



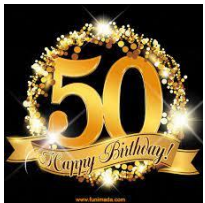
# VALLEY FLIER



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Above – The Typhoon was an interceptor/ground attack plane, good in both roles,.  
 The Bairnsdale Club are having a Warbirds weekend on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November and it should be a good weekend if the weather is good.

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 29	General flying at all sites – Combat Classic Event 4 backup day
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 1	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport - 7.30pm start
SAT-SUN	NOV 4 & 5	WARBIRDS weekend at Bairnsdale
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 12	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 19	General flying at all sites. <b>(Floatplane Day)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch at the MOE RSL at 12.30pm</b>
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 26	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 3	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 6	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport - 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 17	General flying at all sites.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve -

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## From the President...

Hi all

Again, the weather has not been our friend this past month. October is renowned for it's wind, rain and sometimes hail and we have had all three - frequently!

I have only had 2 flying days which were week days so have not caught up with many of you.

Enjoyed a trip north to Darwin at the end of September then travelled South on the Ghan stopping off along the way at various points of interest. Train from Adelaide to Melbourne was excellent but unfortunately could not complete the journey home by train as it was by bus stopping all stations to Morwell! After 3 hours on the bus I was dismayed to see a train heading towards Melbourne to resume usual services.

On leaving the field last Tuesday, James was about to mow the strip which should make it competition ready for Sunday 29th.

See you at the field.

Bill

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## **Minutes of the October 2023 General Meeting** **held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 9 members -Wayne Lewis, Chris Davenport, Godwin Bugeja, Mick Dye, Fred Barabasz, Stephen Loft, Ian Partleton, Ian Heafield & Rod Hilsley

3 Apologies – Bill Reid, Ivan Walker, Brian Adams, Owen & William McLauchlan, Rex Mitchell & Paul Mitchell.

4 New Members applications – John Gillam was accepted as a returning member

5 Visitors – None

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 23 – As per the October 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary      Seconded : Ian P      Carried: yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub – Wayne will talk to them next time they come up

7.2 HMI's. Rod Hilsley, Dave Lewis & Fred Barabasz are all happy to do it. Rod Hilsley has handed in an application for reappointment. Fred has handed in an application but more info is required & Dave Lewis is organising an application.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 Out & In – email to Henry re F3A event registration

8.3 In & Out Emails from Swinburne Air Hub re use of LN Strip

8.4 Out - Phone conversation with HMI David Law

8.5 In - HMI application from Fred B

Moved : Secretary      Seconded: Rod      Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied	Starting Balance	\$ 7874.52	
	Income	\$ 214.00	
	Expenses	\$ 186.01	
	Balance	\$ 7902.51	
	Comm Bank TD	\$ 49701.58	(this investment was renewed on 9-7-23 for 1 year @4.74%)
	Bendigo Bank TD	\$ 5277.80	(this investment was renewed on 26-3-23 for 1 year @ 3.75%)
	Total Investments	\$ 54979.38	
	Total Funds	\$ 62881.89	

Moved : Treasurer      Seconded: Ian H      Carried: Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 24-9-23 – 24 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 4 Associate, 1 Social. = 44 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Bill attended a meeting on 20/9/23 and passed on his report. He thanked the Council for filling the potholes in the Road. Woorabinda Camp asked for keys for access to our area to pick up canoes when the get stranded down in our area. Wayne suggested that the keys that the Caravan Park has should be passed on the them when the Caravan Park caretakers move out next month. It was also mentioned that Police Patrols would be increased around the Lake.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing – Council is still waiting to hear from Yallourn Energy.

