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The Bairnsdale Mid may muster was blown out, so, as several flyers had come for the weekend, judging was done on Saturday afternoon with Adrian Fashem winning the pilots choice with this giant Turbine powered F-86 Sabre.

SUNDAY	JUNE 4	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 7	Monthly Meeting at LV AIRPORT - 7.30pm start.
SAT/MON	JUN 10/11/12	QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.... Various Events see VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	JUNE 11	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	JUNE 18	Slope Day at No Pine & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JUNE 25	General flying at all sites & Event 3 of the Combat Classic at 11.00am
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 - Combat Classic Event 3 backup day
SUNDAY	JULY 23	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	JULY 30	General flying at all sites -

Hi all
 Not much to report this month due to ongoing medical issues. Only been to the field twice this month but did have a fly last week and was pleased when aircraft and pilot survived.
 Again many thanks to those who spread the topsoil making the field look pretty good at the moment and hopefully helps the drainage.
 Swinburn Tech continued to use the field for their ongoing research and they were lucky in their choice of days - glorious weather when the field was closed to members!
 I was disappointed to hear that the Precision Aerobatics event had to be cancelled due to unreliable weather conditions but will possibly be held in the near future.

Hope to see you at the field
 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

Minutes of the May 2023 Monthly Meeting
held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 10 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Rex Mitchell, Paul Mitchell, Chris Davenport, Stephen Loft & Chris Eeles

3 Apologies – Ivan Walker & Doug Jowett

4 New Members applications – None

5 Visitors – None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 5th April 23 – As per the May 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded Brian Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed awaiting an update. Hopefully it will start before the new financial year.
- 7.2 Dirt for strip low & wet spot \$82 per metre - \$30 delivery. It was agreed to get 3 metres . It may need to be dropped on the side of the field & barrowed across if the ground it too soft.
- 7.3 Grant – Application has gone in – Result due 6th June
- 7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub still to come
- 7.5 F3A Event - Sunday 28th May – Wayne will organise the food. Assistance needed for the kitchen on the day.

8 Correspondence In & Out

- 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
- 8.2 In - Investment renewal certificate from Bendigo Bank.
- 8.3 In – Email from Swinburne re: more dates for testing the Drone

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Chris D Carried: Yes

9 Business arising from Correspondence

9.1 F3A Event - Catering

10 Treasurer – As supplied	Starting Balance	\$	6077.98
	Income	\$	0.00
	Expenses	\$	119.06
	Balance	\$	5958.92
	Comm Bank TD	\$	48513.01
	Bendigo Bank TD	\$	5277.80 (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year@3.75%)
	Total Investments	\$	53790.81
	 Total Funds	 \$	 59749.73

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Rex Carried: Yes

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Last meeting cancelled. Next meeting on June..

12 Relocation Update: - Kiesha Halstead is now looking after this and is contacting Baw Baw Shire to see if they have anything available. Wayne also asked about the Toners Lane and Loy Yang sites and is awaiting a reply.

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety: - Nil

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 2023-2024 Fees -It was agreed that we would leave the Senior, Associate & Pensioned Club Fees the same as the past year and have a Junior fee of \$2.00 for a full Year & \$1.00 for a half year for the new year. (Just so a Junior member does pay a club fee) Any increase of the MAAA & VMAA fees will be passed on to all members as appropriate.
- 15.2 Go Daddy 2 yr renewal \$478.91 - Domain Name \$39.91. Wayne to have a talk with Julian about a “Free Site”. After Emailing Julian we will pay the fees this time and try to come up with something different next time the renewal come up in 2 years.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

- 1 Doug for numerous crashes, including another into his favourite tree. We didn't need the Emergency services this time. after the wind came up and blew it down lower in the tree, Wayne used the ladder & poker to get it down in one piece
- 2 Chris for crashing his Edge 540 & Ultra stik twice (which was repairable both times.)
- 3 Wayne for crashing his Vampire on a bungee launch and the Typhoon in a Brain Freeze. The Typhoon was an easy repair.
- 4 Fred for crashing the Turbo Timber with a dicky servo.

