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Above – Glen Neal's large Electric Corsair in action at Lake Narracan. B Adams pic

**Congratulations to Tony Wilson from the Bairnsdale Club on being elected as the VMAA President. I'm sure Tony will do a great job !**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b>	<b>General flying at all sites – Combat Classic at 11.00am</b>
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 2	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 6	Club Flyday at Lake Narracan ( <b>Daylight Savings starts – clocks forward</b> )
SAT/SUN	OCTOBER 12 & 13	<b>Festival of Flight event at the Bairnsdale State Field</b>
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 13	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 20	General flying at all sites –& <b>Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am</b>
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 27	General flying at all sites – Combat Classic Event 4 backup day
SAT/SUN	NOVEMBER 2 - 4	<b>Warbirds Weekend at the Bairnsdale State Field</b>
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 3	General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 6	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 10	<b>Club Flyday &amp; Floatplane day at Lake Narracan</b>
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 16	<b>Bunnings Sausage Sizzle &amp; Display</b>
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 17	General Flying at all sites
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 24	General flying at all sites –& <b>Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am</b>
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 30	<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH at Moe RSL – 12.30pm</b>

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From the President...

Hi All

The past month has been an absolute shocker for flying!! I only visited the Field on one Club fly day and there were five brave souls flying into the windy conditions.

The Lake Narracan Advisory meeting was again cancelled and now with the Council Election Period until the end of October, no further meeting is planned for the near future. I was disappointed as I was hoping to have some feedback from the noise levels recorded by an independent group.

Congratulations to Roy on achieving a big birthday number and it's all downhill from here mate!

See you at the field under better skies.

Bill Reid

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## Minutes of the September 2024 General Meeting To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm
- 2 Present – 13 members - Bill Reid, Godwin Bugeja, Wayne Lewis, Chris Davenport, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Stephen Loft, Craig McMahon, Ivan Walker, Fred Barabasz, Mick Dye, Jamie McLaughlin & Ollie Wilson
- 3 Apologies – Ash Bence, James Morfitt, Ian Heafield & Adam Monument
- 4 New Members applications – None
- 5 Visitors – Anthony Wilson
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – As per the September 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded : Ian P Carried: Yes

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 LVMAC Stickers - ongoing
- 7.2 Swinburne fee for using the field – A payment has been received.
- 7.3 Roadway Gravel – job done – 10m gravel + Bobcat + Fuel - ended up costing ..... \$803 and the road is pretty good now.
- 7.4 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> – Godwin is organizing the Sausage Sizzle & Wayne will organize the Display

- 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 Text -In & Out – Swinburne request to use Lake Narracan field
- 8.4 Email to Tony Wilson with our Club Proxy Vote for the VMAA Presidency

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

31-7-2024 Starting Balance	\$
Income	\$
Expenses	\$
31-8-2024 Balance	\$

Comm Bank TD \$	
Bendigo Bank TD \$	
Total Investments \$	
Total Funds \$	

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded:

Carried:

10 2024-2025 Membership at 26-8-24 – 26 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate, Social 0. = 44 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - meeting next week. Bill will attend.

12 Relocation Update: - Sound testing has now been done. We hope to get a copy of the report.

### 13 Flight Proficiency – Craig is set to do his Silver Wings test

14 Safety –

## 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Freds HMI app has gone in – more info was required and Fred has sent that to the VMAA Secretary.
- 15.2 Spam emails – Wayne mentioned that Graeme Blackman had received an email from Wayne Lewis but it wasn't the Wayne Lewis in our Club. Wayne also mentioned that he had a spam email from Bill Harris, the P&DARCS Treasurer. If you get strange emails from names that you know, always check the email address. There will always be scammers out there so be vigilant.
- 15.3 Club Website update – Craig McMahon has volunteered to update the Club Webpage. The suggestion was to create a whole new page which will be much user friendly, smart phone friendly and linked to our facebook page. He had a demo on his computer and it looks good. It will be drag & drop setup which will be much easier to maintain than our current 10 yo page that uses "code". It will also work out cheaper in the long term. The meeting agreed for Craig to go ahead and organize it with Go Daddy.
- 15.4 Wayne read out a text from James Morfitt announcing the arrival of a daughter, Charlee Mackenzie Morfitt, born on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 1.24pm. **Congratulations to James & Ash on the arrival of their first Baby.** James also mentioned that a payment to the club from the Sale Airshow had been paid to the LVAC instead of the LVMAC and that he had been in touch with the Airshow organizers and they were going to sort it out. Thanks James.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – 3 nominations

- 1 Chris hit the fence with his Ultra Stick when doing Touch & Goes for the CCMT. It was repairable.  
2 Wayne put his Boomerang into the drain when doing Touch & Goes for the CCMT. Electric motor failure. Minor damage &  
it was flying the next day.  
3 Mick Crashed his big Twin Engine model and it ended up in the bin.

