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YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWSLETTER
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David Law's Mark VIII Spitfire at the Victorian Scale Association Flying Comp held at the YVA field on Sunday the 15th. Glorious sunshine, but the typical YVA cross wind was in attendance. Nevertheless, some great flying was demonstrated. Congratulations to Daniel Wheeler and Graham Jenner who placed third and second respectively on the day.

Next Meeting

Our next General club meeting will be on the Monday 30th of September at the Red Earth Centre in Mooroolbark.

Newsletter now on our website at:- www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

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WHAT'S ON AT THE YVA

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| October 12 th | - | Pattern Association Comp |
| December 1 th | - | Club Day |
| December 7 th | - | VIC Scale Rally (Xmas Function) |

(The Field will be closed to general flying on these dates)

The YVA Committee would like to acknowledge the generous and ongoing support of

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The New YVA website is up and running and updating on a regular basis. Members are required to register on the website in order to get regular updates and alerts by email.

News Letter availability will henceforth be via the website only.

News Letters will not be individually emailed to members!



Presidents Report

Fellow members welcome to this September edition of the YVA news.

September club day competition.

We ran our Third club day competition on Sunday the 8th of September and were extremely lucky to be treated to near perfect weather. If you were there you would have witnessed a fantastic day full of fun and entertainment. These events have really become something to look forward to and all participants had a great day. It was very pleasing to see 4 of our junior members turn up with 3 competing for the bootie. Even more pleasing was the junior results for the Bomb drop with both of Rogers grandsons taking 1st and 2nd place, well done Kyle and Josh. I was really impressed with the

flying and the genuine approach everyone took toward the fun side of the event not getting too serious, guys this is what it's all about, clubman-ship and enjoying the sport together with your mates.

I would also like to congratulate Graham Jenner whom did really well with his flying and participation.

So make sure you have the next event in December listed on your calendar and get prepared with your competition entries. See photos and secretaries report later in this edition.

New Web site up and running

If you have not registered on the web site for automatic email notification please read the secretaries note on this issue. The new site has enabled us to activate automatic email alerts when news is posted including the news letter. www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

Once registered you will be automatically notified via email when an update or news letter has been posted. Please note we will not be E-mailing your news letter in future, but you will receive a notification that it is available on the web site for you to download. (See secretaries report later in this edition)

Club Auction night (August meeting)

Well what can I say other than a massive thanks to our professional auctioneer Rob.

This was the most entertaining model auction I have ever attended. The feedback from the members says it all, comments like he was great kept me interested, very entertaining, he got me much more than I wanted, I was having a bad day until I arrived at the auction event and that guy was great.

We saw a massive amount of stuff this year and as per usual some of it went for a song. \$2.50 for a VMAR electric Birddog (slightly damaged but none the less)...

I love these nights because we are sharing the spoils of the hobby and can truly appreciate the value of these items. I would like to pay a special thanks to William Matthysen for his kind donation, All the models he sold on the night (and there were some beauties) raised funds directly donated to the club.

Will, Your donation to the club will go in the xmas raffle fund and will enable us to supply some decent raffle prizes when the time comes, so on behalf of the committee I must thank you for your generosity.

And just in case you weren't aware money raised from the sale of John Birds models was donated to a nominated charity for medical research organised by Greg Egan and John's family..

Property security

A recent series of events occurred that left us all in poor favour with the property owners.

As a committee we proceeded to change the combination of the lock but failed to inform Ivan and Bruce.

Following the scale day event the last member to leave locked the gate without following the instructions and locked the owners out.

To correct this in future we have agreed to run the lock system with chain linkage inserted in between the two locks (in series) which should prevent this from happening again. To make matters worse they had a car locked in and had trouble raising people via mobile phone to get the combination. Oh well we are only human but boy these guys weren't happy.

To all members, please ensure you follow the advertised procedure to secure the property when you are the last one out.

Editors/Secretaries Note:

Hello all... I need to reiterate that you will NO LONGER get copies of the news letter individually emailed to you. You will however get an email advising you that the news letter is available on the website for down load.

So, how do you down load it on to your own PC for later printing or review?

Once you have the on line PDF open, simply right click anywhere on the file (Apple users, Control/Click). This will bring up a window with various menu options... select "Save Target As" and navigate to where you want the file saved. Then press save.

We are doing this for a reason... and it's not that we are lazy... Now that the new Website is live and active, we want you to use it as a point of reference. We want it to be your first point of call for club information. So we want you to be looking at it on a regular basis. We want all members who have the ability and facility to do so, to register as a member on the website and so get email advice when information relevant to members is posted.

