

# The Free Flighter

## Journal of the NSWFFS Inc

### July 2020



Shannon Tolmie  
retrieving his F1C at Denman

## **Editorial August 2020**

Hi Team, we have been trying to schedule a general meeting for some time now and Covid-19 has dashed our plans every time. We are now trying to reschedule the meeting for 2 August on the field at Richmond after flying. It is important that all members know what the executive has been doing on your behalf and what is planned for the future. We will continue to try for 2 Aug and will advise if weather is uncooperative. At the very least we can manage social distancing and Covid-19 precautions.

Memberships fees are due now! In fact, if you have not paid your MAAA registration fees you are uninsured. Please be advised that the \$10 discount which the MAAA applied to the annual fee expires on 31 Jul 2020 and the annual fee to join the NSWFFS (which includes MAAA fee) will increase to \$120.

Friday flying is increasing in popularity and the weather advice each Thursday seems to be working a treat. Thanks to Gary Pope for filling in for me in my absence and sending out the information email. We are one of five flying clubs in the area and part from the RAAF RC club we would be the closest to the RAAF airfield. Our relationship with the RAAF is good and we want to keep it that way so the usual reporting in for permission to fly is essential. Dates to go into your diary, Australian Free Flight Society champs at Narrandera 16-21 Oct, Southern Cross Cup (SCC) 23 Oct and Wings Over West Wyalong (WOWW) 24-25 Oct 2020. This may well be our wish list due to Covid restrictions, but we will have to wait and see. You will be kept informed.

A significant amount of work has been carried out at the AB field and house. The safety fence around the flying circle is now up and level and soon to be fitted with a safety net. The request for a grant to build the shed near the flying circle was approved by the MAAA and work is underway. The wallpaper in the lounge room of the house was finally removed. There is still more work to be completed and part of Roy's work list is in the body of this magazine.

A special thanks to George Bishop who recently relined the laundry in the house. It was an exceptionally large and complex undertaking and is now the best-looking room in the house. Thanks again George for your skill and dedication.

Covid-19 is proving to be a real and current threat to our lifestyle and diverse hobby. Stay safe, healthy and follow the rules.

## **President NSWFFS**

**Terry Bond.**

## **Next Meeting (a little different) Richmond after flying 2/8/20**

With the clubs being a source of this dreaded covid 19 and members not keen to go to our normal club, we are going to try to have a meeting on the field Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August straight after the flying. There is F1G, H, & J combined, no rounds 5 flights. We will also run a combined % competition as well, 3 flights. This should suit most members, let's just hope it's a nice day. Minutes from the last official meeting we had were published in the March edition of The Free Flighter.

## TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Opening Balances

C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281	\$15,771.90
C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062	\$1,206.25
Opening Total	\$16,978.15

C.B.A 1– Deposits	\$13,173.00
C.B.A 2– Deposits	\$100.00
C.B.A 1- Payments	\$1952.93
C.B.A – Payments	\$871.00

Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 1	\$26,991.97
Balance as of 31/1018 C.B.A 2	\$435.25
Closing Total Balance C.B.A. 1 & 2	\$27,427.22

### Treasures Note,

This is not a true current balance as there are members MAAA fees to be paid and our yearly loan to the MAAA of \$3000 from our \$15,000 loan. Also we are committed for the following. Shed at the C/Line field \$7500, Safety net \$1000, plus some repairs to the rear of the house \$2500 (approx).

## West Wyalong News

George Bishop from Temora was asked if he would do some work on the laundry, well George certainly bit the bullet and has not only made it dust proof but has made it the best room in the house. It was always going to be a job that involved a lot of trades but George being George, took it on and did the lot with a little help from the West Wyalong members with the sheeting of the walls. George, we thank you very much for doing this, we owe you big time. Talking of generous donors, Geoff Potter cleaned out his roof and donated a huge amount of kits with all proceeds going to the improvements at West Wyalong, most of these kits have now been sold, thank you Geoff. We have also taken delivery of Adrian Bryant's plans cabinet, this will be installed in the MAAA container which will be done up and have all the Hall of Fame plaques on the walls, thank you Adrian. The materials for this work are being paid for by the MAAA and should be delivered in the next few weeks. Other work which was done over the NSW state champs was the removal of the wall paper in the lounge, cutting off the C/L safety fence (tops) making them in line, removal of the built in robe in bed 1, urgent repairs to the main switch board in the amenities block and the burning of the last prepared bonfire. We were donated an air conditioner and this has been installed in the lounge room, it will be a great asset in the hot summer months, the old non working one in the house has been removed.





