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Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring



Cover photo:

A Seagull K8B ARF on tow. October 2012 Aerotow

Phil Eagles photo



Next Meeting
Friday 12th July
VARMS Glider Field



4th August - Deadline for next edition

The President

Colin Collyer



Well, welcome to the new VARMS financial year, for those that haven't renewed yet, now is the time, otherwise, no flying for you! And that brings me to the new badges; I reckon by the meeting, everyone who has paid should have a badge, so it's time to start enforcing the no badge, no flying at the field. This is to everyone's benefit. It makes it easier to identify each other and get to know who we are flying with. Also you will see a few "P" plates showing up. Make these people welcome, and help them fit in with the things we value at VARMS.

As you know, we have a few new members on the committee. We have Andrew Allen taking on the Secretary's job, and Hendo, Lindsay Henderson is the new Treasurer / Registrar, and a new position, "New Member Secretary" Tim Moreland handling the stuff that goes out to new members, and the badges. There are a couple of other new faces on the committee too, and I see that it already working well, thanks guys.

And that brings me to the next point. Ian Pearson was Treasurer for 11 years, and Roger Stephenson was Secretary for nearly as long. We owe these guys a huge vote of thanks, particularly with our dealings with the Knox council, and our big change in spending patterns. Thanks guys, for a job well done. Which leads me to the Bunnings BBQ. We were a bit short on cooks at first, but by Saturday we had a full team. The Sunday started off very slow, but by about 11am things had hotted up, and by 3:30 we had run out of snags, right when things were about to stop again. To those that came to help, thank you, you all worked well together, and we even managed a bit of fun. I think we made about \$700, and that will help keep our fee's down while still maintaining a good facility. The Club thanks you guys.

We have had 2 of the open winch days, the first on a perfect day, with about 20 starters, and today (7th) we had about 12, on a day when the forecast was not all that encouraging, but it was quite flyable until about 1pm. Look out when the warmer weather comes! The winch days are on the alternate Sunday to Training.

Next Meeting... We are having a first aid night, run by a professional first aider. We are looking for some "victims" for a propeller strike, a heart attack and a stroke, and maybe a snake bite. While it will be a fun night, there will be some knowledge gained on this important subject. It will be a quick meeting.

Also note that the back door and the roller doors have a slightly different locking procedure. Ask if you need to know.

That's it from me, gotta build something!

Bendigo Bonnie

Daniel Malcman



The Bendigo (full size) Glider club has again invited VARMS members and friends to join them at their annual Bonfire Dinner on June the 29th and allow us to aerotow our scale models on their facility on both Saturday and Sunday.

There will also be opportunities to go for a trial instruction ride in a full size glider if any one so desires. Last year we all lodged in the carpeted glider hangar in our sleeping bags (and blankets)

So far we have at least one tug pilot coming.

Whoever is up to doing it this year, please replay my email ASAP so we some idea of numbers

Meeting Commenced at 8:00pm

President Col. Collyer in the chair, 62 members present

Apologies :-Ian Slack & Jim Baker

Minutes of last meeting as printed in Aspectivity were accepted, Moved Robert Kassell . Seconded John Wyn-Twig.

Presidents Report.

Report on health of Barry DeKuiper and Steve Malcman.

Winch days to be held on alternate Sundays. (check website)

Volunteers required for fund raising barbeque at Bunnings 30/6/2013

Bendigo aerotow also 30th June.

Next meeting we will have a talk on First Aid training by St. Johns, covering cuts and abrasions

New name badges - including ratings and P identification for new members

Open day proposal at field to be investigated

Max Haysom discussed the new model club bylaws including deletion of Public Officer.

Gerry Carter questioned the timing of AGM and club financial year end.

Treasurers Report.

Current account balance \$ (*shh, club secret – Ed*)

REPORTS

VARMS Trophy last round won by Geoff Trone

Gerry Carter reported on a very successful Jerilderie soaring championship with 58 entrants with participants from WA and NZ. Excellent weather saw 15 rounds flown and a very high standard set by all.

Results

1st Joe Wartz

2nd Matt.Lowe.

3rd Carl. Strautins

4th David Hobby.

General Business.

