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Above - Craig McMahon has got into the EDF Jets and now has 4 of them. This is his E-Flite Viper and it fly's really well with the 70mm, 12 bladed fan running on a 4S battery.

Don't forget the AGM
 Wednesday 7th August at 7.30pm
 Moe RSL

SUNDAY	AUGUST 4	General flying at all sites -& Combat Classic Event 3 backup day
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 7	Monthly Meeting and AGM at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	AUGUST 11	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	AUGUST 18	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	AUGUST 25	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 1	FATHERS DAY & General flying at all sites
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 4	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 15	Slope Gliding at No Pine & General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	Shepparton Mammoth Scale Event
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	General flying at all sites
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	General flying at all sites

From the President...

Hi all

Recently while in Churchill, I met one of our retired members, Ian Place who was looking very well. I won't say what age he is but he is doing ok.

Fly days have been about normal for winter. Some good, some ordinary.

We had our mid-year lunch at Moe RSL on Saturday 20 July. The 20 who attended enjoyed a beautiful meal and many relayed flying and crash stories throughout the afternoon. Thanks to Ian Partleton for organising.

Re: the new field situation. Things have not changed! In my opinion, I do not think that the Council understands the difference between control line flying and radio control. However, stay tuned for any further developments.

Don't forget that our AGM is coming up. At this time I believe all committee positions are filled so please feel free to attend if you can.

See you at the field - Bill Reid

Minutes of the July 2024 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3th July 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm
- 2 Present – 14 Members - Fred Barabasz, Stephen Loft, Ivan Walker, Mick Dye, Godwin Bugeja, Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Rex Mitchell, Brian Adams, Ian Partleton, Craig McMahon, Ollie Wilson, Ian Heafield & James Morfitt
- 3 Apologies – Ash Bence. Chris Davenport, Paul Mitchell
- 4 Visitors – Jodie Wilson
- 5 New Members applications – None
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 5th June 2024 – As per the July 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Ian P Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

- 7.1 LVMAC Stickers -Wayne has 2 quotes and will get one more. Ok to buy 50 clear & 50 white at the best price.
- 7.2 Swinburne fee for using the field - \$50 per day – Cancellation Fee \$25. The first Invoice has been sent to them.
- 7.3 AGM is next month. At this time we need 1 new Ordinary committee member. It was suggested that we may need a new Vice President or a second as Chris has health and family issues and Bill may be away at some stage. Wayne to talk to Chris.

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 and discussion on fees. (several texts)
- 8.4 Email to Council LN Rep about the Toners Lane site being unsuitable.
- 8.5 New Pay In book & TD reinvestment details. A motion was put forward by Ian P , seconded by Wayne to add another \$2000 to the CBA Term Deposit when the TD is renewed next week. With the interest rolled over we will have over \$53000 in the TD. Treasurer to organize on Monday 8th July.

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

30-5-2024 Starting Balance \$	
Income \$	
Expenses \$	
30-6-2024 Balance \$	

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

Total Funds \$

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ian H Carried: Yes

10 2024-2025 Membership at 2-7-24 – 18 Seniors, 9 Pensioners, 1 Junior, 3 Life, 1 Associate, Social. = 32 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - There was a meeting attended by Bill Reid. Issues of the grading of the Roadway and overgrowing trees and concerns of the Toners Lane proposal were raised. It was also mentioned that when the sewerage line works start from the Caravan Park, we may need access from the Hayes Rd end.

12 Relocation Update: - An email was sent to the Council reps outlining our latest concerns – “Roy’s letter”

13 Flight Proficiency – Adam – Silver Wings & Craig – Bronze Wings. Craig is ready to do his Silver Wings when he gets (or borrows) an appropriate model.

14 Safety – Rex Mitchel suffered a cut from his propeller when he was using his electric starter with the glow plug removed to get the water out of a 4Stroke motor after his Cessna model went into the Lake.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 The Cub Cadet Mower has been Serviced
- 15.2 Gravel needed for the roadway. The Club agreed to get some gravel for the muddy spots. Wayne will get some prices. We may just do it in trailer loads.
- 15.3 Newsletter on the internet & facebook pages -should we display our finances ? It was decided that the finance info would be removed from the Internet & facebook pages from now on.
- 15.4 Mick Dye suggested that we should have a fly day at the Warragul Site but it was suggested that it would not suitable for what most of us are flying at Lake Narracan. Parking is not good for more than a few cars also.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – There were 5 nominations.....

Mick – Crashed his Astro Hog Biplane on takeoff with a possible control horn problem (its almost fixed) Mick also had bad luck when the wing spar on his large L4 broke and it crashed.

