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2018 World Champs Team



A great line up from Australia's F4C & F4H models heading for FAI World Championship Switzerland. Best of luck to team and YVA members Greg Lepp, David Law and Noel Whitehead.

Next Meeting -

The Next General Meeting will be on the Monday 28th May 2018
8.00 PM Venue - Red Earth Centre in Mooroolbark.

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



Welcome all to our April/May newsletter for 2018.

I apologise for this newsletter being quite short, but it's coming up to be a very busy time for me. It's that time of the year with membership renewals. I would just like to remind all current members who wish to re-join YVA to assist the committee with a few simple courtesies. Please fill out your application form entirely regardless of how long or whether or not you have changed your details, in clear print to assist us in updating our files and database in a timely and efficient manner. If paying via EFT, please state your full name when making your payment so we can match your name to your

payment. If you are making an EFT payment for a friend please do it separately as it's far simpler for us to identify payments. If you are paying by cheque or money order please write your full name and if paying for two or more please write all names at the back of the cheque and how much is being paid for each person if different. If you are paying cash please write your full name on an envelope and again if paying for two or more please write all names on the envelope and how much is being paid for each person if different. Please no loose cash!

It's time to reactivate the clubs competition schedules with some good fun flying events. I mentioned at the last meeting some of the ideas I have, so I now put them in the newsletter for all to see. Don't forget I need volunteers to help me do these events and thank you to those who already have volunteered to assist

The 1st competition I like to hold is an Electric Glider Competition in Honour and farewell to David Hipperson, and also to thank him for his tireless efforts in helping the club. Suspected dates are 10th 17th or 24th of June 2018. There will be a BBQ and some prizes to be won!

The 2nd event on my agenda is the Haydn Hampson and Frank Curzon Memorial Day. This event is based on the memories of these two fine aero modellers, and their contribution to our great hobby. Haydn's love was of scale Military WW2 aircraft, and Franks' affection was with early WW1 scale air craft. The rules are simple, scratch build or enter a scratch built or Kit air craft model in which category you wish to Fly In. There will be another 2 categories in both civilian and Military but in ARF. ARF categories are not eligible for the trophies.

The 3rd event I have in mind is YVA Christmas BBQ and Club comp 2018. For those who attended last year will remember we had an absolute awesome day. We gave away some awesome prizes and generally enjoyed a fantastic day. This year we will try to incorporate a club flying comp.

Jon Goudge Will captain the VMAA Club Trophy comp for 2019. I believe he has to form a team. If you are at all interested please contact Jon to participate.

Tyson Dodd has commenced the noise testing at YVA and the paperwork for the Prior use permit is almost completed and will be submitted soon.

As always I would like to thank my committee, Alister Nicholson, Vice President; Bill Wheeler Secretary; Jon Goudge, Treasurer and our Ordinary members; Tim De Haan, Editor and webmaster; David Hipperson and Gregory Maggs and not forgetting Rodger Eggleton and his mowing team for keeping the field in pristine condition.

Here's to happy flying and safe landings.

Your President,

Tony Martinico

Dates to note!

Check VMAA website for more details.

27 th May	YVA club meeting	Red Earth Centre, Mooroolbark
9 th – 10 th Jun	VFSAA scale trophy	Albury state field
16 th Jun	VPA event	YVA field (no general flying)
25 th Jun	YVA club meeting	Red Earth Centre, Mooroolbark

Fundraiser

For those that have ordered YVA mugs I will have them for pick up at this club meeting on the 28th May. There will be some extra's available for those who missed out. If needed I can order more if required, email me at timdehaan@bigpond.com All profits go back into the club. Here is a sample of the three available. Printed with permission from aviation artist Darryl Legg of South Africa. Cost is: White Printed Mug \$10

Tim De Haan



This was the first nationals I had attended and also fly in scale so was a little unsure of what to expect. I was also looking forward to catching up with David White who now is living in port Macquarie and was making the 830km journey to West Wyalong as well. Pretty good effort for a nearly 77 year old.



I got to West Wyalong on Monday 23rd and had a look at the airstrip where we would be flying the scale competition from to familiarize myself with

it. I had never flown on bitumen before so was a little apprehensive of what to expect.

The strip is 1.5 km long and runs East/West like YVA as that is predominately the direction of the wind up here. We were on the Western end of

the runway with the gliders for the first part of the week operating on the eastern end. There was also a practice area for F3A pattern and IMAC in the middle of the strip as they were not competing until the end of the week. Also located in the middle at the airport facilities was the control line guy's and the men's shed had a catering facilities there as well. Further out to the east was an area for RC pylon racers.

Right: A nice CAC Sabre from local flyer Jason Starkey doing some practice flights. Did not fly in competition due to engine issues.



I then caught up with David and we headed to the indoor sports stadium and registered that we had arrived and received an information pack etc. I did not hang around for the opening ceremony that night as I wanted to also catch up with my brother and family who lives at Coolamon just over an hour back down south.

