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YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWS LETTER

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Retiring President Jon Goudge relaxing on a rare sunny winters day admiring his fleet. Jon's description as follows: Yak 55m powered by a DLE 30 and the beautiful PC9 (ex Glenn Dunstan air wing) powered by the OS GT22. Magnificent engine, really impressed with these petrol motors by OS but what else would you expect?? More photos from the field later in this edition and also some parting words from Jon in the president's report.

Annual General Meeting -

The Yarra Valley Aeromodellers AGM will be on Monday 29th of August 2016
8.00 PM at the Red Earth Centre in Mooroolbark. More details Page 8

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Presidents report

Some reflections from the past years on committee.

Hello YVA members and welcome to the August 2016 edition of YVA news.

Speaking of which it was back in 2009 when I first ventured out to the YVA (then CAC) flying field only to be greeted by HH and other club members as a visitor. I flew my Razzell and scared the sh..t out of the on lookers. It was a maiden flight with an oversized motor to boot and presented some challenges for a few moments, but that is another story.

I attended the AGM that year, held in the old train club in Kilsyth. Standing room only as I recall in a tiny little building with a bunch of blokes whom seemed to be frustrated with the slow and boring process that unfolded.

Well a lot has changed since then, most of all the club name and Logo. Moving from Kilsyth to the Aero club rooms at the Lilydale airport was a great idea and the facilities were a marked improvement over the previous venue. While the rent was expensive it offered the benefit of aviation activity just outside the windows and of course an ideal place for xmas functions. We all had a great time out there and of course was the beginning of my personal contribution to the club on the committee.

Our new home at the red earth centre has been just as rewarding with our regular general meetings and the annual auction night that has attracted the biggest crowds. We have a great club and a healthy membership thanks to the field property owners and of course the club members themselves. It has been a pleasure to serve you all and I trust as I stand down as president the club will continue with equal strength and value.

What happening at the field

Over the last month we have been blessed with some really fine flying days despite the time of the year and the typical Melbourne weather we have come to expect in July / August.

For me this month has been one full of excitement and satisfaction on the modelling front with the completion of several long term projects. On Sunday 14th I was able to maiden the giant ugly stick (my efforts from the group project started 16 months ago).

It's a great feeling for the builder when a model leaves the ground for the first time and needs little or no trim to fly where you point it. Danny Seymour snapped some photos of the eventful moments on his mobile phone (see pic's)



Another maiden flight took place on the same day for the little Fokker D7 electric unit (SF brand ARF) It was a pussy cat and seemed to handle the wind gusts without issue as they built up during the course of the day.



Not so lucky was David Nichols with his QB40 coming to grief on the second flight. Not sure what happened but it was repairable and will no doubt live on to see another day.



Club House

Some repair work will be initiated on the club house in the coming weeks Just to clean up the fascia that is showing signs of fatigue and Graham J (one of our resident carpenters will be on the job) will need a hand so keep an eye open for a call to action.

Property working bee (1000 trees to plant)

We will be seeking a large group of volunteers to attend the working bee requested by the Property owners for tree planting.

The dates are yet to be confirmed but may possibly be on the 10th September and or another day as well.

We will need at least 30 volunteers so make sure you find a few hours to invest back into the YVA property and the owner's relationship.

Membership renewals

The new club badges have arrived and will be available for collection at the AGM so make sure you turn up to collect your club badge.

Combination lock changes will happen following the AGM

Club competitions and VMAA trophy

I would like to get as many members out at the field as possible to get involved in these club days. They are a lot of fun and really rewarding so draw down on your confidence and prepare yourself to get involved. The next club day is on the 28th of August and this time will be issuing raffle tickets to the participants. There will be a prize for the highest score on the day but then a lucky dip for several other prizes (similar to a model engines day)

Also note I have taken on the task of club captain at the next VMAA trophy event to be held at P&DARCS in October so I am looking for capable pilots to join the fun and have a crack at the trophy title.

A few weeks ago at the field

What a beautiful day for flying. A number of keen members were seen at the field on Sunday the 31st July. The banter in the Pitts was a hard act to follow but put a smile on those faces of those guys that have been waiting to get out for a fly.

The field is looking beautiful and had been dressed with some top soil and seeded in places where it needed attention (thanks Damien and Ewan for your mid week efforts) Hopefully, the grass will appear with a little more rain and sun shine in the ensuing weeks.

