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MAAA website is at www.maaa.asn.au

Facebook -<https://www.facebook.com/flylymac>

General Flying at Lake Narracan on Thursday, Saturday & Sunday mornings when the weather allows.



Let's hope it's a good year for all

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 29	General flying at all sites.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 1	New Years Day - No monthly meeting
SUNDAY	JANUARY 5	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	JANUARY 12	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	JANUARY 19	General Flying at all sites - Combat Classic event 1 at 11.00am
SUNDAY	JANUARY 26	Australia Day - General Flying at all sites (Floatplane Day)
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 2	General Flying at all sites – (Combat Classic event 1 backup day)
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 16	Col Cliff Memorial Trophy at Lake Narracan – 11.00am start.-
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 23	General flying at all sites & Col Cliff Memorial Trophy backup day.

From the President...

My Wife and I have just returned from an overseas holiday doing a River Cruise and a Mediterranean Cruise so Wayne has written my report.

It has been a reasonably good month for flying with the weather starting to improve as we move towards Summer and the days warm up, but the wind has still been an issue for some flyers.

The Bunnings family evening went well so thanks to Craig & the team for doing that. All publicity is good publicity. We won't get any new members from this event but a few said they may come and have a look.

We did manage to get the 4th & last round of the Combat Classic in on Sunday 15th December so congratulations to the winners on the day and the overall winners of the 4 rounds.

Thanks to the Committee, to those that have supported the Club throughout the year and a special thankyou to Fred for keeping the strip and surrounds mowed to perfection.

I did attend the field last Sunday and there were 18 members flying which was great to see.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and may there be many more to come.

See you at the field. Bill Reid

NO FLYING on Days of Total Fireban in the West & South Gippsland District

Please make sure that before flying, the Container is open for access to the Fire Extinguishers, Defibrillator and First aid Kit.

Minutes of the December 2024 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th December 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm
- 2 Present – Chris Davenport, Wayne Lewis, Craig McMahon, Stephen Loft, Ian Partleton, Fred Barabasz, Ian Heafield, Brian Adams, Rex Mitchell, Paul Mitchell Ivan Walker & Mick Dye
- 3 Apologies – Bill Reid, Godwin Bugeja, Ash Bence. Jamie McLaughlin
- 4 New Members applications – None
- 5 Visitors – None
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 6th November 2024 – As per the December 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Ian P Carried: Yes

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was very successful. Thanks to all concerned.
- 7.2 Christmas Lunch – Saturday 30th November 12.30pm – was not that well attended. Suggestions that the Christmas one be held in the evening or not at all. More discussion before next Christmas.
- 7.3 Bendigo Bank inquiry – sorted with the Bank – Godwin is talking to the Tax man
- 7.4 Bunnings Christmas Event Thursday 5th Dec 6 - 8 pm. Craig has organized and has enough help & models.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In - VMAA Minutes

8.3 emails & phone call to the Federal Secretary re: Insurance – Bunnings inquiry. The issue was eventually solved.

8.4 email from Federal HMI - Fred is officially an HMI.

8.5 Email from VMAA Sec requesting more photo's for Dave Lewis HMI Application – Dave has sent them and has done a verbal assessment with Bob Bennetts at Sale.

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Ivan W Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

31-10-2024 Starting Balance \$

Income \$

Expenses \$

30-11-2024 Balance \$

Comm Bank TD \$

(this investment was renewed on 10-7-24 for 1 year @ 4.60%)

Bendigo Bank TD \$

(this investment was renewed on 26-3-24 for 1 year @ 4.00%)

Total Investments \$

Total Funds \$

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ian H Carried: Yes

10 2024-2025 Membership at 26-11-24 – 26 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate, Social. = 44 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - No Meetings at this time. Wayne has had correspondence with Cr Gibson about the track & the Blackberries.

12 Relocation Update: - no updates

13 Flight Proficiency – Craig is practicing for his Gold Wings.

14 Safety – No Issues reported

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 Defibrillator Battery \$100 - \$300 . It was agreed to go with the \$100 battery this time around.

15.2 Solar System vandalism - do we want another inverter ? It was decided that at this stage we don't really need the Inverter.

15.3 Craig mentioned that the VMAA has a pamphlet template on the net if we want to do some Club pamphlets. The VMAA may assist with the cost. Craig had made some handouts and Wayne had some "Top Fun" sheets for the Bunnings night.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD –

Wayne – Ians H Sbach – Cause unknown and the model is not repairable.

Ian H – Boomerang – the model is repairable.

