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Doug Jowett's FMS Pitts 1400mm span 4258 450 Kv motor, 50 Amp ESC, 6S 4000 Lipo Battery (B Adams pic)
 (This model now belongs to Wayne and Rex has one also.)

SUNDAY	MARCH 3	Club Sausage Sizzle and display at Bunnings, Morwell. 9.00am till 4.00pm
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
FRI-MON	MARCH 29 - 1APR	EASTER....Various Events see your VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	MARCH 31	Easter Sunday - General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	Monthly Meeting at MOE RSL 7.30pm start.
SUNDAY	APRIL 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN (Daylight Savings Ends- clocks back 1hr)
SUNDAY	APRIL 14	General flying at all sites - & Combat Cup backup day
SUNDAY	APRIL 21	WarBirds Day at Lake Narracan & General flying
THURSDAY	APRIL 25	ANZAC Day
SUNDAY	APRIL 28	Airshow at West Sale - General flying at all sites -

From the President...

Hi all

The weather is definitely warmer- maybe summer finally arrived or is it, early autumn?

The field is in very good order thanks to Fred and slower regrowth of the grass.

Congratulations to all who participated in the supply and fitting of the solar panels and the connection to the battery. A great asset to the club which provides an onsite charging system for all batteries. Thanks also to Roy for supplying the Hi Vis jacket to use as an indicator of the wire height.

During the last week I observed test holes being drilled along Hayes Road to beyond the old caravan park. Not sure what this purpose serves. Watch this space.

Sunday 25 February saw the second attempt to conduct the CCMT. All well until lunchtime when the wind blew us away but the hot dogs were enjoyed by all.

See you at the field

Bill Reid

Combat Classic Event 1 (Sunday 4th February 2024)

It was a fine and sunny day with a 15kmh to 20kmh Easterly wind for this event. There were 7 starters, John & William being first timers in this type of event. There were quite a few spectators also watching the action. Godwin & Roy were flying Combat Models, Wayne, Lofty, William & James were flying SPADS and John was flying a Stickett. William is the first Junior Member to take part in a Combat event so well done William.

Round 1 saw some close action and someone did get a cut but there were 3 models involved and no one was sure who cut the streamer so that cut eventually went to Godwin. Unfortunately, John's streamer was cut so he lost 50 points.

Round 2 was full of action with James getting 2 cuts and Lofty getting 1 cut. Godwin, Wayne & Lofty all having their streamers cut.

Round 3 was the only round to have a Midair which was between Lofty & William. Williams SPAD survived with a cut on the wing whilst Lofty's SPAD lost the wing and the fuselage speared into the ground and a shovel was required to get the motor out of the ground. Surprisingly the fuselage and motor were undamaged and will fly again. Lofty did manage to get 2 cuts before being knocked out of the sky and Will got 1 cut.

Round 4 there was plenty of close calls and James got a cut on Lofty's streamer (Lofty was using his backup SPAD)

Thanks to Chris, Eric & Owen for doing the timekeeping & scoring.

Final Scores after Event 1 (there are 3 Events to go)

James	900
Godwin	800
Lofty	780
Roy	750
Wayne	730
Will	730
John	700

The next Combat Event is the Combat Cup on Sunday March 17th.

The Combat part of this event is also Event 2 of the Combat Classic.

Right – Lofty’s SPAD had a midair and the wing came off. The fuselage speared into the ground and the motor had to be dug out with a spade.

Remarkably there was no damage to the motor or fuselage but a new wing is required. William’s SPAD had minor damage and was able to keep flying. Thanks for the pic Ollie.



NO Flying when the HEMS Helicopter is over the Lake

Minutes of the February 2024 General Meeting **held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024**

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – Bill Reid, Godwin Bugeja, Wayne Lewis, Stephen Loft, Ian Partleton, James Morfitt, Ivan Walker, Mick Dye, Brian Adams, Jamie McLaughlin, Greg Mullins, Chris Davenport & Fred Barabasz

3 Apologies – Ash Bence, Ian Heafield

4 New Members applications – Jamie McLaughlin, past member of SADAC, Jamie Sjamsudin, past member of LVMAC, Adam Monument, New Member & Greg Mullins, past member of Yarra Valley, were all excepted as members.