A wind sock was deployed on a retired fishing Rod (See Photo) and seems to do the job well. It will be stored in the club house and can be deployed each day without too much effort. All members please note, Just simply plug / unplug the upper half of the rod and return it to the club house at the end of the day.

New wind sock



Seen at the field



Damien Mould was out flying everyone with his Aeroworks Yak powered by the Moki 250,5 cylinder Radial. Incredible performance and sound from this combination with some aerobatic manoeuvres for the onlookers. Great job Damien, always a pleasure to watch him fly.



Danny and Daniel taking a break and keeping an eye on the activities.



Cover photo - El President sitting back on one of the four chairs kindly donated by a close friend.

If you decide to use one please note the locking mechanism positioned on each side and lock it prior to taking a seat.

Ugly Stick Project



Some of you may remember the Wednesday night crew undertook a group project to build Giant Ugly Sticks, and Jon presented his will at the August meeting in 2015. Well nearly to the day One year later it is finally finished. Yet to fly but the builder is mildly confident (I should think so). Just needs some decorative touches and we are ready for the fly-off.



Watch out David White, we are coming for you in the climb and glide event at our next club comp.

Well that's all from me for the last time as your president, see you on the 28th at the club comp or on the Monday night for our AGM

Happy Landings,

Jon Goudge

To Jon and Adrian, a huge "THANK YOU" from all the members at Yarravalley Areomodellers for what you have done for the club serving on the committee over the last several years.

Upcoming AGM and club meeting

Old John Deere Mower. At the AGM there will be a silent Auction for the sale of the redundant John Deere ride on mower. The rear end was replaced approx 2years ago. The motor has been fully rebuilt within the last 18 months. There is a need for work to be done on the drive system to the cutting deck. This would not be a great cost. The belt and idler pulleys require attention. There will be no reserve! If you are interested in bidding you will be asked to fill out a bid form. The highest bid wins the mower.

Raffle. There will be a raffle at the meeting with some great prizes so come prepared.

Club Badges. As Jon mentioned these will be available at the meeting for collection.

Secretary's Note. Generally nominations for executive positions are lodged with the club secretary 30 days before the date of the AGM. Sometimes this does not happen and nominees can be voted in on the night. As you probably know we have not been over-run by members willing to step up and help out, so we will have to do that.

Two of the present committee members, being Alister Nicholson and myself will be re-nominating, which is merciful because otherwise we would be in strife, but our present president Jon Goudge and long time committee member Adrian Whiter will both be stepping down from their respective positions. Both have done Stirling work to help make the club what it is today.

All positions will be declared "open" on the night, and a new committee will be formed as voted in by the members present. Also a core of around 30 members is required for the vote, so if you care about what happens to your club, please try to be there.

Nomination form is on the last page.

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

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If he hasn't got it, he will make every effort to get it in.

Dates to note!

August 21 th	Vic Scale Event (field closed to general flying)	YVA Field
August 28 th	Club Comp (field closed to general flying)	YVA Field
August 29 th	YVA AGM & club meeting including raffle	Red Earth Centre
September 26 th	General Meeting	Red Earth Centre

YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS CLUB DAY

Prize for the highest score on the day and a lucky dip for several other prizes for competitors

- 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.

Shepparton Mammoth scale weekend September 10th and 11th

Go to Valley Radio Flyers website for more details.

<http://valleyradioflyersofshepparton.weebly.com/mammoth-scale-flyin--other-events.html>

VMAA Trophy Weekend Oct 8th & 9th, 2016 @ P&DARCS



YVA would like to put a team together for the ten events listed. This is a great event and is always lots of fun with a bit of bantering as well. If you would like to join the team please let Jon Goudge know and which event you would like to participate in. You can check out the rules on the VMAA website listed below. Hope to see you there.

www.vmaa.com.au

Trophy Events:

- Fun Scale
- 2 x Helicopter events
- Thermal Soaring
- Scale Aerobatics
- Electric Glider
- Old Timer Duration
- Sports Limbo
- Musical Landings
- Combat

2016 Australian Model Flying Day 22-23 October Supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service

The 2016 Australian Model Flying Day will take place at various locations across the country on 22-23 October. The entry fee is a \$5 badge which goes directly to the Royal Flying Doctor Service

See July's edition for further details or go to the MAAA website.



