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Who'd have thought it. David Nichols won the Monty Tyrrel with his Flaire Hannibal last week.

Flying in formation with a similar sized Fokker Dr1. Davids Hanibal caught the judges eye sufficiently to take a gong.

Well done Dangerous!

Next Meeting

The Next General Meeting will be on the Monday 25th of April 2016
at 8.00 PM

Venue - Red Earth Centre in Mooroolbark.

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Presidents Report

Hello YVA members one and all and welcome to the rather late Jan / Feb edition of YVA news.

There has been a lot of activity with the various events over the past couple of months but unfortunately my personal circumstance has left me with very little time and motivation to capture them in written form.

Our January meeting had very low attendance which is not unusual for that time of the year.

That said it has also been very quiet out at the field (well certainly on the days when I have been out there).

We ran the Hayden Hampson / Frank Curzon event back in November and as a consequence of the numbers will need to consider a change in the rules and perhaps the way in which we promote the event. Not a great turn-out but for those whom did participate we had a great day.

Anthony Curzon took out the HH trophy with his Mk IV Spitfire and I took out the FC trophy with my Fokker D7.

The next event was the F1 air race at Sandown on the 31st of January.

The racing was just a small part of the overall day with a continuous day of flying from a broad range of pilots and aircraft. I spent a lot of time on the preparation and was very pleased with the outcomes.

Our own club was represented by several members on the day including David Law, Damien Mould, and Daniel Goudge.

What's happening at the field.

We need to consider changing the gold coin donation system. Unfortunately it has not been embraced by all of the membership and because it's based on honesty, we feel it is better to incorporate a field levy in the annual fees.

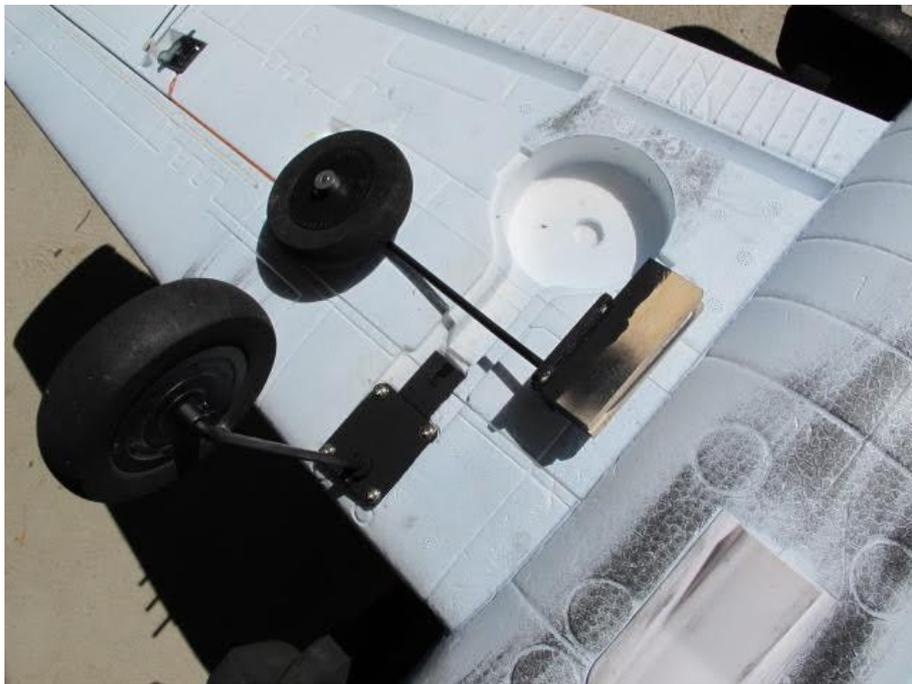
See you at our next meeting on the 29th of Feb or sooner.

Happy Landings;

Jon Goudge

Modifying the Hellcat

A while back I purchased one of the Dynam Grumman Hellcats. This model flies off 4S 2250 pack and comes with the usual foamy whistles and bells including a good motor, two three bladed props, ESC, servos and electric retracts. Now, the model is a delight to fly being easy during take off and landing, brisk in the air with nice aerobatics and all this because the wing loading is quite low. As it happens I do not get on with Dynam ESCs (maybe my fault) but did my usual trick replacing it this with one from FMS. In particular the landings are very easy and up until recently I had done around a dozen or so flights most of which were feather-light. A couple were a little heavier but I do not mean in anyway a crash but in both cases the model tipped over – rats! The problem was that on those landings the port leg bent. I went back to the workshop only to find that this leg which was 5/32 in diameter could be bent straight in my fingers. I know I'm not Superman and this "steel" was more like spaghetti or, at least, "coat-hanger" wire. Ah! I thought I'll just bent a bit of K & S wire and fit that. Not so, the retract units were sealed with no access to either the pin or screw they use. The apparent option was to purchase a complete set of retracts at \$60+ which as the model cost under \$200 seemed a bit much. I am not normally tight about things like this but by now I was



peevish. However, worse was yet to come when on the next day at the field the starboard retract failed completely and this was in the locked "up" position. The answer for me was a set of fixed undercarriage legs. Yes, it annoys me a bit too but by now I thought "what the heck it's only a foamy". I made the mounts out of pine, ply and two lengths of decent 5/32 to the same size as the originals plus I also used the kit wheels. Flew the model on the 23rd Dec with everything working perfectly and providing I keep my eyes closed during flight one would never notice the wheels. In honesty, for years we used to fly most models without retracts and though I do like the appearance with the cheap gear supplied it may not last

long and a 'good' set can be worth as much as the kit. The pictures show what the legs are like and it fits exactly as the originals using the same screw locations. If I ever do feel like it 30 minutes would fit new retracts.