Questions re runway condition answered by Graham Sullivan explained proposed action but advised that we really cannot do much at the moment because of the weather and we will get moving as the weather improves.

Alan Mayhew continued the series on fibre glass glider build with very informative session on preparation of plug and mould of fuselage.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Held at VARMS clubroom on 14/6/2013. Meeting Commenced at 9:00pm

65 Members present.

Apologies- Ian Slack, Jim Baker

President Col Collyer welcomed all present

Presidents Report

Col gave a full report on the new clubroom facility and progress with car park, power, water and drainage. He thanked all committee members for their support and efforts throughout the year, with special mention of fund raising efforts and the way that all members benefit.

Minutes of 2012 AGM were read and accepted on the motion of Bruce Clapperton, seconded by Bruce Robinson.

Treasurers Report presented by Ian Pearson. Moved by David Pratley, seconded by John Wyn-Tweg. Carried.

Clubman Award 2013 Won by Lindsay Henderson.
Stan Mason Gentlemans Award Won by Graham Sullivan.

President vacated the chair for Committee Elections.

Nominations Received:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| President - Colin Collyer | V.President - Max Haysom. |
| Secretary - Andrew Allen | Treasurer/Registrar - Lindsay Henderson |
| Editor - Glenn Salisbury | Contest Director - Alan Mayhew |
| Helicopter Group - Geoff Moore | Sport Power - Graham Sullivan |
| Membership Secretary - Tim Moreland | Ordinary Member - Martin Hopper. |

Members as nominated declared elected.

Members' door prize 'Bird of Time' won by Hayden Letcher.

General Business

Motion to formally adopt new Model Rules. Moved by Max Haysom, seconded by Bruce Clapperton. Carried.

Meeting Closed 9:45 pm.

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publication to
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Editor **Glenn Salisbury**

G'day all. Welcome to July's Aspectivity. The winter weather has well and truly set-in and personally it is far too cold to step into the building room, so modeling time has been almost non-existent for this little black duck.

All that is about to change. My father was searching for a birthday present and suggested a lot of things that appealed to me, such as a 737 simulator session, driving a steam train etc. While these all sounded good, they were single events that would be nothing but a memory shortly after the big day. When he asked what I really wanted, I suggested a reverse cycle air-conditioner for my modeling mecca. And lo-and-behold, on Saturday I got heating and cooling in my workshop! That combined with the beer fridge and 42" plasma really leaves me with no excuse for not building the multitude of kits that adorn my storage racks.



A recent highlight for me was the delivery of a huge cardboard box from South Australia. Yes, the E-flite L-13 Blanik has arrived. Here are some teaser shots of the (big) bits:



Cockpit floors showing excellent build quality



Root rib and joiner tube

Nice fillets

My 2 Blanik L-13s side by side. 3.5m span all moulded OZSkunkworx on the left, and 4.2m span E-flite version on the right



We've had a great run of VARMS Trophy events recently. The 16th of June competition boasted wonderful, sunny weather, but a distinct lack of thermals. Despite the sunshine, it seemed there was lots of sink everywhere.

1st: David Sheehy
2nd: Sepp Kirchenhauser
3rd: Geoff Trone

On the 30th of June, we also had fantastic weather, with an immense amount of cumulus clouds providing great lift. A flock of pelicans took more advantage of these thermals than we were able to. Many of our competitors also did double-duty working at the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, so thanks to them.

1st: Luke O'Neill
2nd: Sepp Kirchenhauser
3rd: Peter Cossins

The next VARMS Trophy events will be held on the 14th and 28th of July. Anybody is welcome to participate, and I would particularly encourage new members and those who have recently earned their bronze wings to join in, as it starts just after the training sessions.

To clarify eligibility, the contest is open to most sports gliders and electric gliders under 3 metres wingspan. This is essentially a fun fly, the only aircraft that would be not permitted would be competition-designed models such as moulded carbon thin-wing models. We will have a winch set up for unpowered gliders, so bring any balsa or foam glider that you have for some fun soaring.

Please email Dvid.Sheehy@monash.edu to be added to the email list for updates, or any other enquiries.