How to Register on yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

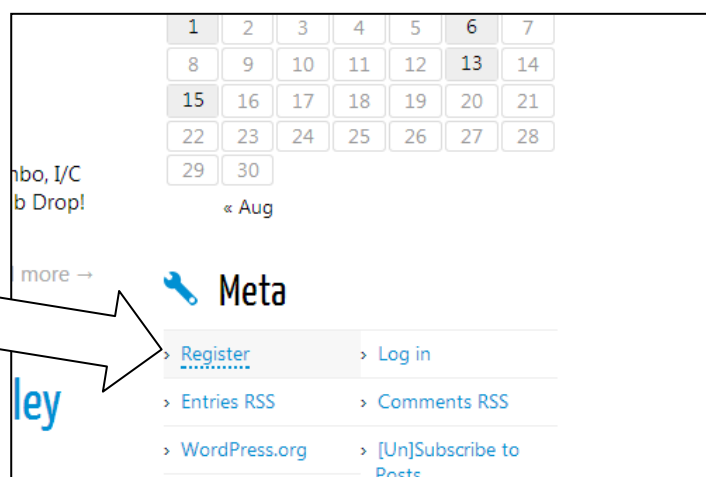


Now, click on that button and it will send you to the registration page.

Navigate to our website -

<http://yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au/>

Then Scroll down to just below the calendar on the right of your screen and you will see a button that says "Register"



Type in your user name and your email and press the Blue register button.

Our site administrator has a members list and a list of all your emails. He will check your details and send you an email to confirm your registration.

Once you have received the email, you can then confirm your registration by using the links in the message body. This will guide you through setting up a log in password.

You are then registered to receive email notifications whenever something new goes up on the website. The default setting for members is that of having subscribed to email notifications. You have the option of Unsubscribing at a later date.

Eflight Hawker Hurricane

David Hipperson describes the new Foam Warbird

(Photos – Frank Curzon)

Being honest, I was mildly disappointed with my generic Hobby City Spitfire. It handled very nicely in the air but the retracts and layout definitely were not the best. I found that even when our field was dry and in a well mown condition the undercarriage layout was virtually impossible for me to handle (possibly my fault!) and tipping on the nose at the drop of a hat.

As I happen to be more of a Hurricane man than a Spitfire enthusiast I was quite happy to purchase one of the special deals offered by Model Flight for their PNP Eflite Hurricane and I can't say I've regretted the choice. Despite being an ARF "foamie" assembling this model is not a five minute job and requires a little thought. Although I purchased the set of Eflite electric retracts I didn't fit them immediately and flew the Hurri' using the basic "fixed" undercarriage set up. This handled our field with the greatest of ease and was really



nice during both the take off and landing modes. The Hurri' comes with flaps and using these in flight presented no problems as there was no changing in handling whether up or down.

It is important to realize that this is not some lightweight, small "foamie" as the model has a span of 1360mm and an approximate flying weight of 2.0 – 2.1kg. What this does do is ensure that even with a wind blowing the Hurri' flies as if on rails doing lovely smooth low passes and looking just right for a WWII fighter.

I fitted the electric retracts but even though designed for the job getting a really nice smooth retraction and extension took more than a little time and fiddling. Once done the next thing was to wait for a bit of decent weather and for a while I thought it was never going to arrive. However, one Thursday Frank Curzon and I took a trip to the field and the weather was passable with only a light cross wind.

I got the Hurri' into the air without any trouble while Frank took the photos. The retraction was perfect and whatever time I took



was obviously worth it. I have to say that for an ARF "foamie" this model looks really good with the wheels tucked away as I hope Frank's shots will show. Yes, I did manage to trip it over on landing and I did break a prop but it was well worth it and no other damage was incurred.

The Spit got sold and the Hurri' is at home. Hopefully for a while.

David Hipperson

Gliding at Mount Lofty... Bill Wheeler



So it seemed like a good idea to go gliding at Kilcunda. A group of us made arrangements to do so on 18th August and meet atop the hill for a play. The night before however showed the wind speed forecast at 40kph and some thought it wiser to save the trip for another day. Wanting to fulfill the expectation of a days gliding we scouted around for another site. Mount Lofty appeared and being just off the beaten track to the flying field, we thought we'd give it a go.

