

# GMAA Newsletter



## March 2011



### B1 Bomber

I hope everybody managed to get a copy or see the article that was published in the Geelong Independent on the 11th of March. It is strange how events can occur as if they were planned. A few months ago Alex made the suggestion that we should put a small article in one of the papers to promote our club. Then out of the blue the Geelong Independent sent us an email asking if we would like to participate in a new project called Join the Club. I would like to thank everybody who made time to talk to the photographer. The article looked great.

Peter Baker

**Next BBQ, 12.00 Midday, Saturday 19th March, 2011**  
**No Meeting**

# From the Editor

Every man needs a hobby. I don't know why, but if you just check the men you know you'll prove it to yourself. But not all women understand this. In fact if you want to impress a woman, don't tell her you fly toy aeroplanes. It doesn't matter that the engine is 10 HP, or the electronics are state of the art, of the batteries are nanotechnology lipos with a huge C rating. I've heard quite a few stories about domestic conflict over our hobby. A new model turns up at the house and an old model disappears in a seamless manoeuvre the mask the spending. A man stays home when a package is due to arrive to make sure it goes straight to the garage. I have heard members say they have told their wives they won't crash. I tell the members to tell their wives they will crash. Because

they will, and then it won't be such a problem.

But all this conflict is quite unnecessary. You are in a hobby where the cost is potentially low and the time spent is very flexible. You are not racing cars or motorbikes, or sailing a yacht, or skiing, or water skiing. All these hobbies are far more expensive. The cost of model flying can be tweaked upward, but this is not absolutely necessary. And you won't wrap yourself around a tree or drown. You don't often have to be at a certain place at a certain time. The work can be done in the evening during TV time. And besides, women have equivalent needs. Have you seen how the female brain works?



Very complicated. See how I expertly pasted a picture on a plane over what was a glass of beer.

If a man needs to cut the lawn, it's mower, fuel, go. A woman would need to plan, phone a friend and her mum and get into the right clothes. While she was mowing she would be thinking that the house needs painting, the garden needs replanting and the lawn needs weeding, what are the kids doing. A woman wants lots to think about all at the same time. A man

on the other hand wants to clear his mind. When life gets too complicated he needs a place just like the Dog Rocks field to go and do something different. Somewhere to relax and clear his mind.

So there you are, you need a hobby. One that you can focus on and forget the rest of the world. And there aren't many hobbies better for this than flying model aircraft. Just to show off my copy and paste ability I have put another picture on the next page.



## How the brain works

One of the new members who has joined the club recently is Stephen Henderson. He has flown before at P&CDARCS at Pakenham. He has moved to this area, and decided to join the club. Please make an effort to welcome all new members.

### Erratum

Last month I misspelt Glenn Block's name. Glenn has 2 n's.



# For Sale

GMAA winter lined jacket in near new condition including hood and zip off sleeves .

Size XL \$40

Phone Roger - Mobile 0419 254 525

## Events Calendar

Geelong Scale Aerotow 27-03-2011

GMAA—Dog Rocks—Geelong

Fore more information check out the RCGA forum:

<http://www.rcforums.com.au/forum/viewtopic.php?f=16&t=109>

Google map location for Dog Rocks field:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?q=-38.10599 ... 81&ie=UTF8](http://maps.google.com/maps?q=-38.10599...81&ie=UTF8)

More events can be found on the VMAA website

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



That's impressive. All those helis at the Dog Rocks. Photo by Chris Rayner  
Send more photos please everybody.

# Peter Edgar

Pete is a regular at the Dog Rocks, and his smiling face and happy disposition are well known to the other regulars. He tells his own story, and he makes the point that he was treated well the first time he came to the club. If anyone turns up at the club for the first time, whoever they speak to is the face of the club. So if a stranger is leaning on the fence, you might as well speak to them because that's what people like, and occasionally one of them will join up.

Anyway, here's Pete's story in his own words. Plus 3 nice models.

"I started flying lessons February 1990 with my instructor Geoff Tuck at Hastings Victoria and was involved in the forming of the Westernport Model Aircraft Club later that year.

I gained my bronze wings later in 1990 and continued to fly for about 9 years but sailing got in the way so I decided to put the models away and pursue yacht racing.

Some 10 years ago I moved to Geelong and owned a yacht brokerage company "Vicsail Geelong" but having now sold the business and semi retired I found that I had too much spare time so I took a run out to Dog Rocks and met up with Laurie, Chris, and Rob who greeted me with such acceptance that I decided to take up the hobby once again so ...here I am.

I found many changes in the hobby including the introduction of 2.4 GHz radios and ARF kits that are of excellent quality and surprisingly prices were much lower than the nineties.

I enjoy building from a box of sticks although I am not a great builder and the Astro Hog pictured was one of those that I have recently completed and it actually flies well.

I have met many great people in the hobby and when Helen and I travel around in our caravan I generally take a model and fly at other clubs and have always been met with the same camaraderie that I find at GMAA

I always tell non flyers that flying models is great therapy as when you are in the air you can only think of the model and when I drive home from the field I buzz with excitement having flown a model and generally bought it home to fly again.

There are people from all walks of life in our hobby but the only thing that matters is "what model do you have today and what is in the hanger at home"

Any way the glue has dried on my new project a "Goldberg Anniversary Cub" so I'll get out to the model room and get stuck into a cool drink and some more balsa and CA.

C U at the field

Pete Edgar"



Astro Hog



Dragon Lady



Stinson Voyager

### Next Meeting is in April

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every second month  
Venue -  
Dog Rocks Flying Field  
Dog Rocks Road  
Fyansford  
11.00 AM with a bbq at 12.00 midday.

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**BBQ is every month.  
Third Saturday 12.00  
at the Dog Rocks.**

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SHINE**

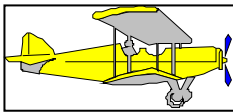
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### Our Flying Fields

