

The Free Flyter

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The last Friday flying
at Richmond for 2014
December 19th 10 Happy flyer's

Minutes of General Meeting

21st November 2014

Meeting opened: 7.30pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Roy Summersby, Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Michel Towell, Jim McFall, Jim Christie, Phil Warren, Walter Bolliger, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Potter, Matt Hannaford, Donna Grey, Gary Pope, John Corby, Gary Goodwin, Goran Milosavljevic, Bill East,

Apologies

John Pennells, Geoff Mee

Guests

Reg Towell

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved Wally sec Ed

Business arising:

Nil

Correspondence In:

VFFS newsletters Oct & Nov, SAM's re Nat's. MAAA membership survey results, Minutes Presidents mid year meeting, MAAA newsletter, Terry to MAAA x 2

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter November

Treasures Report:

Accepted, Michel sec Bill

Financial Summary

September-October

Credit		Debit	
Comm Bank int	.06	R Bruce Bloor & Son (W W lease)	660.00
Registrations	1,530.00	NSW Dept Fair Trading	53.00
West Wyalong Friends + Event fees	250.00	West Wyalong (Road Base TB)	245.00
Total	\$1,780.06	WW R & R Meacham "	245.00
		WW M Campbell (AB photo)	52.74
		WW Opening expenses (banner etc)	601.68
		WW Equipment (ladders etc)TB	396.00
		Affiliations	1500.00
		Total	\$3753.42

General Business

Contest calendar 2015 tabled, Chris Bush levelled road base at W Wyalong, still more needed, Friday Xmas party in hand owners of Richmond will be there, Terry reported on Presidents mid year meeting, Michel reported on MAS meeting, Jacko to tell Cowra boys of W Wyalong New Year at W Wyalong.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm.

Editorial Jan 2015

Happy new year one and all! I am not sure how long I have been writing these editorials but it must be around 10 years. I hope all is well within our modelling community and the only thing getting older is your body and not your mind and attitude to the craft. I trust that you all received a new box of balsa and some plans from Santa at Christmas to keep you occupied over the next year.

A special thanks to Lyn Towell for catering our Friday Christmas party. As usual it was a stunning affair with ham off the bone, smoked salmon and pate de foie gras, followed by copious amounts of champagne, beer and some softies. During the feast we were joined by Pauline Saliba and managed to present Pauline with flowers and a small gift in appreciation for the use of the field in 2014.

Keeping with the timeline, the Sunday Christmas party was held in conjunction with a scramble and a SAMs vintage challenge. We had 9 starters in the scramble and the standard was fairly high considering that the weather was almost perfect. We the FFS pretty much received a walloping from the SAMs guys and they gave us a lesson. First time that I can remember that we have been beaten but they came prepared this time and deserved the win.

The 15 Dec meeting with CLAS, MAS and the FFSs went ahead with Neil Tank and Carl Bizon (Pres and VP of the MAAA) to discuss the amalgamation of the three societies. There was a fair bit of 'agro' expressed and the need for the amalgamation questioned. NSW is the only state with three disciplines recognised. Each society has its own funds and all are in a healthy financial position. Both MAS and FFS own land. Statements from the executive of the MAAA indicated that if the three organisations cannot come together in some way then the executive of the MAAA would be forced to take some action to make this occur. Further complicating the discussion was the suggestion by the VP that federalisation was in the mix and the dissolution of the states in the future was possible. This was a complicated issue and how this would occur was not explained. Gary Pope and Roy Summersby are the chief negotiators at this stage as my sometimes emotional outbursts cloud the issue. Negotiations are continuing and I will report on any significant outcome.

West Wyalong was the place to be over New Year. Arrivals commenced 28 Dec and departures on 2 Jan 2015. Some stayed in local motels and others in the house on the AB field. It was too windy to fly on days one and two, but we managed to buy some furniture from the tip and Vinnies in town. Matt and Donna I think arrived a day earlier cleaned the house, mowed the lawn (grass) and the place looked very presentable; thanks team. They both fly F1B competitively, With Donna occasionally knocking me off my perch; Matt is starting to fly power and is looking like a threat.