5 Visitors – Terry Mullins

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

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Ian P

Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – There has been communication between the Club and Bunnings. Ivan gave Godwin a list of what his group needed when they did it. Godwin to talk to Bunnings again to clarify a few points. Esky’s needed. Godwin will be making a Roster and will let members know when they will be needed.
Wayne will print some of our LVMAC Top Fun handouts to give out.

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 The require the field on Friday 8th March & Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March.

8.5 Out – reply to NOVA Systems . We have indicated that we want to fly on Thursday 14th March –

8.6 In - Email from VMAA Secretary re: Dave Lewis HMI – Official notification that Dave does not qualify at this time. The rules may change in the future regarding ARF & composite Models.

8.7 In & out – Email to Bunnings with info for the Sausage Sizzle – Copy of our insurance and an official letter requesting to have the Sausage Sizzle.

8.8 In – an email via Godwin - from BRAG asking if the LVMAC would like to take part in a raffle that they are running through a Company called “Raffle Link”. If our Club registered and members purchased tickets the Club would get \$1 back for every \$5 spent. It was agreed that more information would be needed before any commitment would be made. Godwin to contact BRAG for more info.

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied - Starting Balance 31-12-2023	\$ 7260.97		
Income	\$ 622.00		
Expenses	\$ 365.99		
Balance 31-1-2024	\$ 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: Ian P	Carried: Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 6-2-24 – 27 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 4 Associate, 1 Social. = 48 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Dogs on leash signs are in the wind & Blackberries need attention.

12 Relocation Update: - Mick Dye gave a presentation on getting the Council involved in finding our new site. Wayne to send to a copy to the Shire councilors with a letter saying that we don't want an “all Electric “ field, we want a field where we can fly Electric, Nitro & Petrol powered Models. We will also invite Councilors to come and see what we do.

13 Flight Proficiency – John Gillam & Jamie McLaughlin have both passed the Silver Wings test. Well done guys.

14 Safety – There were concerns raise about 3D flying as it can be quite distracting to general flyers. It was agreed that 3D flying should only be done when 3D flyers are the only one in the air. Most members are happy to wait, within reason, whilst a 3D flyer fly's.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Bomb Award & Bent Wheel Award certificates are to be reinstated. (see the awards below)

15.2 Solar Panels – Fred & Godwin have mounted solar panels at ground level. Consensus is that they should be up out of the way of vandals. We have a 5m x 100mm pole so Godwin will see what can be done to raise the panels off ground level. It was also discussed about overhead wiring and it was decided to go with underground wiring but to try overhead first.

15.3 NOVA Systems use of the field – They have said they will make a donation for the use of our field.

15.4 More Gate Keys required – Wayne to organize.

15.5 CCMT and Combat Cup Trophies -Wayne to organize.

15.6 Blackberries to be sprayed this month. Wayne has started spraying.

15.7 Sausage Sizzle on 18th Feb for the CCMT (if the weather is suitable.)

15.8 Changing the CCMT Rules. It was suggested that we change the rules to make all models similar and the suggestion was for .46 size trainer or Stik models to be flown in this competition. It was agreed that it is too late to change the rules for this month's competition but it will be on the Agenda for the next AGM in August.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

Eric – S1500 Stick – wing spar snapped in half,

Bill R Boomerang – Dumb thumbs,

Ivan W S1500 Stick – off the air and the motor had to be dug out,

Jamie M Erratic had a midair,

Wayne for Midair with his Glider,

Ivan is the lucky winner this month. Congratulations.

17 BOMB AWARD - There were no nominations this month however one of the reasons for getting the Bomb Award is.....

“Because there was no one else to give it to” so the lucky recipient is” whoever has it now”. Who has it now ??????

18 SHOW & TELL – Brian showed an ESC that he had repaired and reminded us that if you are sticking your ESC down, make sure you keep the heatsink side clear

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - CCMT Feb 18th at 11.00am

20 Next meeting will be a Committee Meeting and will be on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at the Moe RSL

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.45pm

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BENT WHEEL AWARD
CERTIFICATE

AWARDED TO

YOUR NAME

for the best Model Aircraft crash of the Month as voted at the
February 2024 Club Monthly Meeting.

Congratulations for being the lucky winner of this prestigious award and
Commiserations on the destruction of your model.



