



The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER June 2007



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's that time of the year, fees are now due to be paid by 30th June, if you want to fly in July. Late payment in July is still allowed, but NO FLYING till payment received and you have a receipt. No receipt means no insurance cover or membership.

Also note, only the membership officer Jan Pope and the treasurer Brian Munns, can accept payment and give the required receipt.

If mailing payment, you will have to wait till return of the receipt.

At the last meeting there were a few points raised. It was proposed to use the leftover green paint to either paint the Dog Rocks shed or fence posts. Both suggestions remain canned, the majority that voted, preferred to stay with the current "as is" condition, rather than risk any repainting in the future.

Another access gate to pits at the road end, to cater for the guys who cannot carry their heavy models was proposed and accepted.

Another matter raised was to introduce a social membership level. On basic investigations and discussions, it seems our club is not interested in social functions. We are struggling to have many members even attend the BBQ days and with no participants for the fun contests. Wives or partners do not need to be members, as they are always welcome to attend at anytime. Only if they want to enter the pit area, any non member must be in the presence of a member and if wanting to vote at meetings, flying membership level would be required.

See you all at the meeting Tuesday 19th June and the BBQ at Dog Rocks field Saturday 23rd June.

Our membership officer Janice Pope will most likely be at Dog Rocks this day for those that cannot attend the meeting to pay, and the Treasurer, Brian Munns will be at Mannerim field.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissi
GMAA President

Next meeting, 19th June, 2007

Model plane: Down in flames



Alight aircraft ... 1) Model set for take-off; 2) The Valiant soars into the sky; 3) It comes crashing down in flames

By **JOHN TROUP**
March 14, 2007

A MODEL-maker saw the plane that cost him a wife, £15,000 and two years of his life crash in flames on a test flight.

Simon Steggall spent all his spare time building the 16ft replica of a nuclear bomber.

His wife got so fed-up with the project they **DIVORCED**.

Disaster struck as he tried to show an examiner the remote-controlled plane was **SAFE**. Moments after take-off it lost power to an engine.

Simon, 45, tried to make an emergency landing at the airfield near Ipswich, Suffolk. But the jet-powered Vickers Valiant crashed into trees and exploded.

Twice-wed Simon, whose first wife also divorced him over his model planes obsession, said: "I'm devastated and can't believe it's gone.

"It looked like a real plane crash. I used my fire extinguisher to try and douse the flames but then we smelt fuel and I realised the kerosene in the tanks was about to blow.

"Both of us ran for cover and it exploded, showering hot fuel everywhere."

BT worker Simon, from Manningtree, Essex, had flown the wooden plane three times but needed the safety certificate to fly it at public shows.

He said: "It was the only model Valiant in the world and cost me an absolute fortune to build.

"I had it insured for more than £15,000.

"It feels like I've lost a member of the family. But I'm not going to let this setback get to me. Luckily my new girlfriend loves my hobby."

The real Valiant — known as a V Bomber — was destined to carry UK nukes

From the Editor

Hi Guys,

Sorry, not much room this month, nothing to report. Regards Deano.

Next Meeting

Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month , the
 Venue -
 Geelong East Uniting Church
 Cnr of Boundary Rd & Ormond Rd
 East Geelong
 8:00pm
 Entry is via Boundary Rd, Church car park.

Contributions Always Welcome

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**Don't forget the monthly BBQ on the
 Saturday after each club Meeting
 held at
 alternating fields.**

**June's BBQ will be held at
 Dog Rocks
 Gold coin donation**

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EVENT CALENDER



June	9-10	F3A Aerobatics	Mildura
	9-11	Pylon Racing	Cootamundra
	9-10	Scale VFSAA Trophy	Shepparton
	24	Sportscale Round 5	Darraweit Guim
July	8	F3A Aerobatics	Melton
	8	Scale Rally	Yarra Glen
	14-15	Pylon Racing	Bendigo
	20	Sportscale Round 6	Darraweit Guim

*The propeller is the fan
 that keeps the pilot cool.
 Turn it off and watch him sweat!*

More events can be found on the VMAA Website. www.vmaa.com.au

