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This Magnificent Flying Machine that was at the Bairnsdale Festival of Flight is a **Delro Modelltechnik ARF Turner W4X 2.80m** Racer done in the Gilmore oil company colors and has a Valach 250cc radial engine, a 2.8m wingspan & weighs 30kg and is owned by Wes Wright from Frogs Gully in NSW which is just South of Bega.

SAT/SUN NOVEMBER 2 - 4
 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3
 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6
 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16
 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17
 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

Warbirds Weekend at the Bairnsdale State Field

General flying at all sites – **Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.30am**

Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start

Club Flyday & Floatplane day at Lake Narracan

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Display - Morwell

General Flying at all sites

General flying at all sites –& **Combat Classic Event 4 at 11.00am**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at Moe RSL – 12.30pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1
 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 8
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 15
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 22
 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

General flying at all sites – Combat Classic Event 4 backup day

Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start

Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN.

General flying at all sites. Combat Classic Event 4 backup day - backup day

General flying at all sites.

Christmas Day

General flying at all sites.

From the President...

"Hi all

Thanks to Roy & Jennie for emails of their trip to USA & Canada. They sure did cover a lot of both countries. Again I have not done much flying this past month due to weather and health issues. Health is slowly improving so hope for better flying times in the new year.

This will be my last president's report for this year as I will be going overseas in November for a time. However, the dynamic Chris D will be covering my absence with his usual aplomb!

A reminder to all of a busy month ahead with a Floatplane day on November 10th (Club Flyday), the Bunning's Sausage Sizzle and possible model display on Saturday 16 November, the Combat Classic on 24th November and the Christmas Lunch on Saturday November 30th. Wow ! It's a busy time for activity.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

See you at the field in the New Year.

Bill Reid

Minutes of the October 2024 General Meeting held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

1 Meeting Opened at : 7.30pm

The meeting started with 1 minute silence to remember Lynton McPhail who passed away recently.

2 Present – 17 members - Bill Reid, Wayne Lewis, Craig McMahon, Fred Barabasz, Chris Davenport, Ivan Walker, Paul Mitchell, Rex Mitchell, Ian Heafield, Brian Adams, Stephen Loft, Mick Dye, Ian Partleton, Godwin Bugeja, Jamie McLaughlin, James Morfitt & Ollie Wilson.

3 Apologies – Ash Bence

4 New Members applications –

5 Visitors – Jodie Wilson

6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 4th September 2024 – As per the October 2024 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Brian Carried: Yes

7 Business arising from the previous minutes –

7.1 LVMAC Stickers - ongoing

7.2 Website update – The new Webpage is now operational and Craig has done a fantastic job updating it.

7.3 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 16th October 24. Godwin is organizing. He has done the permit and sorted out the phone payment option and is still taking names of members to assist. Wayne is sorting the Static Display but that will be weather dependent.

8 Correspondence In & Out and Business arising from Correspondence

8.1 Out - Newsletter to members, VMAA & various others

8.2 In - VMAA Minutes – Of note was that Fred's HMI application has been passed on the Appropriate person. Fred has to organize to do a test

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

Moved : Secretary

Seconded: Chris Carried: Yes

9 Treasurer – As supplied

31-8-2024 Starting Balance \$

Income \$

Expenses \$

30-9-2024 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)

Total Investments \$

Total Funds \$

Moved : Treasurer

Seconded: Ivan Carried: Yes

10 2024-2025 Membership at 26-9-24 – 26 Seniors, 10 Pensioners, 2 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate, Social. = 44 financial members

11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - Meeting cancelled – Council elections coming up

12 Relocation Update: - no updates

13 Flight Proficiency – Craig McMahon has done his Silver Wings test. Congratulations to Craig.

14 Safety – No incidents reported.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

15.1 The Club Christmas dinner will be at the Moe RSL on Saturday 30th November 2024 at 12.30pm

15.2 Club Shirts – Some members are looking for Club Shirts – Chris to get a price from Totally Workware & Wayne will send out a notice.