Standard Operating Times for VARMS Glider Field:

***Aerotow:** Second Saturday each month, 12.00 Noon till 5.00 pm
Glider means gliders and electric assist

Clubrooms: All days 7.00 am till 11.00 pm

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 8am-Noon (power) Dawn-Noon (glider) | Power | Glider | Power | Glider | Power | Power | Glider |
| Noon-5pm (AEST) (power) Noon-5pm (AEDST) (power) Noon-Dusk (glider) | Glider | Power | Glider | Power | Glider | Glider | Glider |

For queries or problems regarding this timetable, please contact Max Haysom or Colin Collyer.

The Keyboard

Your frequency 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 on the key is a good idea too, in case you have departed and left your key in the board thus stopping someone else using that frequency. Members using 2.4 GHz sets should still insert a standard key in the appropriate section of the keyboard.

The Parkzone Radian is by far the most popular electric glider in the VARMS Trophy, and probably the most popular glider in the club overall. There are good reasons for that - it is a very versatile all-rounder, it is inexpensive, easy to use, comes with a powerful motor and folding-prop combo, and spare parts are readily available. However, it is not without its flaws. Here are some tips to give your Radian the best chance of survival. If you have just purchased a Radian, stop and consider the following measures before flying it:

Secure the Motor Mount

The stock Radian comes with a plastic motor mount, which is secured to the fuselage with three tiny screws. These screws are insufficient. I've personally witnessed four incidents of Radians ripping their motors from the fuselage due to this problem.

The solution: when you get a new Radian or a replacement fuselage (possibly because the previous one had its nose torn off):

1. Remove the motor mount
2. Apply silicone adhesive where the motor mount attaches to the fuselage
3. Replace motor mount and screw it back in
4. Allow 24 hours for adhesive to cure

You could use other adhesives, such as epoxy, but epoxy tends to be hard and brittle. Silicone is more flexible, absorbing vibrations and impact. It just works better with the foam/plastic construction. I have used the Sikaflex Pro brand of silicone, and it is very strong and doesn't affect the foam. If you are using other brands of silicone, make sure you test it on a piece of foam first, to make sure it doesn't have deleterious effects.

Although not shown in the photograph, the easiest way to do this is with the motor still attached to the motor mount. You might want to wrap the motor in Glad Wrap to protect it from getting adhesive on it.



Secure Your Canopy

The magnetic mounting of the Radian's canopy is usually quite effective, but I've seen many planes lose their canopies mid-flight. This may be due to a high-G manoeuvre, or it may be due to loose magnets or loose parts inside the cockpit.

The solution: A rubber band to secure the canopy. This may cause a very small increase in drag, but is worth it, compared to the surprisingly high cost of replacement canopies (which are not included with replacement fuselages). The rubber band can also be used to secure the folding prop for storage and transport.

Secure Your Wings

The Radian's wings attach with a simple friction-fit, foam against foam. This works fairly well when your plane is new, however over time, the connection loosens. You have probably noticed that after a flight, often your wings have moved out of their sockets slightly.

The solution: Apply some adhesive tape to secure the wings to the fuselage. My favourite tape is 3M Blendederm - designed for the medical industry to patch wounds. It's highly water-resistant, strong, and very flexible. It also might be useful the next time you cut your finger off by putting it too close to a prop blade.

Stiffen Your Tail

While Ray Charles' advice on shaking your tail-feather is excellent for many circumstances, it doesn't hold true for sailplanes. This is not a situation where you want to do The Twist. The rear section of the Radian tends to be a weak point, and you'll often see flexing of the tail dues to it.

The solution: Use a good-quality fibre-reinforced tape on the sides of your fuselage. Fibre-tape comes in two main variants, one with a cross-weave which is stronger in two dimensions, and one with the fibres running straight down the tape. The cross-weave variant is harder to find, and slightly heavier and thicker than the usual straight-laid version you'll commonly find at Bunnings.



Particularly if you are using the straight-laid version of this tape, your fuselage will be stronger if you wind the tape in a spiral pattern around the rear of your fuselage (start from the tail-end and work forward for best results). I don't think the extra weight is something to be concerned about, as in my opinion, stock Radians tend to be slightly nose-heavy, so adding a little weight to the rear-end may help improve performance (and would meet Mr. Charles' approval, I'm sure).