## Scale Rally 2020

A reduced number of flyers participated this year, due to Covid 19. Still we had ten members flying a total of about twenty models. Some of the non-placing models were Cauldron, Nieuport 11, Taylorcraft, Miles Magister, Beaver, Shinden, Piper Cub, FE8, Peyret Taupin, Comper Swift, Atalante GB10, Portsmouth Aerocar, Grumman Hellcat and Sopwith 1 ½ Strutter. Many models were not trimmed and suffered minor damage. Short grass and hard ground. It shows the importance of landing on their undercarriage. Not mentioning any names (PW) but one model when being wound came off the stooge and flew into the winder, repairs needed overnight. Another model (TB) when being wound had the motor peg come through the model causing damage. (PJ) broke his Nieuport 11 on both days, landings were a bit too hard, but I am sure it will fly again. (RS) seemed to be having trouble with electricity, top flight about six seconds.

Saturday became breezy after a couple of hours, so we decided to continue flying on Sunday. First event on Sunday was a scramble followed by scale. Michael Towell flew a semi scale SE5A but suffered a broken wing early in the event. The weather was perfect for flying with barely any wind, so the scramblers did not have big retrievals.

Lots of scale models were in the air all day. Lunch was an on-field BBQ enjoyed by all. The judging for scale was for flight only and judged by fellow competitors with their choice of 1st, 2nd, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in power, electric and rubber classes.

Power	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roy Summersby	Nieuport 17
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Scott	SE5A
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Jackson	SE5A
Electric	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roy Summersby	Grumman Widgeon.
Rubber	1st	Phil warren	Lemberger LD 20B
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Wilford	Stinson Voyager
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen Bojec	Globe swift

Congratulations to all who competed, a good time was had by all. I hope by next year all will have settled down and we can hold the Trans-Tasman that was planned for this year.

Phil Warren.



Roys Nieuport 17

Photo by Thomas Wielecki



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## NSWFFS Scale Rally Richmond 4/5 July 2020-07-20

This should have been a Trans Tasman event but due to travel bans etc it was just a local scale rally. Once again the weather gods were kind to us with a near perfect day on Saturday and a very perfect day on the Sunday.

As expected, numbers were down, but I did count 18 cars on the field both days. I think this was pretty good for a non event. There was a very low key competition with competitors judging what they thought the most impressive models. A large verity of models were flown mainly rubber and power. Peter Scott's SE5a flew straight off the board and looked very nice in the air, well done Peter. Mad Jacko had trouble with his SE5a and broke the stab on both days. Roy's Stinson and Nieuport 17 performed well but he did have his troubles with the FE8. Phil Warren had his fleet of rubber models out as did many other flyers. The model that did impress me was Reg Towel's Cauldron Racer it just flew beautifully and being low wing it stood out against all the high wing jobs. There were too many people and too many models to mention them all, so enjoy the photos and think about building something and joining us next year.

Sundays scramble was run in record breaking conditions and a lot of fun was had here by those fleet footed young and able bodies. The day concluded with a B-B-Q lunch and a low fly past by a Spitfire. This was nice to see as we don't get to see a Spitfire at Richmond these day's, and never doing steep turns close enough for us to appreciate. Hopefully, next year we will be back to normal and have the Kiwi's with us to boost the number of people as well as models.

Enjoy the photos.



Photos by Thomas Wielecki

## NSWFFS State Champs A. B. Field West Wyalong 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July

This was mainly a NSW show as we only had one competitor from out of out of state. This was Albert Fathers from Qld who made the trip with his A van and stayed with us till the rains came. The Victorian's that intended to come left their run a bit late and in the end had to stay at home. Most arrived Wednesday morning and were ready for F1B and Open Power on the Thursday. Conditions were very good, the comp started at 8.00am and the 4.00min maxes were coming in. We ran to the one hour rounds and by round five all four had maxed out.

This was the perfect time to try out a DT fly off using a 3 or 4 min flight before DT. Sadly the CD (me) didn't give it a thought and a 10min fly off was held the next morning, habits die hard.

Result times in the fly off were,

Chris Hemsworth 359, Terry Bond 350, Bruce Hao 341, Gary Goodwin 308.