William Reid...President - Wayne Lewis...Secretary - Date...7th February 24

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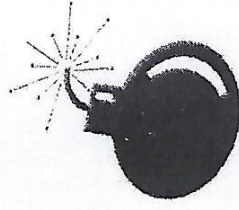
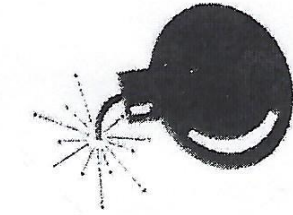
BOMB AWARD CERTIFICATE

for

Month 2024

Awarded to

YOUR NAME



This Award is awarded in humor, for one of the following reasons :-

Having the grottiest model at the field on a Club Flyday

Flying over the pits or in a dangerous or unsafe manner

Taking off with a reversed servo

Forgetting to bring your Transmitter, Fuel, Batteries, etc

Doing something Stupid or,

Because there was no one else to give it too.

President...William Reid

Secretary ...Wayne Lewis

Date... Month 2024

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – This day includes a static display of models if the weather was suitable. Godwin has arranged Sunday 3rd 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.

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.

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

No Flying at any Club Sites on Days of Total Fireban

February Club Flyday – Sunday 11th February 2024.

The forecast was good and they got it spot on for a change. Fine and sunny, a perfect blue sky, a light wind and the temperature in the low 30's. There was a good roll up of 17 members and plenty of flying.

William McLauchlan flew his Combat Spad, his SZV 54 glider, his Hobbyking Cub and the Drifter. The World Star 40 had an ESC problem so it did not get to fly. Unfortunately, the Cub Wing departed the Fuselage in flight and the model crashed out in the paddock (see the pic) 5 people went out to pick up the bits and it was interesting to see William walking near the gate and then quickly backpedal a few steps. We guessed he had seen a snake and he confirmed it was a red Bellied Black snake.

Glen Neal was flying his Madness when he had to make a high speed emergency landing. The prop was free wheeling and something is wrong in the 4 stroke engine. (possible stripped gear) Glen also flew his Dolphin Sports Model.

Wayne Lewis flew his large Spacewalker the Boomerang & the Teksumo. The Spacewalker tailplane covering peeled on one side so it only had the one flight. The Boomerang went off the air as it landed.....twice so it did not fly again on this day. (looks like an ESC problem)The Teksumo had no issues.

Jamie Sjamsudin rocked up with his Glider but had forgotten the Transmitter so he left early

Chris Davenport flew his Carbon Cub and all went well.

Fred Barabasz flew his Beryl Pattern Model. Nice and smooth, just like a Pattern Model should be.

Eric Spratt Fred Stik 100, Crusader Stick his CraZE Wing & another stik

Stephen Loft flew his Combat SPAD, his Crusader and the Wot Wot and all went well.

Ian Partleton flew 2 electric stik type models and his Big Stik with a 15cc 4s engine.

Mick Dye flew his Super Stik and a Calmato Low wing sports model. On his second flight something went wrong with the 4 stroke engine and the prop was not turning. (same problem as Glen)

Godwin Bugeja flew his High Wing trainer and had his Stearman & Precedent in the car. Godwin also helped Greg get his model going.

Rex Mitchell had his trailer full with the Phaeton Biplane, Pits Special, Rex Stik & Little Toni. All these models flew well in the capable hands of Rex.

Jamie McLaughlin flew his Combat SPAD, his Ultra Stick and his Helicopter and was last to leave

Adam Monument was cordless buddy boxing with Wayne to fly his Maule on a 3S battery. Unfortunately, the flights are short and Adam is playing with propellers to try and get longer flights.

Ollie Wilson flew his Combat SPAD and his Glider. The mini ultra stik did not fly on this day.

Greg Mullins eventually got to fly his OS40FP powered Trenton Terror Old Timer Model after sorting out a fuel tank problem. Greg has been out of the game for around 20 years and is getting back into it.

Owen McLauchlan did not fly.



Above & Below – William lost his Cub when the wing broke off in flight



Above – members discussing what happened



Above – Freds “Beryll” Pattern Model. Electric Powered

Below - Glen Neal had his large Spitfire Certified by our HMI inspector, Rod Hilsley this month. All went well and the electric powered Blackhorse Model flew well .



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 always bound to be some slithery creatures out there somewhere.

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> (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.



The Lake Narracan Solar Panels are now working and the battery is charging to 13 volts.

Thanks to Fred for his donations and to everyone who helped with the installations.

