



# The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER February 2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well we are now into another year, I hope you all had a good holiday break and got in a bit of flying at the fields.

It was sad to hear we lost one of our members, Murray Knott passed away over the break. A memorial is within this newsletter.

The Xmas breakup meeting was well patronized with the free BBQ dinner. A few flights were had in the evening before dusk.

A brief meeting was held to confirm the purchase of a storage container, costing \$2508, for use at the Dog Rocks field. We wanted to enable purchase, delivery and installation before Xmas and take advantage of a member's offer of a crane, to handle positioning on site.

The Raffle carried from the Open Day was drawn and the winners were:

OS Motor – Ian Grant

Paramount model – Ron Embry

Servos – Eric Davies

Leads – Jason Cauchi

Glow Plugs – Rick Pimblot, Gavin Wallace, Ashley Walters, Ted Farquarson

Thanks again to our sponsors, Tates Performance Hobbies and ROJ's for these prizes.

Peter announced he was organising indoor nights for the coming year and to contact him if you are interested. (See his inclusion). (The first one was held for January with a successful evening with 16 pilots.)

The evening finished around 10pm, with the departure of the late stayers.

The **2008 VMAA Trophy** is on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> and Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Can our club get a team together this year, think about what you can enter, for full details look at the web site below:

[http://www.vmaa.com.au/content/news/news\\_detail.php?id=29](http://www.vmaa.com.au/content/news/news_detail.php?id=29)

### Please note:

**Tates Trophy** (aerobatics pattern competition), on the 1 and 2 March, (Sat Sun) at the Mannerim field, therefore no general flying at this field. A few volunteer's would be appreciated to run a canteen and BBQ lunch for the entrants.

The BBQ this month, Dog Rocks field Saturday 23rd February 2008, \$2 donation for a couple of sausages or sausage and hamburger.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissing.  
GMAA President.

Next meeting, 19th February, 2008



# From the Editor

Hello fellow members,

I would like to welcome everybody to the new year (2008). I hope everyone had a safe break and I trust SANTA was kind to all.

Happy flying  
Tony Cauchi

## **MEMORIAL: MURRAY KNOTT.**

Many of us Aeromodellers will be saddened by the news of the passing of Murray Knott who lost his fight with Cancer on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Murray was a private Family man, married 47 years, an engineer and a model aeroplane enthusiast. He grew up in Broken Hill, studied and became an engineer, worked for The Zinc Corporation in Broken Hill, around Australia and around the world.

Murray's design work can be found in mines and mineral processing plants around the world.

Ever since he was a child Murray built and flew model aeroplanes. Building intricate model aeroplanes was a hobby that lasted his whole life. His love of flying extended to obtaining his flying licence as a young man. *Quote*; " *To invent an airplane is nothing, to build one is something. But to fly is everything.*" His passion for modelling and engineering also led him to collect antique engines.

Murray enjoyed the social interactions with his fellow modellers; there were constant emails on a wide variety of topics to and from people all over. The anticipation of the first flight of a model that took many hours to build, the thrill of a successful flight. Models sometimes nearly took over the whole house. His wife Joan had great patience and understanding.

Six months ago Murray was healthy, happy and retired. Then he was diagnosed with skin cancer: melanoma and the disease was advanced.

The cause was prolonged unprotected exposure to the sun and a failure to pick up the problem early.

From this day on we should all look and do the small things to protect our future.

A decision to visit your GP to have your skin checked. A decision to wear a hat, sunscreen and a shirt with a collar.

Let these small decisions be Murray's legacy.

Sadly missed by his wife Joan, daughter Simone, son James and their Families.

## *Wallerawang!*

No. I didn't just swear.

Murray and I visited Wallerawang recently for a spot of float flying.

OK, so where the hell is 'Wallerawang' anyway.

Well, drive and drive and drive to Bathurst, (Yes Bathurst, NSW) turn right and drive some more and you might find Wallerawang.

If you do, you'll find Lake Wallace, a large pondage supplying cooling water for the power station there.

And once a year the Lithgow boys host a floatplane fly-in, which we decided to attend.

As you will see from my pics, a great piece of water to fly off, a good attendance of flyers, and very interesting weather conditions.