16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – **Rex** had a bad day. He crashed his electric Corby Starlett, not sure why and then the crashed his OS120AX powered Warhawk. Cause was that he had accidentally hit the Flaps Switch and the model became uncontrollable and spun into a puddle in the paddock. The motor had to be dug out.

Wayne – broke the Twin Combat running out of battery on a very windy day & damaged the Teksumo by spinning it into the ground again. Both models have been repaired and back in service.

Ivan - Valley Flier crashed on takeoff. New NX Transmitter had not been set up for the model.

Ian P – got disorientated and crashed his Skyraider. He will repair it.

Mick Dye – took the undercarriage off his Biplane on a deadstick landing.

Adam – Crashed his new Sputnik on an engine failure on a steep take off..

Congratulations Rex on receiving the fantastic award

17 BOMB AWARD - Rex Mitchell was nominated for telling us that he thought the reason the Warhawk crashed on take of last month was that he had reversed ailerons. Apparently, he had 3 Warhawks programmed into his Transmitter and he was on the wrong model. He was also spent half an hour trying to get the OS120AX engine started on his repaired Warhawk, going off & flying another model than coming back and realizing the Main Carburetor needle was missing on the Warhawk OS120AX motor. Luckily he had the needle in the car and it was put in and the engine fired first go. Unfortunately he crashed the model again.....bigtime.

Congratulations Rex on receiving this award that you made over 40 years ago.

18 SHOW & TELL – the CCMT trophies were presented to Lofty & Chris. Wayne will get the 1st place trophy to John Gillam

19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - **Sat/Sun Oct 12 & 13 Festival of Flight event at the Bairnsdale State Field**
Sun 20th Oct Combat Classic Event 3 at 11.00am - Event 4 November 10th

20 Next meeting will be a General Meeting and which will be on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at the Moe RSL meeting room.

21 Meeting Closed at : 8.08pm

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 6th October 2024)

It was a cool, wet and very windy day with the wind at 9.30am gusting 30kpa to 60kph, well above the forecast so I don't think anyone would have gone to Lake Narracan on this day. Of course "Doug" may have rocked up !

Vale - Lynton McPhail

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Lynton passed away on 27th September at the age of 69. It was quite a shock to hear the news of Lynton's passing. He was a member of our Club for 8 years and had been in the PARCs Club in Frankston for many years. The MAAA data base has him down for 21 years but I am sure he has been in the aeromodelling game for a lot longer than that. He only flew on Saturdays, once or twice a month and before he flew, he always socialized.

He was married with 2 grown up daughters and 2 grandchildren who he adored. After the funeral I spoke to his daughters and passed on the condolences of the Club and the VMAA. A Sympathy card was also sent from the Club.

Apart from his family he was very involved with Motorbikes and was particularly into "Moto Cross" and he had been a "Marshall" at the Moto Grand Prix & Superbikes events a Phillip Island for many years. His job at KH Equipment in Hallam was working on Motorbikes and the majority of people at his funeral were involved with Motorbikes. Five LVMAC members attended the funeral. The hearse and casket were escorted out of the grounds by several motorbikes including an "Irvine Vincent" racing bike.

For those who knew this Gentleman, we will miss this happy smiling face and gentle nature. May he Rest in Peace.



Above - Lynton and one of his homebuilt models - December 2021

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 - 2024 CCMT Trophies – 1st John Gillam, 2nd Stephen Loft & 3rd Chris Davenport

Bairnsdale Club Festival of flight (weekend 12th & 13th October 2024)

What a fantastic weekend it was for those members that attended this event. The weather was perfect on both days and a good roll up of pilots and spectators on both days, ensured the event was a resounding success. 63 pilots registered for the event and there were lots of beautiful and expensive model aeroplanes, on the ground and in the air. There were also quite a few everyday models as well being flown.

The strip has had some big changes since I was last at this field and was in fantastic condition, a credit to those BADMAC member that do the mowing and maintenance. Dave, Jamie & James camped overnight (or 2), Craig Motel'd it & Wayne only went on the Sunday. Adam, Fred & Doug came for a visit but did not fly.