Open power results, Roy Summersby 540, Peter Scott 441, Warren Leadbeater 370

Friday conditions were just as good for F1A, C & Open Rubber.

F1A saw Albert with a full house 960 sec, well done Albert the only F1A flyer.

F1C saw drops in the first round by Warren and Shannon, Shannon went lean on the climb and could only manage 145, he maxed the rest, Warren who is very new to F1C made 117. The rest maxed out leaving four in a fly off next morning.

Open Rubber, both Chris and Gary maxed out with Bruce dropping his 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> flights.

Chris 540, Gary 540, Bruce 417

Once again the perfect time to try out the DT fly off after a set time, but the powers to be thought of this after it had started to rain in the night. So the results stand at this stage.

Gary Pope 960, Roy Summersby 960, Shane Mc Donald 960

Andrew Linwood 960, Shannon Tolmie 865, Warren Leadbeater 368. Terry Bond didn't put a score in he was happy just to make a few flights as he hasn't flown F1C for a long time.

The light rain kept coming; driving on the roads was OK but on the field it was certainly at ones owns risk.

We held up the flying in hope, but serious flying was not to be. There was some sport flying, Warren trimming his E36s one of which is very, very good, and the Miles family were seen flying all sorts of aircraft.

With the lack of flying the bosses got the troops working, and quite a few worth while jobs were done. Some of the main jobs were the removal of the wall paper in the lounge. The cutting of the safety net poles to a level height and the removal of the cupboard in the bedroom this makes the room much bigger. The other good job done was the replacement of the main switch and fuses in the amenities block, this was getting desperate and needed replacing, and it should solve the cutting out problems.

Sunday night. Gary Pope cooked a sit down roast pork dinner with all the trimmings for nine, well done Gary; it was certainly enjoyed by all. The property is improving all the time, and with the rain which it has had over the last few months, I think we will see good grass cover on the field very soon.

### Victorian State Champs

These were to be held straight after the NSW Champs. Some of the Victorians elected not to come due to their age and health and others left it to late to leave. The comp was still to go ahead regardless, but at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour they changed their mind and cancelled it. As it turned out in their favour the rains came and it would have been a no show. I think without the rain there would have been some very unhappy flyers that had travelled a long way to compete.

### Southern Cross Cup

The rain kept coming off and on. As well as the rain the main flying field was becoming even more soft and boggy. While it was possible to drive on the roads it was at you own risk if you left the road. A discussion was made to postpone the SCC comp; it has now been rescheduled for the Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October that is the Friday before Wings over West Wyalong, F1A, B, & C, will be run together.

When we woke up on Monday it was still raining so we all went home as planned. The drive home was wet and there was a lot of water lying around at the sides of the roads and all dams looked to be full so there was an up side to it all I suppose.

Roy Summersby



## WW Report

I was very disappointed when the 2020 1st West Wyalong Nationals were cancelled and with everything else being cancelled due to Covid19 this year I had resigned to staying home, building models and riding my motorcycle when I could. But then things were starting to look better and 7 days of competition were announced for roughly the same dates the Nationals were to be held. Things were looking up; Andrew Linwood and I were excited to be going flying again for the NSW States, VIC states and Southern Cross Cup. Well that's what we thought! A week before there is an outbreak of Covid19 in Melbourne and now suddenly the Victorians can't come. The event was to be a World Champs qualifier but with no interstate people able to travel the AFFS cancelled the World Champs qualifying component.

We headed to West Wyalong hopeful of at least getting some sort of a break and getting some flying done, but we were later to find out the weather had other ideas. Thursday and Friday was to be the NSW State Champs. Thursday was F1B and Open Power. The weather was cool but not too cold, about 9 deg at 9am with about 10km/h of wind, the models were traveling about 1.2 to 2km per 3 min flight so were staying in the property making recovery relatively easy, except for a few soft spots.

There were 4 fliers in F1B, all who maxed out after 5 rounds, Bruce Hao, Craig Hemsworth, Gary Goodwin, Terry Bond with the fly off to happen Friday morning 7:30am. In Open power there was Roy, Peter Scott and myself with Roy being the only one to max out in the 3 rounds. It was a nice start, with some F1C practice in the afternoon and some control line flying on the new hard stand after that.

Friday started much the same as Thursday accept slightly warmer by 1 or 2 degrees. The fly off for F1B was flown before I arrived so I am not sure who won F1B. There were 6 entries in F1C Roy, Andrew, Shane, Shannon, Gary Pope and myself. Only 4 maxed out, Roy, Andrew, Shane and Gary Pope and the fly off was set down for Sat morning 7:30am.

