The Free Flighter Journal of the NSWFFS Inc November 2015



Sam Hannaford Men & Machines Day

Minutes of General Meeting 18th September 2015

Meeting opened: 7.33pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Terry Bond, Michel Towell, Phil Warren, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Potter, Bill East, Donna Gray, Matt Hannaford, Wally Bollinger, Jim Mc Fall, Roy Summersby, Goran Milosavljevic, John Pennells, Gary Goodwin, Gary Pope, Geoff Mee

Apologies

Chris Birch, Reg Towell

Guests

George Atkinson

Minutes of previous meeting:

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

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence In:

VFFS newsletters August, September, MAAA Flying Day,

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter September,

Treasures Report

NSW FREE FLIGHT SOCIETY INC FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July - August 2015

CREDIT		DEBIT	
St George Bank Int.	1.27	WW Sensor Lights (PW)	50.00
Comm Bank Int	.15	WW Lights/keys (TB)	44.50
WW Friends	90.00	WW Ext Paint (MH)	100.00
Scale Entries (Chgs)	220.00	WW Alcohol (TB)	78.00
" Soup (Cash)	35.40	WW House Mats	60.00
" Parking (Cash	99.20	WW Origin Energy	165.29
" Dinner (Cash)	990.00	WW Astro Turf delivery (RC)	873.80
State Champs Entries	130.00	Postage (BL)	94.95
WW Camping Fees	290.00	Toner and Paper	154.95
Registrations	16,420.00	MAAA Affiliation	11430.00
Dave Anderson Donation	3,000.00	Scale Prizes (TS)	127.39
Don Spray Field Donation	40.00	" Toilet hire (TS)	171.00
		" Dinner	1075.00

<u>TOTAL</u> \$21,316.02 <u>TOTAL</u> \$14,424.88

Accepted, Mike Towell, sec Bill East

General Business

President Terry reported on the Unification of NSW which is going to take place next year. Terry had received a letter from MAS wanting us to get back together. In the last four years they have been against everything we have put forward or wanted to do. There was much discussion on this matter. Questions were asked why we withdrew our bid to hold the Nationals, again a lot of discussion. Roy gave an update of the improvements which are happening at West Wyalong.

Meeting Closed 9.35pm

Editorial November 2015

Hi Team, here we are again. It seems as though a huge amount of water has passed under the bridge in the last couple of months. First things first, dates to remember; 4 Dec for the Friday fliers morning celebration; 13 Dec for the Christmas BBQ and lunch plus competition.

Now for gossip, scandal and news. Work on the house at West Wyalong has progressed at a rapid rate. The working committee has made several decisions lately and we now have a shed on the RC field complete with a shade shelter. The shelter was always intended but the shed was a bargain to good to miss. In the house we now have vinyl in the kitchen, dining room and the lounge room. Thanks again to the estate of Dave Anderson for the money and an amazing amount of unpaid hard work the work from Roy, Di, Reg and Lyn Towell. Roy has also covered the rear wall of the house in fibro/hardiboard. It was too badly sun damaged to paint. Roy Summersby, our secretary and member on the working committee has put us all in the shade in more ways than one. His enthusiasm and energy are unbounded and he should at least receive a life membership award for the hammer, chisel and shovel. Photos and a further explanation of the work to date will be featured later in this newsletter.

Despite the work carried out by members of the FFS Chris Bush our lessee has been more than help-ful when it comes to assistance. He has helped with his bobcat, harried contractors on our behalf, supplied his spit at no cost on occasions, and provided information when and where necessary for us to save money. Thank him and offer him a beer when you next see him.

I recently attended a function at the Merrylands Bowling Club to celebrate MAAA life membership awards for Val Vickers, Joan McIntyre, and delayed presentations for Ivor F to be accepted by Tahn. It was a relatively small function with 30 attendees for dinner with meet and greet. The whole of the MAAA executive was present as they had intended to meet the next day for a meeting with any interested party. The presentation went well until some not quite kosher comments were made about Ivor, quite factual but inappropriate at the time. As a result Tahn and Liz left early.

