% discount which worked out well. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the same jackets as the originals but we are getting a similar Jacket which will have a name and Club Logo on them.



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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Hi Guys,

Bill Burrows from Drouin is selling some of his models which are mostly Nitro Powered but some could be converted to electric. Here is the list with pics. Contact Bill on 0407 350 687 - address 29 Main Neerim Rd, Drouin. 3818

All models are in good condition and Bill is going to donate 10% to the Club

Anderson Pylon - OS Max Engine – Wingspan 1.2m – Kraft servos – High Wing Old Timer - ready to fly - \$100



Blue Angel -OS Max .25 Engine with tuned pipe – Wingspan 1.2m Kraft servos – ready to fly - \$100



Tom Kitty – OS45 Engine with tuned pipe – Wingspan 1.4m – Kraft servos – ready to fly - \$100



Valley Flier – OS46 Engine – Kraft servos – Wingspan 1.2m – ROM air retracts – ready to fly - \$100



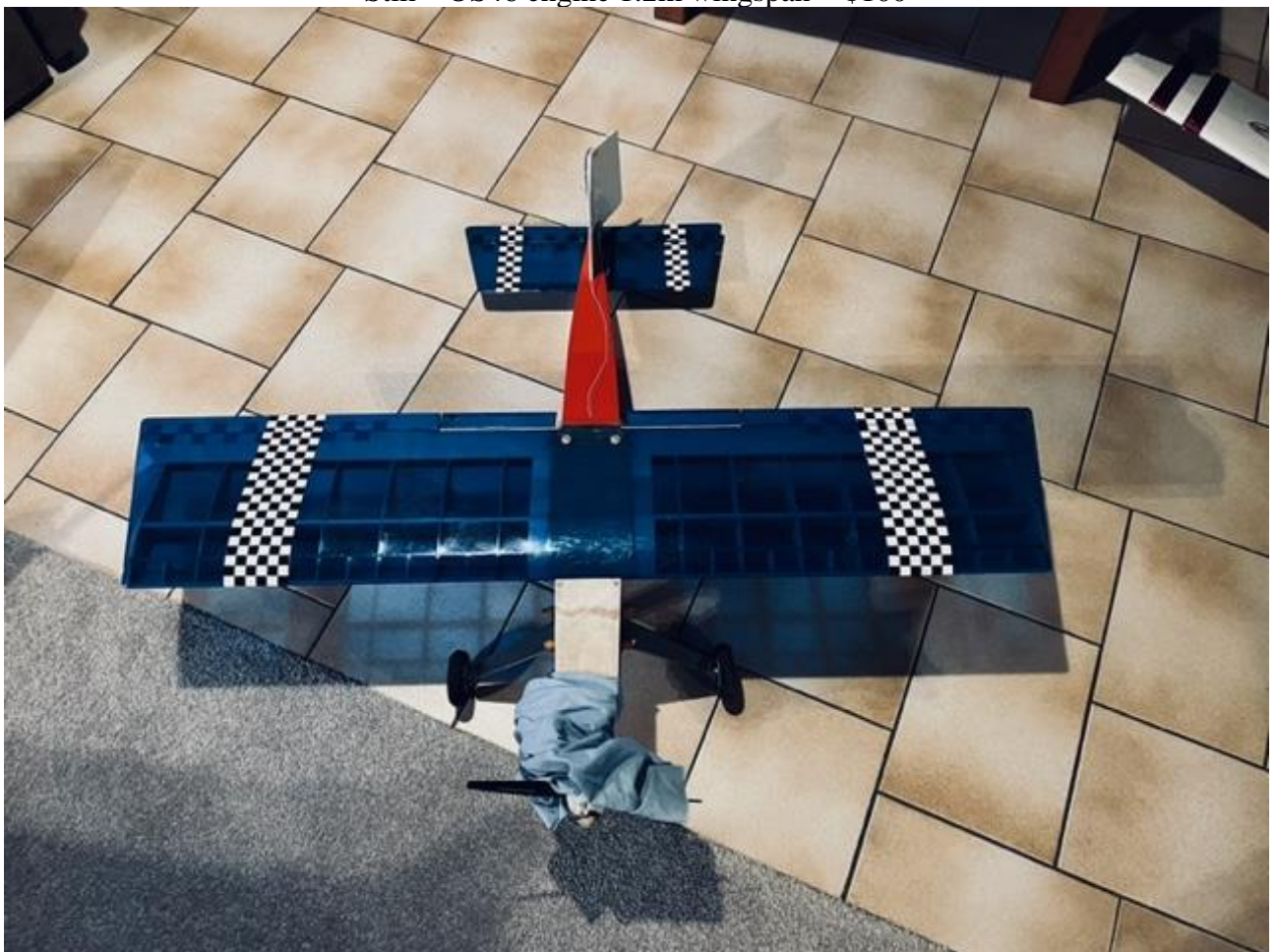
Pizazz Floatplane – OS 46 engine 1.3m wingspan - \$100



Viper 50 OS46 engine 1.3m wingspan - \$100



Stik – OS46 engine 1.2m wingspan - \$100



Quickee 500 Low Wing Sports model - OS46 engine 1.2m wingspan - \$100