If my arithmetic is correct a total of 31 visitors attended the New Year at the ABV field at WW. They were; Matt and Donna, Bob Marshall, Roy and Di, Geoff and Helen, Basil Healy, Vin and Leigh, Me, Harry Sokol, Perc and Zeitha, Joe Danzic, George Bishop, Aaron Booth, Martin, Chris Bush, Craig Thornton, Peter and May, Hoffo and Suzanne, Peter and Gail, plus two locals unknown, whoops my count is wrong or I have forgotten a couple. If I have missed you please let me know. We received several apologies but next time will be better. Craig and Martin are in line for a P30 plan and some hardware, I will get onto that soonest.

That's about all folks, the rest we will discuss at the next general meeting at Harris park. Remember; Free Flighters keep it up longer!

President
Terry Bond

WOW it's the New Year already, where did 2014 go? With the years going so fast let's make 2015 a big one, get out there and fly, we have plenty planned.

Info I have been asked by those who can't come to our monthly meetings, who does what in the club, so here is a list.

President; Terry Bond, Secretary; Roy Summersby, Treasure; Tahn Stowe,
Public Officer; Gary Pope, Registrar; Barry Lee, Safety Officer; Michel Towel,
Editor; Roy Summersby,

If you have an article, or anything that you think is suitable for the newsletter, please send it to me roydi132@optusnet.com.au Please let me know of any new projects that you have started, all is of interest. Myself, I have just started on another scale job, it is a 1/8 scale PZL24. I will bring what I have done to the meeting, and will be looking for ideas on the project. If you have something to show, please bring it along.

2014 Ended on a high, with both the last contest day, as well as the pensioners Friday being well attended. First was the Sunday, combined with SAMS and NSWFFS doing battle with vintage, a scramble that attracted nine starters, followed by a BBQ Xmas party lunch.

Prior to this Friday the 12th Dec, we had the Friday early Xmas party where the champagne flowed, and our host Pauline was once again presented with flowers (Charlie doesn't buy her flowers) along with a gift voucher. Once again, a top morning, as long as one had, plan B in place.

Dave Anderson. It was sad to hear of the passing of Dave, he died a few days after Christmas. Older aero modellers the world over will know of Dave, he travelled a lot, flying A2 gliders (F1A). He always donated a trophy for the Trans Tasman glider winner, and these trophies were something special. Hope you are flying high Dave.

West Wyalong. This was the high light of the year. The property has now been used a number of times, the main occasions have been State Champs for F1A, B & C, The grand opening and a New Years Eve social that lasted from the 27th/12 to 2nd Jan. There was plenty of flying of both free flight and radio, sadly the control line models that nearly everyone had somehow, stayed in the model storage room. We were just running out of energy. It was good to see some of the locals using the radio strip; they seemed to handle the heat a bit better than us, as they stayed there most of the day. Maybe they are a bit stronger than us city folk. Shade for this area will be a must, as they are using the field about once a week. Overall, the New Year break was a huge success, with a total of thirty one people turning up. These came from Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Melbourne, Parkes, West Wyalong, Temora, & Condobolin I might have missed somewhere, but still, 31 people put in an appearance, not bad for a New Year bash with out any form of competition.

Progress and or, improvements are being made at WW each time we go. This trip saw another fridge, a gas BBQ (for the days we have a fire ban or only a few people) and a hand mower carted up from Sydney. Also bought locally were items like a large table, chairs, toaster, and more cutlery. Matt and Donna brought their ride on mower and gave the radio strip a trim, then proceeded to rough out proposed control line circles. We will have to have our own large ride on mower in the future.

Model magazines have been brought along, so we will need book shelves for these as well as lounge type chairs, and a large coffee table to make the lounge room a real club room.

The first night we christened the huge St George oven with a large baked dinner and sat down to a formal meal, after this it was all BBQs. The road work on the two wet spots into the field have just about been completed, another load of road base is yet to be spread. Chris the farmer will do this in the near future.

Shop News. Ether is back in stock and I hope to have dope by this meeting. P30 props (two types) are available again also.

Ideas Needed. How about for 2015 a one model competition? One suggestion is a Kiel Kraft small scale model. Say a high wing job to be flown in August or September. We have the plans and the printed wood on paper. More ideas please.

Numbers. At the last meeting our attendance book came to the last page, so I have bought a replacement, no big deal. Back to the old book, it started with the AGM in July 1990 so I thought I would browse through it and see the changes we have had over the last twenty five years. First I looked at the November meetings, (as we had just had one), then went to the AGMs, just in the decade years, the numbers are as follows.

