



The Geelong Flyer

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



GMAA PRESIDENTS REPORT November 2007

Well I am writing this report Sunday evening after the washout of our Display Day, what a day, more on that following later.

Last thursday members cleaned up the clubhouse and we mowed the field, the place looked great. Saturday morning the field setup was completed with the banners, bunting VMAA flag etc. All ready for a great weekend.

Our invited visitors, from other clubs starting arriving with representatives from Hamilton, Bacchus Marsh and Keilor. Flying got underway with light winds varying SE to Easterly. There was a various mixture plane designs IC and electric and a couple of helis.

After lunch we started to have some light showers which restricted flying, during the afternoon.

We also had a special guest reporter for RCM News, that being Ken Thomas, he will be writing an article for the magazine on our weekend. Ken brought along a truck load of his models for our display.

Evening, the BBQ was lit up and Murray became our chef. We had dinner on a plate with pasta, potato and coleslaw salads.

We then proceeded to the Ocean Grove Surfside Centre. We had 17 pilots with an assortment of electric planes and helicopters, with even a rubber powered plane.

A great fun night was had by

both the pilots and the spectators for the three hours we had booked the hall for. Two flight lines were set up left hand end for the planes and the right hand end for the helis.

The planes were mostly a variety of foamies, left hand circuits were maintained. There was the occasional incident of a plane meeting with a wall, with generally no damage. A divider net is used to separate the courts normally, this was fully raised for our purposes. Murray was the first to hook up his model in the upper part of the netting, eventually it was retrieved with pushing and poking with a long plastic pipe. Later Phil hooked up his model, the model being similarly retrieved.

I tried to fly my Vmar Bird Dog, it managed half a circuit before meeting an object and breaking a prop. It was too big and heavy for the location.

The little IR controlled and other small RC helis proved very successful, myself and the others had fun with these.

We packed up and exited the hall around 10:15pm. After a very successful fun night.

The heavy rain moved in while we were in the hall and continued all night.

Sunday morning, still raining. Breakfast of bacon and eggs was put on for our campers, visitors and early bird members.

The Ballarat club guys arrived, they left home dry, but by Bunninyong met the rain, and had it all the way.

The display day was obviously abandoned.

Ken's son BJ had driven the truck that brought Ken with models, when moving truck to depart, it sunk. We tried to tow with our tractor unsuccessfully. Luckily, Wes arrived and he went and borrowed Gordon's 4WD tractor, success.

Gradually everybody departed by midday and we had to just lock up the gear, as it was too wet to load up the cars.

Regardless, those that did attend, enjoyed Saturday and the usual modeling conversation.

Due to the cancellation, we have decided to raffle our sponsor donations, drawing the raffle at the Xmas BBQ.

Tickets (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) will be available at the next meeting and at the fields, from some committee persons.

Please support our sponsors: Bay City Seaplanes, Roj's Hobbies - Fairfield, Tates Performance Hobbies - Geelong and South Pacific Pools & Spas - Geelong.

See you all at the Tuesday 20th November meeting, continue bringing along models and equipment for the regular 'Buy and Sell' swapmeet.

The BBQ this month, at Manne-rim field Saturday 24th November, \$2 donation for a couple of sausages or sausage and hamburger.

Safe flying,
Colin Gissing
GMAA President

Next meeting, 20th November, 2007

From the Editor

Hello fellow members,

This issue I thought I might write a brief article on the Swan Hill annual electric fun fly weekend which my wife (Tracy) and I attended on the 13th and 14 of October. It is an annual event run at the Swan Hill flying field by the Swan Hill Model Aero Club with the assistance of the Australian Electric Flight Association.

There were about 50 pilots over the weekend with about 150 aircraft flown. These included heli's ,ducted fans ,gliders ,aerobatic and scale. We even had a large scratch built scale ultra light. The event was sponsored by Model Flight and FlightPower batteries with over \$3000 (retail) of items being donated. If you like electric models I encourage you to attend future events. I have included some photos of the event.