Adam- Sputnik – broke in half after stalling on a steep takeoff.

Rex & Eric – had a Midair. Rex was flying his Phaeton Biplane and Eric was flying his Crazy Wing. Rex got into the wrong spot as Eric did a fast pass and confetti rained down. Rex took responsibility for the midair.

Congratulations Rex

17 BOMB AWARD - Adam – forgot his Tx on a perfect flying day.

Ivan – for trying to taxi with reversed motors.

Doug - for losing another model, probably in the Lake.

Congratulations Adam

18 SHOW & TELL – Rex showed his latest build which is a model of boomerang dimensions for the CCMT. OS46 engine 58"span.

A comment was made on how good the roadway is since Mick spread the gravel. Only the odd puddle after heavy rain. Well done Mick.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Combat Classic backup day is Sunday 15th December or 22nd if it doesn't happen on 15th

20 No meeting in January.

Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at the Moe RSL meeting room

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.10



Above – Rex and his new CCMT Model – it seems to fly well

Bunnings Evening event - this event was on Thursday 5th December 6.00pm till 8.00pm and the Club put on a display of Models and had a 55" TV showing pictures of various models as well as a Realflight Simulator, a Phoenix Simulator and some "Top Fun" and information sheets to hand out . Thanks to Craig McMahon for organizing the event and to those members who helped out.

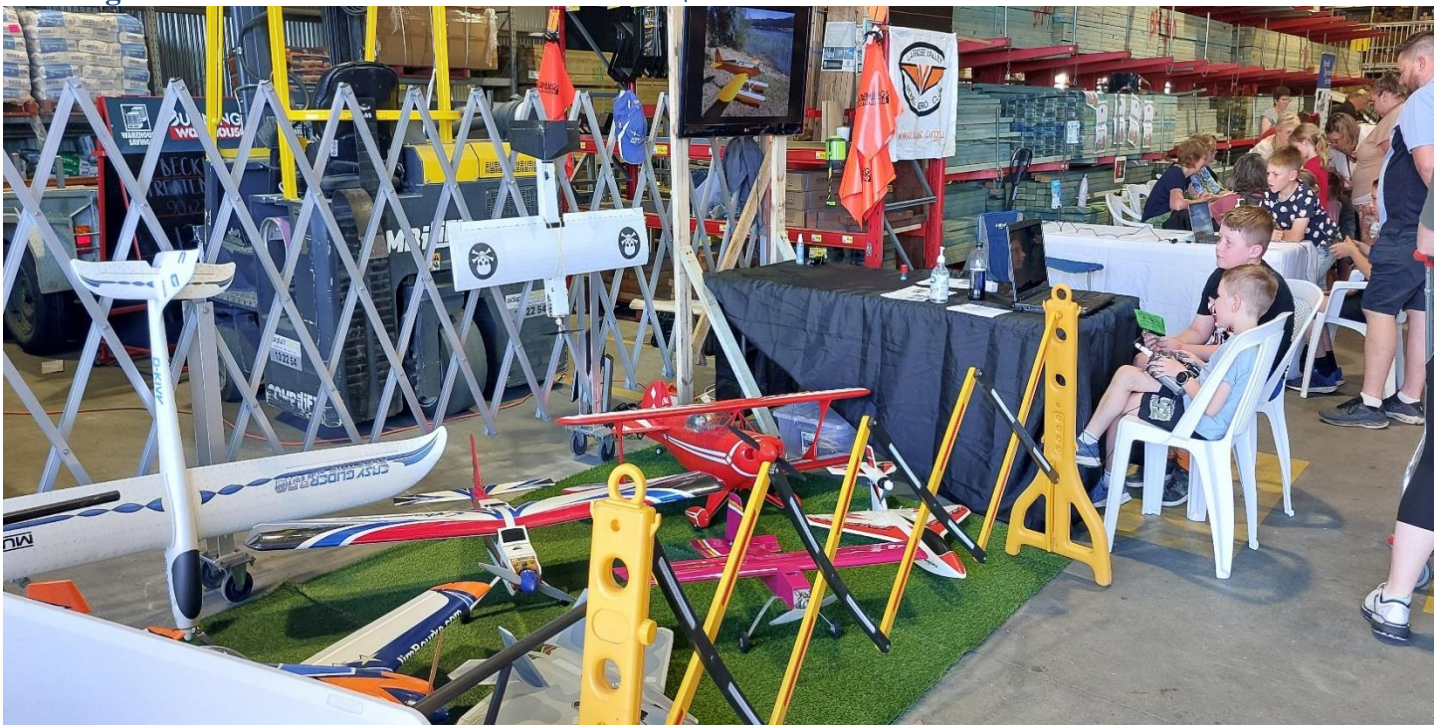
Craig had the Realflight Sim and his Jim Bourke E-Flite Extra 330 SC 1.3m and his F22 Raptor. Wayne had the Phoenix Sim, the Pitts Special, a Boomerang Trainer, the Dragonfly & a Multiplex Easy Glider.