Novembers	1994	18 members	AGMs	1990	23 members
	2004	16 members		2000	9 members
	2014	20 members		2015	19 members

Sadly some of the names are no longer with us as age has taken them. Also some have left our group, but it is encouraging that we are still as active at the meetings, as we have been over the last twenty five years.

First Friday 9/1/2015. Saw ten cars on the field at Richmond enjoying the sunshine and thermals. Fridays have definitely become a man's shed day



Photo by Angela Mahoney

Ian, just how small can you go?

Vale

Dave Anderson.

Travelling new highways and Byways and off into the unknown was one of Dave's main interests.

Dave is off on a new journey.

All of us here today will make the same journey.

There is no missing the bus.

No return tickets, issued.

We do not know how much time we have left.

Let us use it, Doing, GOOD.

For 30 years Dave travelled the world, flying Sail planes.

Dave had foot problems right from birth..

A/2 required more physical effort than other classes.

You had to look ahead to see where you were going.

Behind you to see where your model was going.

When Dave was on the flight line. even the Drovers dog knew he has Buckley's.

But there was always someone that knew he would do well.

That someone was Dave Anderson. He believed in himself.

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David Allan Anderson.

Died peacefully on the 28 of December 2014

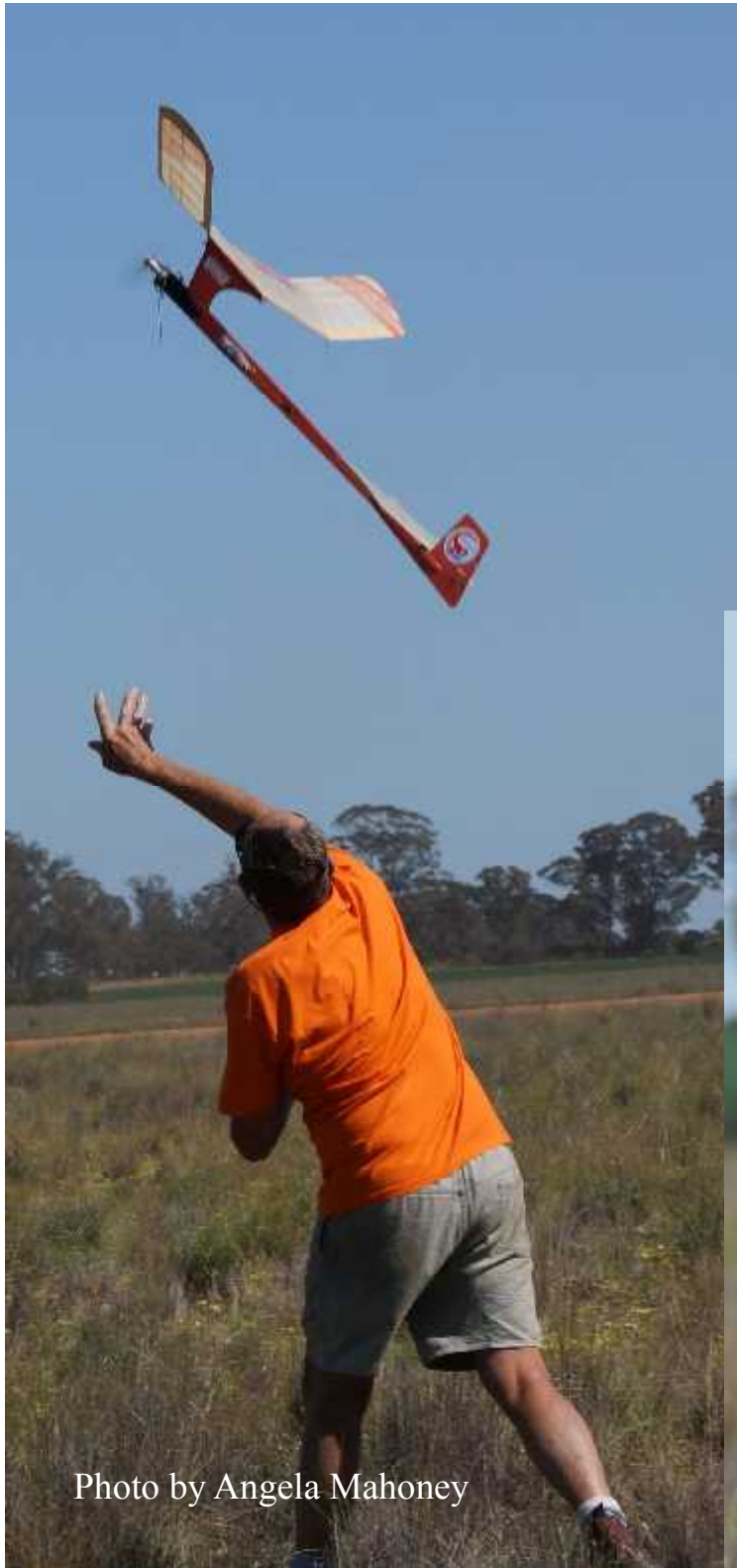


Photo by Angela Mahoney

Roy launching at West Wyalong

Peter Jackson about to launch a Scalie at West Wyalong



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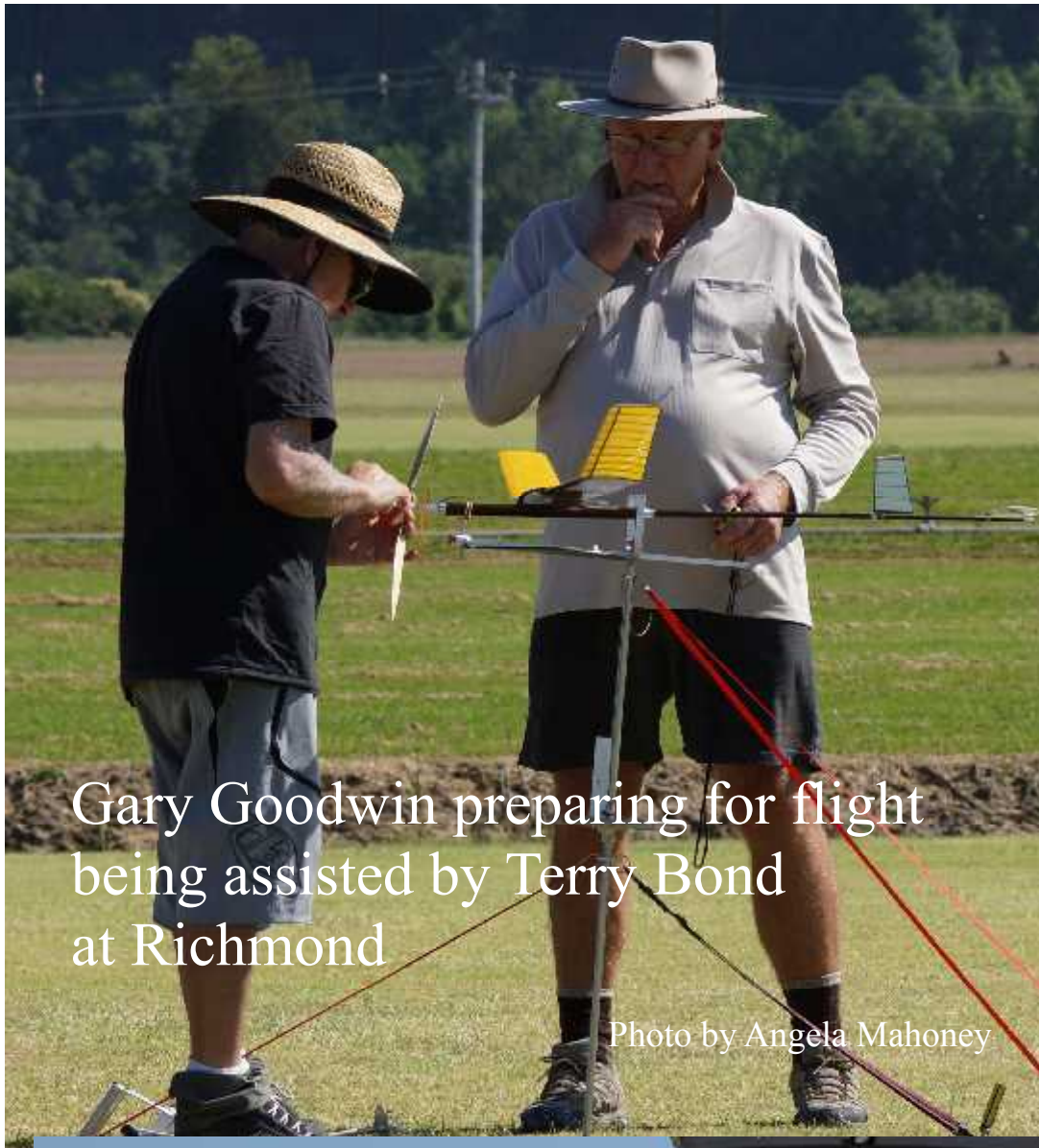
F1B about to land at AB field