Happy flying
Tony Cauchi



EVENT CALENDER

Nov	17-18	Wet & Dry (Floatplanes)	Latrobe Valley
	23-25	Jets	Wangaratta
	24-25	Annual Display W/End	Hamilton
	25	Scale Rally	Rosebud West
	25	Elect Fun Fly & Pylon	Pakenham
Dec	2	F3A Aerobatics	Pakenham
	2	Old Timer	Haddon Field, Ballarat
	16	Jets	Mangalore
	27	MAAA Nationals begin	Perth
Jan	4	MAAA Nationals end	
	13	Scale Rally	Werribee

The GMAA open day gate prize which was a joy flight on a sea plane and kindly donated by BAY CITY SEAPLANES Has been won by Adrian Jacka. Congratulations Adrian and we hope you enjoy your flight.

Now some pictures from the open day weekend



*Good judgment comes from experience,
Experience comes from bad judgment!*

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

The indoor flying on Saturday night was very interesting to say the least There was an assortment of models with small infrared helis, larger helis, foam airplanes and even an ornothopter (flapping wings) in the form of a dragon fly. We had two visitors from the Bacchus Marsh club Who enjoyed the indoor night and have extended an invitation to attend their indoor flying venue which is at Melton Recreation centre, Coburns road Melton. It is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm and the cost is \$10.00 per pilot They have two courts to fly on.

Contact Debra and Jim Hill Bacchus Marsh Model Aircraft Association.
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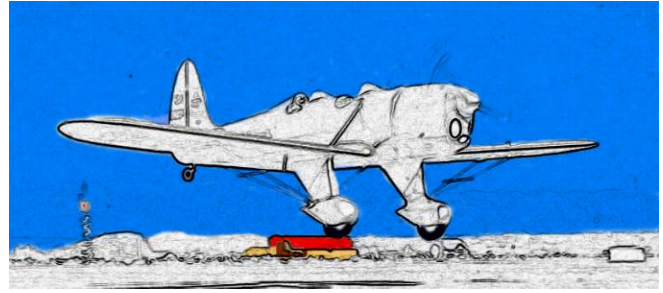
**The Geelong Miniature Aircraft Association
And all it's members wish to thank our sponsors
For their support of our open day fun fly weekend.**



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BRMFC ARF Scale Comp.

On Sunday 28 October a few of our members joined in with the **BRMFC** members and other visiting competitors in their ARF Scale competition.

The weather was not promising as we made our way to the Ballarat field, this was the day strong winds were experienced across the state, lifting roofs and blowing down fences and trees. In fact I rang Rob Lauder to see that he was still attending, while listening to the rain bouncing off the roof and the wind howling through the trees!

The rain had cleared by the time we got to the field, and once I had placed my Stearman bipe in the pits and test run the motor I got brave and decided to test the air. Big mistake! The wind was blowing a northerly across the trees and creating a lot of turbulence which hit viciously once the model was airborne. Once through this, the very strong wind higher up blew the model downwind at a very high speed. Then of course turning back

into wind and trying to maintain straight and level or attempt maneuvers really tested the pilots flying ability. My battle to get the Stearman down in one piece, successfully, made my decision easy – stay on the ground!

About 10 pilots eventually made up the competition and congratulations must go to all competing pilots for the skill they showed. Despite the extreme conditions, no models were lost, although the battle to land was breath taking for most.

The final results after flying 3 rounds were:

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| 1 st | Neil Addicot | Grumman Panther |
| (Turbine) | | |
| 2 nd | Roger Carrigg | Shoestring |
| 3 rd | Noel Whitehead | Extra |

I did hear a rumour that the scoring was very tight with minimal points separating competitors which again shows the high level of skill from all pilots involved.

Gotta Fly
Phil

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.**

**November BBQ will be held at
 Mannerim
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