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Just a reminder that we have a Club Floatplane Day on Sunday 14th November at Lake Narracan.
From memory I think the " Valiant " pictured above belonged to Lyall Tevelyn

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 31	General flying at all sites – Combat event from 11.00am
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 3	No Monthly Meeting at LV Airport
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 7	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 14	General flying at all sites (Floatplane Day)
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 21	General flying at all sites. COMBAT CLASSIC at 12.00pm
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 28	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 1	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport - 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 12	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 19	General flying at all sites. COMBAT CLASSIC backup day.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26	General flying at all sites.

Pressies Preamble

Hi Guys,

Surprise surprise, more rules and regulations, and that's before you even get out of your car. It won't be long before you will have to have your IQ tested before you walk into a hobby shop, that might deplete the ranks quicker than covid.

As if it's not enough having to put up with the weather and then all the other flying rules on top you would certainly hesitate before you even get out of bed wondering if you qualify in all requirements.

Not to worry, greater obstacles have been overcome, I remember the time you had to have someone walking in front of you with a red flag before you could drive, that one was easily resolved, just drive faster, they soon ran out of red flags.

All jokes aside, it's just a case of knuckling down and getting on with the job in hand and keep the sport going. A word of warning to all those wanting to win in the Gunfighter and Combat events, we have a new contender, goes by the name Douglas (Bader) Jowett so look out, he has had a lot of "kills", unfortunately all of them were his own aircraft but fortune favours the brave, or so I have heard.

That's it from me, see you at the field.

Cheers
Chris.

2021-2022 fees

As of 4th August 21 the Club has 40 financial members. Fees are

Senior Member - \$230

Pensioner Member - \$194

Senior Associate member - \$86

Pensioner Associate member - \$50

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

New Members – the club has welcomed 3 new members in the last month.
Wilson Hoyos is from Newborough and is flying a drone on FVP when he can.
James Morfitt is from Perth and currently residing in Morwell and is flying a multiplex glider.
Andre Szep is from Yallourn North and is flying a Foamy Super Cub.

Welcome to the Club guys. That brings us to a total of 40 Members.

Club Facebook page – The Club has had a Facebook page for several years and it was originally set up by Paul Mitchell. We are trying to get members to start using this Facebook page more frequently than at present. You can post and comment. I know us oldies don't like technology but sometimes you need to go with the flow.

<https://www.facebook.com/flylvmac>

Covid update - Out of lockdowns for good (we hope) and now we have a few simple rules to follow. Please make sure that you "Check In" with your phone or manually when attending our sites.

The Lake Narracan QR code is on the container wall & the sign in sheet & pen are in the container. Warragul doesn't have a QR code.

At this time if you are not fully vaccinated you are not able to fly at our sites unless you are on your own. That may change in the next month. Please make sure you have your proof of Vaccination status with you until the Secretary has viewed it.

I assume that you have all received the updates from the VMAA. If you haven't been receiving the updates then contact Wayne to check that your email address is correct.

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan - Sunday 10th October 2021

The forecast was for rain up to midday but that's not how it turned out. It was a reasonable day with some sunny breaks and the wind was blowing from the South at 15 to 26 KMh so some of us had to take off across the strip and land from the Lake but that was no real problem.

Wayne Lewis flew his Funfly Stik with 42-38 750Kv motor, Teksumo Wing with 2826 2200kv motor, Gunfighter with 35-42 1450Kv moto rand AXN Floater with 2826 2200kv motor and did manage to use 14 batteries.

The AXN canopy came off during a loop and the model was landed safely with the battery dangling under the model.

Rex Mitchell flew his Little Toni pylon Racer which has an OS46AX engine pulling it around and the engine was running really well. Rex also flew his P40 Warhawk which has an OS65AX engine and that flew well but the cross wind takeoff was a challenge.

Chris Davenport flew his Carbon Cub and had no issues on this day

Godwin Bugeja flew his OS40FSR powered Gangster and it flew well. Godwin also had a SPAD Combat model which flew ok but still needs down elevator to fly straight & level. The balance point had been moved back since the last flight and 4 chunks of lead weight removed but the elevator problem still exists.

Fred Barabasz flew his electric SuprEZ and a small quadcopter

Andre Szep, a new member and experienced flyer, had a nice new electric Super Cub and it took off straight out and got 40 metres away and it went off the air, rolled over and crashed. It wasn't that badly damaged and should be flying again soon.

Doug Jowett turned up early and as there was no one there, went home to return about 11.00am for 1 quick flight of his Conscendo on a Safe Receiver and did well in the conditions.

