



# The Flyer

## YARRA VALLEY AEROMODELLERS NEWSLETTER

February 2021

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## Club Meetings to Resume!

I (El.Pres.) is happy to share with you that the Shire of Yarra Ranges has approached us to advise that they will soon be re-opening their venues for gatherings. As such, please put a mark on your calendar for 8:00 p.m. on March 22, 2021. This is when we have our first booking. All things travelling as they are right now and we should be able to get together and share a bit with each other. We will keep you posted on any news or changes to this plan.

Now, since all of you have had so much time in your sheds (isolating as you usually do!) we expect some really good show'n'tell sessions for our upcoming meetings.

And (Editor) if ANY of you would like to share your lock-up endeavours with the rest of us via the newsletter, please send me some pics and words. I will include whatever you're happy to email me. Don't forget; the alternative is my ramblings on life and crimes here in Tin Can Bay; a drinking town with a flying problem apparently...

Club meetings see above 😊

Newsletter will be online at: -

[www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au](http://www.yarravalleyaeromodellers.com.au)

## **President's report – Fernando Monge** Welcome all to our February newsletter for 2021.

I hope you are all getting your hours up as all good pilots do. The weather has been relatively good so it has been good to see many of you at the field.

We had a Victorian Precision Aerobatics competition on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January and the YVA pilots did really well. Greg Maggs came in first in Sportsman, Mario Schembri came in first in Advanced, David Creed came in second in Expert, Artur Uzieblo came in third in F3A and Dennis Travassaros came in first in Masters. A very good showing of the YVA club at the event.

The field, the driveway, the carpark and clubhouse are in need of a bit of TLC. Therefore, Dangerous Dave and the committee will be coordinating a working bee in the coming days to deal with a few issues that need attention. We will be issuing an invitation to all those who wish to lend a hand. We hope you can all come and join us for a bit of intensive labour followed by some well deserved flying time.

A reminder that we need to keep vigilant about the noise of our models. I have a noise metre that I carry with me at all times. If you feel your model may be a bit too loud, let's get it tested and if it needs a bit of tweaking we can help with that too. Some simple upgrades that can help with the noise reduction include using a slightly larger prop, making sure the muffler is the one designed for the motor, making sure the muffler is fitted correctly, limiting your upper throttle level, etc.

Another reminder about not flying on the last Sunday of the month. If you use a calendar of any sort, block out the last Sunday and make sure it is top of mind. We have made a commitment and we need to keep it. Likewise, with the other dates we have agreed not to fly on. Bill can you please remind us which days they are? I can only remember about Boxing Day.

At some stage we will be programming the Haydn Hampson and Frank Curzon Days. So make sure your models are flight ready so we don't catch you off guard.

That's all from me at this time. I hope to see you at the field soon.

Cheers,  
Fernando

### **Dates to remember**

**No Flying the last Sunday of the month.**

**No flying whatsoever before 9:00am and only electric until sunset during daylight saving months. All flying ceases at 6:00pm during non-daylight saving.**

**No flying on the following Public Holidays.**

- **Boxing Day**
- **Good Friday**
- **Easter Sunday**

## Announcement

We have a new Secretary/Public Officer. Melissa Law has kindly stepped forward (or did everyone else take a step back?) to take over my roles. This leaves you with only a newsletter editor to find... except.

David Nichols will in the coming months be moving to Bairnsdale, or thereabouts, as his wife Liz has been offered a teaching position there. We will also therefore require a Treasurer. I know this seems a bit extreme to get members to take up Committee positions, but these roles really are easy and can be a lot of fun. There is a wealth of experience already on the Committee with Fernando and David Law so please have a think and give it a go

What's happening with the Committee?

As you are all aware, the recent migration of two committee members to the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, left a few vacancies that needed filling. We would like to inform you that these two positions have now been filled and after a bit of shuffling this is how the new committee has been structured:

President: Fernando Monge

Vice-President: David Law

Secretary: Melissa Law

Treasurer: David Nichols

Ordinary Member: Greg Maggs

Additionally, we have also secured the support of some volunteering members to help out with other areas of the club:

Newsletter editor: Bill Wheeler will help out until June.

