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Final Approach

Next General Meeting

**Glen Waverly
Primary School**

**Friday
November
10th**

EDITOR

David "Numb Thumbs" Jones

Deadline : November 29th

Upcoming Events

Nov 12	VARMS Training, Trophy and Electric Glider	Briggs Field	VARMS
Nov 19	RCGA F3B League #2	Diggers Rest	RCGA
Nov 25—26	Scale Aero=tow	Bendigo	Scalies
Nov 26	VARMS Training	Briggs Field	VARMS
Dec 10	VARMS Training	Briggs Field	VARMS
Dec 17	RCGA Thermal League #3	Briggs Field	RCGA
Dec 29—Jan 6	60th MAAA Nationals	Albury	VMAA
Dec 30	Aero-tow	Briggs Field	Scalies

Presidents Report November 2006 *Max Haysom*

Good News

Over the past month Martin Hopper and I have been busy slashing and clearing an area of the “scrub” in the south-west corner of the field. It has been hard work removing about 200 metres of 6 wire rural fencing that was in very bad condition. Slashing of the blackberries and tufted grass required multiple passes and will need more as regrowth starts. In the first stage we have slashed an area about 115 metres east-west and 30 metres north-south. We expect to be able to clear another 50 metres to the south as soon as we clear some major obstacles in the scrub. As well as being an extension to the glider field it will provide a safe area to put power models down if a motor quits on the finals crosswind leg.

Putting this new area to good use!

In last months column I explained the need for the glider pilots to keep away from High Street Road and to make it easier for them when launching to the north, we have moved the “centreline” of the glider field further south to allow a full 200 metres without passing the “big tree” at the northern end of the field. When launching to the south, the turnarounds will be positioned about 25 metres into the “new” area. There now is sufficient new clearing to allow for some south-west wind component. To access the new glider launch area, proceed down the power access road to the 2 white top poles and then head south-west on the field about 50 metres to the new marked launch site.

All glider operations will launch from this new marked zone, or, on an extended line to the west. The markers are white painted ploughshare discs and a witch’s hat.

Suggestions for Safer Operations at Briggs Field.

Recent comments have led me to make a few recommendations for members.

All pilots operating Transmitters should be grouped in one area, not scattered all over the field as this may help to reduce potential problems caused by overflying a distant transmitter. For similar reasons it is **not** OK to fly any model just west of the Shelter/car park while either the power or glider field is in use. Park Flyers can be flown out of the power area when this is in operation or, from the glider area if this is in operation. Be sensible and avoid flying too close to other pilots and people present. All Helicopters must only be operated from the power area.

It has been written that reduced radio range can be experienced while the electric motors, in electric gliders/models, are running. Members using electric models should check range with power on and off. Receivers should be positioned as far away from all other electronic /electric components as possible. Don’t point the Tx antenna directly at the model when it is far away and low down. This may cause loss of signal.

As the grass is becoming very dry please access the glider field **only** via the access road / track that we will try to keep slashed short. There is a serious risk of fire.

Since we are to have our usual Twilight December General Meeting at Briggs, we will be arranging a “friendly” timetable to ensure all members get some flying time.

That’s all for now folks,

Max Haysom

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Better yet, Email to:

aspectivity@hotmail.com

The keyboard

Your key should have your full name written clearly on it so that you can be easily recognised and contacted in case of a frequency clash. Mobile phone number is a good idea too.

Cover Photo: Scale Aero-tow March 25, 2006

Photo : Russ Naughton

Mumblings from Numb Thumbs

Well, a bit thin this month! If no-one writes anything or sends in any photos, we can't print it...

Come on, here is your big chance to see your name, prose and/or photos in print!

Fair winds and soft landings!

Numb Thumbs

For Sale JR Servos, NES 4231

Coreless, Double ball raced, Size 33 x 19 x 39 Good quality, high resolution,
Near new, original price was, I think, \$120 ea?

\$100 for 3 servos, or near offer.

Max Haysom 9801 3899 / 0414 679 620

VARMS TROPHY 2006/2007

This competition for 2 metre, 2 channel rudder/elevator thermal gliders will be a 7 event competition in 2006/2007. It will be held on the following dates:

November 12, December 10, February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 13.

As usual, we will endeavour to provide a low key, fun introduction to competitive thermal gliding. Assistance will be freely available on each day. The club winch will be available for all competitors.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

TRAINING ROSTER

Please contact Dave Weller on 9546 6663.