I know a few of the electric guys did not come because they did not charge their batteries due to the weather forecast. You just can't trust the weather forecast these days.



Above – Wilson’s drone

Below- Andre’s Super Cub



The Committee did have an outdoor Meeting at the field on 17th September. The main topic for discussion was the roadway in and the drain. The drain has been cleared and some material has been put on the roadway but we may need more.
There will be no meeting in November.

COMBAT Event - Hopefully there will be no more lockdowns as the vaccination rates continue to rise so we have a combined, Gunfighter Cup/Combat Classic Event planned for Sunday 31st. Lunch will be supplied on this day.

<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_Instruc/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)

Club Stickers & stuff.....

Wayne now 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



Above – Ian Partleton had to take his stand home and modify it to suit his bigger models

Current Fuel Situation – If you need Nitro Fuel contact Roy who is keeping some 4 lt bottles of 10% fuel in the Container. Toyworld has given us a good price for buying in bulk so 10% nitro is now \$48 for 4lts from the Container. That's 20% off RRP. If you want to transfer the money here are the details:

BSB 063530 Account 10029601 Account Name: Roy White

So you will need to plan ahead. Don't let yourself run out as there may be a time when there is no fuel available at the field.

Failing the above you will need to get the Fuel directly from Toyworld in Traralgon. Normal price is \$60 for 4lts but if you remember to take your Club ID card to Toyworld Traralgon you can get your 10% discount. Ie \$54 for 4lts.

Please note that Wayne only has a mobile number now which is 0422 627 169 & Chris also has no home phone so 0414 334 282 is the number to contact him on. Our home phones are no longer in use.



Above – David Campbell had a minor incident at Warragul and the audience didn't even clap or cheer !
The model doesn't appear to have much damage.

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Above – Eric has scratch built a CrazE Wing and it goes well

Battery Incident

Wayne has been using HRB 5S batteries for a few years and over that time he has used 8 with some getting 98 charges and others getting less but they have been good so he ordered 4 more for \$318. The first and second charges were good and on the 3rd charge one had a dicky cell and over the next few charges all 4 batteries had one cell die. I contacted the ebay seller but have had no response.

So yesterday I was charging 10 batteries and the 5S wouldn't balance charge and I have had that problem before and they normal charge ok so I thought that would be ok and then I decided to mow the front lawn. Just as I was finishing the mowing and wearing earmuffs, I heard a beeping sound and as I took off the earmuffs I could tell it was my garage smoke detector. I looked at the garage and there was a wall of fire from the floor to the roof. I quickly grabbed the hose and was able to put it out whilst my wife was trying to work out how to dial 000 on her mobile. Luckily we didn't need the emergency services ! So one of the 5S batteries had gone up and the other 3 sitting in the bench were damaged. I also had lots of burnt wiring from 4 chargers and my 240V shed supply.

I lost a 1.20 size Spacewalker new in the box (but 10 YO) that was burnt 2 big Obelix and a small Obelix and a Brolga Glider that were burnt and 2 chargers destroyed.

I think I was very lucky. Another 2 minutes and the whole Garage may have gone up. So now I only have 38 model left and no 5S batteries



Above- lucky I had tiles on the bench – the fire was mainly between the 2 benches and melted the Obelix's on the rack above



Above –what's left of my ARF Spacewalker fuselage



Above - The Battery is the bronze colour in the middle.
I am now wondering if the charger has been buggering up the batteries.

Monthly meetings – There will be no monthly meeting in November because we had a Committee meeting recently but I hope restrictions will allow a Monthly Meeting in December.

2021 LVMAC Gunfighter Cup

Event 1 - 1 minute timed flight - Pilot takes off and when ready, flying straight & level, calls “start” and calls “finish” 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 finishes with the wings straight & level.
 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” 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 Spot Landing.
 200 points minus 10 points per metre out.

Event 5 – 4 rounds of Combat with the best 3 rounds to count in the scoring .
 Once everyone is ready there is a 1 minute time allowed for starting and launching. CD will make allowance if someone cannot launch on time due to a Safety concern.

General Rules

2 rounds 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 35 or 36mm or similar, 1250 or 1450Kv motor and 3S 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.

**The final round of the Combat Classic is programmed for
Sunday November 21st**



Above – here is a pic taken from the rescue boat at the 2006 Floatpane event



Above – Rex had an incident where the wing departed the fuselage in flight. He has fixed and flown it already



Above – Eric went for a walk to pick up his model. It was rather muddy out in the paddock !



Above – Ian Heafield made a lightweight stand for his models

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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