Dave Lewis flew his 120cc powered Edge540, the 55cc powered Tuskegee P51 Mustang and his very fast electric Duraflly EFxtra running a 6S battery. He also cranked up his Viper Jet for a flight on the Saturday and whilst taxiing for takeoff it went off the air and headed for James's Control Line Model and apparently, chewed it up. Somebody eventually grabbed it before it went into the carpark. Apparently, the model fail safe'd, but the turbine engine did not. They are still trying to work out why this happened. Dave is lucky it didn't take off !

Jamie McLaughlin flew his Ultra Stick, his DA55 powered Extra 300 and his OMP M4 Helicopter

Craig McMahon flew his T28 running a 6S battery and he did lose his propeller blades on one flight (3 individual blades). Luckily, he had spares. He also flew his PC21 and unfortunately crashed it on the Sunday. He also had his Mustang and F22 EDF jet.

James Morfitt flew his Electric powered Tigercat, his Electric Hots and his Gyrocopter. Unfortunately, the Gyro did not survive the weekend but I am sure James will repair it. James also flew some Control Line models and unfortunately had his favorite CL model chewed up by Dave's Viper on the Saturday

Wayne Lewis flew his Electric Pitts Special, running on 6S batteries and his Boomerang Trainer running 5S batteries and enjoyed the day, catching up with some of the older flyers. Wayne first interaction with BADMAC was in 1991 where he got 2nd place in a Funfly event.

Some pics follow



Above – A nice color scheme on this Turbine Jet



Above – a CAC Wirraway which had a very detailed cockpit



Above - Looking down the pits (that's only a fraction of the models that were there)



Above – a nice foamy EDF F86 Sabre



Above – The large RAAF Caribou



Above – RAAF Macchi - Color scheme used on one for training apprentices and Adult trainees at RAAF Base Wagga.
I'm not sure if the real one is actually flyable !

Combat Classic

The Combat Classic Event 3 did has had several delays and is currently planned for **Sunday 3rd November 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

New Member Craig McMahon has put his hand up to take over the Club Webpage. 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. If you haven't had a look at the new webpage, please make an effort to have a look.



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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.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Day

Please keep in mind that we have a Sausage Sizzle Day at Bunnings, Morwell on Saturday 16th 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.

Hello Everyone,

I hope this email finds you all enjoying life and good health.



I am writing to invite you all to be a part of the Bunnings Christmas Family Night – THURSDAY 5TH. DECEMBER 6-8PM

You are welcome to come along & have an awareness table, sell items made with all proceeds going back into your club or organisation (ie: cake stall, homemade jams etc or craft items), interact with our customers with a game or activity, or anything else you would like to suggest.

I will more than likely have the “passport” activity where customers are required to visit your area to obtain a stamp. This seems to work well with most groups indicating interaction with customers.

If you could please confirm if you are able to attend or not, that would be appreciated. Please pass on to your group that everyone’s families are welcome to attend.

Some of you I’m inviting for the first time, I urge you to truly consider being part of this event as everyone benefits. You get to create awareness of your group in a relaxed atmosphere whilst enjoying the night yourselves. Everyone is welcome & best of all the event is free.

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Look forward to your reply.



Kind regards,

Barb Harvey

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

The Club Badge and name were done in light Blue this time.

Agenda for the November 2024 General Meeting

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- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
 - 7.1 LVMAC Stickers – delivered – They will sell for \$2 ea
 - 7.2 Website update - ongoing
 - 7.3 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – all set to go
 - 7.4 Christmas Lunch – Saturday 30th November 12.30pm
 - 7.5 Bendigo Bank inquiry
 - 7.6 Club Shirts have arrived

- 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 In – request from VMAA for Dave L to reapply for HMI
 - 8.4 Out – DL HMI application

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- 15.2
- 15.3 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Chris – Ultra, Craig – PC21, , others

- 17 BOMB AWARD -

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - Floatplane day Sunday 10th, Saturday 16th Nov -**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Display**
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 No meeting in January.

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Don't forget to bring your floatplanes along on the Club Flyday Sunday 10th November if the weather is suitable.

Alan Male was first to fly off the Lake at a TwiFly in 1999 with his Sweet Stik.



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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