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YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWSLETTER

December 2020

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Merry Christmas!!!



Team, please remember...

No flying Boxing Day per our club rules.

No flying 27th December it is the last Sunday of the month.

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 remember

26th December – NO flying.

27th December – NO flying.

28th December – No flying before 2pm. Bruce has something going on at the field.

16th January F3A Aerobatics YVA

30th January 2021 – Breakfast at the field.

President's report – Fernando Monge Welcome all to our December newsletter for 2020.

President's report (incoming)

What a different year this has been and what a relief to be in this current situation at the end of 2020. To top off what has been a very challenging year for all of us, we have to say farewell to Bill and Daniel who will be travelling to Queensland to make that their new home. We wish them all the best and hope that they keep in touch. We also hear that Tony is planning something similar. So all the best wishes for him as well.

Which leaves me as the author of this piece!

I was not expecting to be in this position when Daniel asked me if I would be interested in being part of the YVA committee as the VP. But as life throws surprises at you, here I am. I really hope I can live up to everybody's expectations and that we can further develop the club and make it a safe haven for all members that like to have fun.

It has been pretty busy setting up everything to allow us to continue with the club management. Bank account access, meet the landlords, Christmas party, recruitments, committee meetings, etc. But everything seems to be under control for the time being. However, we are still looking for a Secretary, a Registrar and a newsletter editor. If you are keen to help, please let us know so we can set things up. The field is looking a treat! Nonetheless, we still need to get a working bee going to do some maintenance around the carpark and the clubhouse. We will soon be sending out a note requesting volunteers and setting a date.

The Christmas Party was a fantastic event and even though we had a great turnout, we still missed a few members that could not make it. For next year let's try to earmark the date ahead of time so you can all make it without any excuses.

To all of you we wish you a very happy holiday season and hope that Santa leaves many aeromodelling goodies under your tree. We hope that 2021 brings with it health, safety, vaccines and common sense. We sure do not want to be locked down anymore.

Cheers,

Fernando

Life member award.

In recognition of many years of service in one role or another, Treasurer David 'Dangerous' Nichols was awarded life membership of YVA Inc. at the Christmas Party on Saturday. The award was presented by outgoing President Daniel Wheeler in a moving ceremony. A couple of Dave's notable contributions have been painting the tractor black; should it get nicked the police won't be looking for a green one. And painting the shed door twice. Dave becomes the 8th Life Member of the club. Three have 'left the building' (Jon Goudge, Adrian Whiter and Bill Wheeler), 2 have passed

away (Haydn Hampson and Arthur Green) leaving David, Graham Jenner and Roger Eggleton as the Life members still using the field.



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From the Secretary

Merry Christmas everyone. By this time next month, I will be well on my way to being settled in our Queensland home. It would be an understatement to say I won't miss YVA field and all club members. I have been a member since 2002 and this is by far the best club I have been a member of in Victoria. I am more than happy to stay on as Secretary until someone steps forward, but it may become a little more difficult if and when club-nights recommence. As for Editor of this newsletter, it will be difficult without your input I can ramble on about my undertakings, but I won't be at the field and have those little insights to daily life in the club. I will in the meantime keep our QLD endeavours down to a dull roar 😊.

Holy Cow award

The plinth was getting a little crowned with the yearly tags so I spent some club funds to have the trophy, it is our only club trophy, enlarged to cater for a few more years to come. Now, somewhat heavier, it is worthy of a place on anyone's mantel piece.



This year's recipient Tom Bloodworth was unable to collect it at the Christmas party as he went into hospital for a triple by-pass. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Tom a speedy recovery over the Christmas and New Year break. By the way, he still hasn't got his lost model back.

Also, a huge vote of thanks to Damien Mould and his dad who have continued to roll the field after the rain to bring the landing strip back to tip-top condition. With that and the slashing that has taken place by Bruce and his team, it looks great!



Mario Schembri brought along his new Pilatus Porter for a fly throughout the afternoon.

2020 Christmas party and sleepover.



This year's end of year party was attended by over 50 people. Zeus smiled upon us with a little cloud cover, a light breeze and mild temperatures. By the time I arrived the field was abuzz with activity and kids enjoying themselves. Although Santa was unable to make an appearance this year, the kids still enjoyed themselves running around on the freshly slashed and rolled field. Fernando and Greg undertook the cooking duties and fed the assembled masses. Owners Ivan and Bruce Waters attended and enjoyed the proceedings. About 6 to 6:60pm people started to drift off home leaving the few to tidy up, fly some more and camp for the evening. Those of us who stayed spend the evening watching satellites pass overhead along with one or two meteors before calling stumps at about 10:30pm. I was up at 5:30am Sunday before the sun had made it over the yard arm.



Sunday, 5:30am the sun was yet to come up, a beautiful still morning.



Tim and Tex Campbell roughed it in their Swag. Fortunately, it didn't rain.

All in all, a great Saturday afternoon and sleepover. Sunday's breakfast of egg and bacon rolls hit the spot for those who partook. A special thank you to Tim Campbell's wife who collected Coffee orders before leaving Saturday evening and then dropped them off Sunday morning.

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