Photo by Angela Mahoney



Wally Bolliger & Dave Bailey
waiting for a thermal at
West Wyalong

Photo by Angela Mahoney



Gary Goodwin preparing for flight
being assisted by Terry Bond
at Richmond

Photo by Angela Mahoney



Gary Goodwin having a conversation with
Jim Christie at Richmond

Photo by Angela Mahoney

Report on the Free Flight Scramble 14 Dec 2014

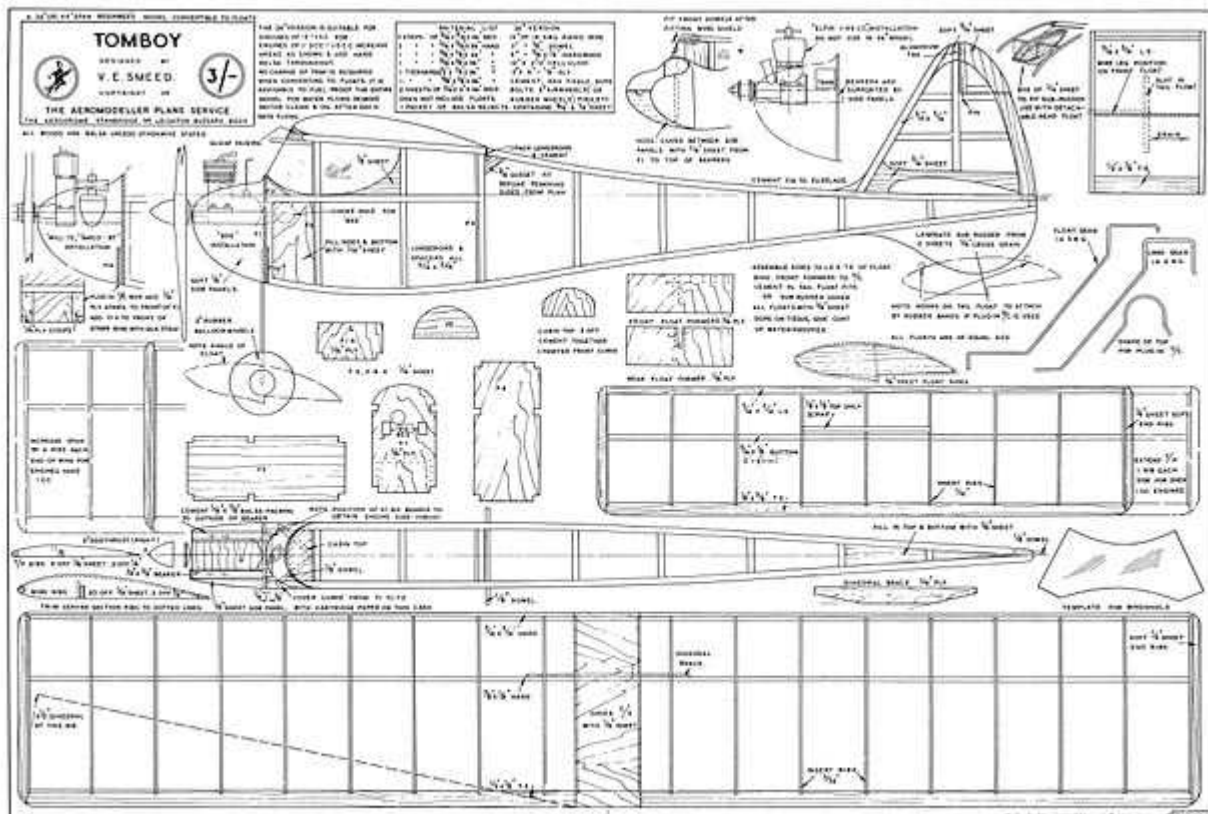
Nine starters for this magnificent event. All primed with enthusiasm, ether, and ignition improver (ammonium nitrate for the professionals). The sun was shining, the wind was absent. The runners stretched, with the blood coursing through cholesterol choked veins. Once upon a time this event was run over an hour but the times have been hard on the players; ciggies, booze, seized joints and the couch have been a significant handicap for some of our members.

