



The Geelong Flyer

NEWSLETTER March 2008

MESSAGE FROM



The next meeting is just prior to Easter on Tuesday 18th March.

Two reminders.

Firstly public relations and promotion of our sport at the **Lara Heritage Festival** Saturday 15th March. We want modelers with models for a static display show and talk to the public. Please contact me if you can attend for location of our site. Site setup by 9:30am finish about 4:30pm.

Sunday 16th March **Pylon Racing** being held at the Mannerim field. We need both participants, some helpers and spectators to make it a success, so be there. Details were in the February newsletter by Peter.

The **2008 VMAA Trophy**, our club will not be attending again this year, due to the lack of interested members to form a team.

Dog Rocks Field - Take Rubbish Home Disposing of rubbish has become a bit of a problem. At this field could members please take their rubbish home with them. Thankyou.

A few ideas were brought forward at the last meeting regarding possible advertising in our newsletter and website. These will be discussed further at committee.

Tony Cauchi proposed the possibility of an electric fly in. He has been continuing progress and will report further.

Food and drink purchases at the fields is an honour system for payment. Please do the right thing, pay for purchases.

The Victorian Pattern Association had a successful weekends competition using our Mannerim field. One of our own members Nathan Notley participating.

The BBQ from now will be at both fields Saturday 22nd March 2008 i.e. Easter Saturday, \$2 donation.

Safe flying,

Colin Gissing.

Next meeting, 18th March, 2008



From the Editor

Hello fellow members,

I have a couple of announcements to make this month.

Firstly the BBQ's at the flying fields after the general meetings will now be held at both fields on the same day. There fore the Saturday after the meeting there will be a BBQ both at Mannerim and also Dog rocks so all members should be able to attend one of the BBQ's. The cost for these BBQ's have also been revised. It is now \$2.00 donation.

Second issue is the GMAA is hosting an Electric Fun fly weekend at Mannerim on the 19th and 20th of April 2008 with the help of the Australian Electric Flight Association (AEFA). The event is open to insured flyers. All aircraft Electric powered (fixed Wing, Gliders and Helis) are welcome. A reminder that the GMAA has access to two flying fields and should you not have electric aircraft to fly you will not be disadvantaged as you can travel to the Dog Rocks flying field on that weekend if you wish. There is a flyer in the news letter with details about the weekend.

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.**

Peter Sydenham

Contest director GMAA. 2007 / 08

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Minutes of General Meeting, February 19, 2008

Agenda

Action

MEETING OPEN: 20:07

ATTENDANCE: 26

APOLOGIES: Wayne Sydenham

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS: Read

Accepted Peter Sydenham
2nd Wes McDonald

Business Arising from Previous meeting: Nil

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Read

TREASURERS REPORT: Copy of report herewith.

Accepted Jeric Strong
2nd Bob Riley

For period to 18-02-08

CORRESPONDENCE:

Accepted Tony Cauchi

In – Keilor Open Day, March 16
Sale Giants Over Gippsland, 1 & 2 March
SEMAC Warbirds Scale Display, April 20
VMPPRA confirming Mannerim Pylon, March 16

Out – Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bellarine Agricultural Show, March 9 & Lara Heritage March 16 (?) Volunteers required for static display. Murray may be able to supply VMAA operational model for both displays.

VMAA Trophy weekend – team still required.

Food & drinks – pay as you go – honour system in use, please do not abuse.

Rubbish – ‘You bring it, you take it home.’

Email addresses – editor still receiving ‘bounce backs’. If you don’t receive your newsletter email, send an email to Tony to check he has your correct address. Also make sure your mailbox is not full.

Indoor Flying – 10 pilots attended our last. Dates & details are on our web page.

Pylon, March 16, Mannerim. VMPPRA supplying trailer with timing gear, etc. GMAA pilots & volunteers required. Fee reduction or a refundable fee for attending working bees, etc. suggested. Discussed & Rejected.

Tony Cauchi suggested an ‘**Electric Fly In**’ weekend, as per Swan Hill event. Try for AEFA backing with sponsorship, etc. April/May. Inter club event only – no public invited.

Adam Echter received email from **Model Aero Products** (Peter Coles) re advertising on our web page & newsletter.

Ralph Tabley advised that Pat Egan, a past member has passed away.

Monthly BBQ – Both Fields

Raffle - Noel Foley – Drill bit set.

MEETING CLOSED 21.15pm

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 16th 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 9th.

Phil Pope, Sec.

STUFF

Stuff on the ceiling and stuff on the floor.
Stuff on the workbench, there's more and more.
I look in my workshop and what do I see?
It hangs from the ceiling, it comes up to my knee.
It takes a long time to accumulate all this stuff.
I love it so much, I can't get enough.
I buy it in boxes or delivered in bags.
It comes in plain wrappers with bright shipping tags.
I whip open a kit, it's all full of nice stuff.
I cut it and sand it til my hands are quite rough.
I trim stuff and fit stuff, pile stuff upon stuff.
More glue and epoxy and even Hot Stuff.
There's wires and pushrods and gear trains and pots.
There's fuel tanks and craptraps and lots and lots
Of stuff for the engine and stuff for the fuel,
Stuff for the wings rods and stuff for the tools.
I've got stuff in my workshop and stuff in my car.
It fills up my house and spills into the yard.
Stuff stacked upon stuff and if that ain't enough,
My mailbox is stuffed with more stuff that says
please buy more stuff.
So here's the sad truth. I just can't ignore it.
Each little doo-dad needs more-dads to support it.
It's really quite bad, I know where it will lead.
The more stuff I've got, the more stuff I need.
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EVENT CALENDER

Mar	16	Pylon Day - Q500/Sports	Mannerim
	16	Open Day Fly In	Keilor
	30	F3A Pattern Aerobatics	Rosebud
West			
April	6	Annual Display Day	Ballarat
	12-13	VMAA Trophy	P&DARCS
	19-20	GMAA Electric Fun fly	Mannerim
	20	Scale Rally	Lilydale
	25-27	Scale WW2 Models	Wagga
	26-27	Wet & Dry Fly In	Latrobe
	25-27	F3A Pattern Aust Masters	Shepparton

**"Self taught pilots are rare –
So are their planes!!"**

More events can be found on the VMAA Website.

www.vmaa.com.au

Some photos from the Pattern comp.



Hi Everyone,

I have just been notified by the supplier of Futaba gear that they are doing a recall on all Futaba 2.4gig Transmitters. Those of you who have purchased these Transmitters make sure your warranty cards have been filled in and sent as the supplier will contact you directly.

Regards
Jan

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.**

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

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