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



Craig McMahon has been flying this F-14 Tomcat

It has 2 x 12 Blade factory balanced 80mm EDFs with metal housing and 3530-1680kV brushless outrunner motors produces realistic jet turbine sound. Runs on 2 x 6S Lipo Batteries. It flies very nicely but is a bit hairy with the wings folded back and flat out I am told.

Bullet 101, the specially marked F-14D from the VF-2 squadron Bounty Hunters, which was painted in the mid-1990s to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the F-14s service in the United States Navy.

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 2	General Flying at all sites – Combat Classic event at 11.00am
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.

SUNDAY	MARCH 2	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 6	Monthly Meeting at the Moe RSL meeting room – 7.30pm start
SAT/SUN	MAR 8/9	ACTION ALL SCALE RALLY Event at the STATE FIELD at BAIRNSDALE
SAT/SUN/MON	MAR 8/9/10	Labour Day Long Weekend.....Various Events see VMAA Calendar.
SUNDAY	MARCH 9	Club Flyday at LAKE NARRACAN
SUNDAY	MARCH 16	COMBAT CUP at Lake Narracan at 11.00am (event 2 of the Combat Classic)
SUNDAY	MARCH 23	General flying at all sites Slope Soaring Day at No Pine
SUNDAY	MARCH 30	General flying at all sites (Combat Cup backup day)

From the President...

Hi All

First of all I would like to thank Wayne for covering for me while I was away. His report was better than mine would have been!

Anyway, not much to report. I've had a couple of flights since my return but the wind is still around and apart from the break-in at the Navy Cadets and not a lot has happened. The weather did improve for the Australia day weekend and both the Saturday & Sunday had great Club Member attendances although only 1 member put a Floatplane in the water.

My health issue has been remedied thanks to the Cardiology Unit at LRH with 2 jump starts to the heart. I must commend the hospital for their excellent care & attention during my short stay.

February & March are busy months for the Club with the Col Cliff Memorial Trophy on Sunday 16th February and the Combat Cup on Sunday 16th March so keep those dates in mind.

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.**

There was no Monthly Meeting in January so no MM minutes

Club Flyday at Lake Narracan (Sunday 5th January 2025)

I am not sure what happened on this day of 40 degrees. There was not a day of total fireban in our area but it may have been windy. I don't think I went so I haven't got a report.

Here is a short video on getting the holes in the right place on a Cowl sent by Glen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziNP8imksD0>



Above -Glen Neals changed his Spitfire from electric to a Petrol Engine and on the test flight (without the cowl on) part of the motor mount broke off which had lead weight to balance the model and the model became extremely tail heavy and was porpoising up and down. After several attempts and some luck, the model was landed safely.

The next Combat Classic Event 1 is now programmed for Sunday 2nd February 2025



Above - Once upon a time Doug had this swivel chair at Lake Narracan. One day it broke at the base so he wanted to throw it out. Mick said he could fix it and he did by putting a 100mm PVC spacer on the bottom. So now it is Doug's "High Chair" which Wayne made use of whilst Jamie S was flying under supervision. Pic from Rex.



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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.

For those that don't already know – On Sunday morning 12th January a member arrived at the Lake Narracan Gate and found the **captive lock** missing on our Key Box and the Council gate key was missing. Our second gate was still locked and no one had been in our area. When I arrived, I was told of the situation and I had noticed that the Navy Cadets gates were open as I drove in and there were no vehicles there. I immediately suspected that there had been a break in at the Navy Cadets and on my way out I stopped and checked and confirmed my suspicion. I rang the Police and reported what I suspected. They did a report over the phone.

As we have no contact number for the Cadets, I noticed an email address on their notice board at the gate so I sent an email and got a “thankyou. We will look into in reply” At this stage, no one knows what was Stolen from the Cadets buildings if anything.

On Monday I reported it to the Council and they supplied a new Council Lock & Keys for the gate and I organized a new lock for our Club key box. Godwin modified the lock box so the new lock is captive and all was back to normal by the Friday.

Australia Day Weekend.

Who would believe that we could get such a nice “Australia Day Long Weekend”. The weather was almost perfect on all 3 mornings and there was a good roll up of members flying on the Saturday and Sunday and no doubt there would have been some there on Monday.

We had some visitors from Melbourne camping on site which is good for security and they did have floatplanes and an outboard powered “Rubber Ducky” boat but they didn't actually fly off the water. In fact Wayne was the only one to fly his Dragon Lady off the Lake on Sunday. Brian had a floatplane that he flew off the grass on Saturday and Chris had a couple of floatplanes in his van but that's where they stayed.

There was plenty of flying off the strip and several models went home in pieces !

Thanks to Fred for supplying a Sausage Sizzle lunch on the Floatplane Day. It went down well !



Above – Jamie's Walrus crashed into the middle of Wayne's trailer after a launch with a faulty aileron servo



Above - Rex had a slight mishap with his MIG EDF



Craig really loves his EDF Jets – His original F-22 EDF now has a big Brother that runs on an 8S battery (Craig has a 6S + a 2S to make the 8S)



Above - Chris repaired his large Cessna last week and unfortunately, it didn't make it through its next flight

**No flying when the Ambulance
Helicopter is over Lake Narracan**



Above - Rex was flying the Flag for Australia Day and hooning it around the area with his buggy



Above – Wayne has made a sun shelter attached to his Trailer

**Don't forget the Combat Cup will be on
Sunday March 16th
if the weather is suitable**



BAIRNSDALE ACTION ALL SCALE RALLY

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8 - 9 March, 2025**



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Just a reminder that the Col Cliff Memorial Trophy is coming up on Sunday 16th February 2025. New rules are that it must be a .40 to .46 or electric equivalent High Wing Trainer type without flaps or flaperons, etc.