Nov. 12

Nov. 26

Dec. 10

Volunteers are required to help with training. Two for each date. Main duties: to give "stick time" to those on the program.

Have you paid your membership renewal for 2006 / 2007?

Without your continued support we will not be able to continue to develop and maintain our facilities. Without insurance you cannot fly. If you have lost your renewal form you can pick one at the box in the Shelter or call **Max Haysom 9801 3899 (leave a message) or 0414 679 620.**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 11/10/06

Held at Glen Waverley Primary School-.Meeting Comm. 8.20.p.m.

President Max Haysom: Welcome to VMAA executive.Raffle prize -\$30 gift voucher from Roj's Hobbies Fairfield.Apologies –Bruce Robinson.New Members & other Visitors – nil.

September 2006 General Meeting Minutes –matters arising – nil.Passed as published.

Secretary: Correspondence In VMAA September 2006 Minutes- Various Accs.**Corresp Out.**-Nil.

President Max Haysom. Report.

VMAA presentation by President Murray Ellis to Ray Cooper, for his FAI World Record distance flight for electric models. 142.8 km. Heartiest congratulations Ray, from all Club members, for another fantastic result!

Aspectivity: Distribution internally again this month – any member problems in receiving their copy?

VARMS Website: Now up & running – except for some minor adjustments & content.- Aspectivity to be moved to this site as of November 2006. plus site E mail downloads. The site(url) is www.varms.org.au > Special thanks to Henryk Kobylanski ,for a stirring job very well done. All VARMS Website maintenance & content issues to be fed via Club Editor, David Jones.

Club Rules & Procedure: Enlarged versions for mounting at field entrance & near permanent keyboard now in planning with Martin Hopper, to co-ordinate preparation & installation.

Colin Collyer's Birthday Bash: At Briggs Field – odd jobs done prior to a great day-Sincere thanks to Colin.

Driver access to flying field: Please DO NOT drive down field – enter from the 2 white topped poles and drive only East West to launch site. Suggested field closure on Total Fire Ban Days. – at very least, no normal vehicles on grassed areas of field, to minimize fire risk.

Flying Incidents at field: Several recent crashes & loss of model control reported at Briggs field. N.B. ALL incidents involving model&/or property damage & incidents considered to be loss of control for whatever reason, MUST BE WRITTEN UP in some detail & passed on to Committee member, preferably the Secretary, for further investigation.

Site Liaison: Recent meeting with Contractors & Parks Vic. Confirmed it not possible presently to consider alternative entry off Boral Recycling rd. This rd, fast moving to completion & any changes would only delay completion.

Field security: Secure tenure problem passed ,along with other PV licensees, to commercial Dept. of John Holland in City.

Editor: Need for more general interest articles for Aspectivity. Copy Deadline shown on front cover of previous edition.

Registrar: Membership now stands at total of 160

Club Training: Now to be 1st Sunday of each month.

Treasurer: Club Finances in good shape General Acc.\$8422 Cr.- down a little from last year. Club Auction mailing out of Club Sellers cheques within 14 days of tonight.

**Treasurer's Report will be available at
the November General Meeting**

Mowing Roster

FOR SALE

AIRTRONICS BIRD OF PREY

"Full House" carbon re-inforced wing
soarer, suitable for open competition ther-
mal soaring.

Complete with six fitted micro and mini ser-
vos, plus installed wiring harness.

Just needs receiver (seven Channels) &
flight battery for airworthiness.

Model in very good condition, and perfect
means of entry into advanced soaring or
competition work.

For Quick sale. \$285 ONO.

Dave's Aircraft Works – EPP "Comet" Flying wing.

Fitted with 2 Hi Tech mini servos. – ready to
fly, with 4 Channel RX & Flight Battery.

Price for quick sale - \$45 ONO.

Contact - Roger STEVENSON.
H.ph.98308293

Bruce Robinson	9887 8996	18 Nov
Brian Martin	9878 2170	25 Nov
Greame Hollis	9739 4886	2 Dec
Ross Peasley	9877 2215	9 Dec
Brian Spencer	9878 7207	16 Dec
Henri Wohlmuth	9764 1921	23 Dec
Keith Heale	9509 6829	30 Dec
Malcolm Buckmaster	9763 1632	6 Jan
Jim Baker	9803 2185	13 Jan

**Any questions or queries
regarding the mowing roster to
"Grass" Hopper on
9873 8256**

THE TRAINING DATES FOR 2006

**ARE AS FOLLOWS:
NOV 12, 26 DEC 10**

**Training Radio Frequencies are:
641 643 645**

For Sale JR X378 Transmitter (1 of 2)

Acro/Heli/Glider, 7 Channel / 8 Model Memory, 36 MHz

SPCM, ZPCM & PPM (FM) suit **all** JR & FM Hitec Rxs

Recently certified – Very Good! Looks like new Tx!