Brian supplied the 55" tv (and Craig supplied a USB stick with photo's) and had his Combat SPAD.

Chris had one of Fred's Mini Ultra Sticks.

Ivan had some models in his car but didn't get them out.

Bunnings rewarded us with some free food and a \$50 voucher for the Club.



Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 8th December 2024)

The Weather Gods were not on our side on this day with a strong West South Westerly wind gusting 24 to 37kmh at 9.00am and 35kmh to 45kmh by 11.00am. I didn't bother going as these are not favorable conditions for flying Model Aircraft. Maybe someone was out there. Maybe not.

<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>

(read in conjunction with the MAAA Bronze, Silver & gold Wings Sheet as there are maneuvers that we do not do, included in this pdf)

Combat Classic Event 4

Combat Classic Event 4 was held on Sunday 15th December 2024 and was the last of the 4 events. There were 6 starters and the event got under way at 11.00am. It was fine and sunny and Easterly wind was gusting 12kmh to 26Kmh which wasn't too bad. Godwin managed to break one of his Combat Models before the event started.

Round 1 saw Wayne have a bad launch but a second launch went well & then he found he had no elevator but the model stayed and he continued with the Combat. There were several close calls but no cuts. Wayne just throttled off and the SPAD landed perfectly.

Round 2 saw some very close action, with Brian cutting Lofty's streamer and Godwin cutting Brian's streamer. Wayne's motor died half way through the combat.

Round 3 saw some more very close action with Ian P cutting Jamie's streamer and Wayne was flying a backup Combat model.

Round 4 was interesting when Brian found out too late that he was flying someone else's model. There just happened to be 2 Fluro Pink & White SPAD models There were 2 cuts but no one claimed the cuts.

It was all over in 40 minutes. The results are....best 3 scores out of the 4 rounds.....

Godwin flying an electric SPAD	1 cut	800 points
Ian P flying an electric SPAD	1 cut	800 points
Wayne flying an electric SPAD & Combat Model		750 points
Jamie flying an electric SPAD		750 points
Brian flying a SPAD	1 cut	750 points
Lofty flying an electric SPAD (lost the streamer x 2)		700 points

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

Final Scores after Event 4

In the final results only the 3 best scores out of the 4 Events are counted

James	900	+	850	+	750	+	000	=	best of 3 = 2500 points
Ian P	000	+	750	+	800	+	800	=	best of 3 = 2350 points
Godwin	800	+	750	+	680	+	800	=	best of 3 = 2350 points
Lofty	780	+	850	+	700	+	700	=	best of 3 = 2330 points
Wayne	730	+	750	+	780	+	750	=	best of 3 = 2280 points
Brian	000	+	700	+	800	+	750	=	best of 3 = 2250 points
Ian P	000	+	750	+	800	+	800	=	best of 3 = 2350 points
Will	730	+	700	+	000	+	000	=	best of 3 = 1430 points

Congratulations to James for winning the overall event and the Ian P & Godwin for coming in equal Second and to Lofty for third place. The trophies were presented on the day. (James wasn't there so I still have to get the trophies to him)

The next Combat Classic Event 1 is programmed for Sunday January 19th 2025



Above – The Combat Classic Trophies



Above – Combat Classic entrants on 15th December 24 – Ian P, Godwin, Brian, Jamie, Wayne & Lofty



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CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 13-4-24

Roy is still purchasing fuel in Bulk at a discount and is leaving a small quantity in the flying field container.

Current prices inclusive of the 20% discount for 2 stroke is -

2 Stroke \$48 / 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.

Godwin is looking after the 4 stroke fuel so see him if you need some.

The grass in the paddocks is getting pretty thick and long so if you crash in the paddocks, remember to get a line on where it is before walking off and make sure you wear appropriate clothing when venturing into the paddocks. Thongs and shorts don't really mix with "snakes."

Also make sure you have a phone with you so that you can make or receive a call.



