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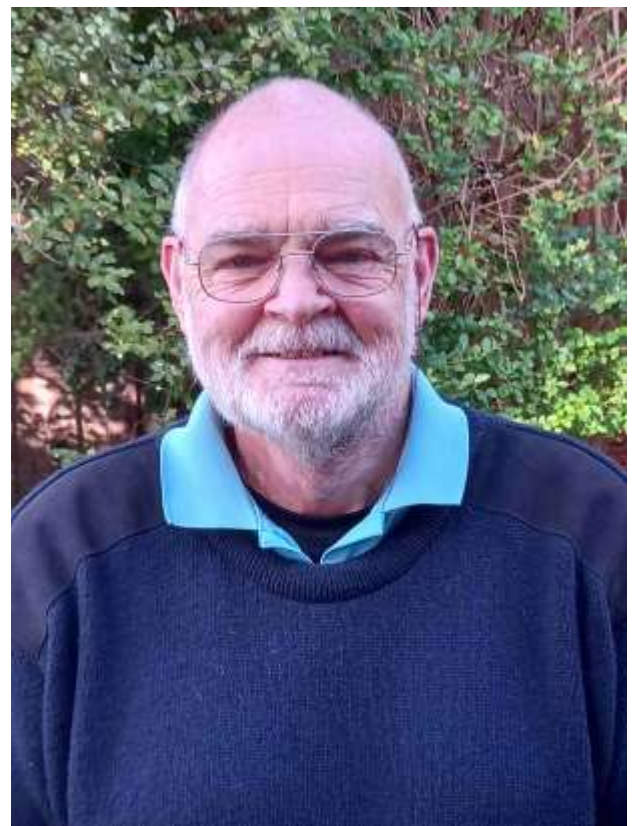
Deadline for the next Aspectivity is Friday 1 November or earlier, one week prior to the general meeting held on the second Friday of the month, Friday 8 November at 8:00pm in the club rooms.

President's Prattle 12

by Ken Madill

Just a reminder about the VARMS Halloween Fun Fly on Saturday 19th October. There is still enough time to dust off something from your workshop or make a new creation. This event is open to all MAAA members so I encourage you to invite anybody you know who has something different in their hangar. For me, a sheet of Depron, a photo of the grandkids, a few tassels and some 6- and 8-year-old artistic talent has resulted in a flying magic carpet, complete with passengers.

The roll out of membership cards is complete. We have learnt a lot over the last few months about MAAA, VMAA and VARMS systems. There have been some discrepancies between information held at MAAA and that at VARMS. One of the main concerns is that some members' wings were not recorded on the MAAA database. We take the MAAA records as the correct status of all members. Evan has been doing a lot of work to tidy this situation up and ensure all records are up to date. This has taken many hours and his efforts are greatly appreciated. I would ask all members to check their details and ensure they are



correct. The status of wings on your membership card is what is recorded on the MAAA database.

In order to ensure we comply with all the requirements imposed on us, members can only fly unsupervised in accordance with the status of wings on their membership card with no exceptions. It is what's recorded on the MAAA database. We have ensured that there are plenty of instructors, so if there is a discrepancy you can be assessed and your wings status upgraded very quickly.

Our runway recently received 40 cubic meters of topsoil along with fertiliser and seed. We have been fortunate in that we had a few days of rain soon after. Hopefully we will see the results of this in the next few weeks. Knox City Council advised us that they will tidy up the extra soil around the drainage work they have done when the weather permits.

The group of students from Westall Secondary College has asked if they can come back again. They will be at VARMS on Monday 14th October. We are hoping the weather will be suitable and we can give them a flying demonstration and a go on our club trainers.

We have installed signs on the assembly tables in the covered area of the pits. This is intended to overcome the problem of people storing their equipment on them, leaving no room for others. As with all things, hopefully common sense will prevail. If there are only a few pilots, then you can be more flexible. The intention is to prompt all members to be aware of the needs of other pilots.

Some members have raised concern over the cost of drinks, and whether we are charging enough. Captain Blonkhead aims to break even over the cost of drinks plus provide enough for incidentals such as tea, coffee, milk and cleaning materials. This is still working ... just. We try to only buy drinks when they are on special. This typically means we are paying around 80 cents per can, which suggests that on average everyone is paying the correct amount. Drinks seem to not be on special as often over winter, so in some instances we have run the stocks quite low. Hopefully there will be more specials over the coming warmer months. If you have any issues or would like changes to what we keep in the fridge, please let me know.