Time to start practicing the events as per the sheet below.

LATROBE VALLEY MODEL AERO CLUB

2025 COL CLIFF MEMORIAL TROPHY EVENT

NAME.....MODEL.....ENGINE.....

1 round of each event to be flown and 1 event may be flown twice

NOTE : 1 MAXIMUM SCORE in any event is 200 points. (except for a fly off)

2 only 1 round will be flown if weather conditions permit. 1 event of your choice may be flown twice.

3 Scores of all 7 events are counted. 1 event may be flown twice.

4 if there is a tied score the pilots concerned will go into a flyoff consisting of 1 event, drawn on the day, with no maximum score.

5 Timing starts when the wheels leave the ground.

6 Low Idle to be checked before any event requiring low idle.

7 Tuned Pipes are not permitted to be used.

8 Engine Throttle Cut must work.

9 Model needs to be a .40 to .46 nitro or electric equivalent powered "High Wing Trainer" with no flaps, elevons etc.

	ROUND 1		ROUND 2		BEST SCORE
MAXIMUM LOOPS under power . in 60 seconds. 12.5 points per loop. Max = 16	number	score	number	score	
CLIMB & LOOPS on idle. 20 sec engine run. 25 points per loop. Max = 8	number	score	number	score	
ONE MINUTE FLIGHT. 200 minus 10 points per sec variation.	time	score	time	score	
SPOT LANDING Max climb 20 sec - engine to be stopped. 200 points minus 20 points per metre out.	variation	score	variation	score	
SPINS. 20 sec engine run. 7 points per spin. max = 29	number	score	number	score	
TOUCH & GOES. In 2 minutes. 20 points per circuit touch & go. max = 10	number	score	number	score	
CLIMB & GLIDE. 20 sec engine run. engine to be stopped. 0.5 points per second from take-off. Max = 6min 30sec	time	score	time	score	
				BEST TOTAL SCORE	
Tied Score proceed into a fly-off, 1 event.....					

Agenda for the February 2025 General Meeting

To be held at the MOE RSL at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th February 2025

- 1 Meeting Opened at :
- 2 Present –
- 3 Apologies –
- 4 New Members applications – Graham McMahon, Daniel Dawson, James, Oscar & Ruby Dawson
- 5 Visitors –
- 6 Confirm the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 4th December 2024 – As per the January 2025 Newsletter

Moved : Secretary Seconded Carried:

- 7 Business arising from the previous minutes –
 - 7.1 Bendigo Bank inquiry with Tax office
 - 7.2 Dave Lewis is now a HMI FW25
 - 7.3 Defibrillator Battery replaced

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 Out & In email to Cr Gibson about the Blackberries in the Hovercraft area & in front of the Cadets
- 8.4 Emails In & Out with Ambulance Vic with updated details on our Defibrillator
- 8.5 Email from Consumer affairs re: new registration system coming soon.
- 8.6 Emails notifying of Community Grants
- 8.7 Phone call to and from the Police regarding the breakin at the Cadets
- 8.8 Email to & from the Navy Cadets re: the breakin

Moved : Secretary Seconded: Carried:

- 9 Treasurer – As supplied

1-01-2025 Starting Balance \$.00
Income \$.00
Expenses \$.00
31-01-2024 Balance \$.00

Comm Bank TD \$ 53,819.68	(this investment was renewed on 10-7-24 for 1 year @ 4.60%)
Bendigo Bank TD \$ \$5,383.08	(this investment was renewed on 26-3-24 for 1 year @ 4.00%)
Total Investments \$ 59,202.76	

Moved : Treasurer Seconded: Carried:

- 10 2024-2025 Membership at 5-01-25 – +5 - 26 Seniors, 11 Pensioners, 5 Junior, 3 Life, 3 Associate = 48 financial members
- 11 Lake Narracan Advisory Committee: - early December some contractors checked out the blackberries to do a quote
- 12 Relocation Update: - Sound test results
- 13 Flight Proficiency –
- 14 Safety – Snakes & appropriate clothing, always take a phone if you have to go out into the paddock for any reason.
- 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 15.1 Junior Fees
- 15.2 Community Grants
- 15.3 HEMS 1 helicopter
- 15.4 Others

- 16 BENT WHEEL AWARD – Chris – Cessna x 2, Rex - Mig, Jamie – Walrus, others

- 17 BOMB AWARD - Glen – forgot Tx & batteries, Ian P – forgot Tx, Jamie – didn't check servo operation x 2. Lofty – flying the wrong Combat Model, others

- 18 SHOW & TELL –

- 19 CONFIRM PROGRAM - CCMT 16th February, BADMAC Scale Action event 8th & 9th March, Combat Cup 16th March

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

- 21 Meeting Closed at :

The grass in the paddocks is 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."

It look like the grass is not going to be cut and Baled this year as there are cows in the paddocks at present.

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

<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)

Don't forget to Slip, Slop & Slap

and seek shade

During the Summer period

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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