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Dave Lewis went to the Shepperton Mammoth Scale event and sent me some pics.
 The Macchi is one of my favourites as I worked on them when I was in the RAAF at East Sale

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 1	General flying at all sites (Daylight Savings starts – clocks forward)
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 4	Monthly Meeting at LV Airport 7.30pm.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 8	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 15	F3A Event at Lake Narracan (Closed Field) spectators welcome
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 22	General flying at all sites –& Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am
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. (Floatplane Day)
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 25	Christmas Meal - time & venue to be notified
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 26	General flying at all sites

From the President...

Hi all

I have not been flying much in the past month due to various circumstances.

However, during this time it has come to my attention a very generous act, provided by one of our senior members to an up and coming junior member. A fully completed aircraft receiver ready, designed and built by the benefactor was presented the young pilot on a fly day. I note that this act exemplifies again the great spirit alive in the club. Something for everyone to be proud of.

Love ya Freddo.

Going skywards shortly on a big aircraft to the outer limits of the continent (Darwin) hope to return!

See you at the field on my return.

Bill

Daylight Savings starts this coming Sunday – Clocks forward 1 hour

Don't forget the F3A Event on Sunday 15th October 2023

Now is the time to start practising.

the Lake Narracan field will be closed to General Flying on this day but its worth coming down to have a look at the Models and the flying. More information is at the end of this newsletter.

The Club is catering for this event so we will need some assistance in the kitchen during the day.

If you want to fly on the day you need to register by Monday 9th October – Phone Henry Hutchinson on 03 5987 1811

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**It was agreed at the last meeting that there would be no
No Club Auction this year**

Minutes of the September 2023 Committee Meeting

held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

2 Present – 15 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Godwin Bugeja, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Chris Davenport, Mick Dye, Rex Mitchell, Paul Mitchell, Fred Barabasz, Ollie Wilson, Stephen Loft, Ian Heafield, Owen McLauchlan & William McLauchlan.

3 Apologies – Ivan Walker

4 New Members applications – 2 past members in the wind - John Gillam & Mike Greenough

5 Visitors – 1 visitor - Anthony Wilson

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 2nd August 23 – As per the September 23 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Ian Partleton Carried: yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 MAAA Jungle - delayed until November

7.2 agreement with Swinburn Air Hub – ongoing. They have not been in contact for several months.

7.3 Junior Achievement Award – It was agreed that the Club would pay for a Junior Members second year of fees if they fly at the field at least 12 times in the year and pass a Wings test.

7.4 Meeting venue – The Moe Library was suggested and the Moe RSL was also suggested. It was decided that, from January 2024, the Club meetings would be held at the Moe RSL Meeting Room on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Ian Partleton to book the room for us. The room is free and tea & Coffee supplies. Wayne to notify the LVAC of our decision.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 Out – Email to SHMI regarding Rod Hilsley’s current status as an HMI -

8.3 In - Email from LVAC advising of a room hire increase to \$525 for the year. We are paid up until December 23 and will be moving to Moe RSL in February 2024

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

Starting Balance	\$ 7915.72
Income	\$ 419.00
Expenses	\$ 460.20
Balance	\$ 7874.52

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 \$ 62853.90

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Owen Carried: Yes

10 2023-2024 Membership at 4-9-23 – 23 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 4 Associate, 1 Social. = total of 43 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Possible meeting this month.

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency – Mick Dye and Lynton McPhail both now have Silver Wings.

14 Safety - There have been a couple of incidents where models have come across the pits into the trees. A reminder to all to call out when you are in trouble or you think someone else is in trouble.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Auction in October ? It was decided that we would not have an Auction this year.

15.2 There will be an Airshow at West Sale – weekend after ANZAC day next year.(27 & 28 April) More info when available.

This means that the Club Warbirds Day on 28th April will be moved to the Sunday before ANZAC Day 21st April

15.3 Fred suggested that the Club need a Heavy Model Inspector. Wayne to check with Rod Hilsley & Dave Lewis to see if they would like the position and organise the paperwork.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – There were several nominations this month.

Ivan Walker for demolishing a Stick

Ian Partleton for crashing a Stik

Ian Heafield for a midweek demolishing of a Boomerang

Eric Spratt for crashing his Challenger

Wayne Lewis for breaking the Sig Wonder that was repaired and has flown since

Congratulations to Ian Heafield for getting this Award

17 BOMB AWARD – There were several nominations

Ian Partleton forgot TX and had to go home to get it.