**Congratulation Mick, well done.**

17 BOMB AWARD – 2 nominations

- 1 Godwin was nominated for taking a model to the field to testfly, but he left the wing at home.  
2 Doug was nominated for having a "nanny nap" on the field when retrieving a model. Fred had a picture to prove it.

## Congratulations Godwin

18 SHOW & TELL – There was no show & tell on this occasion.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Slope Day at No Pine Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September & Combat Classic Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.03pm

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Current Membership at 25 September 2025 is .....

25 Senior, 10 pensioner, 3 Life, 2 Junior, 3 Associate = 43 financial members

## Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024)

It was a very different day to last month. It was fine and sunny/cloudy, very windy with the wind at 10.00am gusting 30kmh to 50 kmh, so there wasn't a big roll up of members and there was more socializing than flying. Mick Dye was heading out when I arrived at 8.30am and he came back in to socialize.

**Mick Dye** did not fly.

**William McLauchlan** had a nice selection in the trailer but only flew the Sparkie once and his SZD-54 glider once in the windy conditions.

**Owen McLauchlan** didn't fly on this day but is still physching himself up to start flying soon.

**Wayne Lewis** only had 4 flights with the Teksumo and left the other models in the trailer.

**Fred Barabasz** did not fly.

**Ivan Walker** did not fly.

**Rex Mitchell** only flew his electric SPAD Combat model twice. He was going to fly the Cessna, but a 50 kmh wind gust made him change his mind.

It was all over by 10.30am.

Of course, September & October are traditionally out windiest months but the 80 + kmh wind is different.

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## Col Cliff Memorial Trophy

This event was programmed for February 17th 2024 and the weather was quite suitable but there were not enough starters on this day so the Back up day was 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024. On this day we got 6 starters and it was fine and sunny so the event got underway at 11.00am but by the time we had all done the first 4 events the wind had come up to 30kmh so we had a lunch break hoping the wind may back off but it didn't so the second half of the event was postponed. It was decided to finish off the last 3 events when we could. After several months of crappy weather, John Gillam got in and finished his events first. Chris, Wayne & Lofty finished theirs off a few weeks back and Jamie finished his off a couple of weeks back. Ian decided not to finish so the event was won by John Gillam and the scores are.....

1 <sup>st</sup> John Gillam flying a Stickett	871
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stephen Loft flying a Crusader Stik	794
3 <sup>rd</sup> Chris Davenport flying his Ultra Stick	577 Crashed out in the touch & goes
Jamie McLaughlin flying his Ultra Stick	569.5
Wayne Lewis flying a Boomerang	507 crashed out in the touch & goes
Ian Partleton flying a Tight Wing Trainer type	490 did not finish

Congratulations to John Gillam for winning the event. It was his first time at it and he did have a funfly model that outperformed all the others. The rules for the CCMT were changed at the AGM so next year you will need a .46 size trainer type model, either nitro or electric powered.

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## Combat Classic

The Combat Classic Event 3 did has had several delays and is currently planned for **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, If the weather is suitable. Final Scores after Event 2 (there are still 2 Events to go)

James	900	+	850	=	1750
Lofty	780	+	850	=	1630
Godwin	800	+	750	=	1550
Wayne	730	+	750	=	1480
Will	730	+	700	=	1430
John	700	+	000	=	700
Brian	000	+	700	=	700
Jamie	000	+	500	=	500
Roy	750	+	000	=	750
Ian P	000	+	750	=	750
Rex	000	+	480	=	480

Due to the weather the Slope Day at No Pine and the Combat Classic, Event 3 did not happen during the month



**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. In case you haven’t noticed, 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>

(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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**New Member Craig McMahon has put his hand up to take over the Club Webpage. Wayne doesn’t have the Computer skills to do the upgrading that the page needs and Craig obviously does. The upgrade is progressing. Craig has also put his hand up to be the Assistant Secretary and is also assisting Jamie with the Facebook page. Thanks for volunteering Craig.**

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We did manage to get 1 good flying day in this Month. The forecast wasn’t good but it turned out that the forecast was wrong on Sunday September 15th. There was a good roll up of members and quite a bit of flying. Unfortunately, Rex lost his new Warhawk when it went off the air and crashed out in the paddock to the South West. The OS120AX 2stroke motor had to be dug out of the wet ground. Rex had only just repaired it from the maiden flight crash (with reversed ailerons and he thinks he may have been on the wrong model in his Tx) The same happened to his Corby Starlett.