Website tech support: Artur Uzieblo

Website admin: David Gibbs

Registrations: Greg Lepp

Mowing: David Nichols

We have already been given notice that "Dangerous" David Nichols will not be standing for re-election at our next AGM as he will be moving to Bairnsdale. We wish him all the luck and as a life member he is welcome at any time to enjoy our company!

This means that we will be looking for a new "grounds keeper" and hopefully expanding the responsibilities of this role to include general maintenance in the club.

That is all for now. Change is always good.

Cheers!

## Tin Can Bay detached flight.

Daniel, Bailey and I have joined the local club here in Tin Can Bay and took the membership up to 54. Bailey is the second junior member here and because we all paid our MAAA fees through the VMAA we are considered Associate members with no voting rights.

A note to our Heavy Model Inspectors from the VMAA below.



## Vic Vintage Oily Hand Weekend 27th and 28th March 2021 Radio Control ~ Free Flight ~ Control Line

THERE ARE THREE CONVENTIONS AT OILY HAND DAYS THAT MUST BE OBSERVED REGARDING THE MODELS THAT CAN BE FLOWN.

**Entry Fee \$15.00 Includes camping (toilet and shower provided)**

1. R/C models must be diesel (any capacity) or small glow (max capacity 1cc)
2. C/L models are to be diesel or open exhaust glow.
3. F/F models can be diesel, small glow, rubber power, CO2 or towline glider.

**There Will be 3 Models of the Meet**

1. [Buttercup](#) - by Fred Reeve from 1985 - 27in span - IC R/C
2. [Sharkface](#) - by Eric Charlton from 1965 - 22in span - IC
3. Sharkface Pylon racing great fun for every one

**Invitation open to all MAAA Members**



Munro Flying Field is a Privately owned venue purposely designed for Pylon Racing. it consists of a 180mt X 30mt very well groomed grass strip and a 100mt X 60mt open taxiway that's just as well groomed. It has great amenities (Shower & Toilet ) and under cover area fit for a king and plenty of camping area. The Town of Stratford is only 20km away with accommodation, Grocery Store, Pub and Bottle shop. Field will be open Friday for all to come and enjoy a long Weekend of Vintage Flight, Sharkface Pylon racing and good old aeromodelling camaraderie.

**Field Address 900 Reservoir rd Munro Vic  
Contact Barry Murphy mobile 0412 600 033**





## VMAA Minutes

### [VMAA Heavy Model Inspector Review and Update](#)

#### [Hello Fellow Secretaries](#)

The VMAA recognises that the list of recognised MAAA Heavy Model Inspectors in Victoria is in need of review to ensure that VMAA members continue to be well served by a suitable spread of people with current enthusiasm and knowledge.

This review has been planned for a while but is linked to some updates in the MAAA MOP that should be finalised in the next few months.

Please let any HM Inspectors in your club know that we are going to be reaching out soon to advise how this review will progress.

If you have any concerns, please [click here](#) to send an email to the VMAA Secretary.

The next VMAA Meeting will be held via Zoom Videoconferencing, starting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, 11 March 2021.

Any Member that wishes to attend, please contact the VMAA Secretary, the Monday before the meeting.

[Stay safe, Fly Well](#)

[VMAA Secretary](#)

[Joe Finocchiaro](#)

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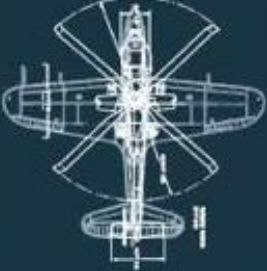
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TRADING HOURS:

Monday-Tuesday :10.00am-5.00pm  
Wednesday :12.00pm - 5.00pm  
Thursday :10.00am - 5.00pm  
Friday :10.00am-6.00pm  
Saturday :10.00am -2.00pm