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Two views of the State field – Northern Flying Group, the venue of the VMAA trophy once again this year.

The next general meeting is Monday 22nd March 2021
8:00pm – Red Earth Centre Mooroolbark

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President's report – Fernando Monge

Welcome all to our
March newsletter for 2021.

It's good to see that the weather is giving us a chance to fly! I hope you all get some good flying during the upcoming weeks leading up to Easter. Remember that March 28th is the last Sunday of the month and therefore no flying!

By the way, we are back at the Red Earth Centre from March 22nd. Mark your calendars, the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. as usual. We will provide sanitiser at the entrance and you are required to maintain social distancing. We also need to register who attended. This can be done via the Service Victoria app scanning the QR code at the entrance or in writing.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the field, the driveway, the carpark and the clubhouse are in need of a bit of TLC. Therefore, Dangerous Dave and the committee have set the date for April 17th in the morning to carry out a working bee. The earlier we get there the quicker we can get flying. We need a good crew to try to get the jobs all done as quickly as possible.

We are hoping to get some weeding done on the carpark, laying down some gravel in the driveway, cleaning up the kitchen (and coming up with a list of consumables and utensils needed to kit out the kitchen again). 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 be very vigilant about the safety of our fellow modellers, our models and ourselves. We are all safety officers at the field and should make sure we are all looking after each other. There is a set of rules aimed at making sure we are incident free at all times. Do not get complacent because that is when accidents occur.

Also, if for whatever reason you have an accident and your model crashes, make sure that all the debris is picked up. Find all the components and especially make sure you find and recover the batteries in your model. We cannot let these out in the paddock. It is too risky!

FLYING

1. All flying must be carried out at least 30 meters from the Pit Area.
2. Models must not be flown over pits, spectators, public roads or the car park and must be kept **WELL AWAY** from private dwellings.
3. Pilots must fly from the designated pilot area as soon as having confidently taken off.
4. Aircraft must not be taxied into, on, or taken off from, the pit area.
5. Model restraints are mandatory while engines are being started or run-up, or an assistant used to restrain the model.
6. Airborne pilots always have right of way. Intention to take off or land must be clearly announced and permission granted from all pilots flying. Permission must

also be similarly granted when wishing to enter or cross the strip, to retrieve a model.

7. A "**Dead Stick**" model has right of way over all other models. Pilots should announce loudly and clearly "**Dead Stick**" and land as soon as is practical.
8. Pilots should be aware the flying ceiling height is **1,000ft**.
9. Pilots must remain in the designated flying area as displayed in the club house
10. A maximum of **Four*** models in the air at any one time.
11. **NO FLYING** is permitted on days of **TOTAL FIRE BAN**.
12. **NO FLYING** on the last Sunday of the month.
13. **NO FLYING on Easter Sunday, Good Friday or Boxing Day.**
14. **NO FLYING before 9AM.**
15. **NO FLYING AFTER 6PM or SUNSET (Day light Savings)**
16. **On entry and exit to the flying field the attendance book must be completed**

That's all from me at this time. I hope to see you at the field soon, especially Saturday, March 27 for breakfast!

VMAA Trophy 2021 – Team required.

Hear yee hear yee!

Attention all club members! We are looking to put together a Team for the VMAA trophy this year.

If you haven't ever heard of this event, essentially it is an inter-club competition, it's a pretty good time, and often hilarious, there are multiple events, a total of 11 this year, competition takes place over two days, and it is being held at Northern Flying Group aka the state field in Darraweit Guim, a beautiful spot I might add, and it has fantastic facilities, a fully functioning kitchen/canteen, separate mens and womens indoor flushing toilets (I know, they're spoiling us aren't they?), showers, a large clubhouse and a good amount of undercover area for seating.

The date for the event has been confirmed (subject to covid restrictions) as the 1st and 2nd of May 2021.

