



# The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER July 2008  
[www.gmaa.org.au](http://www.gmaa.org.au)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Hi to all you GMAA members.**

Well its that time of the year again, end of the run for the current committee and my last report. The next meeting is our Annual General Meeting. It is most important for all to attend, to vote in a new committee to look after your clubs interests. As normal the current committee stand down and all positions are declared vacant.

Have a think and if you feel its time you put some effort into the club to help its operation, get a mate to nominate you, for a committee position.

Most of the retiring committee want to do just that, retire, so most positions will need fresh nominations.

It has been most enjoyable and busy period over the last 12 months, being your clubs President and I look forward to having a break, I have plenty of students to look after, to still keep me busy.

I offer any assistance to the incoming President and committee if needed.

For those that are yet to pay fees a reminder. 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. After 31<sup>st</sup> July a joining fee applies. If mailing payment, you will have to wait till return of the receipt.

Also note only the membership officer Jan Pope and the treasurer Brian Munns can accept payment, and give the required receipt, then after the AGM their respective replacements.

A couple of reminders:

Dog Rocks field users, please help by taking your rubbish home.

Either field, if the shed(s) need a sweep grab a broom, don't leave it for someone else.

See you all at the A.G.M. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissing.

GMAA Retiring President.

**Next meeting, 15th July, 2008  
Annual General Meeting**



# From the Editor

Hi all,

July is Annual General Meeting time and time to nominate and elect a new committee. As stated in the last newsletter I will not be standing for the position of editor. In this my last newsletter I would like to emphasise some points.

If you have not paid you fees for year 2008/9 by June 30 you are not insured and therefore not permitted to fly.

If you cannot show proof (ie receipt) of payment you will not be permitted to fly. (No excuse cheque in the mail)

NO RECEIPT NO FLY. If you pay your fees after the 31st July 2008 you will be required to pay the joining fee.

Lastly I would like to thank those few members who did contribute to the content of the newsletter and I wish the best of luck to the new editor. Also a huge thank you to the outgoing committee for a job well done.

Happy flying

Tony Cauchi

## 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 Waurn 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.**





*The record breaking team, L to R: John Weston, Peter Garoni, Geoff Tuck, John Bentley, Mike Baer, Brian Berg and John McGrane (who holds the Australian RC Duration record).*

### **Vale Macka**

On June 21, John (Macka) McGrane passed away. GMAA members that have joined the club in the last few years may not have known Macka, as he had not flown for several years due to failing health. Long standing members, however, would have known him well. Macka had been a highly active member since the days the club flew at the Belmont Common. He had a love for all types of flying models, - gliders, rubber powered, control-line, and all types of RC power planes. He was an accomplished builder and flyer. In aerobatics he had held State and National Titles. Over the years he had given aerobatics demonstrations at the Sydney Royal and regional Shows. In the 1980's he set a new Australian 'Endurance Record' for a model aircraft. His model being launched by fellow club member, Ron Fisher, at 7:20am, Macka landed the plane at 7:15 pm. This Australian record still stands. In 1994 Macka, along with fellow GMAA member, John Weston, was a part of Peter Goroni's team in setting a new 'distance' world record for a model aircraft. The flight took place across the Nullabor, achieving 493km. In 6 Hours 30 min's. Macka had also represented Australia in aerobatics for the Trans-Tasman Trophy (Aust V N.Z.)

Macka was an active GMAA member for many years and was never found wanting when there was work to be done at the field. Often supplying, not only his time but also materials at his own cost. He wrote a regular column in the club newsletter under the heading, - 'Macka's Ramblings'. In my early years with GMAA, Macka had a rather large pink coloured Laser powered by a Tartan Twin motor, which he'd refer to as 'me pink buggie', and I remember how 'awesome' I thought his flights were. He was always ready to give help and advice to anyone who asked, and freely lent his equipment to help others with their building projects (not least of all me).

Our sincere condolences to his wife Alice and all his family.

Rest In Peace Macka.

By Allan Sargent.



## Where Ancient Craft No Longer Fly

Where ancient craft no longer fly  
Except in model form I  
Paint a Wootton scene across the sky.

Today I fight the Battle of Britain pretended  
As if sixty years later it's still unended.  
I hurl and twist by radio arm extended.

Snuffler growling in a plywood cowling  
I search for Heinkels with Zinger howling  
Thru loops and rolls and split-S prowling.

Balsa guns lay silent in wings whose only chore  
Is the beauty of flight and nothing more.  
Oh why must airplanes be built for war?

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Reprinted from *R/C Modeler* plan #1195, Boulton Paul Defiant, July 1995

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The GMAA would like to thank Peter Sydenham for his efforts in painting the container at Dogrocks field. Thank you Peter.



A series of stands produced by Alan Sargent and sold to members.

# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

### July 15 2008

The current committee encourages all Members, new and existing, to attend the AGM in order nominate, be nominated And/or elect your new committee. After all the committee is there to represent All members of the GMAA. It is only fair that all members be given the Opportunity to have their say. 8:00 pm at the usual venue. Geelong East Uniting Church. Cnr of Boundary road and Ormond Road East Geelong. Enter via Boundary rd. Church car park.

#### EVENT CALENDER

July 19-20	Pylon Racing	Bendigo
Aug 2-3	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	Cobram
10	VFSAA Scale Rally	Greensborough
17	Pylon Racing	Werribee
17	Electric Pylon Racing (Especially Pusher Foamies)	Greensborough
24	South Pacific Scale Masters	Pakenham
Sep 7	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	SWAMPS
14	VFSAA Scale Rally	Bacchus Marsh

*"If you are faced with a forced landing,  
Fly the model as far into the crash as possible!"*



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## Minutes of General Meeting, June 17, 2008

### Agenda

### Action

**MEETING OPEN: 20: 15**

**ATTENDANCE: 28**

**APOLOGIES:** Bill Anderson

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS:** Read

**Accepted** Tony Cauchi  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Lance Langham

**Business Arising from Previous meeting:** Nil

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Read

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Held over for end of financial year report at AGM.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Accepted** Tony Cauchi

**In** – 62<sup>nd</sup> Control Line Nationals, Dec 28 – Jan 3.  
Hamilton Fun Fly, Nov. 29 – 30.  
VMAA Minutes, May 2008.  
Bendigo Great Texan Race, Aug. 24.

**Out** –VMAA yearly Club Registration.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**New Safety rules discussed-**

Model size – Max 15kg.  
Petrol models – fire extinguisher at hand.  
No pylon racing.  
No flying over Dog Rocks Road.  
No Hovering of fixed wing models while other planes in the air.

**Indoor Flying** – need more pilots, Tates may help with funding.  
Requested letter from Tates to explain. (Luke Penna to follow up)

**Fees 2008-09** – now set and due. Brian & Janice to collect at fields Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> (BBQ)

**Locks** – due to recent events, locks & keys will be changed.  
Discussion held about different methods of control.

**MEETING CLOSED 20.53pm**

### 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  
Both fields.**

**BBQ will be held at  
Dog Rocks Field  
And Mannerim Field  
\$2 coin donation**

**RAIN , HAIL OR SHINE**

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