Day two, Tuesday I headed back to West Wyalong and checked into Motel early. Headed to the airport for some practice flights and meet some of the other flyers and organiser's from NSW. The weather was perfect with no wind at all so there were no excuses not to get the Ercoupe in the air. To my surprise it handled the bitumen really well being a tricycle undercarriage whilst some of the tail draggers had some issues. The Ercoupe did touch and go's and landing's very well but with no brakes the roll out was quiet long as it was also downhill. The judges had agree to not penalise for this when judging and also if needed you could kill your engine after landing with no downgrade. At midday I headed to the indoor

stadium to do the F4H static judging which was a first for me.

Left: Pete Goff's static judging of his Tiger moth



The main difference between F4H models and F4C is that F4C models are scratch built from a plan (usually an original full size) and most details and components etc. are built whilst F4H can be an ARF recovered and painted or refinished. You still want a F4H model to be as close to the full size outline and detail to score maximum points. It was a great experience as it gave me a better understanding of the process and how areomodellers have approached the documentation required for static judging. There was 6 models to judge, two of which are heading to the world championships in Switzerland. Anthony Ogle's Nieuport and Pete Goff's Tiger Moth, both excellent examples of F4H aircraft. It is quiet hard to be critical of other people's models and both these planes, if any, had very minor things that I perceived to be not quite right but in reality it all comes down to personal opinion and how things look to you. John Rolfe was chief judge and was very helpful in coaching me and explaining the scoring method.

Day three, Wednesday first comp day was a slow day for me and David as they ran F4H and Clubman (beginners to scale comp) back to back two rounds. The day was a very warm 30 degrees and we pulled out the umbrellas for some shade. We got to fly 1 round in the afternoon just in time for the wind to pick up across the strip. I had a reasonable first flight considering my nerves. Both Anthony and Pete did not want to risk flying there F4H models as the world champs are only 8 weeks away so in a few weeks they will be packed, ready for their trip. No time to repair if something was to go wrong so they both flew in "open" with other aircraft and putting the pressure on us.

Right: Myself and David White waiting our turn. Always good to catch up with David and yes we look like council workers.

After dinner we headed back to the indoor stadium and had a look at the indoor flying of free flight models. These models were very impressive weighing in not much more than 1.2 grams and flying for up to 8 min all be it at a very slow pace.



Left: Indoor free flight models. These use a very thin mylar to cover the wings and stabiliser. This class must weigh more than 1.2 grams, the next class up is 1.4 grams. Incredibly fine work which calls for a steady hand.



Right: winding the 1mm thin rubber band with the model pictured above waiting for the engine (rubber band) to be installed.

Below: My ARF Ercoupe ready for the next flight, not so sure about the pilot, it was hot. Thankfully the organisers had bottled water on ice for the competitors.



Day four, Thursday back to the strip hoping to do two rounds but the wind came up about 10.30 going straight across the strip so we only got one round done and opted to fly again first thing Friday morning.

By lunch time most other events across the town had finished up because of the bad weather. That night we went back to the indoor stadium to see the hanger rats and H/R scramble. Expecting to see some indoor remote control planes I was a bit disappointed because once again they were rubber band free flight models a bit heavier than the previous night. Anyway it was a chance to catch up with some of the other competitors from the day time events.

Day five Friday completed my final flight and was packing up by 10.30. I came fourth in open scale which I was happy with considering some of the pilots in open are exceptional flyers and I was the only Victorian waving the flag. Scores listed below:

NAME	OPEN	RND 1	RND 2	RND 3	FINAL
CORINNE P. PILATUS POETER		906.43	942.41	938.83	940.62 ③
ANTHONY O. P-47D		746.80	1000	976.4	988.2 ②
DAVID WHITE SPACEWALKER		709.57	778.99	738.15	758.57 7
BENJAMIN B. SLICK 540		1000	969.84	1000	1000 ①
PETER GOFF DECATHLON		865.57	—	—	432.79 8
TIM DE HAAN ERCOUPE		823.75	878.02	896.17	887.09 4
GUY YOUNG WILGA		707.08	677.24	882.95	795.02 5
JASON STAEHEL COC SABRE		—	—	—	— 9
RAY OGLE P-47D		842.47	743.77	—	793.12 6

FLY STAND OFF SCALE	NAME	STATIC	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FINAL SCORE
	BILL MANSELL STINSON RELIANT	376.85	190.41	—	—	472.06 4
	ANDREW HUNTER STAMPE SV4	237.83	1000	1000	—	1237.83 ②
	JOHN CONSDINE P47D	384.62	983.2	959.83	—	1356.13 ①
	ANTHONY OGLE NEUBUS 28	500	—	—	—	500 ③
	PETER GOFF TIGER MOTH	470.01	—	—	—	470.01 5
	RAY OGLE SPAMPE PLX	415.67	—	—	—	415.67 6
	(LUBMAN)	—	—	—	—	—
	JOHN ARMARELO LYSANDER	—	973.99	890.51	1000	986.97 ②
	PAUL SHAEHELEN SPACEWALKER	—	980.62	924.46	—	952.54 ③
	ANDREW HUNTER STAMPE SV4	—	1000	1000	—	1000 ①
	KEITH McNEIL P-17	—	789.59	640.69	635.42	715.14 4

By lunchtime I was on my way home for the 6 hour drive. I enjoyed my time at West Wyalong and seeing some of the other disciplines that our hobby offers as well as catching up with friends and making some new ones.