The starters' gun went off about 8.00 am and the flyers leapt to the challenge; some cursing, motors put- putting and models gouging the sky. At the one minute mark several were seen to break into a sweat. Just the thought of exercising for one full half hour truly terrifying.

Three types of specialist models were on display; two carpets, three pentagonal sided models produced by the boss of the 'Braidy Bunch', the rest standard configuration. The results from first to ninth as follows; Andrew Heath 1405 (fit and really fast), Tahn Stowe 1233 (bridesmaid again), Matt Hannaford 1197 (national champ pickup your act), Scott Braid 827 (Braidy Bunch 2 quiet achiever), Peter Scott (broken toy), Adam Braid 723 (Braidy Bunch 3 future threat), Geoff Potter 690 (ran out of steam), Bruce Hao 445 (Best improved with model intact) Peter Braid 72 (Braidy Bunch 1, grand effort but needs more track work).

I thought it was a fabulous day with a bbq supplied by Barry Lee. The 'Braidy Bunch' surprised all by having four generations on the field at one time. John, Peter and wife, Adam and Scott, accompanied by several small rug rats (names forgotten by me). Well done team. Roy will report on the SAMs challenge.

An ideal model for scramble



RICHMOND SCALE RALLY 2015

4th & 5th July Richmond NSW



Come and join the biggest and best Free Flight Scale Rally in the Southern Hemisphere.

- # Dozens of Free Flight Scale models on the beautiful turf at Richmond NSW.
- # State Champs for F4A and Rubber Scale, including the Reg Jude memorial trophy.
- # Prizes for “Peoples Choice”, “Next Time” and “Spectacular Arrival”.
- # Sumptuous Buffet Dinner and Awards Presentation on Saturday night.
- # Also includes a Power Scramble on Sunday morning (8.00 am).
BBQ lunch and Control Line Fun Fly also on Sunday.
- # Hot soup and bread rolls available on the field.



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NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2015

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Jan 25	Scramble, Scale Rally, HLG/CG	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Feb 8	Combined % + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Matt Hannaford
Feb 22	State Champ, P30 + Comb Vintage	Richmond	7.00am --1.00pm	Terry Bond
Mar 7-8	Hunter Valley Champs	Muswellbrook		
Mar 14,15,16	Victorian State Champs F1 G H J O/Rubber O/power , P30, HLG/CG	Springhurst	See FFDU for Vic Program	Vin Morgan 0393872531
Mar 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30pm	
Mar 29	Combined % + HLG & C/G	Richmond	7.00am-- 1.00pm	Jim Christie
Apr 12	Final Practice for AFFS & SSC	Richmond	7.00 am	
Apr 17-21	AFFS Champs	Narrandera	See AFFS	Program
Apr 23-24	Southern Cross Cup F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am-3.00pm	Tahn Stowe
May 2-3	Veterans Gathering	Muswellbrook		
May 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
May 16-17	MAAA Conference	Brisbane		
May 18-23	Nationals	Dalby	See Nat's	Program
May 31	State Champs Scramble, +Combined %, Control Line Flying BBQ Lunch	Richmond	7.00am-1.00pm	Roy Summersby
June 20-21	NSW State Champs F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am--3.00pm	Jim Christie
July 4-5	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 4 th , Sun 5th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch	Richmond	7.00am till dark	Tahn Stowe Roy Summersby
July 17	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
July 26	Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Jim Christie
Aug 9	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Terry Bond
Aug 23	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 29-30	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 13	½ Hour Scramble + Tomboy Mass Launch. Fuller Day, Stomper, Dixielander, Zoot Suit. B-B-Q Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 18	Annual General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Sep 20	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 2,3,4,5	Combined with SAMS State Champs F1G,H,J + Vintage Power, Rubber,& Glider , ½ hour scramble	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am- 1.00pm	Roy Summersby Peter Scott
Oct 18	Combined % Multiple Entries	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Oct31Nov1	Victoria State Champs F1A,B,C,	W Wyalong	8.00am - 3.00pm	Vin Morgan
Nov 15	Vintage Rubber + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Tahn Stowe
Nov 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Nov 29	F1G, H J, (Combined)	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Dec 13	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly. BBQ Xmas Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Terry Bond
Notes 1. 2.	All scrambles start as close to Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome	8.00 am as on AB Field	Possible at W Wyalong	Plenty of room