Meanwhile Albert flew F1A with some assistance from Craig, and in Open Rubber Gary Goodwin and Craig Hemsworth both maxed out so were in a fly off on Sat morning also.

On Friday night we had a nice bbq at the field for dinner in the Camp kitchen with the Miles family and a couple of other campers, followed by a big bonfire at the last of the wood heaps on the property. The children had a ball as did we and the fire burned for 3 days.

Unfortunately the fly offs didn't happen due to heavy fog on Saturday morning followed by intermittent rain. A few went off to Temora to check out the Aviation Museum while we went to town and had lunch at the Royal Hotel. Terry Bond said it was the best value for money meal he ever had. :-)

On Saturday afternoon the weather was good for a little while and I got to trim my new Super Pearl E36's I had built recently. They were easy to trim and flew beautifully. I was heckled by the gallery watching on from the house, who hoped to see a crash, but sorry to disappoint folks, it didn't happen. The ground was very wet underfoot and with some thunder storms on Sat night, Sunday wasn't looking good.

Sunday came and it was wet so we all got stuck in and did some work on the house and other bits from stripping wallpaper to fixing Bondys quad bike. There were some moments where the rain let up but the ground was very wet now and no good for flying.

It wasn't looking good for anyone flying so the powers that be decided we would have a bit of a celebration on Sunday night with Gary Pope offering to cook a roast dinner for us all. George from Temora, who had just recently renovated the laundry, arrived for some flying on Sunday afternoon had a few flights of some RC models before dinner. There were some other flights by Gary Goodwin who was again heckled by the gallery on the front verandah and sadly he broke a motor on one model and another crashed spectacularly making the hecklers very happy.

At the presentation held before dinner George was awarded a model kit and some other prizes and thanked for his efforts. Popey's dinner was very good and we all enjoyed it very much.

Until next time...Warren Leadbeater.



Photos by Warren Leadbetter



## For Sale      Kits    F/F, R/C, C/L all new in box

All proceeds go towards improvements at the AB Field West Wyalong

R/C or F/F Playboy Senior	\$120	80" by Old Fashioned Hobbies	Good
R/C or F/F Lanzo Bomber	\$120	90" by Old Timer Aircraft	Good
R/C or F/F Lanzo Bomber	\$120	90" by Old Timer Aircraft	Good
C/L Peacemaker	\$75	35.5" by Old Timer Aircraft	Good
R/C Precedent Bi Fly	\$150	48" by Balsa craft England	Good
R/C Rolladen Schneider LS3	\$120	110" Foam wings Glass Fuse	Good
2 fuselages one is T tail			
2 Max Starick Hanger Rats	\$20	each	Good
R/C or C/L Stiletto	\$50	by Dave Brown short kit	Good
Normal Shop Stuff			

We now have back in stock small bearer wood, Mylar, Tissue, Methanol, Ether, Klotz oil, P30 props and heaps of small rubber gear, & 3 boxes of 1/8 Rubber

Contact Roy on 0413588720 for prices and more details

## Work list for West Wyalong

1. Shade at control line circle. (this is under way the shed is ordered and filling for under the concrete has been delivered)
2. Sheet the back north western corner of house.  
(should happen in early August)
3. Veranda roof front (build hip)
4. Paint lounge room (early August)
5. Strip wallpaper in Bed 1 & paint
6. Fit out MAAA container





## NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2020 \*

Aug 2	State Champs F1G,H,J (Combined)	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Bruce Hao
Aug 2	Monthly Meeting following flying	Richmond		
Aug 16	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	R. Summersby
Sep 13	½ Hour Scramble +Fun Fly B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 18	Annual General Meeting	Dundas Sport	7:30 pm	
Sep 20	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Peter Scott
Oct 4	Combined % Multiple Entries	Hinton	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Goodwin
Oct 23-25	Wings Over West Wyalong All Disciplines FUN FLY	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am-Till Dark	Plenty of Room for ALL
Nov 15	Bowden comp ROG details to come 1/2 Hour Scramble + Scale rally	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Peter Jackson
Nov 20	General meeting	Dundas Sport	7.30	
Nov 27	Friday Xmas Party	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Terry & Lyn
Dec 6	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD

Notes All scrambles start at 8.00am

