

The Free Flighter
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Ivor Francis (F) Stowe.
10th June 1925–19th April 2015

Minutes of General Meeting

20th March 2015

Meeting opened: 7.21pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Roy Summersby, Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Michel Towell, Phil Warren, Ed Mahoney , Geoff Potter, Gary Pope, Bill East, Peter Braid, Donna Gray, Matt Hannaford, Joshua Hannaford, Timothy Hannaford, Samuel Hannaford, Garry Goodwin, Geoff Mee, Jim Christie, Wally Bollinger.

Apologies

Goran Milosavljevic, Jim McFall

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes accepted as a true record: moved sec Ed Mahoney sec Donna Gray

Business arising:

Moved to general business

Correspondence In:

VFFS newsletters Feb & March, MAAA re sport recognition. CIAM Flyer, Bruce Ramsey friends of WW,

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter March, Annual report to MAAA,

Treasures Report:

Accepted, Phil Warren sec Geoff Mee

Financial Summary

November-December, This was incorrect and corrections were made.

Nov - December

Credit		Debit	
Comm Bank int	.04	West Wyalong (origin energy)	179.21
Registrations	180.00	West Wyalong B-B-Q (RS)	50.00
West Wyalong Friends camping fees	10.00	Affiliations	180.00
West Wyalong (Miller James)	3213.00	Air League Hall rental	180.00
SCC entry	50.00		
Donation from sale of engines	200.00		
Sale 2 X T shirts	20.00		
Total	5229.21	Total	589.21

Moved Ed Mahoney sec Garry Pope that \$2000 be transferred to cheque A/C carried.

General Business

Moved, T Bond sec G Pope that we apply to run the AOC in 2018 as 2016 was not practical due to problems beyond our control, Carried. Moved, T Bond that we apply to MAAA for a grant for ablutions and improvements to the West Wyalong field, Terry to work out details, carried. Moved T. Bond sec T Stowe Roy to be delegate at MAAA conference and Garry Pope be there in support, Carried. Moved Donna Gray sec Matt Hannaford that a visitors book be bought and left at West Wyalong carried.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Editorial May 2015

Hi team; we are fast approaching our next meeting and the MAAA council conference; both held on the same weekend. Roy and Gary will be attending the conference in Queensland in my absence and hopefully all will go well. We had an extensive briefing at the field 8 May with all the documents in hand. We also had a meeting at the Royal Hotel with CL and RC to work on the next Nationals at West Wyalong on our field.

Bulletin number 1 is not yet available but will be shortly. We have contacted the Bland Shire Council and they will provide every support that they can manage. The inactive airport has been booked, Redman oval has been booked and other venues will be made available as required. This will be the only Nationals in living memory where all the venues are within 15 minutes of each other. Be patient and all the details will follow.

The AFFS and the SCC were held in Narrandera and West Wyalong respectively and the weather for the AFFS was horrible. Rain and winds in excess of 13 meters per second were common. The weather improved steadily and we had a full day of AFFS competition with all disciplines being flown. Next step, off to WW. The weather was fantastic for day 1 but a little bit breezy for day 2, but both competitions were held. Roy has the results but I am very happy to say that I beat Roy in the F1c fly off on Saturday morning. Getting the models out of trees was interesting but both retrieved safe and sound. We did get to meet some of the locals in our travels and all were cooperative.

I should mention the presentation on Friday night. The letter to Chris Bush in this newsletter will give you an idea of how much fun we had. The spit was grand and magnificent and the vegies cooked on the camp ovens delicious. Most flyers were suitably lubricated and the Chinese Team had more fun than most. They certainly knew what beer and wine was for.

More work was completed on the house and another wall was painted, with the eastern side stripped for painting. We now have a pergola on the verandah which was erected by Chris and his friend Phil (the builder).

Sadly the competition finished on the Saturday am and most headed for home. A few stayed over to enjoy the house and field and left the next day for the drudgery of home.

On a sadder note Ivor F died recently and his funeral was held at Pinegrove Cemetery, Minchinbury on 28 Apr 2015. I was present for the service and the wake which followed at the Rooty Hill RSL. It was a sad day but Ivor was sent off in style. Many people talked of Ivor's exploits and his contribution to the hobby (now a sport). I can remember Ivor in his (and my) earlier days when I was only 12 years old. The club at Doonside throbbed with enthusiastic seniors and juniors, meetings were regular and frequent and sale of balsa, fuel and engines was constant. I miss those days now and I will miss them even more with the loss of Ivor.

I will look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Remember that free flighters keep it up longer.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

Next Meeting 15th May. This Friday Night

I am not sure what Terry has lined up for this meeting, but know doubt he will entertain you with AFFS champs activities, some of which were very exciting, as well as the Southern Cross antics.