Above – another one from Fred's collection

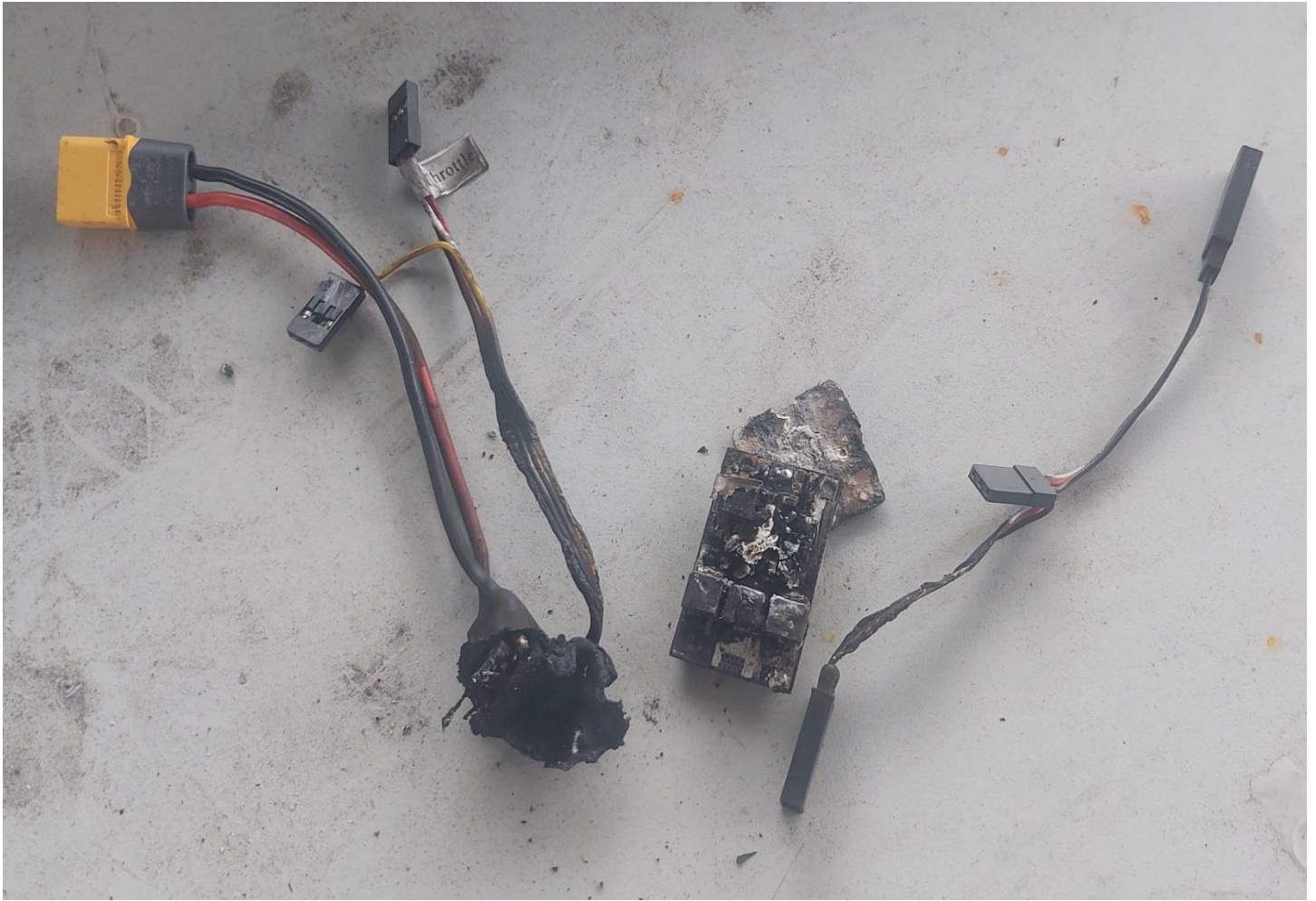


Above – Craig has a new F14 Tomcat EDF with swing wings – It seems to fly nicely



Above – Roy has a new Rutan Long Ezy electric model

**Club Shirts – Thanks to those that ordered Club Shirts. We ordered 17 in the end which was quite a few more than we thought we would order. I will have them with me at the field and at the meeting. Cost ended up being \$31 each which you can do a bank transfer to the Club account or pay in cash.
BSB 063530 Account No 10068336 Acc Name : Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club**



**Above and below – This is the result of having the throttle on when the model is on the ground....upside down.
a melted ESC and melted foam fuselage.
Bad Luck Doug**



No General Meeting in January 2025

Don't forget to **Slip**, **Slop** & **Slap**

During the Summer period

and have a

“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

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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