Both days of the weekend saw great flying conditions, warm to hot weather with a light breeze and flat calm water.

But watch your back! Saturday afternoon saw black clouds building and eventually a severe thunder storm which saw most flyers pack and flee back to their accommodations.

Those of us camping dropped our tents and gazebos, protected our models as best as we could, and sheltered under the main large awning to watch and await the outcome.

Fortunately the weather eased enough for us to rebuild our 'tent city', and Sunday dawned bright, warm and sunny – time for more floatflying fun.

And the fun continued all day, the occasional thrill and spill mixed in with a lot of great flying of the many and varied models, until the crowd gradually dwindled as modelers packed and made their way home during the afternoon.

As we were not leaving until Monday morning, I had the pleasure to still be flying at 6.30 Sunday evening.

I was just having too much fun!

Gotta fly, wet feet and all, Phil.



## Seaplane Fever

--by John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again  
to the lonely sea and sky.

And all I ask is a floatplane  
and a transmitter to fly her by.

And the prop's kick and engine's song  
and antenna ribbons waving.

And a grey mist on the sea's face  
and the pontoon's spray waking.

I must go down to the seas again to be  
part of a vagrant gypsy class.

To the gull's way and the whale's way  
where the water is smooth as glass.

And all I ask is to touch and go  
with another laughing fellow rover.

And fly off the water until my fuel is gone  
or the damn thing flips over.

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## EVENT CALENDER

Feb	17	Sport Scale/ARF round 2	Keilor
	24	Leura Fun Fly	Camperdown
Mar	1-2	Fun Fly	Warrnambool
	1-2	Heli Heatwave	Wagga
	1-2	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	Mannerim
	2	Sport Scale Round 3	Darraweit Guim
	16	Open Day Fly In	Keilor
	30	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	Rosebud West
April	6	Annual Display Day	Ballarat
	12-13	VMAA Trophy	P&DARCS

*"I never have a problem landing.  
My planes always come down!"*

More events can be found on the VMAA Website.

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

## Indoor Electric Flying Schedule for 2008.

Due to recent interest in indoor flying of electric planes and helicopters, the GMAA Contest Director will be conducting regular indoor fly-ins.

I have booked on a monthly basis for 2008 a double basket ball court indoor stadium (good height clearance) at Deakin Waurm Ponds Campus. Pigdons Road Highton.

I have arranged for 11 bookings during 2008 at monthly intervals. These being.

17/01/08, 14/02/08, 19/03/08, 14/05/08, **NOT AVAILABLE FOR JUNE 2008**, 16/07/08, 13/08/08, 17/09/08, 15/10/08, 19/11/08

The days of the week vary from a Thursday during January and February and on a Wednesday for the rest of the year,

The flying hours are from 7:00 P.M to 10 P.M

Enter Deakin Campus via entrance one (There are two entries to Deakin) via the road closest to the Bunnings traffic lights. As you enter Deakin entrance one, take the road straight ahead (Alfred Deakin drive) enter the Sports stadium car park approx 175 metres on the RHS up Deakin drive. (Car park number 4.) Please park in the designated parking bays (free after 4:30 therefore no need for a parking ticket). However stay out of disabled bays etc unless entitled to park there.

Enter the Stadium via the back door on the LHS of the rear of the stadium. We have the courts to our selves from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lastly, due to MAAA regs, unfortunately no visitors are allowed on the courts whilst flying is in progress, however bonafide potential members who remain under the instruction of a FAI licensed member get four free nights of flying attendance before being asked to join the GMAA. Also associates and visiting club members are welcome as long as a valid FAI sporting license is shown on the night prior to flying. We will maintain a visitor's book similar to the grass field books.

Please note that all activities on the night will be to the same safety standard as we expect at the normal grass flying fields. Helicopter pilots and fixed wing pilots are encouraged to pre read the MAAA guild lines for indoor flying. (Manual of procedures/ policies /MOP 055 Indoor flying) This talks about safety issues, model size etc. **Please confirm dates via web site.**

Peter Sydenham

Contest director GMAA. 2007 / 08

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# Pylon racing makes a return to Geelong.