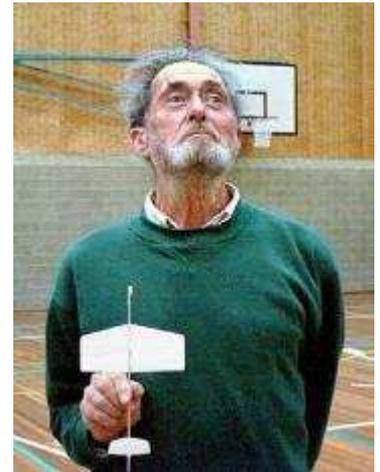


If Something Does Go Awry...

Remember to print your name, MAAA membership number and phone number somewhere on your plane's fuselage, so you might get it back if somebody finds it in the best case... or you are eligible for insurance in the worst of cases.

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Neil McLeod, a long time member of the Victorian Free Flight Society, and other aeromodelling organisations, died recently in Melbourne at the age of 81. He was a quiet and very private man with a well developed sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye. We remember him as a very enthusiastic and skilled aeromodeller always making time to help others and enjoying the delights of rubber powered models in particular. A regular attendee at Sandringham and Manningham indoor meetings Neil flew often and most successfully with a wide variety of well constructed and finished models, quietly enjoying the company of others and the fun of involvement. As most of us will remember he did not tolerate fools or time wasters. (to use his words!) A very self contained man of independent spirit.



Neil had been a school teacher and librarian with keen interests in research in his passion for all things aeromodelling. This led to the creation of many "files and folders" as he called them, which were often brought to club meetings, for discussion and distribution. He usually had photo copies of information to pass on to those interested. Further to his research, he also frequented an interesting selection of second hand bookshops, the State Library and of course the many facets of the Internet aeromodelling sites. Neil also possessed a large number of Model magazines and plans, and could always be relied upon to "chase up" info. for others no matter how obscure the subject.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Neil over a number of years in our involvement in the "Working with Wood" show where we presented Free Flight models on the VMAA stand. Model aeroplanes integrated well with the general woodwork theme, and although the stand featured mostly large RC models, there was always great interest in our members Free Flight model display. Neil would always arrive early, complete with a briefcase which contained building board, tools, many sheets of balsa; in fact everything needed to produce small balsa gliders and rubber powered models. I had a similar stock and so together we gave a display of "hands on" model making and flying (in the space between stands and amongst the crowd!) Neil had a most interactive and fun relationship with the audience at the stand and really got them involved. To the great delight of people of all ages he actually had them building and flying, and many small balsa gliders were given away along with plans and building instructions. Neil related well to the older "when I was kid brigade", and to the many boys and girls who loved it all. A beautiful slow and stable flight by one of Neil's flying wing gliders over the heads of all, landing about 30 metres away drew a noisy round of applause, especially when a tiny female "fetchermite" crawled to the stand and returned the model intact. Neil's face lit up with pleasure and laughter, as he gave the model to the little girl.



.....this is how I will remember Neil McLeod.

Classifieds

Futaba 7C .

7 Channel 2.4ghz computer radio with 7 channel receiver and charger. Little used since I bought a Futaba 8FG 3 years ago. Has been 100% reliable. Useful programming capabilities and easy to set up. 10 model memories. Excellent condition. \$170

Spektrum DX6i (DSM2)

6 Channel 2.4ghz computer radio with 6 channel receiver (inc satellite) and charger. 6 Model memories. Good condition. \$120

Contact : John Riley 98742764 or 0411020662

Please support Geoff Hearn in his endeavour to sell off some of the late Frank Smith's collection, the funds raised to become part of Frank's estate. Geoff has not set any prices for the models, but all reasonable offers will be considered:

- CMPPro Discus CS ARTF (unflown)
- ST Models ASW28 foamie RTF (new & unflown - includes radio gear)
- Krick ¼ scale SG38 primary, partly built with plans

Contact Geoff on **9729 3889**

ps. Can the purchaser of the Pentland designed Sunfloater, please contact Geoff

Large-scale Piper L-4 Grasshopper ARF kit, brand new in box. 2340mm wingspan, suits 30cc gas engine or equivalent large electric power system. Similar to the J-4 Cub, but with khaki military colour scheme. Would make a good tug plane for aerotowing gliders. All parts inspected with no damage.
\$250

Hobbyking Mini DLG (Discus Launch Glider) - includes servos, voltage booster unit, Spektrum compatible receiver and two single-cell batteries. Ready to fly with compatible transmitter.
\$130

Soaring Circuits CAM (Competition Altimeter for Models) - suits most ALES (Altitude Limited Electric Soaring) competitions, including the VARMS Trophy.
\$45

Email David.Sheehy@monash.edu for enquiries.