Ivan Walker repaired his broken Stik and didn't think about the balance. It was way too nose heavy

Bill Reid took the wrong wing and fuselage combination to the field

Rex Mitchell left a Transmitter at Bairnsdale and finally got it back

Congratulations to Ivan Walker for getting this Award

18 SHOW & TELL – Rex Mitchell showed his latest model which is a Mid Wing Stik which Fred cut out on his Laser Cutter and Rex finished it off.. Looks good. Its electric and will be running on a 4S battery.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17-**Slope Gliding at No Pine** if the wind & weather is suitable

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and will be on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.30pm at the LV Airport.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.05pm



Above – Rex Mitchell showing the almost finished Stik that Fred had Lazer Cut for him

Club Flyday – Sunday 10th September 2023

Not a good day with the wind gusting 31kmh to 46kmh at 9.30am. A few members did go to Lake Narracan on this day.

Rex Mitchell flew his Cessna and Cosmic Wind (Little Toni).

Paul Mitchell flew his Fun Cub and the Strega Mustang.

James Morfitt flew his Crazy Wing, E Hots and his Wind S Pattern plane.

Stephen Loft flew his Challenger and SPAD

Fred Barabasz was assisting **Doug Jowett** who put his Bixler into the lake. The wind blew it across the lake, so Stewart and Doug drove around to North Shore road and picked it up across from the caravan park.

Thanks for the report Lofty.



Above – Doug’s Bixler blowing away

Gliding Day at No Pine – Sunday 17th September – It was a very windy day from the start with the gusty Westerly wind blowing 32kmh to 46kmh so I doubt anyone would have gone up to the site. I did hear that a couple of experienced members flew at Lake Narracan.

The next and final Combat Classic event for this year is on Sunday 22nd October 23 at 11.00am if the weather is suitable.

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	$750 + 000 + 800 = 1550$

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](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 – one Thursday with very nice weather, we had visitors on the lake. It wasn’t really “weather for Ducks”. Maybe they knew it was Duck hunting season and that Lake Narracan was a “Safe Haven.”

A couple of articles from Don Grant.....

The first is the one I mentioned to you at the Annual meeting. I was fitting a new receiver to a well flown Lanzo Bomber Old Timer in the Family room which also contained the Wi Fi Router. I tested the controls and set up the correct control movements for direction and travel on the TX and some days later went to fly it. Gave the controls a wobble to make sure they worked but didn’t check the travel direction, presuming I set them up correctly in the house. On take off it veered to the right I gave left rudder which only made it worse and it rolled in nose first. The first attached photo shows the result. After picking up the pieces I found the rudder was reversed. Only travelled about twenty meters and two meters high. I have repaired the wings and have started on the fuselage.



Above – the broken Lanzo Bomber

A lucky escape.

The second and third photos were taken at a recent Old Timer competition at P&DARCS Cardinia. The wind on the day was fairly strong blowing from the west, and having made the fly off for the Texaco event I let the engine run to use up all the available fuel allocation and got higher than I had in the qualifying rounds. I found that higher up the wind was blowing harder but from the north. I then had a struggle to get the model down and back on the strip. It eventually ended up to the east of the field over the drains and I couldn't get it back and it landed in amongst the drains.

I went looking for it but couldn't see it.

A P&DARCS member had a DJI drone and flew over the area and downloaded the photos onto my phone which I then loaded onto my computer and was able to find an indistinct image of the model in one of the photos. After the comp was over the son of the member who was timing for me went out with his drone and flew right over the model and took several photos of the surrounding area, sent them to me and I was able to pinpoint where the model was.

The next day I returned armed with an electric hedge clipper, chainsaw and grappling hook.

I was able to drive into the area, owned by Melbourne Water I presume, as the gate in from the road was only fastened with a length of rope.

After driving near to where I thought the model was, I spent over an hour cutting my way in through blackberries and gorse with the hedge clipper to find my model sitting on some tall reeds undamaged. Two meters to the south and it would have been in a deep drain sitting in water.

Regards.
Don Grant.



Below – the track Don cut to get in & Above – the undamaged 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.

Club Christmas Meal to be discussed at the next meeting. It will be on Saturday 25th November, venue & time to be decided at the meeting.

Activity at the Lake

Those that fly at Lake Narracan know that there has been some machinery activity out in the paddock and we thought it must have been a start on the Sewerage pumping station. It now looks like it is to be a man made Lake for the Subdivisions !

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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 Account Name: Roy White.

Roy has also left some Glow Plugs and Ply wood in the Container at marked prices.

Thanks to Bill Burrows for making a \$60 donation to the club after selling some of his models. The donation is much appreciated. I believe he still gas a couple left that didn't sell.

Below are some more pics from the Shepparton Mammoth Scale event.



Vampire



CAC Boomerang



The pits



Waco



Above - A Giant Scale Fokker DV11



above – Dave Lewis and his Edge 540 – 150cc DLE engine.

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....