Below: David Whites 1/3 Spacewalker going well after 160 flights and Bens winning slick 540.





Above: Corinne Pellet's Palatis Porter

Anthony Ogle's Robart ARF P47



Left: John Armarego from the NAAS club in Canberra had his Lysander fitted with a Saito FG60 radial. He left his wing tube at home and ended up using a fold up chair tube which fitted perfectly. John flew in clubman.



Above: This Wilga did not handle the cross wind and/or the bitumin strip very well.

Right: One of the F5J class Gliders. Mostly made from composite materials, approx 3m wingspan.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alister Nicholson on his marriage to Melinda. Wishing them all the best for their future together.



Get Your Wings

If you are interested in doing your silver or gold wings please speak to David Nichols or Jon Goudge and they will be more than happy to assist you or put you in contact with a relevant instructor. There are several instructors in the club so finding one that will be available to run through the requirements should not be too hard. There are also wings for gliders and helicopter.



Echuca Moama state field opening

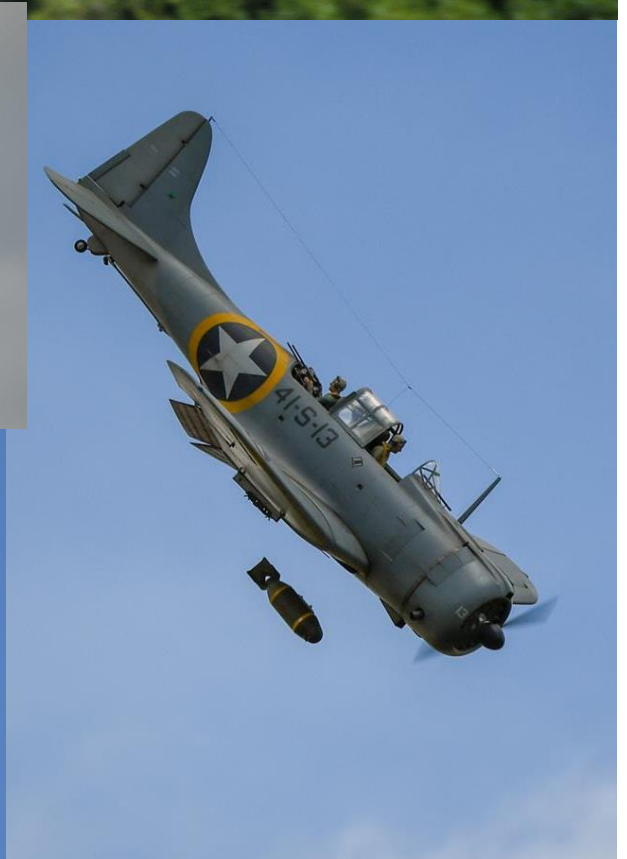
The new VMAA state field at Echuca had its annual fun fly and official opening of club rooms, undercover pit area and runway on the 5th of May. John Goudge VMAA vice president and YVA member officiated the opening of the new facilities. It is a great spot to fly at if you are



heading up that way and is only 2 ½ hour drive from Melbourne CBD. The main strip runs east/west and looking to the south the sun never is an issue. The club website is <http://www.emmac.com.au> for further information on the field location and contacts. They also have a facebook page Echuca Moama Model Aero Club.

Top Gun Florida USA

Some pictures from the 30th Top Gun invitational tournament in Florida.







Club membership renewals

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Next Club Meeting

Monday 28th May

* Buy, Swap, Sell so if you have any items you would like to move on to someone else, bring them along.

*There will be a raffle (depending on numbers present) so bring your cash to be in it and win it.

*Show and tell items always welcome.

*Membership forms available and payments accepted.

House Keeping

Remember the last person to leave the field has to check that the club room is locked and secure. Lock the front gate on departure.

Clean up after yourself if you use the club room facilities and ensure the gas bottle is turned off after use.

Meeting Minutes and Club Information

The meeting minute and other important club only information will now be available through the website and not published in the newsletter. There is a new tab on the website "MEMBERS AREA" which is password protected and can be accessed simply by clicking on the Members area tab, type the current gate access pin number listed on your current membership card giving you access. To log out simply hit the logout button. A hard copy of the minutes will also be available at the club meetings or on request.