I encourage all members to come to the General Meeting on Friday 11th October. Note that, as it is daylight saving the meeting will start at 8.00pm. Tom Tan will be bringing along a practice dummy and will be demonstrating use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

Numbers at general meetings have been low over the last few months. Given the weather, this is understandable. I would be interested in feedback as to what you want. I believe there are two options. Either generate more interest in meetings with show and tell, guest speakers, etc. or reduce the number of meetings we hold to say every second month.

Happy and safe flying!

Ken Madill
President

VARMS Gate Combination Lock

We have decided to go to a combination lock for the VARMS entrance gate due to the excessive cost of new keys. It also gives us the opportunity to change the combination easily and advise all members by SMS.

It is recommended you keep the SMS sent with the combination number in case you forget it. Keep your key, as it is still used for access to some of our gliding sites.



To open the lock, select the combination number and press the two parts of the lock together as shown. It will then spring open.

You must randomly change the tumblers before the lock will close. When closing the gate please insert the rectangular steel section from below as shown, so the next person does not have to stand on their head to open the lock.

If you have any problems, call the VARMS Club President:
Ken Madill – Mobile 0411 793 122



September General Meeting minutes



- Date:** 13 September 2024
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: VARMS Clubroom, Rowville
Apologies: Colin Kahn, Nigel Murray, Jack Bhalla, Mani Riederich, Graham Sullivan, Allan Mayhew, Keith Schneider
Visitors: Dan, manager of the "Hobbyman" store

Meeting

- Opening:** Meeting was opened by the President at 7:30pm with 12 members present.
- New Members:** Nil.
- Previous minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as published in Aspectivity.
Moved: Russ Pearce **Seconded:** John walker **Passed**
- Business arising from the minutes:**
 - All members to check their details via the web.
 - A 3 to 5 year plan with forecasts of fixed and recurrent expenditure is progressing well.
 - About twenty students from Westall Secondary College received a couple of hours with KM and others. Next time they visit it is hoped that some flying will be demonstrated. The anticipated date is 12 October 2024.
- Correspondence:** The following items of correspondence were received and sent.
 - Received:**
 - Australian Men's Shed newsletter.
 - Australian Men's Shed Nuts and Bolts newsletter.
 - Australian Men's Shed Grants and Funding.
 - KCC Various emails.

- v. KCC re Parking Sign re parking sign at entrance – ongoing.
- vi. CoverForce insurance.
- vii. Other emails – political party and junk.

b. Sent:

- i. Various - KCC.
- ii. CoverForce insurance.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented. The Treasurer advised the meeting of the finances in detail.

Moved: John Walker

Seconded: Russ Pearce

Passed

7. **Reports:** The following reports were presented.

- a. Power – No rep present.
- b. Glider – Nothing to report but tomorrow's aerotow has been postponed due to the weather forecast.
- c. Helicopter – Some people were unsure and concerned as to why the ground in the helicopter area had objects scattered about. The Helicopter rep informed the meeting that the objects have been carefully placed to comply with the MAAA requirements for demonstration of pilot skill/ability/wing qualification practice and examination.
- d. Laser-cutter – No report.
- e. Member induction – two people tomorrow at 10AM.
- f. Training – September, assistance required as Bruce Clapperton will be away. Volunteers required; that is, if the weather ever improves sufficiently for non-hazardous flying.

8. **General Business:** The following items were discussed.

- a. Halloween Fun Fly 19 October. KM anticipated some local press coverage/promotion.
- b. Graham Sullivan is organising the provision of soil and grass seed to cover the runway. Reputable contractors are being utilised at a cost of \$7,700. This sum includes 100kg of both seed and fertiliser.
- c. Mick Barlow and Graham Sullivan to do most of the weekly/bi-weekly mowing as required.
- d. Graham Sullivan has run a heavy plate over the strip to break up the kangaroo poo.
- e. The Committee approved the purchase of still good but second-hand computers to run the security, fob requirements, badge printer and for presentations, meetings and videos in the club rooms as required.
- f. Risk analysis. The President is chasing up templates from other clubs to assist with the preparation of the risk assessment documents for Knox City Council.
- g. Tags are now available for securing membership cards. There will be a box of them on the table in the club room.
- h. The students from Westall SC are coming back for another dose of aviation. Hopefully, this time, some flying will take place.
- i. There will be another defibrillator session at the next General Meeting on 11 October.
- j. An issue/discussion group may be established to deal with significant issues as they arise.
- k. General Meeting will continue to be held on Friday nights. There will be no change (*Ed. apart from the starting time moving to 8PM*) with the commencement of Daylight Saving.
- l. With respect to the cost of keys and the approaching need to have more cut, it has been decided that a combination lock will be used on the Rowville entry gate. The President had a

lock that went around the room for manipulation and comment. No problems were encountered. Lighting at the entry gate was discussed, and it is anticipated that poor visibility at night will not be a problem.

