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Dave Lewis painted this Edge 540 in a Red Bull Scheme It has a new 120cc DLE engine and a smoke system and the very expensive propellor sure makes some noise. Dave seems to always be painting someone's Plane.  
 Dave picked up his painting skills when working for Gippsland Aero.

SUNDAY	APRIL 30	General flying at all sites – Club WarBirds Day at Lake Narracan
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport 7.30pm start.
SUNDAY	MAY 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN -
SUNDAY	MAY 14	<b>Mothers Day</b> & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	MAY 21	<b>Bairnsdale Club Mid May Muster</b> (see the attached flyer)
SUNDAY	MAY 28	F3A event at Lake Narracan (all day event – no general flying)
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	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND....</b> Various Events see VMAA calendar
SUNDAY	JUNE 11	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	JUNE 18	<b>Slope Day at No Pine</b> & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JUNE 25	General flying at all sites & Event 3 of the <b>Combat Classic at 11.00am</b>

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Pressies Preamble,

Hi Guys,

If you thought the intro sounded familiar, you guessed right, I'm filling in for Bill on this occasion as he is in hospital in Bega recovering from a ticker problem, so I hope you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and a safe return to the gentle art of crashing.

Warbirds day this Sunday, so if you have anything that has flown from the Napoleonic War up until Ukraine V Russian war bring it along even for a show and tell, if it flies even better.

Easter weekend was a bit of a washout but the weather has been kind to us since so it's a case of make splinters while the sun shines, save the repair jobs for future rainy days, and I can absolutely guarantee there will be some of them.

Swinburne Tech have been having a bit of a rough trot with their project but just like us they are persisting, check out the photo in this issue and I quote a lady friend of mine here " look at the size of it ".

Anyway as someone used to say, that's all from me .....see you at the field.

Cheers.....Chris, president in charge of vice.

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## **2022-2023 Half Yearly Fees -1/1/23 to 30/6/23**

**Senior Member - \$115**

**Pensioner Member - \$97**

**Senior Associate member - \$43**

**Pensioner Associate member - \$25**

**Junior Member - \$38.50 (MAAA/VMAA fees + joining fee only)**

**A Joining fee of \$40 for Adults and \$25 for Pensioners & Juniors also applies to those that have not been members previously.**

Bank Details BSB 063 530 Account No 10068336 Name: Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club

**\*An Associate Member is a "Full Member" who pays the MAAA & VMAA fees through another Club.**

**Current membership is 47 members and is made up of 25 Senior members, 16 pension Members, 2 Junior members, 3 Life members & 1 Social Member.**

We will not be taking any more new members in this financial year. Fees will be due before 30<sup>th</sup> June so please keep that in mind and budget accordingly. Fees will be on the agenda for this coming meeting.



### Col Cliff Memorial Trophy – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

After 2 previous cancellations, it was 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky with perfect weather conditions for this even on this day. It was a cold start with a light frost and it was also the day that daylight savings ended although several members had not remembered that and were there an hour early. It was fine and sunny and warmed up beautifully and the light wind made it good for all.

There was general flying until 11.00am and then the CCMT got underway with 8 starters which is a good number.

First event was **Maximum Loops under power** and 4 members got 16 loops which is a maximum score in this event.

Second event was **Climb & Loops on idle**. James got 8 which is the maximum. A lot of models won't do loops on idle and that showed.

The **1 minute flight** saw Wayne get the closest time with 58 seconds. Most others were within 8 seconds either side of the 1 minute. Ian P managed to break his undercarriage on his Stik when landing and that put him out of the comp. He didn't have backup. (You always need backup)

For the **Spot Landing** James came in and put his Radian Glider right on the spot for a maximum 200 points. The next closest was 6 metres away. Dave T came in too fast and throttled on to go around and managed to put his Boomerang into a tree and it fell down into another smaller tree that was surrounded by blackberries over near the drain. The model was ok structurally and with some tape patches the model finished the event.

We had a lunch break here and hotdogs were supplied for lunch.

**Spins** was up next and Wayne did best with 18 which was nowhere near the maximum of 29. Chris got 17 and then crashed his Edge 540 model returning to start the next event.

**Touch and goes in 2 minutes** saw Wayne & Dave both get Maximum scores with 10.

**Climb & Glide** was taken out by James with 3 minutes 22 seconds. The max score is 6min 30sec

Thanks to Chris & Eric for doing the scoring and timekeeping.



