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Westland Wyvern from my pic collection, taken at a Bairnsdale Mid May Muster.
 The real aircraft had counter rotating propellers

MEMBERSHIP & FEES: The MAAA /VMAA earlybird discount no longer applies. As of Wednesday 30/9/20 we have 48 paid up members ! Senior Members = 22 , Junior Members = 0, Pensioner Members = 14, Associate members = 6, Life Members = 3 & Indoor Only members = 3

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Pressies Preamble,

Hi guys,

This little bit of information will be pretty much the same as last month, the only difference being the temperature has climbed a little to almost being acceptable, the wind on the other hand is being just as finicky as ever in that it is getting to be almost unpredictable.

In this issue I would like you to join me in wishing Ian Milligan a happy birthday this week, I know that name won't ring a bell with a lot of guys, but all the old timers will remember him and at 85 years young we don't see much of him but I do manage to sneak down with him on the quiet days and he gets some flight time in, he has still got the bug. Ian has been in the club for over 30 years.

There has been a sighting of a couple of surveyors in the area and the only info I can get is that they are walking the fence lines from East to West and then from North to South, who they are working for is anybodies guess at this stage, so we will have to rely on the old adage that no news is good news.

That's it from me, see you at thefield,.....

Cheers, Chris

General Flying

There have been some very nice days at Lake Narracan with the first 2 weeks of Spring having some great days. We have been keeping within the Covid 19 rules and all has worked well. There has been several new models test flown and some repaired models flown.

Thanks to Roy White for running the system and keeping the records. 12 members have made use of the system which allowed the Club Members to keep active during the restrictions.



Above -Wayne has a new Extra 300 foamy. 1200 span, 3536 motor, 13x4 prop on 4S battery



Chris has an Edge 540 which is a balsa & ply electric model



Above - Paul O'Bryan lives in Melbourne so has not been able to fly at all so he has put a T40 Trainer together and powered it with an OS LA40 engine. It looks good !

Now that we are coming into the warmer weather, first on site - please make sure that you open the container so that the Fire Extinguisher and Defibrillator are quickly accessible. All electric flyers should have an extinguisher with them.

The Lake Narracan Gate - One disappointment this month was that a letter was sent to the Council asking permission to keep the gate at the Caravan Park open when we are on site. The Council came back with a “No”. As per their previous letter they want us to keep the gate shut. All the reasons given were nothing to do with the LVMAC or how we use our site.

The current system with the fluoro magnet is working well.

Current Flying situation -

Last month it was looking very likely that we may have to close the Flying Fields down completely but we believed that it would be possible to abide by the proposed restrictions with a maximum of 4 members at the field and those members willing to comply with some strict rules. That worked well but didn't create much in the way of the social side of flying.

In Regional Victoria the rules have now changed to gatherings of 10 but you still need to social distance and wear a mask. To ensure that we don't get more than 10 members on site at the same time, Roy is still working the roster system for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday mornings so if you want to fly on those days please contact Roy by email or SMS. At this time we have only had 1 day where we had 10 flyers.(and purrrrrfect weather) The fine for non compliance to the gatherings rule is nearly \$5000.

The current system we are using at Lake Narracan is

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday & Public holidays only – booking is required

Morning - weekdays - 7.00am till Midday & Weekends 9.00am till Midday

Afternoons – 12.30pm till 4.00pm

A maximum of 10 members at the Field at any time.

To book - By email to jenny.roy@wideband.net.au; members need to nominate by the previous day (by 6.30pm) their desire to attend the field. Should more than 10 names be submitted, Roy would draw 10 out of a hat and reply by 7.30pm to all nominees. (For fairness Roy would place successful nominees to the end of the 'queue' for the next draw). Day workers would also get preference for weekend slots.

Roy has also been keeping a record of all activity much the same as the Traralgon Golf Club is doing.



Rex Mitchell has finished a Phaeton II Biplane and it flew very well with Paul Mitchell doing the test flight. The model is from a Balsa USA kit with a 52" span and is powered by a Saito 82 4stroke engine

There has been no Indoor Flying due to the current Covid 19 Stage 3 restrictions. I expect that to change in the next round of restriction changes on 19th October.



Above – Godwin has built a “Gangster” which has an OS40FSR engine



Above – Bill Reid has built this low wing trainer. Yet to be test flown.

Don't forget if you use the rescue boat you must wear a PDF or life Jacket. You also need to know how to use the PDF lifejackets. If you don't know, ask !

Seagull Delta Racer .46 ARF

Converted from tricycle to a tail dragger, steerable using an extra mini servo and twin pull rods.

Running a Dualsky 4255 590 kv motor and 60 Amp ESC on 5S 4000 mAh Lipo, with a 12 x 8 prop, 45 Amps at full throttle.

Span is 9850 mm, weight is 2.3 kg

Rudder causes a serious rolling effect, so a "rudder to opposite aileron" mix has been added

Landing approach is fast but needs power kept on until touchdown because using up elevator to flare the model into a 3 point attitude causes a lot of drag and it will come down hard, bending the wire gear legs

Lofty





Bill Reid broke his Convertible 40 (above) and has done a repair (below) fly's as good as ever !