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We'd like to thank VARMS for their generous donation towards PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH.

The Long Ride is a national charity event with more than 400 participants, who meet up along the way to Cairns from all over the country coming together to support this great cause.

The ride was from the Saturday 4th May - 11 May, I rode my BMW K1300GT and Geoff rode a Harley Ultraglide with our partners on the back.

This year we started in Melbourne and included overnight stops in Hay, Bourke, Charleville, Hughenden, Townsville, Atherton and then finally into Cairns. 3,500 km.

Various fund raising events are held along the way to contribute to the cause.

One of our friends who deserves a special mention is Big Terry Peters. Wherever we stopped whether it be for petrol or food, Terry would get out and about rattling his tin, he'd hassle young and old. He sure ended up with a lot of funds and had some fun along the way.

This year the ride raised \$255,000

After completing our ride to Cairns we had 4 nights of R & R in Palm Cove, then continued our ride down the coast, trying to stay in the warmer weather as long as we could. Our next port of call was Aire then we continued on visit friends at Beautiful Bowen.

At Airely Beach our fellow rider had a few hassles with his "Harley" it was taken away on the back of a truck to be repaired, needless to say I gave him a bit of ribbing as I ride a BMW.

Two days later when the Harley was fixed we continued our way down to Mackay, 1770, Rockhampton, Noosa, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

At Port Macquarie it was my turn, I had trouble with the BMW, thought it was the battery so brought a new one. When that didn't help I had to roll start it, which I might had is no easy feat. After Geoff & I pushed it up the hill we turned it around & let her rip, thank goodness it started. The next trick was to ride it 130klm to Coffs Harbour (without stalling it) where there was a BMW Dealer who could hopefully repair it. Needless to say I got all the ribbing and more from Geoff. (The Harley rider)

As the weather was getting colder we travelled straight to Canberra to visit our relatives for a couple of nights and then a made a dash for home



Just like to thank everyone for their donation as this a great cause. It can effect anyone of us.

Tragically, more than 2,900 Australian men each year die from prostate cancer. In the early stages, there are few symptoms of prostate cancer; however, if detected early, prostate cancer is often treatable and curable. This is why men aged 50 and over, or 40 if there is a family history of prostate cancer should not wait for symptoms; they should talk to their doctor about prostate cancer - a simple step that could save your life.

Phil Eagles



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Aerotow dates are posted in the VARMS calendar

Also on the VARMS web site there is a tab for "Scale Aerotowing" where the next aerotow date is posted each month.



Additionally, notifications of aerotow dates and matters relating to aerotow operations are regularly emailed to those who are already on our "mass mail out" email list.

If for any reason you are not receiving these notifications and wish to be added to this list, then please email me your email address and you will be included in the mail outs.

Your email address will be hidden from other recipients since all will be sent out as Bcc (Blind Carbon Copy)

For the sake of our members who do not have internet connection, below are the Scale Aerotow dates for the remainder of this year (2013).

So please jot these dates in your calendar for future reference.

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| July 13 th , 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |
| August 10 th 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |
| September 14 ^t 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |
| October 12 th 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |
| November 2 nd – 5 th 2013 | Cobram scale aerotow | (Cup Day) |
| November 9 th 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |
| November 23 th - 24 th 20123 | Bendigo scale aerotow | |
| December 14 th 2013 | VARMS scale aerotow | |

My email address is dmalcman@hotmail.com

Slope Fun Days 2013

Bruce Clapperton

Book these slope soaring dates into your calendar for some winter slope soaring action. The idea of these events is twofold. One, to introduce some new pilots to the fabulous sport of Slope Flying, and two, for the rest of us to get some practice in for the State Slope Aerobatics Championships in October. Call Bruce Clapperton (0438 644 867) on the day to check venue and weather, or log onto the VARMS online calendar where the event will be updated in the morning to show what is happening.