The Combat Cup is coming up on Sunday 17th March. Below are the rules and events.

LVMAC Combat Cup Rules

Event 1 - 1 minute timed flight - Pilot takes off and when ready, flying straight & level, calls "start" and calls "finish or stop" when he thinks the minute is up.

200 points minus 10 points per sec variation

Event 2 – Loop, roll, loop, roll, loop, roll – Pilot takes off and positions himself and calls "start" and does the Loop, roll, loop, roll, loop, roll and calls "finish or stop" with the wings straight & level. (An observer may call finish for the pilot)

200 points for the quickest 10 points off everyone else going down in order.

Event 3 – Inverted flight – Pilot rolls inverted and calls "start" and estimates 10 seconds and calls "finish or stop" then rolls out.

200 points minus 10 points per second variation.

Event 4 – Spot Landing – Pilot cuts the engine on the downwind leg or before and does a deadstick Spot Landing.

200 points minus 10 points per metre out & minus another 10 points if the engine isn't cut.

Event 5 – 4 rounds of Combat with the best 3 rounds to count in the scoring.

Once everyone is ready there is a 2 minute time allowed for starting up and launching. CD will make allowance if someone cannot launch on time due to Safety concerns. Once all models are airborne the start hooter can be sounded. This Combat is also Event 2 of the Combat Classic Event.

General Rules

1 round of events 1, 2, 3 & 4 flown in succession.

4 rounds of Combat – 3 best rounds to count in the scoring.

Nitro Models should be 36" to 40" wingspan with a .15 engine

Electric models should be 36" to 40" wingspan with a 35mm or 36mm or similar, 1250 or 1450Kv motor and 3S or 4S battery.

All flying to be South of the Pilot line.

Note : Minor variations on the above may be allowed at the discretion of the CD on the day.

Note: The Combat section will also count as Combat Classic round 2.

We are still trying to find out who cut the fence at the Western end of the Laken Narracan track. Council know nothing about it and at this time have not been able to find out who removed the armaguard fencing, or why.

Thanks to Godwin for bolting the device into the triangle to stop cars entering. (pics below)





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RALLY 2024

This is a no competition rally open to all Scale Models.

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May

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Agenda for the March 2024 General Meeting

To be held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies –
- 4 New Members applications –
- 5 Visitors –
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 7th February 2024 – As per the March 2024 Newsletter

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- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
 - a. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
 - b. BRAG Raffle
 - c. NOVA use of the field
 - d. Mick's presentation
- 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 & out – Email from Bunnings with info for the Sausage Sizzle
 - 8.4 In – Info from James Bugg re: Photo Exhibition

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- 9 Treasurer – As supplied

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- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -
- 12 Relocation Update: - a new person is running the show. A meeting should happen soon.
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety – 3D flying
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
 - 15.1 Model Train Exhibition next year at Morwell Bowls Club
 - 15.2 Other
- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – William, Ian P, others
- 17 BOMB AWARD -
- 18 SHOW & TELL –
- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Combat Cup – 17th March
- 20 Next meeting will be a Committee Meeting and will be on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at the Moe RSL.
- 21 Meeting Closed at :

This event was programmed for February 17th 2024 and the weather was quite suitable but there were not enough starters on this day so the Back up day was 24th February 2024. ON this day we got 6 starters and it was fine and sunny so the event got underway at 11.00am but by the time we had all done the first 4 events the wind had come up to 30kmh so we had a lunch break hoping the wind may back off but it didn't so the second half of the event was postponed.

The current suggestion is that the event be finished on a Thursday for the 5 who fly on Thursdays and the only entrant that works can do his 4 events on a Saturday or Sunday.

Photo Exhibition

Some of you will remember James Bugg coming out recently and taking Photo's for an exhibition. The Latrobe Regional Gallery has made their final selection of all the photographs and there are a number of pictures involving the Model Aero Club which is great !

The exhibition opens from the 1st of March until the 23rd of June.

<https://latroberegionalgallery.com/project/the-valley-photo-2024/>

I just wanted to thank you and the rest of the club for letting me come and photograph what you do. It's such a welcoming and fun group and I hope the inclusion in the exhibition gives good publicity into the importance of The Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club within the community.

Regards.....James Bugg



Above – Ian Partleton had a bad landing in the wind with this electric model

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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