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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)

AGM

The 30th April was the end of the financial year for the Club. We would normally have had our AGM in June but that didn't happen due to Mr Covid 19. We have obtained a 3 month extension from Consumer Affairs but we may need another extension as the current extension expires on 1st December 2020. The current rules limit the numbers so an outdoor AGM that was planned for Sunday 8th November 20 is probably not going to happen. Sunday December 13th may be suitable.

We have a couple of Special Resolutions to put to the meeting and need to give at least 21 days notice to members and we can't do this until the current regional restrictions are lifted and we can have sufficient numbers for our AGM.

The next government changes to restrictions are due on 19th October so we have to wait and see what comes of that. Naturally we will keep members updated as things change or become known to us.

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 and White Stickers for .50 cents each and Club Caps @ \$15.00 .

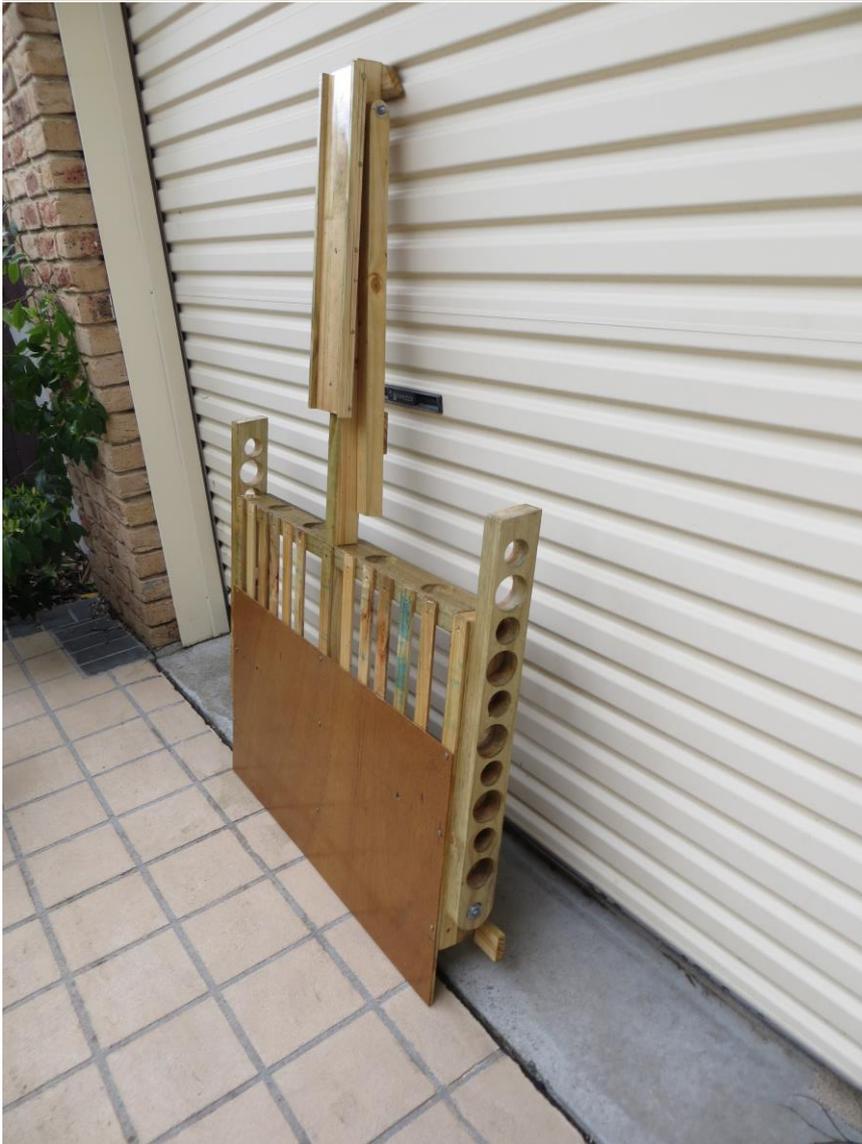
Current Fuel Situation – If you need Nitro Fuel see Roy who is keeping some 4 lt bottles of 10% fuel in the Container. Toyworld has given us a good price for buying in bulk so 10% nitro is \$44 for 4lts from the Container. That's 20% off RRP. If you want to transfer the money here are the details:

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 \$55 for 4lts but if you remember to take your Club ID card to Toyworld Traralgon you can get your 10% discount. ie \$50 for 4lts.

Sausage Sizzle Roster..... All Sausage Sizzles are cancelled until further notice as per recommendations by higher authorities.



I decided to make a new starting stand so I got some scrap pine timber (spacers used between timber in timber packs) from the hardware store, a gift cost nothing. I wanted the stand to be “fold away” so as to be portable light weight and easy to store.

The only cost was the screws and three 10mm bolts nuts and washers The varnish used was left over from a previous job. Here are some photos attached. It is OK to use in the MAG if you wish

Ian Partleton.



Above - Lofty had this Mini Pulse and didn't really like it as it wasn't a nice flyer. He had been experimenting with the C of G to get it to fly better but this happened. Lofty has been in the club for a few years now and had had a lot of models and this is the first model that I have seen him crash.

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