This event is a bit of a hoot, musical landings and combat events are usually spectacular to watch, as is the outright mind blistering pace of some of the electric gliders, there is something in this event for everyone, the skill levels required are not beyond reach for most pilots. There is 11 events this year, of which our teams 6 best scores are put towards a total, meaning we don't have to fill every event (though it would be pretty impressive) to win or compete.

Here is the list of events confirmed for this year:

Saturday 1/5/21: Combat (aka cut the streamer, not cut the plane in half...), Timed Helicopter (target timed circuit and landings with no assistance of any sort), Helicopter/Drone Limbo (self explanatory), Scale Aerobatics (think F3A mixed with the red bull air races, now scale it down about 80%), Bomb Drop (dropping a golf ball from

a plane onto a target), Thermal Glider (powered electric gliders, 200m height limit then glide for as long as you can), Fun Scale (a great entry for anyone who likes flying scale). Sunday 2/5/21: Electric Glider (see who can climb out of sight and come back and land at smack on 5mins), Fun Fly (lots of loops, lots of roles, lots of disorientation), Sports Limbo (fly low without clipping the ground), Musical Landings (ever wanted to try and break the sound barrier from 300ft in a dive? this is your chance).

*pilots can fly in a maximum of 2 events however can assist other pilots without restriction

I think given the year we all had last year, this is a great way to get back in touch with people from other clubs, spend some time doing our hobby (which we love), have some fun, and just enjoy ourselves.

You can camp at the field (subject to covid restrictions) or I can say Hogans hotel in Wallan is a surprisingly good spot to stay and only 15mins from the field, if you want to spend the weekend up there.

The only thing I would say is at this event, 2.4ghz is preferred, frequency clashes have happened in the past, so if you have the option, please fly on 2.4.

Even if you don't wish to fly, feel free to come cheer the team on and get involved. Really looking forward to organising a team and having some fun.

All I ask is that if you do wish to fly, please commit to the event, as changes can often have onflow effects, and if multiple people wish to fly in an event we will try and find a solution to keep people happy, though this may not always be possible. We will try to run a few practice sessions for those who want to participate so everyone is comfortable. Most of these events are electric and IC friendly, so there's plenty of options available.

Team entries close on the 25th of April, we have a month to get a team together, junior members get bonus points, so step on up!

For anyone who is interested in flying, or wants to know anything further (rules, model guidelines etc), please contact me (Daniel Travassaros aka Trev on facebook) either via email: Dwtravassaros@hotmail.com, via mobile: 0422 807 220, or if you are in the YVA Facebook group please feel free to put up a post and get the chat going.

Look forward to hearing from you

Regards

Daniel Travassaros aka Trev

PS. For those who don't know how big the state field is, check the pics out on the front page!

Dates to remember

17th April – Working bee at the field. Start time 9:00am.

1st & 2nd May – VMAA Trophy

Tin Can Bay detached flight.

Too many years ago Daniel and my wife determined I needed a helicopter. I bought a T-Rex 450 from Steve Malcman, who set it up on my Multiplex Radio. It has spent the time since then sat on a shelf looking good. Last weekend the Tin Can Bay club had a helicopter fly-in; all welcome. Pilots came from clubs around Brisbane and Maryborough from Friday through to today for a low-key fly. I took along my T-Rex seeking help. Within an hour it was moved from my Multiplex radio to my Futaba set up again and flown. Feedback was to add a couple of wheel collets to the fly bar. Take the blades off and run up the motor to check dynamic balance. If all is well the collets will add to the stability of the model by increasing the gyroscopic force. I may add a training undercarriage just for extra safety. We have a couple of proficient heli pilots in the club here so it looks like it could be in the air more often 😊.



My T-Rex at left prior to a change of radio. It brought back memories for those who set it up for me. At first a little twitchy on tail rotor but they dialed down the gyro gain and all was well. Below a good turnout of electric and IC powered Heli's; about 25 attended.



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