Above – the Warhawk crash site





Above – the OS120AX engine had to be dug out



Not a pretty site for a new Warbird but we all know it happens





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#### **CURRENT FUEL SITUATION – 13-4-24**

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 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.



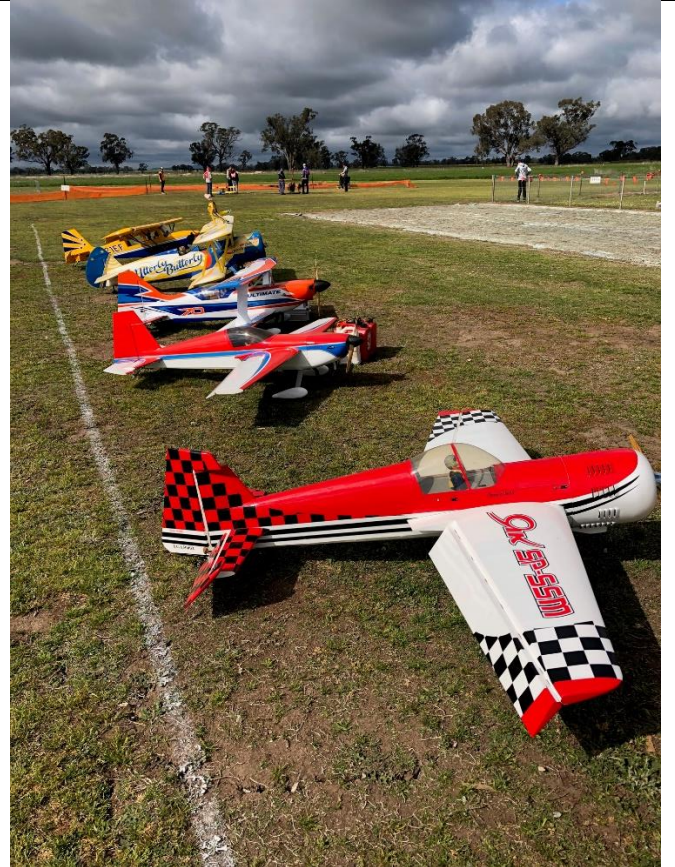
Rex has finished off a Mustang pedal plane that was given to him to finish off.....for his Granddaughter



### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Day**

**Please keep in mind that we have a Sausage Sizzle Day at Bunnings, Morwell on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024. We will also have a static display in the Carpark as we did last time. If you can spare a couple of hours on this day please see or contact Godwin 0417 333 588 if you can help with the Sausage Sizzle or Wayne 0422 627169 if you can help with the Display. The Club made over \$700 last time we did this and it is also a good “Public Relations” exercise.**

**We made it on a Saturday so that people can come and see us fly on the Sunday if the weather is suitable.**



Above- Dave Lewis went to the 41st Shepparton Mammoth Scale Event and sent me these pictures. He said the weather was average but he did get to fly. It wasn't that windy but it was a westerly and was very bumpy & turbulent which caught a lot of pilots off guard. (that probably means that there were a few crashes !)



## Agenda for the October 2024 General Meeting

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    - 8.3 Out & in – Club Tax File No    application & verification

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  - 12 Relocation Update: - no updates
  - 13 Flight Proficiency – Craig McMahon has done his Silver Wings test.
  - 14 Safety –
  - 15 GENERAL BUSINESS
    - 15.1 Christmas dinner
    - 15.2
    - 15.3 Others
  - 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Rex – Warhawk & Corby, Wayne - Twin Combat & Teksumo, Ivan - Valley Flier, others
  - 17 BOMB AWARD - Rex – Warhawk needle & ailerons
  - 18 SHOW & TELL –
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Above - a nice Lancaster at Shepparton Mammoth Scale

**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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