Adam - broke his High Wing Calmato when the wing & fuselage parted as it had an awkward landing on the roadway but it has been fixed and has flown since. He also damaged his just repaired Fox Glider with a reversed elevator at takeoff.

Ivan – broke a Stik when he clipped the top of the drain when landing from the West and it went into the drain. Ivan also broke another model that went off the air and nosedived into the paddock.

Ian H - broke his nitro powered CAP 232 when it went off the air and it went in hard. He thinks the switch was faulty.

Rex – was flying his 4s powered Cessna and his Tx started beeping. He thought it was a timer going off so ignored the beeps and the model went off the air, circled around and around as it drifted out over the Lake and when the engine stopped the model went for a swim. That's when he found out it was a "battery low alarm". A guy out on a paddleboard retrieved the model for Rex. No real damage.....just needs to dry out. That's when he cut his hand getting the H2O out of the engine.

Congratulations “Rex Mitchell”

17 BOMB AWARD - There were 2 nominations...

Rex for letting his Tx battery go flat and ignoring the alarm and Adam for trying to take off with a reversed Elevator Servo.

Congratulations “Adam Monument”

18 SHOW & TELL –

1 Wayne told the meeting that David Lewis was being interviewed for a Podcast by Andrew Sill from Flat Out RC. They spoke
2 about Dave's flying history and "painting Planes" which is Dave's specialty It was 80 minutes and can be listened to by logging on to
3 the Flat Out RC webpage. Wayne also passed around the device he made to flatten Lipo batteries before disposing of them. A 24v
4 light globe with fittings to suit the batteries.

2 Ian Partleton had a 45cc Fuji engine to give away. It was in Ian's large Cirrus but was causing interference problems. Godwin took it.

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3 Rex told of flying his Jungmeister and losing a wheel mudguard which he went looking for in the paddock and didn't find. He then lost a mudguard off his Rextick and didn't know where it had come off. He spotted something on the other side of the strip and went to check it out and found both mudguards within 1 metre of each other.

4 Fred had a kit to wind your own electric motor to give away. Craig took it to have a go. Fred also showed and passed around a new type of 70kg servo which was over \$300. Nice looking !

5 James showed some small canopies that he was making from plastic drink bottles. You make a plug and a suction device and use a heat gun to heat the plastic bottle the put it over the plug and use the suction to suck the plastic into shape.

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM – Social Lunch 20th July & Combat Classic backup day is 28th July.

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and AGM which will be on Wednesday 7th August 2024 at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.25pm

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 7th July)

What an absolutely Puuuurrrfect day for flying Model Aeroplanes. After a frosty start it was fine and sunny, not a cloud in the sky and no wind ! 18 members and a couple of visitors took advantage of the conditions.

David Lewis flew his very fast EF Extra with the upgraded motor on a 6S battery, his large Tuskegee Mustang and his large Red Bull Edge 450. All went well. He also assisted Samantha with her Turbo Timber.

Samantha Flack flew a mini Radian glider on her own quite successfully and her Turbo Timber with Dave's assistance.

James Morfitt flew his home made, Balsa F-15 Jet, the Hots and the Wind S. James also flew his Control Line model and gave us a lunchtime demo on control line aerobatics. Very good.

Wayne Lewis flew his Boomerang V3, a Navy Hawk Jet and the Teksumo and had a few backups in the trailer.

Ian Partleton flew his Big Stik had his 60cc petrol powered Cirrus that he bought a couple of months back. Unfortunately the motor backfired when he tried to start the engine with a chicken stik and it took a chunk out of the wooden propeller and he didn't have a spare so this model didn't get to fly.

Fred Barabasz flew his Super EZ and had a larger Yak 55 in the van. Fred also assisted Doug with his Bixler3. Fred has put in a lot of time with Doug and id to be congratulated for his time and effort. Also with the Mowing.

Doug Jowett flew his Bixler 3 and had the AeroScout and Timber to fly.

Chris Davenport had several models to choose from and flew his large foam Cessna.

Rex Mitchell flew his electric Rextick, the 4stroke powered Phaeton Biplane and his P40 Warhawk.

Unfortunately the Warhawk had a mid air with Eric's Boomerang V3. Both models were severely damaged but Rex did manage to land the Warhawk safely .

Eric Spratt flew his Crusader, Sparkler and Boomerang V3. Unfortunately the Boomerang had a mid air with Rex's P40 Warhawk and both models were extensively damaged.

Stephen Loft flew his Canard, the Flybaby and the foam Wot Wot

Godwin Bugeja flew a Solus Glider, a AT6 Texan, a Combat model and the Gangster

Ivan Walker flew a S1500 Stick another high Wing model and tried to fly his Caribou lookalike but it didn't get off the ground, having nosewheel problems.