West Wyalong (AB) field keeps improving. The farmer has planted some oats for sheep food. We gave him permission to do this. This does not affect us in anyway, just improves the land. It is well out of the way and we can walk over it if need be.

The house is now looking like it gets used and lived in. Work has recently been done which includes a metal roof over the patio on the western side, painting, and more electrical work. We now have three fridges, so plenty of room for food as well as a few beers. By our state champs for A B & C in June, we will also have a washing machine, a three seater lounge and some bunk beds, all helping to make it more comfortable and easier to stay.

Gary and I are off to the MAAA conference this coming weekend; we can only hope that we receive a yes vote on our motions. If we get the grant from the MAAA that we are asking for, we will make our WW property into a proper camping ground for all flyers to enjoy. We must keep in mind that WW is a state owned field, and can most certainly be used by the RC & CL boys, many of whom camp not only in tents but with vans also. This year at the Hunter Valley champs there would have been 30 to 40 people enjoying the evening before retiring to there tent's or vans. Camping on the flying field is still popular.

June 20 -21 we will be holding our state champs for F1A B & C at West Wyalong, OK, so you don't fly these toys, but that should not stop you from coming along and flying anything you like. Bring any free flight, control line or radio model you wish, ALL WELCOME.

The front cover is of course, Ivor Stowe, with a most unusual scramble model. The photo would have been taken in the early to mid fifties. Can you identify any others in the photo? The very small head, the third head in from the right hand side is Tahn, the man with the jumper on and with someone else's head in the way looks to me like Dave Hegarty, can you help with any of the others?



Ivor again, with a tailless model built
by I think the late Bert Kynock

Eulogy for Ivor F formerly Ivor Francis Stowe

10th June 1915 - 19th April 2015



Ivor F working on some of his collection of model plane engines at his Doonside home.

Photo: Dallas Kilponen

Ivor Francis Stowe was the first born to Beverly and Harry Stowe of Birmingham England on the 10th June 1925. Apparently it was a long and painful labour a fact not overlooked by either mother or child. The family migrate to Australia in 1927 settling in Doonside.

Ivor is a “sickly” child and suffers from rheumatic fever and kidney stones by the age of 5. His parents are devout followers of the Christadelphian faith and host the local ecclesia in a room in their Cross St home. Over the next decade Ivor is joined by a brother Ronald (deceased) and two sisters Dorothy and Frances.

Doonside at this time is a largely rural area and Ivor’s domain is the Doonside creek and the “pump hole” where he builds and paddles tin canoes fashioned from galvanized sheet and packing case ends. At about this time he is given a Women’s Weekly Cabin model (a small rubber powered model aeroplane) and this triggers a life long obsession with aeromodelling.

He is enrolled at Parramatta High along with Arthur Cooper and it is here that he meets Vera.

Although his parents are conscientious objectors, after completing his matriculation and with the war in the Pacific ramping up, Ivor tries to enlist in the RAAF in 1943. He is rejected because of his childhood medical history but finds no such prejudice in the Army.

The first his mother knows of this is when she sees him in uniform on D’side railway station.

Whilst undergoing training he is involved in the recapture of escaping Japanese POW’s at Cowra and on completion of his training is then deployed to Borneo in 1945. He steps off a boat on his 20th birthday on Labuan and is saved from being shot when his captain (Greville Lushington) bayonettes a sniper who has already killed 2 of the company.

A three month stint in Japan as a medical orderly follows the Japanese surrender and eventually he is demobilized in June 1947.

At sometime during 1948 Ivor and others form the Doonside Aeromodellers Club .

In 1948 Ivor enrolls in Teachers College and studies to be a Physical Education instructor. He woos and marries Vera in 1949. (she didn't know what she was in for) and builds a house on a 5 acre block halfway between Doonside and Blacktown. Two children follow, Sand in 1950 and Tahn (Me) in 1952.

Ivor attends Sydney Uni part time and completes a BA in 1955 but also reapplies to the RAAF. He is offered appointment as a Pilot Officer in the Permanent Air Force but does not take up the commission.

Instead he becomes an English / History teacher, teaching at Granville Technical School, Westmead and Blacktown Boys High. His relationship with the Dept of Education is "difficult", telling me at some stage that his file had been annotated in large letters "never to be promoted". During this period he and Vera become very involved with the Blacktown Swimming Pool Committee which is raising money to build a 50 metre public swimming pool.

Also during the 60's Ivor quits smoking and the Doonside Blacktown Aeronautical Technicians Society (as they had become) who meet twice a week build a 34' x 18' club house at the rear of the Kildare Rd property. Ivor attends and competes in nearly every National Championship (more than 50 in total) and hundreds of kids and adults are exposed to model aircraft and aero-modelling through his various programs. A record unlikely to be equaled.