13 Flight Proficiency – None

14 Safety - Again the issue was raised of members flying, getting into trouble and not yelling out.

#### 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Christmas Meal – It was agreed to have the Christmas meal at the Moe RSL on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>, for Lunch .
- 15.2 APA F3A event – we need help with the catering – registration due by next Monday
- 15.3 Fred & Godwin have installed a wind generator & battery at Lake Narracan. The only concern is that the battery is in a position where it may be stolen. Godwin was going to have a look to see if he can make it more secure. If all goes well we may look at putting a camera out there.
- 15.4 Bendigo Bank signatories – It was agreed to update the signatories by adding Godwin Bugeja and removing Paul Mitchell. This will make the signatories Godwin Bugeja, Wayne Lewis, Chris Davenport & Bill Reid.
- 15.5 Cadet Mower needs 50 hr service. Wayne has organised with Georges mowers. We may need to get them to pick up & drop off the mower as the trailer that we used last time is not available.
- 15.6 Godwin has made some inquiries with Bunnings about having a Sausage Sizzle day at Morwell Bunnings. It would also include a static display of models. We would need at least 8 members on the day to man the event. It would not specifically be to raise money, but more to advertise our hobby and attract new members.
- 15.7 Godwin suggested some Changes to the CCMT to make all models the same with the same motors, etc. It would need to be discussed Further with those who would fly in the event so it wouldn't happen for the 2024 CCMT.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – No nominations this Month.

17 BOMB AWARD – No nominations this Month.

18 SHOW & TELL – 1 Chris spoke about the latest FAA regulations for Drones in the USA and suggested that Australia may follow suit in the future.  
2 Ian P showed some electronic volts & amps devices that he had bought but couldn't get to work. No one at the meeting could help.  
3 Fred showed his latest laser cut model, a Calmato low wing model which he gave to Mick Dye to finish off. Nice job , slightly smaller than the original Calmato and to suit a nitro engine.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - The 15<sup>th</sup> October is the F3A day and the 22<sup>nd</sup> October is the Combat Classic event.

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.31pm

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**Club Christmas Lunch – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
at the MOE RSL**

**If you are coming, please let Chris, Ian P or Wayne know ASAP**

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

It was an overcast morning with a very light Westerly wind which was perfect for a “Club Flyday” with a Sausage Sizzle lunch, so where was everyone ? 10 Members flew and the sun came out and the wing stayed down. The Ambulance Helicopter was due at 9.00 for some winch practice over the Lake but they got called out to a rescue and didn’t arrive until 11.45am.

**Chris Davenport** tried to fly his Falcon but had trouble with the undercarriage and it didn’t get airborne. He did fly his Ultra Stick.

**Fred Barabasz** had his Fred Stik and also flew Doug’s Scout.

**Doug Jowett** flew the Scout and ended up out in the paddock – no damage

**Wayne Lewis** flew the Spacewalker with a 25cc electric motor, 6S 6000amp battery & 100amp ESC. It was Mal Stiles old Spacewalker built in 2008 and it flew well as it always has. Wayne also flew his Challenger and Teksumo Wing.

**Rex Mitchell** flew his Air Tourer, the electric Fred Stik and Cessna on which the nose wheel came off during flight which made for a rugged landing but there was no damage. Wayne supplied Rex with a new 5mm nut and it flew again.

**Paul Mitchell** flew his Westland Whirlwind and the retracts had an issue. Paul also flew his Fun Cub on floats off the Lake and a small electric CAP 232.

**Mick Dye** had to go home and get the right Transmitter and then flew his BigStik. Good to see him doing touch and goes.

**John Gillam** had 2 Funfly models. The smaller one took off did a couple of circuits and then went off the air and broke in half. John flew his second Funfly model and had no issues until his new NX8 Transmitter kept saying “low Battery”. It still had plenty in the battery so there was a fault in the Tx so John didn’t fly again. After flying John went to Wayne’s house and the new TX was registered, reset to factory settings, updated and is now working well with no low battery alarm.

**Stephen Loft** flew his Flybaby, Sparkler and Crusader and had no issues on this day.

**Eric Spratt** flew his S1500 Stick, 2 Crusaders and a Sparkler. One of the Crusader batteries went flat and the model landed to the East and damaged the undercarriage.

**Jamie Sjamsudin**, a past member had a small electric trainer and a .46 powered Ra Ra and being a “Mode 2 “ flyer, had to get Paul Mitchel to testfly the models. The Trainer crashed due to receiver problems and the Ra Ra went off an on the air and was lucky to be landed where the fin & rudder broke off.

Thanks to Chris for doing the snags for lunch



Above -Jamie was a Club member back in the 1990’s. This trainer had a faulty receiver and crashed on a testflight.



Above – John Gillam was also a Club member back in the 1990’s and has just rejoined the Club. Unfortunately, this electric Funfly Model was using the same faulty receiver as Jamie’s model.