- m. The Vice President was asked to follow up on the rumour that an aerotow event at Wangaratta in early October is being put together. If the event is confirmed, a link will be provided on the VARMS Facebook page as advice for members who may be interested in attending.

- 9. The Manager of the "Hobbyman" store visited with something to say. Dan spoke of a campaign he is getting going. In his words, here is a summary of what he sees ahead.

I am running a youth promotional campaign for the hobby industry and I want your club to be involved. Here's how it works.

Your club supplies Hobbyman with flyers, stickers and any promotional material to go into 'show bags' that we will give to youth affairs workers to hand out.

The clubs cover the cost of producing the promotional material but there are no further costs involved for distribution of promotional material.

Once the show bags are handed out, we will let the material circulate for a few weeks and gauge their interests.

From there we will look into getting the young people to come to some of the club's events/displays.

From there we can address how to get them to be more involved.

After maintaining engagement and positive results for around 12 months, I will look into getting funding for a large scale hobby event aimed at young people.

PLEASE NOTE: *We are aiming to make at least 300 show bags.*

*Additionally, as the manager of Hobbyman, I am always open to ideas of building the hobby community. I am always open to cross-promotional ideas with your club.**

Feedback to Dan: There was general agreement with providing Dan with flyers/stickers so that material about VARMS can be included in the show bags. Details of who or how this was to be achieved were not decided.

*This discussion took place prior to the meeting.

- 10. **Next Meeting:** The next General Meeting will be 7:30pm Fri 11 October 2024 at the clubhouse. *[Ed. Since resolved by Committee that General Meetings in Daylight Savings time will start at 8:00PM as was our practice pre-Covid and Sunday General Meetings.]*
- 11. **Closure:** There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 8:30pm.



F-F-F @ R-R-R

R-R-Regular F-F-F (Feed, Fix, Fly) nights are held at R-R-R (Rowville Recreation Reserve) 5:00 to about 9:00pm on W-W-Wednesday each w-w-week. Come and j-j-join in the F-F-FUN.

WANTED - Articles for Aspectivity

New articles for Aspectivity needed now. Looking for some "Hints & Tips" items if you can do it. Send your images and imaginings to editor@varms.org.au. Thanks to prior contributors.



OR



FIELD USAGE TIMETABLE		
Sat	Power 8am - 1pm*	Glider 1pm* - Dusk
Sun	Glider Dawn - Dusk	
Mon	Power 8am - 1pm	Glider 1pm - Dusk
Tue	Glider Dawn - 1pm	Power 1pm - 5pm^
Wed	Power 8am - 1pm	Glider 1pm - Dusk
Thu	Glider Dawn - 1pm	Power 1pm - 5pm^
Fri	Power 8am - 1pm	Glider 1pm - Dusk
Sat 1pm* unless aerotow 12pm Power 5pm^ AEST or 8pm AESDT		

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see me at the club or call me on 9887 1060.

Lew Rodman



Upcoming Events

VARMS General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Friday of the month (except January) in the Rowville clubrooms (8:00pm during Daylight Saving). Committee meetings are held on the Monday two weeks before the General Meeting at the clubrooms. Here is the schedule for 2024.

C'ttee Mtg	General Mtg	C'ttee Mtg	General Mtg	C'ttee Mtg	General Mtg
29 Jul	9 Aug - AGM	2 Sept	13 Sept	30 Sept	11 Oct
28 Oct - no meeting	8 Nov	2 Dec	13 Dec	30 Dec – no meeting	10 Jan – no meeting
3 Feb 2025	14 Feb 2025	3 Mar – no meeting	14 Mar	31 Mar	11 Apr
28 Apr – no meeting	9 May	2 Jun	13 Jun	30 Jun – no meeting	11 Jul
28 Jul	8 Aug	1 Sep – no meeting	12 Sep	29 Sep	10 Oct
3 Nov – no meeting	14 Nov	1 Dec	12 Dec	2026 Yeah, yeah, I hear ya. Don't be too impatient!	

Date	Description	Location	Contact	Host
5 – 6 Oct	Great Wangaratta Aerotow	99 Shanley St, Wangaratta	rolygaumann@gmail.com	Wangaratta Aeromodellers
12 – 13 Oct	VMAA Festival of Flight	Goon Nure, Bairnsdale		BADMAC
Sat 19 Oct	Hallowe'en Fun Fly	Rowville		VARMS
2 – 4 Nov	Warbirds over Bairnsdale	Goon Nure, Bairnsdale		BADMAC
22-24 Nov	Bordertown Scale Glider Fun Fly	Bordertown Airport, S.A.		SSL

Also see more RC events listed on the [VMAA website](#) and in the [VMAA News](#).