Battery Pack is a new 1650ma NiMH, Fast Charge Lead.

Includes Aluminium Case and Full Manual (192 pages)

\$230 Max Haysom 9801 3899 / 0414 679 620

VARMS ELECTRIC GLIDER

**Our next fun day is Sunday November 12 at 1.00 pm.. Following that the next
Electric Glider Days will be Sun Dec. 3, Sun Feb 11 and Sun. Mar 11**

Alan Mayhew

MILDURA OPEN THERMAL OCTOBER 21 & 22 2006 SCORES

	NAME	TEAM	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Rnd 9	Rnd 10	Rnd 11	Rnd 12	SUB-TOTAL	Drop 1	Drop 2	TOTAL
1	Jim Houdalakis	1	1000	799	1000	1000	1000	973	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	11743	799	971	9973
2	David Hobby	3	775	1000	999	459	945	999	1000	1000	994	1000	1000	1000	11171	459	775	9937
3	Alan Mayhew	1	1000	1000	1000	978	916	827	1000	736	999	977	1000	999	11432	736	827	9869
4	Michal Abraham	3	990	954	968	1000	1000	841	935	0	994	981	993	987	10643	0	841	9802
5	Chric Carpenter	4	919	984	967	381	987	1000	986	929	960	965	1000	981	11059	381	919	9759
6	Theo Arvanitakis	1	1000	1000	1000	583	996	1000	526	994	1000	1000	1000	748	10847	526	583	9738
7	Dave Pratley	1	656	971	828	1000	1000	1000	991	736	1000	945	993	974	11094	656	736	9702
8	Brad Willman	3	765	200	1000	963	1000	1000	877	993	977	1000	978	0	9753	0	200	9553
9	Graham Norman	3	951	690	959	717	983	591	808	1000	1000	994	623	1000	10316	591	623	9102
10	Mal Pring	2	957	257	332	1000	970	792	918	1000	978	509	873	570	9156	257	332	8567
11	Darrel Blow	4	397	1000	389	693	988	970	596	978	707	986	863	718	9285	389	397	8499
12	Andrew Meyer	2	509	722	463	947	505	915	912	986	729	910	872	968	9438	463	505	8470
13	Greg Potter	2	709	879	974	670	658	652	985	782	568	784	994	1000	9655	568	652	8435
14	Joe Rufenacht	4	535	396	518	674	928	832	1000	984	732	702	926	835	9062	396	518	8148
15	Garry Whitfield	4	582	376	650	706	588	551	922	695	509	455	993	843	7870	376	455	7039
16	Don Berry	2	1000	960	666	778	754	0	725	271	0	0	0	0	5154	0	0	5154

Open Thermal League Progressive Scores

	High St Rd 1-Oct-06	Mildura 21-22 Oct	Bendigo 5-Nov-06	High St Rd 17-Dec-06	Albury 29-30 Dec	High St Rd 14-Jan-07	Warrnambool 18-Feb-07	High St Rd 25-Mar-07	Diggers Rest 22-Apr-07	High St Rd 20-May-07	Jerilderie 9-11 Jun	High St Rd 22-Jul-07	Score	Score	Flown
1	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00	2000.00	2
2	876.35	976.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1852.79	1852.79	2
3	861.12	989.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1850.69	1850.69	2
4	852.54	957.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1810.43	1810.43	2
5	813.61	972.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1786.44	1786.44	2
6	530.95	912.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1443.61	1443.61	2
7	0.00	996.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	996.39	996.39	1
8	0.00	852.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	852.20	852.20	1
9	823.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	823.67	823.67	1
10	0.00	705.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	705.81	705.81	1
11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	7	9 (actual 16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Pilots															

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Potential Members: If you are interested in joining VARMS, or learning more about our activities, please contact the Secretary, or other Committee member.

Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring

VARMS (Inc.) was formed in 1968 to get together aero-modellers who were interested in building and flying radio controlled gliders. Members fly at many places, but have a home field on High Street Road, Wantirna South (Melways Map 72, C1), where training classes are free to all and are held on Sunday mornings, generally on a fortnightly basis. Exact dates and times are posted on the field gate.



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