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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 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>

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( 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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### F3A Event

The F3A event was cancelled due to the weather forecast of wind and rain over several days. It was a good call as on Friday there was a large pool of water on the east part of the strip (see the pic). Saturday was cold and windy and although the water pool was gone by Sunday, the strip was still quite wet in places. The wind got up to 20kmh to 35kmh from 10.00am and it wasn’t nice. There were only a few of us that flew in the morning.

We will try to have this event next year.

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Above -The strip on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The water was gone by Sunday so the drainage must be working but the ground was still quite soggy.

**The Combat Classic Event 4 was also postponed as Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October was a very windy day with the wind gusts up to 65kmh. An 80kmh gust was recorded to the LV Airport. So the next and final Combat Classic event for this year will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 23 at 11.00am if the weather is suitable. If the weather is not suitable we will try for Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **COMBAT CLASSIC**

After Event 3 the scores are as follows.....	Godwin	$730 + 750 + 800 = 2280$
	Lofty	$750 + 750 + 750 = 2250$
	Ian P	$750 + 750 + 750 = 2250$
	Wayne	$700 + 800 + 750 = 2250$
	James	$830 + 750 + 000 = 1580$
	Brian	$750 + 000 + 800 = 1550$

**Bunning Sausage Sizzle – It was suggested at the last meeting that we should have a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day to promote the Club and make a few dollars. This would include a static display of models if the weather was suitable. We would need at least 8 members to put up their hand up to assist on either a Saturday or Sunday. If you are able to assist, please let Godwin or Wayne know ASAP.**

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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**

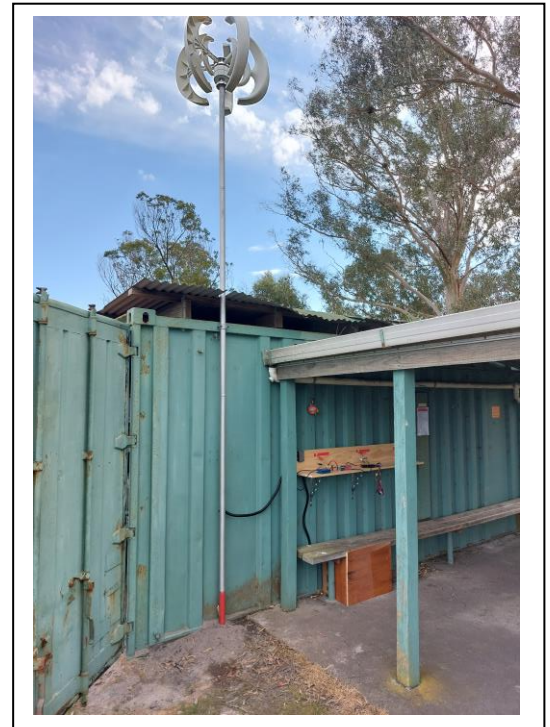
Could club members please ensure that they immediately advise Roy (at field or text 0417 562014) when taking any fuel and pay prior too, or shortly after.

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.



Above - Fred has generously donated a wind Generator and Battery for charging Lipo's, which seem to be working ok. Thanks Fred. Much appreciated



## Monthly Meetings.

It was agreed at the September Committee Meeting to move our monthly meetings to the MOE RSL meeting room in 2024. The December Monthly Meeting will be the last meeting at the LV Airport. Ian Partleton has organised the Moe RSL for us and there is no cost involved.

**Agenda for the November 2023 General Meeting**  
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- 7.3 Bendigo Bank signatures – Godwin getting the paperwork.
- 7.4 Cadet Mower has had its 50hr service at Georges Mowers
- 7.5 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

- 8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others
- 8.2 Out – email members re F3A event cancellation.
- 8.3 Out letter to LVAC advising that we won't be meeting at their Clubrooms after December.
- 8.4 VMAA AGM & September Minutes

Moved : Secretary                      Seconded:                      Carried:

9 Treasurer – As supplied

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency –

14 Safety -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 John Deere Mower needs repairs
- 15.2
- 15.3 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Wayne – Stick, others

17 BOMB AWARD - Mick Dye – brough wrong Tx

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.  
This will be our last meeting at this venue. 2024 meetings will be at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at :



Don't forget we have a Club Floatplane day coming up on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November so drag out your floatplanes and get them ready.



**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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