Training

VARMS training sessions are free to members and the public and are run at Rowville from 10am to noon every second Sunday. You will learn to fly a two-channel glider. Training can take you from beginner to your bronze wings and going solo, through to silver and gold wings and becoming an instructor.

L	6 th October	20 th October	3 rd November	17 th November	1 st December
	15 th December				

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be 8:00pm Friday 11 October at the VARMS clubrooms.

The first thing you do at a cardiac arrest is:

- A) take your own pulse
- B) run around in circles
- C) call the midwife
- D) make a cuppa tea
- E) none of the above

Answer – A) take your own pulse (third law in the House of God by Samuel Shem)

Come to the general meeting on 11 Oct and meet Annie Resus.

Tom Tan will be demonstrating the AED again and will have a practice dummy (no not the editor of Aspectivity) for you to work over ... oops, work ON.

News from the Committee

You may be interested to hear some of the topics discussed at last Monday's Committee meeting.

- KCC have agreed to erect a sign outlining the parking arrangements.
- The Committee decided to meet every second month in future unless there was pressing business. Membership approvals in the intervening months may be resolved by Zoom meetings or email.
- The Committee determined that in future, VARMS memberships will run from 1st July to 30th June.
- One new member application was approved this month.

Nigel Murray, Editor

Aerotow



Photo credit Col Collyer from Facebook

by Anthony Peate

The next club aerotow is Saturday the 12th of October, weather permitting. Aerotow is normally held on the Saturday after the monthly Friday General Meeting. Check the Events calendar on the [VARMS website](#).

VARMS is keen to encourage members who haven't tried aerotowing to give it a go. This includes both new glider pilots and new tug pilots.

The timings for the day are: 11:30am BBQ lunch; 11:50am Pilots' briefing; 12:00pm start aerotowing.

Here are some aerotow dates to note:

- Saturday 12th October 2024
- Saturday 9th November 2024
- Saturday 14th December 2024
- Saturday 11th January 2025
- Saturday 15th February 2025
- Saturday 15th March 2025
- Saturday 12th April 2025

- Saturday and Sunday 10th & 11th May 2025 (VARMS Inter club Aerotow weekend)
- Saturday 14th June 2025

Other Aerotow Events

- Border Town: 22nd to 24th November 2024
- Jerilderie: 18th to 21st of April 2025

Vintage Car Club Visit



Members of the Bayside Vintage Car Club are making VARMS the destination for their drive on Saturday 9th of November, coinciding with aerotow. Please make them welcome and show them around.

They are only a small club, and it is a fair distance, so we may only see a few classic cars. I know that VARMS members have a special car or two lurking in the shed. So bring them along as well and we will make a day of it.

Bruce Clapperton

WHY DOES A CHICKEN COOP ONLY HAVE TWO DOORS? BECAUSE IF IT HAD FOUR IT WOULD BE A SEDAN.