David Hipperson

Sandown F1 Racing - Jan 31st 2016



YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS CLUB DAY

April 16th 2016



- Limbo
 - Climb and Glide Electric
 - Climb and Glide IC
 - Touch and Go
 - Skittles
 - Combat (Flying Wings only)
 - Fun Scale Flying (NOT Scale Aerobatics) Judged on Scale realism as per VMAA Schedule for Scale Manoeuvrers 2012 (Expurgated)
- Competitors may enter as many or as few events as they wish. One entry per event per competitor.
 - Entry is open to all YVA members regardless of flying standard, but the ground jury reserves the right to refuse entry on the basis of unsafe model condition.
 - Any model can be entered in any event unless otherwise specified (I/C of Electric).
 - Scale Models – Stand-off scale, ARF Scale, Scale.



The Field is closed for general flying during the running of this event.

Minutes of YVA club meeting

Held on 26th January 2016

Venue: Red Earth Centre Mooroolbark

Meeting opened: 8.05

Members present: Not that many, approx 18

Visitors: Danny Seymour

Apologies : Nil

Previous minutes: N/A as last meeting was the auction night

Matters arising from minutes. Nil

Correspondence in: Email re safety and training.

Email from Consumer affairs re last years' annual statement/return

Correspondence out: Reply email re safety and training.

Registrar report: N/A as Registrar not present.

Treasurers report: Cheque A/C: N/A as Treasurer unavailable

Term Deposit: Ditto

Treasurers report Accepted: N/A as not available

General Business:

Danny Seymour would like to join the club. He has looked at other clubs but has a preference for YVA.

Mower all ok now. A \$10 per member increase in fees next this coming year could put us in a strong enough position to purchase a new Kubota later in the year.

We may be able to get a partial grant /loan from different sources but much groundwork will have to be covered if we go down this track.

The Pattern association have donated \$75 from their coffers as a donation to our club. This is much appreciated and we thank them sincerely. .

Discussed the donation process and if it can be improved. We simply ask that all members put a gold coloured coin in the box each time they fly. This goes straight to Bruce Waters and enhances our relationship with him.

Sandown F1 race is on 31st January. Daniel gouge will be competing in the Junior race and a number of our members have been asked to help at the event. All members are encouraged to attend.

Frank Curzon Trophy awarded to Jon Gouge and his Fokker.

Show and tell.

Meeting closed: 9.35pm

Minutes of YVA club meeting

Held on 29th February 2016

Venue: Red Earth Centre Mooroolbark

Meeting opened: 8.05

Members present: 22 approx

Visitors: Nil

Apologies : Carl Wahrenberger, Daniel Gouge

Previous minutes: Read Jon Gouge. Accepted: Damian Mould/David Hipperson

Matters arising from minutes: Future mower purchase /condition of field

Correspondence in: Request from VPA to use field for practice on Thursday Friday 10th/11th March for their upcoming Masters event at P&DARCS .

Correspondence out: email to consumer affairs re annual registration following up last years registration.

Email to VPA re practice days.

Registrar report: Application to join club from Danny Seymour

Treasurers report: Cheque A/C: \$2065.44

Term Deposit: \$ 4120.58

Treasurers report Accepted: Euan Haig/David Nichols

General Business:

Damian Mould suggested field improvements. The cape wed needs to be killed before we try to improve the grass. The best time to do this is April. Damian and Roger can work together co-ordinating this project. They may be able to summon the help of Ray Jarvis. New grass could be planted 3-4 weeks later but watering will be a challenge.

Printed newsletter costs are becoming unsustainable. Suggestion was made to get those members to pay extra to cover the cost. At present this would amount to between \$20 and \$30 recipient.

Clubhouse surrounds could do with a tidy up as sprayed weeds have now died.

Graham Jenner has removed some items ready for hard rubbish.

New chairs are now required as some were not safe.

Jon Gouge said that the gold coin donation system was not working as well as had been hoped.

He suggested that rather than increasing the club fee by \$10 to purchase a new mover, we put on a \$5 per annum/per member field levy to give to Bruce, and seek a grant for the mower.

Motion moved and Seconded David Anderson and Roger Egelton. Vote carried 100% in favour.

Jon Gouge intends to retire as President at the end of this financial year.

As per normal all committee positions will be open for nomination.

YVA intends to enter the VMAA trophy.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

Raffle: Thanks to Bob Edwards for donating a Flair Pulsar box of sticks Kit.

Show and tell. David Hipperson –Hoppy king Piper Cub

David Jones—two Quadcopters.