Believing his only chance of promotion is to retrain as a school counsellor, he completes an MA in psychology and agrees to do country service in the far west of NSW at schools such as Wentworth, Hay and Booligal. This is followed by a western Sydney appointment and he eventually becomes a District Guidance Officer.

He collaborates with well known model engine manufacturer Gordon Burford to produce the Doonside Mills in the early 70's the first of a couple of such projects.

Also at this time he decides to publicise spelling reform (SR1) by changing his name by Deed Poll to Ivor F.

This period sees him run in the first of his 42 City to Surfs and to put himself up for election at both state and federal elections, becoming Australia's "most unsuccessful" candidate .

The ABC crowns him their bicentennial "eccentric" in 1988. He is a serial contributor to the SMH Column 8, a cryptic crossword addict, "annoys the mouth organ", a reciter of poetry and collector of model aeroplane magazines and engines.

Ivor was always passionate about any cause he adopted and was first to put his money where his mouth was. Such causes as buying a flying field at Pitt Town (the only modeller owned field in the Sydney basin), establishing state school scholarships for meritorious / disadvantaged kids, which he funded by working after retirement, and the production of 500 control line models to teach kids to fly, are but a few examples.

No doubt there are many here today who were inspired by his enthusiasm and energy, his spring was tightly wound, and the world is a better place for his having been here.

Vale Ivor F.
Tahn Stowe

WW Southern Cross Cup - 2015

The AFFS at Narrandera was pretty much a wash and wind out but we did get one good day of flying.

Wednesday was a day of travel for all and the trip was a mighty 90 minutes on the road north on the Newell.

The Southern Cross Cup started at 8.00am on Thursday 23 Apr at West Wyalong. In contrast to the previous week the weather was sensational. The first two rounds were shortened to 45 minutes because the weather was so good. The models were going nowhere and often seen overhead. The contest ran seven rounds but only one max out. This was surprising as the weather was so good and the lift hung around ready for all to see. It seems that silly mistakes and a feeling of 'she'll be okay' penetrated the field. In the end Paul Rossiter of WA fame got the seven straight maxes. I have not included the scores; in that weather and conditions, the others do not deserved to be mentioned.

F1C and A for day two but with the weather man giving us a warning about winds in the afternoon we shortened the contest to five rounds with a fly off the next day. Overall the weather was good for the first five rounds but the wind direction and speed for the afternoon made things a bit difficult. Two flyers from A and the three from C managed to max out.

Saturday 7.30am and all on the field ready to fly. We were situated on the southern boundary with the wind relatively gentle and headed towards the house about 1.5 km away. The whistle blew and first away was Terry Bond. The wind immediately turned 90 degrees and the other two models followed while the A flyers looked on, had a giggle, and started to move to a safe location.

Terry First, Roy second and Gary third, but Terry and Roy a long way away off the paddock and out of sight at 8 and 6 minutes respectively. Both models took some time to find because of distance and trees but both were located. By the time the C boys were on their way back the A team had completed their flights and were back having a cup of tea. At this stage the weather broke and both C team members were drenched in a thunder storm. A recovery party was organised with Peter Braid, Matt Hannaford, Gary Goodwin and the two wet wonders. This included ladders, poles and ropes tied to both four wheel drive vehicles.

We met Chris Bush at the gate looking a bit worn from the night before and he gave us some strange directions which sent us into some soft earth but we back tracked and had another go through another property. On the way we met a local, Jim Black who was only too helpful and allowed us to travel across his land. He was working his land in a monster tractor preparing for his winter crop. We recovered the models fairly easily with ladder and sticks and unpaid labour. A special thanks for the help. Even Jim came over and had a look at the models.

Back to the homestead then off home after a cuppa and a shower. Matt and Gary stayed over and had a bbq that night, I am sure that there was enough reward left in the fridge to console them.

Unfortunately Tahn Stowe who had organised the SCC was not able to participate. His father had passed away some days before and he returned to Sydney prior to the event. Thanks again Tahn for the work arranging the SCC.

Terry Bond

The bloke who beat Roy Summersby

SOUTHERN CROSS CUP 2015

Results:

F1B

Paul Rossiter (AUS 20577)	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	1260
Yunsheng Wu (CHN A320213)	180	180	180	180	172	180	180	1252
Vin Morgan (AUS 19046)	180	180	180	155	180	180	180	1235
Terry Bond (AUS 3107)	180	180	148	180	180	180	180	1228
Leigh Morgan (AUS 48321)	180	170	177	180	180	180	96	1163
Donna Gray (AUS 77209)	168	156	180	132	180	180	131	1127
Matt Hannaford (AUS 30384)	176	180	162	130	180	180	109	1117
Albert Fathers (AUS 65586)	167	168	180	165	155	180	59	1074
Craig Hemsworth (AUS 8828)	180	129	180	110	180	165	82	1026