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Hints & Tips

by Tim Stewart

VARMS BOUNDARY DISTANCE USING AN FrSky GPS

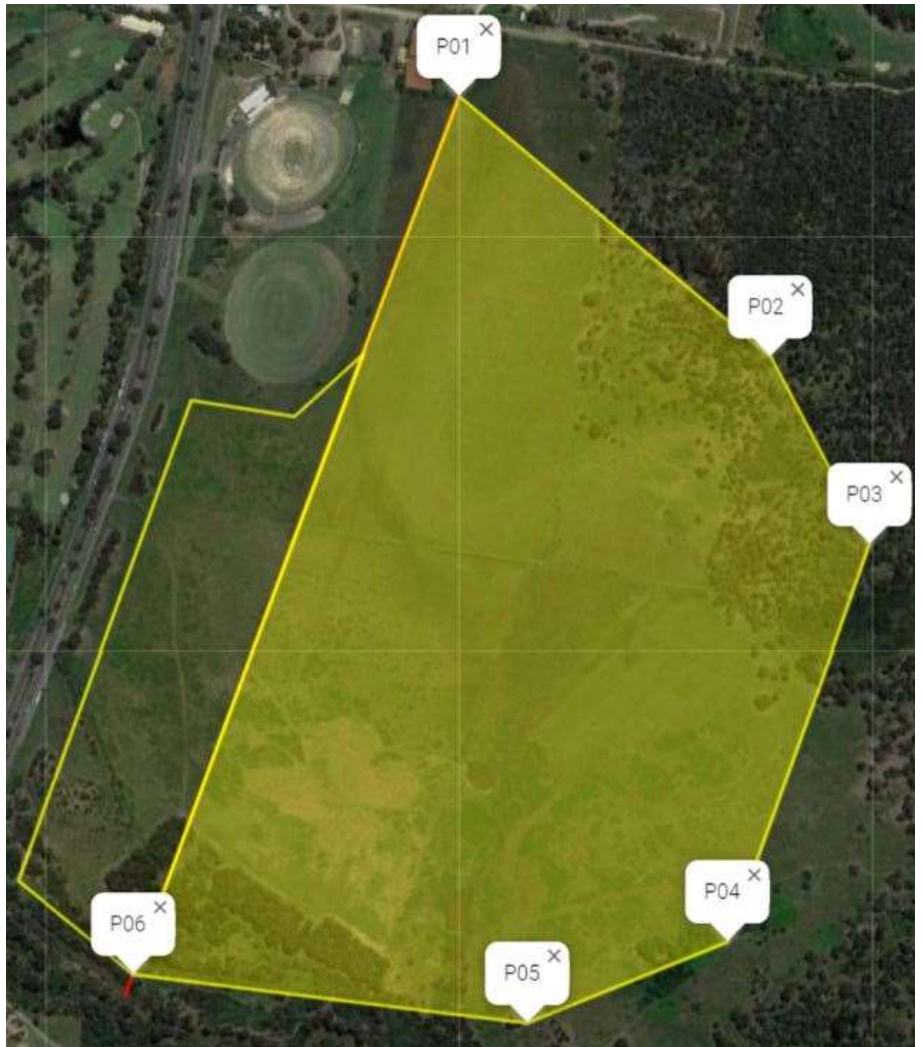
Have you ever wondered if your aircraft always stays inside the VARMS flight boundary during your flights? Probably not, because we are lucky enough to have a very generous area to fly in. But if you would like to know the distance to the nearest border when you are flying, here is a way to do it. You can also know the distance from the pilot's box [i.e. your transmitter] to your aircraft.

This is the boundary map of the VARMS flight area that Anthony Peate produced when the Rowville club was being planned. The pale green shaded area is the aeroplane flight area. The unshaded area at the left is the helicopter area.

The aeroplane flight area is defined by the GPS points P01 to P06.

You can use an FrSky GPS receiver connected to your FrSky receiver and a program in your Taranis to always tell you how far away from the boundary your model is and how far the aircraft is from the pilot's box. Here is what you will need to do it.

1. Taranis radio with OpenTX software that has Lua scripts enabled.
2. FrSky GPS sensor.
3. "vbndry" lua script on the SD card.
4. Special Functions to announce boundary warnings.
5. Files "vbwarn.wav", "vbbreach.wav", and "vbclear.wav" are required.
6. Special Functions to announce distances.



I can provide the "vbndry.lua", "vbwarn.wav", "vbbreach.wav", and "vbclear.wav" files. See me at the field or contact me on tgs01@optusnet.com.au. If you need further assistance, I can set it up for you.

OpenTX with Lua Scripts Enabled on the Taranis Radio

Using OpenTX Companion, install OpenTx on the Taranis with the Lua Script option ticked. After installation, an extra screen is added to the model screens called Custom Scripts. It looks like this.

WHAT HAS FIVE TOES AND ISN'T YOUR FOOT? MY FOOT.

CUSTOM SCRIPTS		2309bytes	12/14
LUA1	---		
LUA2	---		
LUA3	---		
LUA4	---		
LUA5	---		
LUA6	---		
LUA7	---		

Connecting the FrSky GPS Sensor

This is the FrSky GPS receiver that FrSky receivers can use to send the aircraft location to the Taranis.



After connecting the GPS sensor to the receiver Smart Port, press “Discover Sensors” on the Taranis Telemetry screen.

The information from the GPS includes the longitude, latitude, altitude above sea level, ground speed, heading and date.

Press “Stop Discovery”. Ensure the “UP” label on the GPS sensor is facing up to the sky where the satellites are. After some time (about 30 to 60 seconds for the GPS to lock on to the satellites), the telemetry values are displayed. This confirms that the sensor is working correctly.

TELEMETRY				13/14
Sensors		Value	ID	
1: GPS	*	37°52'S 145°15'E	227	
2: A2		11.4V	250	
3: RSSI		62dB	248	
4: RxBt		5.0V	248	
5: GAIt		110.2m	227	
6: GSpd		0.0kts	227	
7: Hdg		0.00°	227	
8: Date		2024-08-28	227	

Lua Script “vbndry” Installation

Connect the Taranis to your computer and copy the file vbndry.lua onto the Taranis SD card in the folder SCRIPTS\MIXES.