Dates:

Sunday 4th of August

Saturday 7th of September

Sunday 13th of October for Slope Aerobatics, or 27th as a backup date.

VARMS will again be presenting an Aerotow clinic on Saturday, August 10st 2013 and additional follow up 'hands on' training on September 14th, and October 10th

Here is your opportunity to learn the secrets of aerotowing and join the dedicated group of modelers participating in this contagiously addictive activity.

The clinic will begin at 10:00 am sharp, in our club house with several people explaining and demonstrating the fine art of what makes aerotowing the safest and most fun method of launching scale gliders.

Barbeque will be served at 12:00 noon, cost will be by voluntary gold coin donation to the club. Pilots briefing at 12:30 before aerotowing begins, where those new to aerotowing will be paired up with an experienced mentor pilot.

Participation in this clinic is not exclusive to VARMS members, so if you know of anyone from other clubs who may be interested in any way, then please extend this invitation to them on behalf of VARMS.



If you can help in any way then please contact Danny Malcman 0410 517 840 or speak to me at the next club meeting or send me an email dmalcman@hotmail.com

At the July meeting, I will be canvassing for volunteers to;

1. Assist with the training session, (9 topics)
2. Fire up the Barbeque
3. Mentoring role

Thanks

Lew Rodman

On behalf of my two grandchildren I would like to take the opportunity to thank the generous person who left several rubber powered model kits on the "Free to take" table at the last meeting. I was fortunate enough to be able to take one home.

After the three of us built the model, two children with their pop spent many enjoyable hours over the last few days of great weather flying the plane at one of our favourite parks in Wantirna.





Mowing Roster

| | | |
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| Tim Steward | 9758 6712 | Jul (early) |
| Jim Baker | 9803 2185 | Jul (late) |
| Bruce Robinson | 9887 8996 | Aug (early) |
| Graeme Hollis | 9739 4886 | Aug (late) |
| Martin Hopper | 9873 8256 | Sep (early) |
| Robert Kassell | 9795 1330 | Sep (late) |

Geoff Moore (Heliport) 98022044
Max Koludrovic (Runways & Pits)

Any Problems with the field, ring

Henry Wohlmuth

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Training Dates

14th & 28th July

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Flying Event Calendar

| Name | Date/s | Location | Further Info |
|----------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Twilight Fly and General Meeting | 12/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| Scale Aerotow (midday) | 13/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | dmalcman@hotmail.com |
| Indoor | 13/7/13 | Donvale/Manningham Sports Complex | Martin Lui 0408406758 |
| VARMS Training (10am) | 14/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| VARMS Trophy (12.30pm) | 14/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| VARMS Open Winch Day (10am) | 21/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| AEFA Show & Tell (8pm) | 25/7/13 | Uniting Church Hall, Essex St, Mt Waverley | AEFA |
| VARMS Training (10am) | 28/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| VARMS Trophy (12.30pm) | 28/7/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| Slope Fun Day | 4/8/13 | TBC | VARMS |
| Twilight Fly and General Meeting | 9/8/13 | VARMS Glider Field | VARMS |
| Scale Aerotow (midday) | 10/8/13 | VARMS Glider Field | dmalcman@hotmail.com |

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The World Air Sports Federation



VARMS (Inc.) was formed in 1968 to get together aero-modelers who were interested in building and flying radio controlled gliders. Members fly at many places, but have a home field, within the Knox Regional Sports Park (South Wantirna) some 60 metres west of the rear of the State Basketball Centre- Entrance off George Street, where Training Classes with dual controlled gliders are held every second Sunday 10-1.00pm. A calendar for training is attached to the flying field gate.

VARMS Training is kindly sponsored by Hyperion Australia.

VARMS organizes regular competitions in both Slope and Thermal Soaring, from fun-fly, scale, open competition and self launching (electric) gliders.
 General Meetings are held on the SECOND FRIDAY of each month (except January) – at the VARMS Clubroom near State Basketball Centre (as above) and, during daylight saving time there may be limited flying allowed before Meeting starts at 8.00pm. Visitors are welcome. Formalities are usually followed by lively discussions on matters of interest to all **modellers** followed by a cup of your favourite brew.



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