Imagine:

- Flying with purpose!
- Improving your flying with every trip to the field
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- 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:

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For those new to F3A



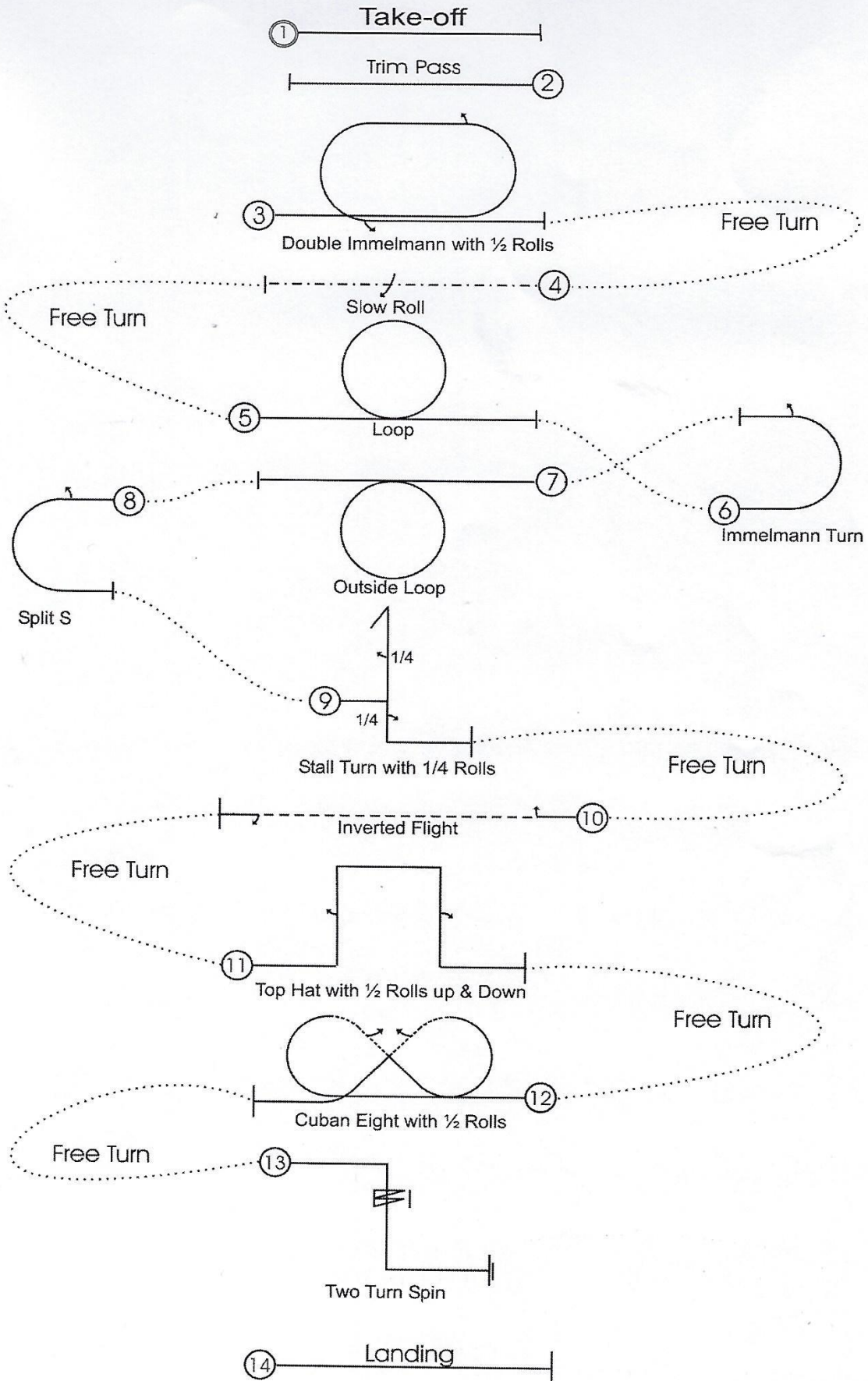
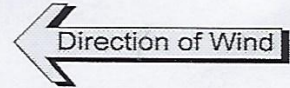
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	Free turn	
<u>04</u> Slow Roll		3
	Free turn	
<u>05</u> Loop		2
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<u>07</u> Outside Loop		3
<u>08</u> Split S		2
<u>09</u> Stall Turn $\frac{1}{4}$ Roll Up & Down		3
	Free turn	
<u>10</u> Inverted Flight		2
	Free turn	
<u>11</u> Top Hat with $\frac{1}{2}$ Roll Up & Down		4
	Free turn	
<u>12</u> Cuban 8 with $\frac{1}{2}$ Roll		3
	Free turn to Top	
<u>13</u> Two Turn Spin		3
<u>14</u> Land		

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Agenda for the October 2023 General Meeting held at the Latrobe Regional Airport at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023

1 Meeting Opened at :

2 Present –

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

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11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: -

12 Relocation Update: - ongoing

13 Flight Proficiency –

14 Safety -

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

 15.1 Christmas Meal - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon ? Saturday November 25th. for Lunch ?

 15.2 APA F3A event

 15.3 Fred's wind generator

 15.3 Other

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

17 BOMB AWARD

18 SHOW & TELL –

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

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

21 Meeting Closed at :

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