On the Custom Scripts screen, edit LUA1 and select the vbndry file from the list.

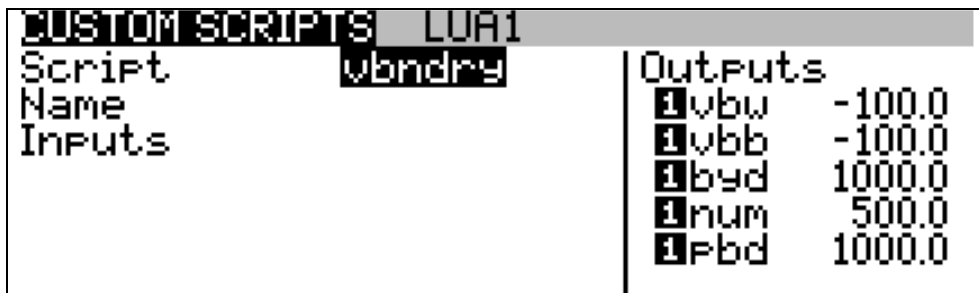
I DON'T TELL DAD JOKES VERY OFTEN BUT, WHEN I DO, HE LAUGHS.

WHAT ABOUT THAT KIDNAPPING AT SCHOOL? GOOD NEWS, THEY WOKE HIM UP.

TWO FISH IN A TANK. ONE TURNS AND ASKS: “DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DRIVE THIS THING?”



Press Enter and the screen looks like this.



On the right-hand side there are five names shown with numbers beside them. If the GPS sensor is not locked on to satellites, vbw and vbb have values -100.

When the GPS sensor has locked on, the screen looks like this.



In the example above, boundary warnings are off, the nearest boundary is number 1, the distance to boundary 1 is 534.0m and the aircraft is 0.8 m from the pilot's box.

Name	Description
vbw	VARMS Boundary Warning. If the aircraft is within 40m of a boundary, this value is 100.0, otherwise it is 0.0.
vbb	VARMS Boundary Breach. If the aircraft is outside the boundary, this value is 100.0, otherwise it is 0.0.
byd	Boundary Distance. This is the distance to nearest boundary in metres. Maximum distance is 1000m.
num	Boundary Number. This is the number of the closest boundary to the aircraft (multiplied x 100) Boundary 1 is from P01 to P02. (shown as 100) Boundary 2 is from P02 to P03. (shown as 200) Boundary 3 is from P03 to P04. (shown as 300) Boundary 4 is from P04 to P05. (shown as 400) Boundary 5 is from P05 to P06. (shown as 500)
pbd	Pilot Box Distance. This is the distance from the pilot box to the aircraft in metres.

Announcing Warnings with Special Functions

To announce the “boundary warning” or “boundary breach” messages, logic switches must first be defined.

LOGICAL SWITCHES						10/14
L01	a=x	!vbw	100	---	---	---
L02	a=x	!vbb	100	---	---	---
L03	---	---	0	---	---	---
L04	---	---	0	---	---	---
L05	---	---	0	---	---	---
L06	---	---	0	---	---	---
L07	---	---	0	---	---	---

L01 will be ON when vbw = 100, OFF otherwise.

L02 will be ON when vbb = 100, OFF otherwise.

Special functions are used to announce when there is a boundary warning, a boundary breach and when the aircraft is clear of the boundary 40m area.

Audio file “vbwarn.wav” says “Boundary Warning”.

Audio file “vbbreach.wav” says “Boundary Breach”.

Audio file “vbclear.wav” says “Clear of Boundary”.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS					11/14
SF1	L01	Play Track	vbwarn	10s	
SF2	L02	Play Track	vbbreach	10s	
SF3	!L01	Play Track	vbclear	1x	
SF4	---	---	---	---	
SF5	---	---	---	---	
SF6	---	---	---	---	
SF7	---	---	---	---	

I can provide these files or you can make your own using the free audio editor software Audacity or your favourite text to speech software. The audio files must be mono, 32000 Hz and signed 16 bit PCM .wav files. The audio files are put on the SD card in the SOUNDS\EN folder.

Announcing Distances with Special Functions

Use a switch to turn on and off the announcing of distances.