Congratulations Doug for receiving this Award

17 BOMB AWARD – Ian P for forgetting his Transmitter & Godwin for forgetting his Flight Box & Fuel.

Congratulations Godwin for winning this Award.

18 SHOW & TELL – Chris D showed a small razor plane that he bought with some spare blades. \$59. Chris also mentioned that he has found a new Super Glue supplier but the price has gone up. He also received a 5 page printout on the “dangerous Goods” product.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - F3A Event – Sunday 28th May – Field will be closed to General Flying and Club Members are encouraged to enter the event. I doesn't cost anything for first timers.

20 Next meeting will be a Committee Meeting and will be on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.05

After the meeting and supper, Chris Eels showed us his Precion Aerobatics aeroplane which is worth around \$6000 and it has a counter rotating propeller. Chris explained the rules and manoeuvres for the Sportsman Class which is the starting level for Precision Aerobatics and has 14 manoeuvres. Chris actually flies in a higher Advanced Class which has 17 manoeuvres and they are much harder to learn.

There are 2 Classes above that and they are really hard.

The Manoeuvres are done one after the other as per the schedule .In the Sportsman Class you do get some free turns but all 14 manoeuvres are done in succession. In the other Classes there are no free turns as each turn is done as one of the manoeuvres. You need a caller to tell you what to do next and you need to be thinking ahead to set yourself up for the next manoeuvre.




Above – Chris Eeles “Allure” (note the counter rotating popeller which is in the spinner)

Club Flyday – Sunday 7th May 2023

For the second month in a row the weather was cold, wet & windy and as far as I know no one went to Lake Narracan on this day.

F3A Event - The Australian Precision Aerobatics Association event was cancelled in advance due to the weather forecasts. We are not sure if it is to be rescheduled to later this year or to be moved on to 2024. The events are worth practising even if you are not interested in competition. It can only make you a better flyer !

Sportsman		 Australian Precision Aerobatics www.f3a.com.au
For those new to F3A		
01 Take Off (Into wind)		
02 Trim Pass (Downwind)		
03 Double Immelmann, ½ Rolls	3	
Free turn		
04 Slow Roll	3	
Free turn		
05 Loop	2	
06 Immelman Turn	2	
07 Outside Loop	3	
08 Split S	2	
09 Stall Turn, ¼ Roll Up & Down	3	
Free turn		
10 Inverted Flight	2	
Free turn		
11 Top Hat, with ½ Roll Up & Down	4	
Free turn		
12 Cuban 8, with ½ Roll	3	
Free turn to Top		
13 Two Turn Spin	3	
14 Land		
www.F3A.com.au		Total K 30

Have you got your bronze wings?
Why not have a go at Precision Aerobatics!

If you're a member of a local RC club, you'll know that after you achieve bronze wings, you're pretty much on your own. Apart from a few tips from mates, you could fly aimlessly for years....


Imagine:

- Flying with purpose!
- Improving your flying with every trip to the field
- Setting up a plane to maximise its performance
- Gathering with like-minded enthusiasts working to improve their flying
- All the fun you'll have with a new group of mates

All this is available now, enter a local aerobatic competition and let our members **FAST-TRACK** your flying ability to the next level!

For heaps of useful information and discussion on competitions practice and trimming visit:

www.F3A.com.au/get-started


Australian Precision
Aerobatics
www.f3a.com.au

More info can be found at www.f3a.com.au

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)

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 25th June 2023.

The launch of the New MAAA Data Base “Jungle” has been delayed again. “How to do” Video’s are currently available but they are general videos on the product and not specific to our particular needs. More to follow as it comes to hand. It was expected to be up and running for the new financial year but I have heard nothing more at this stage.

Swinburne Air Hub Drone

The Swinburne Air Hub have attended the Lake Narracan field and flown their 3.6metre span Drone on a Hydrogen fuel cell. They were very pleased with the results and have been back a few times and are now looking at more dates for the future.