MAAA update notice

Recently the MAAA Executive have been dealing with three incidents. Two being 'fly aways' resulting in models impacting in public areas and becoming the subject of complaints to CASA. The third was operating from a full size airfield and resulted in the destruction of the very expensive model (\$30,000).

Based on reports received from the three incidents they were all subject to some form of loss or 'reversed' radio signals. At their last meeting the MAAA Executive reviewed the requirements in MOP056 Safe Flying Code and agreed to the changes shown below. While 'fly aways' can occur to any type of model and have done so in the past, it is agreed that taking the steps outlined in MOP056 with regard to range and failsafe checking of RC controlled models, the risk can be reduced.

In the destruction of the expensive model, while it cannot be proven 100% due to the model being totally destroyed by fire, there were sufficient knowledgeable modellers on the scene to evaluate and draw a fairly comprehensive conclusion from the events that took place. Any modeller utilising a 'powerbox' distribution system within their model are urged to check the 'fail safe' while the model is running and being restrained. Simply turning off the Transmitter will check this. Powerboxes need to be set up with the particular brand of Radio equipment being used, we all know there are differences, especially with the throttle set up, between certain brands of equipment. In the case concerned it would seem that when transmission was either reduced or lost and with the engine running, the failsafe activated, however the throttle was reversed through the powerbox in fail safe mode.

RADIO CONTROL

- 1) I will ensure the correct model is selected and have completed a successful radio equipment ground range and fail safe check each day prior to the first flight of any model.*
- 2) I will perform my initial turn after takeoff away from the pit and spectator areas.*
- 3) I will not knowingly operate an R/C system within 4 kilometres of a pre-existing model club flying site unless in accordance with the MAAA Manual of Procedures.*

MOP056

Kind Regards,
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President Jon Goudge looking very happy with his VQ models P-39 Airacobra ARF at the July club meeting.



Graham Jenner and his beautiful little foam electric Spitfire with fantastic scale detail. Very impressive.



Newsletter Notes

Forward article's and information to: news@yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

Tim De Haan Mobile: 0409 809 473

YVA Club Meeting Minutes

27th July 2016

Venue: Red Earth centre Mooroolbark

Opened: 8.00pm

Members present:

Visitors: None that we know about

Apologies : Tim De Hahn, Roger Egleton, Tim Campbell

Previous minutes: Read/accepted: Graham Jenner, John Green

Matters arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence in: Minutes of June VMAA meeting. Accident report from John Gouge. Advice of new P.O Box address for VMAA Registrar. Membership enquiry from Andrew Banhealey.

Correspondence out: Reply to Andrew Banhealey

Treasures report: Term Deposit : \$4124.00

Cheque A/c : \$5018.00

Registrars Report: Membership now close to 100

General Business: Welcome to new member, Alan Devlin.

Graham Jenner suggested that the Clubhouse needs some renovation. When the weather improves we will organise a working bee.

Club competitions and all future dates to be advised in the newsletter.

Auction is to be organised on the September club meeting night.

Tim De Hahn is doing a great job on the newsletter. Many thanks to David Hipperson for his efforts on the newsletter. This has helped the club enormously.

Wind socks have been purchased from hobby king. They are not expected to have a long life span, but they are cheap. A method to put them up and take them down will be sought. It would be good if we can have one forward of the flight line.

AGM will be next meeting on 29th August at the Red Earth centre. Jon Gouge and Adrian Whiter are retiring from their respective positions. Nominations from the membership are now being sought.

Jon Gouge will remain in contact with Bruce Waters as field co-ordinator.

Congratulations to Jon Gouge who has just been voted in as VMAA Vice President.

Old mower is still for sale. The deck does need some work. A silent auction has been suggested.

VMAA Trophy will be held at P&DARCS this year. We will be entering a full team again this year and need all the support we can get. Pit crews do form a very valuable part of the team.

Show and tell.

Graham Jenner: Beautiful little foam, electric Spitfire with scale detail to behold. Very well presented.

Jon Gouge with VQ models Air Acobra.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

NOMINATION FORM



We the undersigned, being financial members of the YARRA
VALLEY AEROMODELLERS CLUB Inc.

Hereby
nominate.....

For the position of.....

Name of proposer.....

Name of seconder.....

I,.....the person nominated herein accept this nomination and if
elected will abide by the rules of the association.

Signature.....