- When switch SD is up, no announcements are made.
- When switch SD is in the middle, special function SF4 announces the distance to the nearest boundary every 10 seconds.
- When switch SD is down, special function SF5 announces the distance from the pilot’s box to the aircraft every 10 seconds.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS					11/14
SF1	L01	Play Track	vbwarn	10s	
SF2	L02	Play Track	vbbreach	10s	
SF3	!L01	Play Track	vbclear	1x	
SF4	SD-	Play Value	!byd	10s	
SF5	SD↓	Play Value	!pbd	10s	
SF6	---	---	---	---	
SF7	---	---	---	---	

Remember, if you need help you can contact me to get it going.

Tim Stewart



Tim Morland wrote on Facebook: I found a wonderful satellite view of our field with the Casey boundary (the blue line) shown. We were told the eastern edge of the runway was the eastern edge of Knox. Looks like that was correct. Take off in Knox, then fly over Casey.

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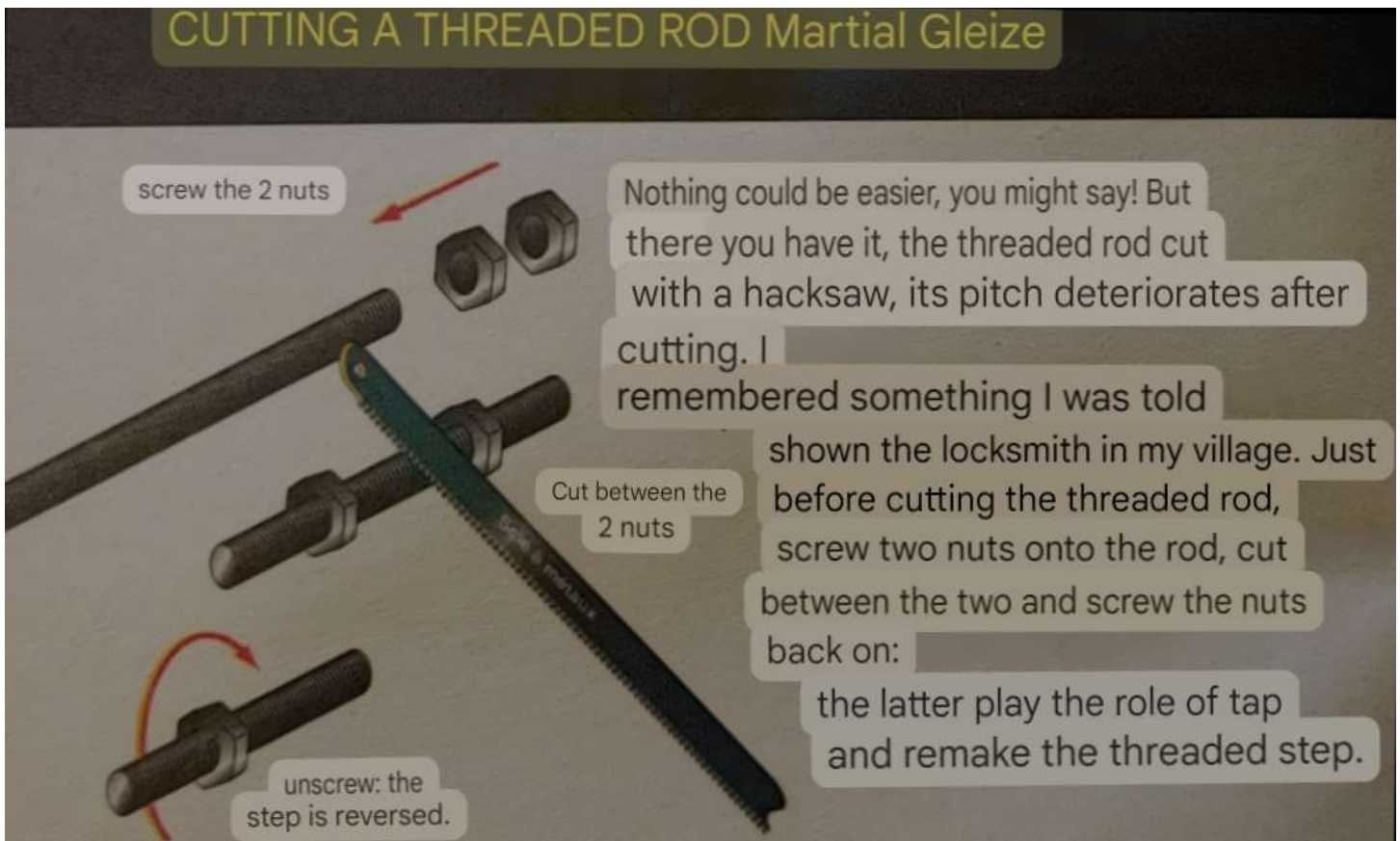
Contact **Peter Cossins**

9801 2778



More Hints & Tips

[Ed. Noel Bazerque sent in a second extract from his French booklet. See item below.]