An open invitation is extended to all GMAA and other FAI licensed club members to come along to the GMAA pylon day on 16<sup>th</sup> March .2008.

The Australian Miniature Pylon Racing Association will be conducting under the control of the Victorian miniature pylon racing Association a Quickie 500 / Sport pylon day on Sunday 16 march 2008, at the Mannerim field. This event will be conducted using the VMPPRA timing system, lights and pylon towers.

The flying will commence at approx 10:00 a.m with practice from around 09:00 a.m. flying normally winds up by 4:00 p.m

Field setup commences from 08:00 a.m .

The day is being conducted to allow regular sports flyers the opportunity to participate in pylon racing at the entry level. Models need only be a 40 to 46 sized sports model of any breed( even sticks and trainers are O'K on the day ) however if you have a model similar to the ARF Vipers and Sonic 500 models then you are close to being able to fly Quickie 500 at competition entry level.

Geelong is the home club of some competitive current and past pylon flyers who will attest to the thrill of flying pylon

Log onto the AMPRA website for lots of interesting info about pylon racing.

Entry is around \$10 for the day which covers basic costs of running the day. Please bring along a strapped safety helmet for flyer safety along with your FAI card to prove insurance.

A BBQ lunch will be available on the day.

For Quickie 500, Heats of four flyers are normally held around the pylons over 10 .5 laps ( approx 3.2 km's total distance ) which are in a triangle shape with 145 metres on the long sides of the course between pylon one and the other two pylons two and three and 30 metres between pylons two and three. A pilot briefing prior to commencement will explain any questions that you may have.

The main aim of the day is to have fun, enjoy and experience pylon racing first hand.

To make the day run smoothly we need at least six people willing to help set up the equipment ,man the cut lines and timing equipment. As you are seated for a while the more helpers we have the better, therefore rotation of helpers can occur.

See you there !

Peter

Contest director GMAA 2007/08



**Just a reminder of 2 events that we will need flyers and helpers for -**

**Pylon Racing at Mannerim. Sunday March 16.**

**For Q500 and Sports models.**

This is a fun event with all timing gear, etc supplied by A.M.P.R.A. Come along and help out, bring a 40 size model, and try some racing.

**VMAA Trophy. 12 & 13 April.**

**Held at the P&DARCS field at Pakenham.**

This is a Club 'v' Club event so a team is required. Events include Fun Fly, Fun Scale, ARF Scale, Thermal Soaring, Musical Landings, Old Timer Duration, 7 Cell Electric Glider, Most Unusual Model and Club Racing.

Any interested members please let me know ASAP or at our February meeting as entries close April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Phil Pope, Sec.

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## Minutes of General Meeting, December 18, 2007

### Agenda

### Action

**MEETING OPEN: 20: 00 (at Mannerim Xmas BBQ.)**

**ATTENDANCE:** Approx 30

**APOLOGIES:** not taken.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS:** Not Read

**Accepted**

**Business Arising from Previous meeting:**

Indoor flying at Deakin – calendar of dates presented, with email directions.  
List of those interested collected.

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Not Read

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Not tabled.

**Accepted**

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

**Dog Rocks container** – quoted price, delivered - \$2508

A 'buy back' has been offered by seller, good for 5 years.

**Motion proposed** by Bob Carter, seonded by Bob Riley –  
“That a container be purchased for Dog Rocks field.”

**Against-**

Treasurer against spending that amount while we have no control over the tenure of the field.

Proposal that we get from Bill Honey a letter agreeing that GMAA owns the container. Rejected.

**For-**

As we are running 2 fields, both should be looked after equally.

Vote (by show of hands) – **motion carried.**

### Raffle

Open Day raffle drawn –

OS Motor – Ian Grant

Paramount model – Ron Embrey

Servos – Eric Davies

Leads – Jason Cauchi

Glow Plugs – Rick Pimblot, Gavin Wallace, Ashley Walters, Ted Farquarson.

**MEETING CLOSED 20.35pm**

### 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—Tony Cauchi  
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### Important

**New Postal Address for all correspondence :**  
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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  
Dog Rocks Field  
Gold coin donation**

**RAIN , HAIL OR SHINE**

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