Above – L to R - Chris, Eric, Rex, Fred, James, Dave, Wayne & Lofty

# Minutes of the April 2023 General Meeting

## held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 10 Members – Bill Reid, Chris Davenport, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Brian Adams, Doug Jowett, Roy Urand, Oliver Wilson, Wayne Lewis & James Morfitt.

3 Apologies – Paul Mitchell, Rex Mitchell, Ivan Walker, Ian Partleton, John McPherson

4 New Members applications – Oliver Wilson was accepted as a Junior Member. Welcome Ollie.

5 Visitors – Anthony Wilson

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 23 – As per the April 23 Newsletter  
Moved : Secretary Seconded: Brian

Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Blackberries – The Glyphosate did eventually work and the rest were done with Brush Off during the month.
- 7.2 MAAA Jungle- has been delayed again. Some videos have been made available but they seem quite complicated and are not specific to how we, as a Club, will use the program.
- 7.3 Dirt for strip low & wet spot – It was decided to get some topsoil locally – Wayne to organise.
- 7.4 Grant – Application has gone in – results should be known on 6<sup>th</sup> June 23
- 7.5 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub – Wayne to discuss with Michael on their next visit.
- 7.6 Bank investments interest rate – The Bendigo investment has been reinvested at a better rate.

8 Correspondence In & Out

- 8.1.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
- 8.1.2 Out – request for Invoice from Just Water Pumps
- 8.1.3 In – Invoice from Just Water Pumps
- 8.1.4 Out – Grant Application for a Water pump (to Smartygrants)
- 8.1.5 In - confirmation of the Grant submission
- 8.1.6 In - request from Swinburne to use the field on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- 8.1.7 Out – email to Swinburne - ok to use the field on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- 8.1.8 In - Investment renewal from Bendigo Bank.
- 8.1.9 In – Email from VMAA re: Building Insurance (does not apply to us)
- 8.1.10 In – Email from Swinburne re: more dates for testing the Drone
- 8.1.11 In – Email from VMAA re: Jungle – delayed for now but some user video's are available.

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Roy U Carried: Yes

9 Business arising from Correspondence - none

10 Treasurer – As supplied	Starting Balance		\$ 6291.33
	Income		\$ 71.00
	Expenses		\$ 284.35
	Balance		\$ 6077.98

	Comm Bank TD		\$ 48513.01
	Bendigo Bank TD		\$ <u>5277.80</u> (this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year@3.75%)

	Total Investments		\$ 53790.81
	Total Funds available		\$ 59868.79

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Roy U Carried: Yes

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -. The meeting in March was cancelled. Next meeting should be in June.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety: - Kill switches – For Safety reasons kill switches should be set up on all models Electric, Nitro, petrol, etc.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 New Defibrillator Pads have arrived and been replaced – We will keep the old ones as spares.
- 15.2 F3A event – catering – entrants – more discussion next month.
- 15.3 LVMRA exhibition is on May 21 & 22 at the Warragul Exhibition Hall – This event clashes with the Bairnsdale Mid May Muster so it was decided that we would not take part this year.



## 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

- 1 Ian Heafield- Crashed his new electric Boomerang possibly due to the receiver being a park receiver.
- 2 Ivan Walker crashed a Stik – cause unknown
- 3 Dave Harrison crashed his Extra 300 when trying a Knife Edge too low.
- 4 Chris Davenport crashed his Edge 540 in the CCMT after coming out of the Spins.
- 5 Doug Jowett crashed his Bixler into a tree.
- 6 Lynton McPhail crashed his Focke-Wulf 190 after getting disorientated when trying inverted flight

**Congratulations to Lynton for taking out this Award.**

## 17 BOMB AWARD –

- 1 Glen Neal – forgot to bring some fuel.
- 2 Doug Jowett crashed his Bixler into the trees at the edge of the Lake and went down the embankment to retrieve the fuselage. He then found that he couldn't get back up the embankment so asked Fred to call the fire brigade. 2 Fire brigades, 1 ambulance, 1 paramedic & 2 police vehicles responded. All they needed was a ladder and we had one in our container.

**Congratulations Doug – you will probably never live this one down**

18 SHOW & TELL – Lofty will give a talk and demonstration on building SPAD Combat models after the meeting

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Club Warbirds Day – April 30<sup>th</sup>

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.00pm

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After the meeting, Lofty gave us a talk and demonstration on building SPAD Combat models. He has made several jigs and templates so they all come out the same. There are special techniques to bending and gluing the Coreflute

Thanks Lofty.