Hi Nigel,

Thanks for publishing my first tip from the French booklet. I am sending Tip #2 today which I translated into English on the enclosed picture as you did, courtesy of Dr Google. However, I think Dr Google sometimes gets lost in translation; so this time around I tested the result with DeepL.com. DeepL translation is far better and reads as follows:

Nothing could be easier, you might say! But when you cut a threaded rod with a hacksaw, the pitch deteriorates after the cut. I remembered a trick that the locksmith in my village showed me. All you have to do before cutting the threaded rod is screw two nuts onto the rod, cut between the two and screw the nuts off; the nuts act as taps and remake the thread pitch.

Kind regards,
Noel Bazerque

HOW DO YOU ORGANISE A SPACE PARTY? YOU PLANET, OF COURSE.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TWO ROW BOATS THAT HAD AN ARGUMENT? IT WAS AN OAR-DEAL.

VARMS Halloween Fun Fly

1. VARMS Club - 1405 Stud Rd, Rowville
2. When: Saturday 19th October 2024.
3. Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm.
4. Lunch sausage sizzle provided
5. Models: Weird / Unusual / Unique / Crazy designs
6. Electric / Glow / Gliders
7. All welcome, must be MAAA member.



Vale Doug Lyon



9 November 1927 to 13 September 2024



We are deeply saddened to advise of the death, at the age of 96, of Australian gliding luminary and Museum member and supporter, Doug Lyon, at Kyneton.

We have included a statement (below) from the Beaufort Gliding Club (from their Facebook page) where Doug was an active member and supporter for many years. Doug designed and built the two-seat Zephyrus which is still used by the club. The post, together with photos of Doug, can be found here: [Facebook - Beaufort Gliding Club](#).

Doug's funeral was held in Kyneton on 23 September. For those who were unable to attend there is a link on TJ Scott and Sons website for tributes to Doug: <https://tjscottandson.com.au/tribute/-NV8SIIDSU0wR-Cibc1f/>

Our thoughts are with Doug's family and friends at this time.

Alan Hopkins, Treasurer

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Vale Doug Lyon (9-11-1927: 13-9-2024)

Our treasured member, Doug Lyon passed this morning. Doug's wife, Lorna, advises that his passing was peaceful and that the family is gathering around to support each other.

As most will know Doug is a gliding legend and was a stalwart member of the Beaufort Club over his almost 80 years of active participation in gliding.

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Photo from Facebook courtesy Alan Mayhew

THE STARDUST REVOLUTION

Wednesday arvo group at VARMS field all flying the same model, ½ A Texaco, Stardust. All up together - last one down wins. Alan Jenkins took the flag this week with 21 minutes, second was Neil Spencer.

Stardust kits are available for anyone who would like to build their own. Contact Alan Mayhew for details.

Wing bags

Sept 24 Jimmy Fisher asks for advice on [Facebook](#) about making wing bags and gets some helpful tips.

Danny Malcman. The cheapest, yet long-lasting is laminated bubble wrap, sealed at the edges with a straight edge and a heat gun.

Trent Smith. Go to Bunnings and buy some [timber floor underlay](#); it's foam with silver foil on one side. Staple and tape around the edges.

Mark Irwing. If you have a backyard pool [the covers](#) make great bags. As the cover needs replacing every 2 to 4 years there's always plenty of spare because you never seem to be able to get your exact pool size.

Steve Mohr. I'm not sure what you think cheap is, but I made a heap of wings bags out of this. One roll, and it's working really well. If you're rough with your gear, perhaps consider something else. I've first double-sided taped the halves, then zig-zag stitched to permanently close. Velcro on the ends joins them up.

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VARMS Office bearers

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VARMS inc. was formed in 1968 to bring together aero-modellers who were interested in building and flying radio-controlled gliders. Members fly at many places and the club has a new base on Police Paddocks at 1405 Stud Road Rowville, an outer eastern suburb of Melbourne, Australia with the assistance of Knox City Council.

VARMS organises competitions in slope and thermal soaring and members operate models from fun-fly to scale, open competition, aerotow, bungee, winch and electric gliders. Members also fly a range of power and rotary wing models.

General Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month (except January) at the club rooms in Rowville (8:00pm in Daylight Saving). Visitors are welcome. Formalities, and sometimes a special presentation, are usually followed by lively discussion on matters of interest to aero-modellers followed by a cup of your favourite brew.



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