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Team, please note. Although the VMAA/MAAA fee discount applies until 31st July, you should be renewing your fees by 30th June as that's when they run out. The VMAA have advised that you will be uninsured as of 1st July if you do not renew by the end of June.

The field is open to all members and a maximum of 20 at a time. Since the introduction of the sign in/out book, we have not had more than 16 at the field at any one time. Therefore, the on-line sign booking sheet is no longer in use. Please maintain all social distancing rules and note the clubhouse is still locked at this time and, no visitors.

22nd June, with the restrictions being reintroduced due to COVID, the VMAA sent the following notice out.



VMAA News

Victorian State Government
Change of Restriction - 21 June 2020

Hi All

The Victorian State Government have further reviewed the current COVID19 restrictions

As from 21 June 2020, group sizes can remain at 20 people with Clubs Committee managing how the field is used.

We are a sport, not a social gathering and this has not changed.

Club meetings are cancelled until further notice, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has closed its facilities.

Newsletter will be online at: -

www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au

Dates to note!

As you can see below, our next club night isn't likely to be before September. We received an email from the council notifying us they will keep their facilities closed until the end of August. Should this change the Committee will advise.

- Pay annual renewals by 31ST JULY to received \$25 discount on VMAA/MAAA fees.
- **Monday 31st August YVA AGM by email.**
- Monday, 28/09/2020 – Hopefully, club night.
- Monday, 26/10/2020
- **Monday, 23/11/2020 – 3rd Monday of the month!**

2020 AGM.

Due to the hall being closed, this year's AGM will be conducted via email. This will take place August 31st. The Committee have deliberated long and hard on this and believe email is the simplest option. We have to hold the AGM within 5 months of the end of our financial year, here is the sequence of events.

- June newsletter AGM notification and Committee nomination form for the election of Committee members for the 2020/21 year.
- July the financial report for 2019/20 will be emailed out to all members. This will be for your review and deliberation.
- August newsletter will contain any annual reports e.g. President, Treasurer, C.D.
- August 21st email out the AGM info requiring membership feedback to;
 - Vote yes or No on the Committee nominees.
 - Accept/Reject the Annual statement for 2019/20.

We still require a quorum to validate the AGM which means we require 20% of the membership to reply.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a Committee Nomination form. As with every year, all positions will be vacant. If you would like to donate some time to the club in an administrative role, please complete a form, have it seconded by a fellow member and return to me by August 1st. None of what we do is difficult, we have calmed the neighbour and have a great landlord and facilities. Give it a try, you might like it...

Thank you to the mowing team.

With the rain we had through April/May the pit and half the runway have been quite soggy but throughout the lock-down, the mowing team maintained the field to great effect. A big 'thank you' to Dangerous and his team for their efforts in keeping it in tip top condition.

Annual renewal form.

Further to the note on page 1, seems I can't read; the VMAA discount expires 31st July! The renewal form was sent with last month's newsletter or, you can find a copy on our website.

Please note any fees received after this date will have to be for the full amount. Here is a fee breakdown from the VMAA website. Please endeavour to pay your renewals by the end of June if possible.

Fees paid by the 31 July 2020 will have the discount applied.

JUNIOR (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)	Fees paid by 31 July 20 Full Year.	HALF YEAR*	FULL YEAR
VMAA membership:	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$27.00
MAAA membership:	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
TOTAL FEE:	\$47.00	\$38.50	\$72.00
SENIOR			
VMAA membership:	\$39.00	\$27.00	\$54.00
MAAA membership:	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$90.00
TOTAL FEE	\$119.00	\$72.00	\$144.00

New Members joining the Association, full fees will apply.

Lost model...

I can only recall three occasions during my modelling career where pilots have lost the model during flight.

- 1970 my dad took me to the local radio club field. This is it I thought, the end of control-line 😊. Some rookie lost his trainer, last seen heading off to Stevenage town centre with him running down the hill after it. "Are we doing R/C?" I asked, "not now we're not" was the reply.
- About 2008, Tony Grieger and I were flying gliders off Glenfern Road when he put down his Tx to put his coat on. 20 seconds later his glider was awol. He did get it back one week later, it landed in a tree in someone's garden in Upway. The guy realised where it had come from and returned it the following Sunday.
- The latest involves our own club member Tom Bloodworth. His bright Orange old timer was doing its thing against a clear blue sky after we reopened the field. Tom got distracted and a quick "hello" with a fellow member resulted in Tom's model wandering off to seek pastures new.

These things are bad enough when they happen but when they're members of our club, they find themselves in the running for the Holy Cow award! Currently we have three nominations as potential 2020 recipients.

- Tom Bloodworth as outlined above.
- Damien Mould, shock horror what! He landed his full size, got out for a chat and needed a jump start to get going to leave 😊. Forgot to turn something off resulting in a flat battery.
- Neil Griffiths, running up his Assassin on his lap, by accident, with the prop inches from his dangly bits!

A tough choice from three worthy contenders all with a noteworthy moral; concentrate on what you're doing. If you have any thoughts on the subject, feel free to drop me an email.

Back in the building rooms of our far-flung club members...

Bill Wheeler

My Mini Hots has flown, powered by a DC Sabre 1.5cc diesel. I had some initial trouble getting it to run. After dismantled the engine and found the contra piston was stuck in its position. I gently tapped it out to the top of the liner and reassembled the engine. The following weekend the engine ran really well working the contra in slowly until the engine fired up. With no excuses remaining the tank was refilled, the engine restarted, and Daniel launched the model. This was a little hairy as the engine doesn't pull the model quite like the electric motors in the Assassins. It climbed away coughing and spluttering, well out of trim but going well. The only thing with not having a throttle control is that it could become a glider anywhere in the circuit you're flying. I just need Daniel and Bailey to complete theirs now.

I also flew my Ansaldo A.1 Balilla a few weeks ago. The c of g was a little far aft resulting in free flight zooms when the speed built up. Halfway around the circuit I cut the engine I held the nose down to turn to the field but again as the speed built up, she zoomed. The bottom of the final zoom finished a foot above the ground and the long grass off the edge of the runway caught the model. It sustained a little damage to the port lower wing panel and requires about 80gms of lead in the nose to fly again. Other than the c of g she felt really nice to fly. Built from a free plan and at 1/6th scale it is powered by an OS FS62V. The refurbishment required a change from 0.8mm ply fuselage to 0.4mm and was well worth the effort. Like most of my models, I build it because of the colour scheme and the challenge of reproducing the artwork.



The colour scheme is from the restoration of a WWI survivor at the Tino Sana Museum in Bergamo, Italy and was flown by Major Antonio Locatelli. Fortunately, there were plenty of photos taken all around the aircraft to download allowing me to complete the model.

Mario Schembri

Fellow member Mario has completed another turbine jet in recent times which he finally got to test fly and the Bendigo club under the watchful eye of Turbine Inspector Andrew Thomas. Mario had tried the previous week at the Northern Flying Group but the field was far too soggy for the model to achieve take off speed. For those unfamiliar with the Bendigo field, it is a huge flat sheep paddock. The model is a 'Next' sport jet, powered by a 10kg turbine. A few details on the model.

Airframe weight before finishing = 4.87kg

Model weight ready to go less fuel = 13.7kg



Committee nomination form – 2020 AGM



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.....

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