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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi to all you GMAA members.

Well its that time of the year again, end of the financial year, new subscription year now due. The new VMAA/MAAA fees have now been announced. Please check the web site and download the latest application form which will have the new fees by the time this newsletter is published.

The new fees were able to be set by the committee, as the latest VMAA/MAAA for 2008/9 were received. Due to a drop again this year there will be a reduction in the fees for the club.

Sadly, we could not drop the full amount, as it was decided to replace the club locks.

The current keys/locks have been in use for a number of years, we need to try and get back some form of security and keep none members out of the fields. We are still having this spate of canteen supplies being stolen, if anyone has any idea of the culprit/s please inform a committee person.

The suggestions raised by Bill Honey last month will adopted as additional rules of the club, applicable for use at both fields. Rules will be published with the new membership application form.

From the last meeting, it was asked where to obtain fuel ingredients for those who want to mix their own fuel. Pro-glow or Coolpower oils and Nitromethane, these can be obtained from our sponsors listed in the past recent newsletters. Methanol is no longer available from Ross, but can be obtained from Mark Haby Motors, 136 Fyans St. Castor/Castrol M oil mentioned in the last meeting minutes.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissing.
GMAA President.

Next meeting, 17th June, 2008



From the Editor

Hi all,

It is getting close to AGM time again and I know there are a lot of members dissatisfied with the job the current Committee has done. Maybe it is time these people took on a purposeful role and volunteered their time to a role on the committee. Maybe then you will know that the interests of all members must be accounted for not just your own interest. I personally will be stepping down as Newsletter Editor so I hope for the clubs sake that someone will step up and volunteer for this position. The AGM is in July so there is plenty of time to think hard about whether you would like to take on a role as a committee member.

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.**





GMAAs' 'Geelong Texan Racing Team' was in the thick of it at **Shepparton** once again.

Risking all for the honour of the club, our Texans were hurtled around the sky as fast as their 120 two strokes would pull them.

The 2 day event was shortened by the rain on Saturday, with only one heat flown which **Dave Barling**, ably assisted by 'Bart' managed to win. Unfortunately 'Bart' was written off late Sunday when he and a fiberglass

Texan collided coming out of turn one. But I have it on good authority that a new 'Bart' will rise from the splinters.

The rest of the crew managed to bring their models home safely, after some white-knuckled and sometimes heart stopping moments, but none of us managed a place on the winners podium – perhaps next time!

Murrays recently purchased **Monocoupe** flying in the Golden Era section was literally in a race of its own, showing a clean pair of elevators to a pair of GeeBees.

Good reliable racing collected Murray a first place on the podium, and a nice ARF Yak 54 model.

Our next pylon racing event will be at Bendigo, so if you'd like to watch big models 'going fast, turning left, flying low' come to the Bendigo clubs Morang field, you won't be disappointed!

Gotta fly, Phil.



Conversion Chart: "Inch" Fractions to Millimeters

	inch	mm		inch	mm
1/64	0.015 625	0.396 875	33/64	0.515 625	13.096 875
1/32	0.031 250	0.793 750	17/32	0.531 250	13.493 750
3/64	0.046 875	1.190 625	35/64	0.546 875	13.890 625
1/16	0.062 500	1.587 500	9/16	0.562 500	14.287 500
5/64	0.078 125	1.984 375	37/64	0.578 125	14.684 375
3/32	0.093 750	2.381 250	19/32	0.593 750	15.081 250
7/64	0.109 375	2.778 125	39/64	0.609 375	15.478 125
1/8	0.125 000	3.175 000	5/8	0.625 000	15.875 000
9/64	0.140 625	3.571 875	41/64	0.640 625	16.271 875
5/32	0.156 250	3.968 750	21/32	0.656 250	16.668 750
11/64	0.171 875	4.365 625	43/64	0.671 875	17.065 625
3/16	0.187 500	4.762 500	11/16	0.687 500	17.462 500
13/64	0.203 125	5.159 375	45/64	0.703 125	17.859 375
7/32	0.218 750	5.556 250	23/32	0.718 750	18.256 250
15/64	0.234 375	5.953 125	47/64	0.734 375	18.653 125
1/4	0.250 000	6.350 000	3/4	0.750 000	19.050 000
17/64	0.265 625	6.746 875	49/64	0.765 625	19.446 875
9/32	0.281 250	7.143 750	25/32	0.781 250	19.843 750
19/64	0.296 875	7.540 625	51/64	0.796 875	20.240 625
5/16	0.312 500	7.937 500	13/16	0.812 500	20.637 500
21/64	0.328 125	8.334 375	53/64	0.828 125	21.034 375
11/32	0.343 750	8.731 250	27/32	0.843 750	21.431 250
23/64	0.359 375	9.128 125	55/64	0.859 375	21.828 125
3/8	0.375 000	9.525 000	7/8	0.875 000	22.225 000
25/64	0.390 625	9.921 875	57/64	0.890 625	22.621 875
13/32	0.406 250	10.318 750	29/32	0.906 250	23.018 750
27/64	0.421 875	10.715 625	59/64	0.921 875	23.415 625
7/16	0.437 500	11.112 500	15/16	0.937 500	23.812 500
29/64	0.453 125	11.509 375	61/64	0.953 125	24.209 375
15/32	0.468 750	11.906 250	31/32	0.968 750	24.606 250
31/64	0.484 375	12.303 125	63/64	0.984 375	25.003 125
1/2	0.500 000	12.700 000	1	1.000 000	25.400 000

EVENT CALENDER

June 29	Sport Scale/ARF	Darraweit Guim
July 6	VFSAA Scale Rally	Yarra Glen
19-20	Pylon Racing	Bendigo
Aug 2-3	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	Cobram
10	VFSAA Scale Rally	Greensborough
17	Pylon Racing	Werribee

*Airspeed, altitude and brains –
Two are always needed
To complete the flight successfully!*

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

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
Both fields.**

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

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