F1A

Vin Morgan (AUS 19046)	180	180	180	180	120	285	1125
Lusong Yang (CHN A51-0074)	180	180	180	180	120	234	1074
Antony Koerbin (NZL AM 4499)	180	180	176	180	120		836
Matt Hannaford (AUS 30384)	169	180	170	180	120		819
Craig King (NZL AM 3300)	180	180	180	0	120		660
Albert Fathers (AUS 65586)	146	180	180	88	0		594
Malcolm Campbell (AUS 52060)	97	119	0	0	0		216

F1C

Terry Bond (AUS 3107)	180	180	180	180	120	486	1326
Roy Summersby (AUS 2153)	180	180	180	180	120	397	1237
Gary Pope (AUS 38115)	180	180	180	180	120	229	1069

SOUTHERN CROSS CUP 2015

OPEN POWER

Gary Pope (AUS 38115)	180	180	180	540
Des Slattery (AUS 34)	131	180	180	491
Roy Summersby (AUS 2153)	180	36	180	396

OPEN RUBBER

Jim Christie (AUS 3951)	180	180	180	540
Albert Fathers (AUS 65586)	180	180	180	540
Des Slattery (AUS 34)	164	139	166	469
Paul Rossiter (AUS 20577)	68	180	180	428
Gary Goodwin (AUS 12808)	167	92	165	424



The New South Wales Free Flight Society Inc.

Dear Chris, Jenna, and Little Billy

Last Friday night was a real corker! Its success can only be put down to the efforts you and Phil made to present the assembled modellers with a real Australian welcome. Many of the people would never have experienced real fresh lamb on a spit with camp ovens buried the 'Bushy' way.

The Chinese visitors did not expect such an Australiana welcome and neither did the New Zealanders. I think they had different ideas about the sheep but there you go! I am sure that everybody had a suitable amount of lubrication, good cheer and stimulating conversation.

Especially welcome were Jenna and little Billy. I am sure Jenna was behind the scenes in the preparation of the evening and made the evening flow smoothly. The ladies enjoyed the presence of little Billy and were amazed that he was so well behaved, not like some of the senior citizens on the night.

Matt has returned to work and still talks about his hunting trip with you and Phil. No doubt he will return to enjoy similar entertainment.

All in all it was a fabulous night and thanks for making it so good. I should also mention Phil; you two blokes did a great job of the pergola and in no time at all. I have paid Lanyans the extra as well. Phil seemed to enjoy himself with the townies with the few beers that he had.

I will call you about our next trip, should be our shout next time.

Regards

Terry Bond

President New South Wales Free Flight Society

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/motor-racing-photography/sets/72157652421718205>

Link to Malcolm Campbell's AFFS & SCC photo's. Well worth a look
Very Very GOOD

Bushie food Bushie style.

The presentation dinner for the Southern Cross Cup held at West Wyalong on the Friday night was hosted by Chris Bush and Family

Chris supplied lamb on a spit and several camp ovens, the feast taking hours to prepare with a massive camp fire to provide enough hot coals to heat the camp ovens. Chris and His mate Phil also spent this time to erect the sheeting over the veranda at the side of the house. With typical builder can do skills they transformed this space for the future in no time at all.

As night fell and the guests gathered the aroma of the lamb cooking greeting you from the car park instantly drawing you the back yard. The remaining cook time was measured in beers to go. Team China and our Kiwi flyers were very impressed, we all chatted around the fire. Dinner was served with everyone helping out it all came together on time and tasted ripper. The vegetarian's baked vegies were done in the Bush family heirloom camp ovens made by the Furphy foundry in Shepparton and are real piece of Australian history.

Latter on my new mate Phil and I decided to do a bit of a camp fire cook off with his beer Damper and my Dough-boys, with golden syrup dripping down kids elbows the Chinese were keen to make some too. Both were a real hit. Some leftovers were heated up the morning after around the fire that was still burning, we had some explaining to do regarding the very tired and cold foxes that were cuddling up by the fire. Chris, Phil and myself did a bit vermin control, A ute, a few mates, a powerful spotlight and BOOM BOOM stick. Chris holds a category 'C' firearms licence for use to protect his lambs from the deadly foxes. We reduced the population by 3 and had spotted several more. Maybe another time.....

I hope that everyone had a great night and took home some stories. I certainly did. Thanks to everyone that helped make this a great night.

Matt H



FRIENDS OF WEST WYALONG FREE FLIGHT FIELD.



MEMBER NUMBER :

Just a gentle reminder if you have one of these cards, your annual subscription of \$30.00 will be due at the end of June 2015. (This does not apply to Harry Sokol who paid for 3 years in advance.) If you are a current and renewing member of NSWFFS you are already a "friend".

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2015

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
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 5 th ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L fly-ing & 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

RICHMOND SCALE RALLY 2015

4th & 5th July Richmond NSW



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- # 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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