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**Incident at Lake Narracan – You may have heard that we had a midweek incident at Lake Narracan in March where, after a 4 second flight with a Bixler, a member crashed the model into a tree next to the Lake. The wings were up in the tree but the older member decided to go down the embankment to retrieve the fuselage that was on the ground and then he found that he could not get back up the embankment so he asked his assistant called the Fire Brigade. Within 10 minutes 2 fire trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 paramedic and 2 Police cars arrived and assisted the member to get up the embankment with the use of a ladder. Two more fire trucks and the SES were on the way and were turned back.**

**Apparently, this is a standard call out for a person trapped down an embankment. Some members thought it may have been reported as a “Plane Crash” but that is not the case.**

**The irony was that we had a ladder in the container that would have done the job.**

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### **Club Flyday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

It was Easter Sunday and the weather was crappy and as far as I know no one went to Lake Narracan on this day. There wasn't much flying at all over the Easter period because of the wintery weather.


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**Please keep in mind that we have a Club Warbirds Day this coming Sunday at Lake Narracan (weather permitting) so dust off your Warbirds and bring them along even if they don't get to fly.**

**F3A Event** - Just remember that the Australian Precision Aerobatics Association have the use of our Lake Narracan field on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> so there is no General Flying on this day. Our Club will be catering and assisting with the event. The APA would welcome new flyers for this event so if you would like to have a go, please feel free to take part. We have at least 2 Club Members that will be flying.

Several APA members attended and flew at the field on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April and they are happy to hold an event here. Thanks to James and Fred for mowing the area for this day.

Chris Eeles hopes to be attending our next Monthly Meeting to give us a talk on the event and what is required to fly in this type of event.

<b>Sportsman</b>		 Australian Precision Aerobatics www.f3a.com.au
<i>For those new to F3A</i>		
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	
<a href="http://www.F3A.com.au">www.F3A.com.au</a>		<b>Total K 30</b>

**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....


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- 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](http://www.F3A.com.au/get-started)

  
Australian Precision  
Aerobatics  
www.f3a.com.au

More info can be found at [www.f3a.com.au](http://www.f3a.com.au)

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**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.

<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 )





Above – Dave Lewis is repainting his old 55cc powered MXR

Below- Dave also made and painted this pilot for his Edge 540





**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 is expected to be up and running for the new financial year.

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### 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.

Please remember that you can fly until they arrive, which is usually around 10.30am, but can’t fly once they have arrived. They are flying under their own insurance.



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above – Members of the Swinburne Air Hub preparing the 3.6m span Drone for flight at Lake Narracan.





Above – Dave Thiedeman ‘s Carbon Cub

Below – Doug Jowett’s AeroScout got a little too friendly with the fence





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 do not 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.



## Agenda for the May 2023 Committee Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present –

3 Apologies –

4 New Members applications –

5 Visitors –

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

Moved : Secretary                      Seconded                      Carried:

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed
- 7.2 Dirt for strip low & wet spot \$82 per metre - \$30 delivery
- 7.3 Grant – Application has gone in – Result due 6<sup>th</sup> June
- 7.4 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub
- 7.5 F3A Event - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

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:                      Carried:

9 Business arising from Correspondence

9.1 F3A Event - Catering

10 Treasurer – As supplied

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Total Funds             \$

Moved : Treasurer                      Seconded:                      Carried:

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Nil

14 Safety: -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Fees
- 15.2 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

17 BOMB AWARD – Ian P & Godwin

18 SHOW & TELL – Chris Eeles will give a talk on the F3A Event

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - F3A Event – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

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

21 Meeting Closed at :

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## 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





# BAIRNSDALE

MID MAY

# MUSTER

SUNDAY MAY 21ST

GATES OPEN FRIDAY 19TH

Public entry by Gold Coin. MAAA pilot \$20.  
**Model of the Meet Award**  
 No restriction on model numbers, or types.  
**You got it, you bring it, you fly it!**

*Event Camping \$20, Toilets and HOT shower, BBQ and Fire Pit.  
 Disabled amenities. Catering on site. Hvy Model permits if req'd.*

More Info Call Tony 0402 893 537 or email [secretary@badmac.org.au](mailto:secretary@badmac.org.au)  
 VMAA State Field Eastern.  
 1125 Bengworden Rd. Goon Nure.

**I have heard that several of our Club Member will be attending this event (weather permitting)**

**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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