



# The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER March 2007



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The long dry spell has certainly made our two club fields suffer, both turning into deserts. At the last meeting there was a proposal put forth, to buy marine carpet (approximately \$900) to put down at the Dog Rocks field. The areas for its use considered, were the main pits, helicopter and control line areas. I think there should be discussion with members using each area to consider the practicality (mainly helicopter and control line.)

Before committee considers the above, are there any members who have contacts that might be able to obtain suitable matting, whether marine carpet, conveyor belting, trampoline matting etc. If so, please contact a committee member. The blue matting at Mannerim was obtained by a member for nix, surely someone within the club has some contacts. In the meantime, the old mats from Mannerim can be used, when a restrainer is taken out, a mat can also be taken out from the club shed or the mats left permanently at each restrainer location.

Regarding the proposal by Bill Honey. This was to use our toilet tank at Dog Rocks as an intermediary header tank for water supply to his stock. Though we gave the go ahead, the members at the February meeting discussed the subject raising a number of points of concern with Barwon Water requirements and liability. It was decided that a letter would be forwarded to Bill regarding our decision and opposing his use of the tank.

At the meeting there was general discussion regarding the two fields, with a variety of comments. The reality is, the club has two fields, we are all lucky to have the use of two fields. Obviously most members take the advantage, to use the field nearest to where they live. The Club has a solid membership and it can support and maintain the two fields. As I understand, to continue the use of Dog Rocks, competition and open days had to be moved to Mannerim and it the main club field. Even this is an advantage to members, as the Club can host days like the APA (March 4<sup>th</sup>) competition, on these days, club member flying can be all at Dog Rocks.

At Dog Rocks last fun day there was talk about it closing - it is not. There should be no rivalry between the fields as has been happening, cut out the 'them and us talk', that has been taking place and the spreading of untruths.

It seems there are few competitive flyers within the Club. With the fun day competitions held over the past few years, there was always the same few entrants, and all I heard most times at Dog Rocks were complaints, when are they going to finish, so we can fly. I gather from this that most members only want to do their own individual thing of a flight or two, talk about planes with fellow members and are not interested in participating in any competitions. Maybe we should abandon the competitions, specially, as shown, over the last few BBQ's, due to lack of interest. Members, particularly the newcomers, should be aware, that participation in the

Next meeting, 20th March, 2007

simple fun day events will considerably help to improve your flying skills. Also I note, there are not too many Gold Wing level members in the club, more members should be attempting to achieve this level both for personal satisfaction of achievement and to be a more competent and safer flyer.

At an earlier meeting, I had hoped our club would be able to put a team up for the VMAA trophy. We have had no entries for our fun day competitions to select members for a team, and our few competitive members are off to Adelaide for the Texan racing. Looks like we now make two years running with no club entry.

Finally, if members have a problem with anything, or see a maintenance requirement, contact myself or another committee member, so the matter can be rectified.

See you all at the meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and the BBQ at Mannerim field Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The fun day BBQ's are meant to be a social get together of all members, for the enjoyment of our common interest.

Until next time.  
Safe flying,

Colin Gissing  
GMAA President  
safer flyer.

### **For Sale**

JR378 Tx and charger only. Near new condition, hardly used. Plus 1/6 scale Fiesler Stork, partial kit, detailed plan. \$150

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# From the Editor

Hi Guys,

You would not believe it I actually went into my shed and had a look around. Unfortunately the planes will have to wait a little longer as I have a building of a different kind in mind (a lighting control Board for my business just ask Phil). Anyway just got word from Barwon Health which could mean new hips are on the way. Then I will be right back flying again and start practising for my gold wings. I hope everyone is getting more flying in than I am! See you soon Deano

## Competition Directors Report

Due to no aeromodellers available to compete, the events planned for Saturday 24/02/07 were cancelled. Seems once again the less than 10 kph winds kept the planes to be left on the ground.. However the Rat race contest will now be carried over to 24/03/07. This will co-incide with the BBQ day at Mannerim field..

Please bring your 40 sized plane or similar , a crew man and a squeeze bottle for refuelling. ( no electric or hand pumps allowed).I have a few custom made bottles for those who require one on the day.

The main aim of these competitions is to enjoy your hobby, have a go at low key competition and fly safely. You do not need to be an expert to enter. Points are allocated according to your flying ability and the safety procedures you demonstrate on the field.

Last Saturday bought out a few “ interesting models.”

Murray flew a sport model that seems to be sprouting engines every time it is flown.( actually a whole new model) Only last late last year we were treated at Geelong to a well built and flown three engined screamer.

Then last Saturday Murray skilfully flew a Four engined rocket.

Have you ever tried to fly a 60 sized model with 30 cc of engines attached to the wing.

See photos below.

Stay tuned as again as it may appear with yet another engine in the forward nacelle. Apparently the fuselage was again built for an extra engine ,

No doubt now the other multi engined flyers will be adding more to their models.

Future planned events include

Pylon racing.

Precision landing.

Pattern manoeuvres.



### 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

DEADLINE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 SEND TO—Dean Clarke  
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**Don't forget the monthly BBQ on the  
 Saturday after each club Meeting held  
 at alternating fields.**

**March's BBQ will be held at  
 Mannerim  
 Gold coin donation**

**RAIN , HAIL OR SHINE**

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## EVENT CALENDER



Feb 17-18	VMAA State Champs. Scale	Shepparton
24	Scale Aerobatics	Sale
25	Leura Fun Fly	Camperdown
Mar 4	F3A Aerobatics "Tates Performance Hobbies Trophy	Mannerim
3-4	Fun Fly	Warrnambool
10-11	Vic State Champs Old Timer	Cohuna
18	Open Day	Keilor
23-25	Avalon Airshow	
30	Scale Aerobatics	Marong
April 1	Annual Flying Display	Ballarat
	F3A Aerobatics VPA Australian Masters	Shepparton
14-15	VMAA Trophy weekend	Pakenham
29	Wet & Dry Fly-In..Floatplanes	Latrobe Valley
29	Sportscale	Ballarat

*Building is easy -  
 Just glue all the pieces together,  
 then sand off everything  
 that doesn't look like an aeroplane!*

More events can be found on the VMAA Website. [www.vmaa.com.au](http://www.vmaa.com.au)