The hill faces North and the direction to fly is North East. As it turned out the wind was from the North West. Cars are parked about 400m from the flying point and it's a healthy trek up the hill from the cars to the launch area. Loaded with gliders and gear, Daniel, Carl Weller, Graham Jenner and I set up the hill. Keiran Hampson was coming too but got waylaid with other things. Carl and I set off while Graham and Daniel fluffed around getting gliders assembled. Although in fairness the day was a washout flying wise, it did say for North East winds, we all had a bit of fun. The North westerly caused rough air as it's stirred by the trees it passes over and if you can't launch high enough above them, you sink into them. I did this with both my



No Band-aids? No Problems... Leccy tape to the rescue!

models breaking a servo arm and wing bolt to end my fun. Daniel 'flew' his Prelude and landed everywhere but back at the launch site. This included a tree catching the model to save it from crashing. Graham did similarly which I caught on camera and Carl was having fun cutting his finger and trying to fix his elevator servo. It whiled away 3 hours on a Sunday that was meant to be extreme for weather. The wind was good, all be it in the wrong direction, and it's a pleasant site for a glide in the summer. Graham and Daniel



did have a go from a small hill 300m behind us but to no avail. With Glenfern road taking care of Southerlies, Mount Lofty will do for North Easterlies. Here's some pics of the morning.

September Club Day

Some selected images from the last event.



Bill Wheeler flew his Hangar 9 Corsair in the Fun Scale...

Damien Mould brought his Savage Cruiser in for a flying visit... Very impressive.

But not before putting Mark Holly's Fokker D-VIII (as described in last month's issue) through its paces in the Fun Scale Event.



Graham Jenner put in a very passable performance in both the Fun Scale and the Touch and Go's with his Piper Cub.



(Left) Dave Nichols flew his Flair Hanibal in the Fun Scale...



Daniel Goudge preparing his Parkzone Radian Pro for the Electric Climb and Glide.



Club Day Continued...
Spooling up Greg Lepps new ARF Jet...



The communal start of the Electric Climb and Glide...



... Which Damien Mould later flew during the lunch break.



... And the I/C Climb and Glide



Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Limbo			
Name	Daniel Goudge	Daniel Wheeler	Fernando Monge
Points	60	40	40
Bomb Drop			
Name	Josh Painter	Kyle Eggleton	Bill Wheeler
Points	30	20	10
Touch & Go			
Name	Damien Mold	Graham Jenner	Daniel Goudge
Points	30	20	10
Fun Scale			
Name	Damien Mold	Greg Lepp	Graham Jenner
Points	30	20	10
Spot Landing			
Name	Daniel Goudge	Graham Jenner	Daniel Wheeler
Points	30	20	10
I/C Climb & Glide			
Name	Daniel Goudge	Graham Jenner	DNF
Points	30	20	
Elc Climb & Glide			
Name	Graham Jenner	David Hipperson	Damien Mold
Points	30	20	10

YVA Club Auction

The 2013 Annual Club Auction was held at the last General Meeting and what a night it was!



Professional Auctioneer - Rob Yakubowski held the crowd in thrall with his patter and got maximum return for the goods on sale... and prepared to previous years, the bargains available were many and varied.... And nearly everyone there went away with a bargain. Many thanks to Rob for his services on the night.




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We Were Wrong (well, I was Wrong - Ed)

Last months description of Bill Coombs Show and Tell from the July Meeting was ad lib, because frankly I had misplaced what Bill had given me on the night... so here is the original information. And an apology as I incorrectly described Bills Model as having Fibreglass coating over the Balsa skin.



Topflite 1/7 Scale Kit – USA
Finished Weight – 4Kg (9 lbs)
OS Four Stroke FS 91s II – P
Robart Pneumatic Retracts
Hitec Optic 6 – Transmitter Cannel 1 – 36 MHz

My first interest in the Spitfire was as a young lad when I built a control line model of a Spitfire, powered by a Hearn's Hobby Tempest Glow engine, Which I promptly crashed at a Hearn's Hobby Fly Day at the Laverton Air Base. It was to be my last model for a long time as it turned out.

Later and most recently, I had read a lot about Spitfire exploits in World War 2 and have recently read about Squadron Leader Tony Gaze's experiences both as a

wartime pilot of Spitfires and Post war, as a Formula 1 racing driver and later in world class gliding. The book is entitled "Almost Forgotten".

So, when retirement was imminent, I decided to try my hand at modeling again, and chose the Spitfire to build.

Sadly, Tony Gaze passed away on 29th of July, 2013 aged 93.

- Bill Coombs.

Vic Scale – Scale Flying September 15th 2013

Some shots from the day...



Right – David Anderson Piloting his Miles Sparrow Hawk... and Below – in all its glory.



Arthur Green's PZL 7. Arthur flew two rounds on the day.



Continued Over...

... Continued from Previous.



Gary Sunderland's Bristol Scout.

Below... Graham Jenner's Cub.



Parting Shot



How do you fix a Spanner? Well if you are Vice President of the YVA – with a hammer!

(photo – David Hipperson)