David Campbell came up from Warragul and flew a Paragon Thermal Glider, a Tundra and a Fun Cub. He was going to fly at Warragul but the cows were in the paddock and there was too much cow poo on the strip so, being such a nice looking day he decided to come to Lake Narracan.

Mick Dye flew his repaired Astro Hog Biplane, his Big Stick and a Stuka

Craig McMahon flew his Mustang, Futura Tomahawk Jet, F22 Raptor, a Viper Jet and his PC 21 and all went well.

Jason Yendall had a Hustler type model, a large foam glider and a Helicopter to fly.

Bill Reid came out to socialize and cook the snags which went down well.

There were also several visitors during the day.



Above – Rex Mitchell's P40 Warhawk after the mid air with Eric's Boomerang V3.

Don't forget that our yearly fees are now overdue. You cannot fly at Club sites unless your fees have been paid. Thanks to those that have already paid. A current list of financial members is below.

Club Membership as at 31st July 2024 – If your name is not on this list you are unfinancial

BRIAN	ADAMS	JEAN	HUET	JAMES	MORFITT
FRED	BARABASZ	DOUGLAS	JOWETT	GREGORY	MULLINS
GODWIN	BUGEJA	DIRK	KURPERSHOEK	PAUL	O'BRYAN
WILLIAM	BURROWS	WAYNE	LEWIS	IAN	PARTLETON
DAVID	CAMPBELL	DAVID	LEWIS	WILLIAM	REID
RAY	COOPER	STEPHEN	LOFT	JAMIE	SJAMSUDIN
CHRIS	DAVENPORT	ALAN	MALE	GEORGE	SLOCOMBE
MICHAEL	DYE	WILLIAM	MCLAUCHLAN	ERIC	SPRATT
CHRIS	EELES	OWEN	MCLAUCHLAN	IVAN	WALKER
SAMANTHA	FLACK	JAMIE	MCLAUGHLIN	ROY	WHITE
DONALD	GRANT	CRAIG	MCMAHON	OLIVER	WILSON
RODNEY	HALL	REX	MITCHELL	JASON	YENDALL
IAN	HEAFIELD	PAUL	MITCHELL	LIAN	ZHU
RODNEY	HILLSLEY	ADAM	MONUMENT		

23 Senior, 10 pensioner, 3 Life, 2 Junior, 3 Associate = 41 financial members

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 24th 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.

The current suggestion is that the event be finished on a Thursday for the 5 who fly on Thursdays and the only entrant that works can do his 4 events on a Saturday or Sunday. Still to be done except for John Gillam.



Above – Craig McMahon has this Futura Tomahawk which fly's well and sounds good.

Combat Classic

The Combat Classic Event 3 did not happen on Sunday 28th July. It had rained all night and was quite windy so the event was postponed to **the backup, backup, backup day which is this Sunday, 4th August 2024.**

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

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)



Above – Craig really has the EDF bug with this F22 Raptor added to his collection

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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.

Confucious say,

“Man who flies with thumbs touching on Transmitter has Aeroplane in total state of confusion”



Above – Mick Dye's Astro Hog Biplane after an engine failure on take off - It has since been repaired and flown.
Lucky to miss that fresh Cow Pad



Above – Doug Jowett had a Bixler that crashed & burned – anybody want some used carbon fibre ?

Agenda for the August 2024 General Meeting

To be held at the MOE RSL meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
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- 3 Apologies –
- 4 New Members applications –
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 - 7.2 Swinburne fee for using the field - \$50 per day – Cancellation Fee \$25.
 - 7.3 Roadway Gravel - \$85 per metre + \$30 delivery. We need about 5 metres

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 - 8.4 Email from Council LN Rep about the Toners Lane site issues.
 - 8.5 Email from Tony Wilson outlining info for the VMAA Presidency
 - 8.6 Email from Keith Quigg outlining info for the VMAA Presidency
 - 8.7 Emails to do with the VMAA AGM

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

- 9 Treasurer – As supplied

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- 12 Relocation Update: - A response letter has been received for the one we sent them.

- 13 Flight Proficiency –

- 14 Safety –

- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 VMAA President Proxy vote
- 15.2
- 15.3 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Doug Jowett – numerous, Rex & Eric - midair

- 17 BOMB AWARD - Doug Jowett -

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM -

- 20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at the Moe RSL meeting room.

- 21 Meeting Closed at :

Thanks to Godwin for getting us this
Chopping Block for use at LN



13 Next AGM Wednesday 6th August 2025



Above – Another of Dougs Bixler's found its way into this 12 m high tree. Mick Dye climbed into the tree and managed to poke it down, pretty much undamaged.

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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