They are flying under their own insurance and that is why we cannot fly when they are there.



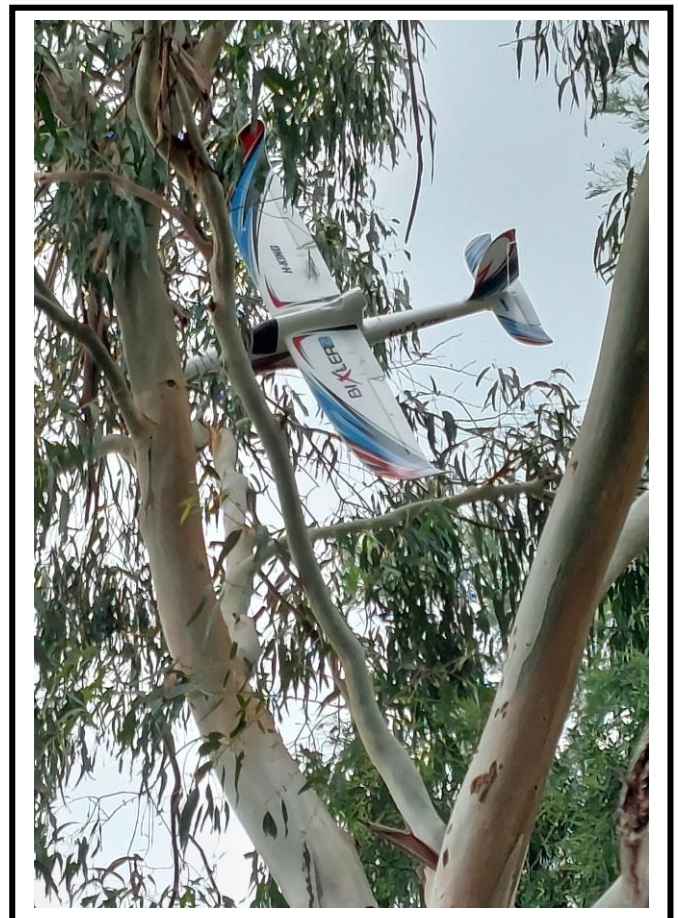
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above – Luckily, after the wind came up and blew it down to a level we could reach, Doug’s Bixler was retrieved with only minor damage.



Above -Wayne's 10yo Vampire after a bad bungee launch at the Warbirds Day

Its that time of year with cold mornings so Godwin has made us a new heater. The lid is locked on, to stop it being used as a rubbish bin. The key is attached to the gate key. Thanks Godwin, good job.

Please remember that we never use petrol to start the fire

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

CURRENT FUEL SITUATION

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 are:

2 Stroke \$48 / 4 litres

4 Stroke \$54 / 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 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.

Chris has received an order of small servos so please contact him if you want some.



Above -Chris's little Fokker lost the elevator and it went down to the ground at 45 deg.



Above – Doug's Bixler found a new tree, right next to his favourite one



Ian's P's electric Stik had a midair with Glen – Glen's Boomerang model was undamaged.



Chris Davenport recently had his 83rd Birthday. This Spitfire was the cake. The fuselage was Chocolate Mudcake with a Turkish Delight cream in the centre. It was very nice. The wings & tail were made from wood and not edible.

Agenda for the May 2023 Committee Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

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- 7.7 Go Daddy fees

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety: -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Social evening ???
- 15.2 Club Stickers
- 15.3 Other

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17 BOMB AWARD –

18 SHOW & TELL –

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Hopefully, by filling in this drain, there will not be as much water channelled onto the strip when we get heavy rain in the future. Thanks to those who assisted in the moving & spreading of 2 M of topsoil. Especially Audrey who was pushing a barrow along with Fred & Godwin.

There are a couple of drain pits that I have put some steel plate covers over so if you see them, you will know what they are.

I have also put some of that left over crushed rock in some of the potholes in the roadway.

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

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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