During 2-5 Oct were our state champs for F1G, H, J, Vintage plus a SAMS competition Saturday and Sunday. The house was fully booked and a reasonable number of FF fliers started flying early. The SAMS guys started at a more civilised hour but missed the joy of early morning sunrise and light weather. Results later in this newsletter but all participants were amazed at the work which had been carried out on the field to provide services for the fliers. Free flighters are accustomed to Spartan facilities but the flush toilets and showers provided in the machinery shed were very much a novelty. It was expressed on more than one occasion by visiting ladies that 'there really is a flush toilet and proper toilet paper'. The ladies appear to like this better than a long drop with spiders.

Chris Bush again came to the rescue with his spit and camp ovens, cooking two lambs with veges. It was a magic success with free wine with dinner and entertainment by the fire, and a very successful raffle. Both prizes donated by Peter Scott were extra special, a compressor and vintage model kit. Gail poured on the charm and sold a heap tickets. Thanks team. The weekend was a great financial and public relations success. SAMS wish to return in 2016.

Additional work it still to be completed with services to be constructed for the 'caravan park/tent area'. A camp kitchen and cooking facilities are also planned in the machinery shed.

The 'Men and Machines' weekend at the Anglican school at Cobbity went off like a cracker. We started with a static display mostly Matts models, Roy with a glow motor which failed to start a second time and I produced an F1C folder. The folder was noisy but could not outdo the monster

funny car next door. MAAA provided 400 chuck gliders and Matt Hannaford, Tahn Stowe and I produced some special gliders for sale on the day. I did not get a chance to get any photos... too busy making, trimming, selling and repairing models on the day. Special mentions go to Matt Hannaford and boys especially Sam,(who supervised the paper plane contest) Donna Gray, Roy Summersby and the customers who purchased the goodies. This function could be a whole lot more profitable and increase our profile with just a touch more participation and some additional ideas.

The unformed administration system is still being discussed at all levels and full implementation due to commence Jul 2016. It should not affect the NSWFFS in any significant way but some systems may need to change. In some respects it may make the workload easier.

That's about all folks, I could say a hundred more things, let somebody else have a turn. Remember free flighters keep it up longer.

Terry Bond
President NSWFFS

State Champs F1G, H, J & Vintage

This was held at West Wyalong when SAMs were there. Weather conditions on the Saturday were good but for some reason quite a few flyers had various problems myself, included. F1G. Had five flyers and gentleman Jim came out on top in the fly off.

Jim Christi Max + 177 Garry Goodwin 292 Mat Hannaford Max + 143 Graham Maynard 283

Albert Fathers 546

F1J. This only had two starters.

Terry Bond 583 Roy Summersby 230

Bruce Hao was there with a new model but we didn't get him in the air till Monday morning. He was put out of action on Saturday when testing; he glided in to a car door damaging a D box.

F1H. No scores recorded.

Scramble

Sunday started with a ½ hour scramble of only three.

Conditions were good in the early morning.

Matt Hannaford 1163 Michael Towell 1109 Aaron Booth 877

Vintage had eight starters

The wind was up by 9.00am and became much worse as the day went on.

Roy Summersby 533 (P) Jim Christi 180 (R)
Colin Collyer 454 (G) Adrian Bryant 171 (R)
Peter Scott 357 (P) Albert Fathers 137 (R)
Albert Fathers 193 (R) Graham Maynard 152 (P)

Some of these flyers could only manage one flight due to the wind (gale) arriving.

An excellent get together was had on the Saturday night with the SAM folks. Chris Bush put on his famous bush tucker; Adrian once again entertained the crowd with poetry.

We had a good report on West Wyalong from the SAMs boys in their magazine Duration Times No196. It seems that we have their stamp of approval on all aspects of the Adrian Bryant flying field.





Last Meeting

Not a lot to report on this, as it was the AGM meeting. Plenty of talk' on the unification of NSW, this will be resolved at a meeting on the 28th November in Melbourne. There was much more talk on why, we are not running of the nationals.

Questions were thrown up like.

After 68 years of nationals it can't be to hard, so what's the problem? What is the MAAA for, if it's not supporting and encouraging competitions? If we don't have competitions we won't need rules, that would take a big work load of someone at the top. So all we get is insurance, is that all the MAAA is going to do for us. I know a small portion of our fees go to cover insurance, what are they going to do with the balance of our funds? First they knock back the buying of the land we wanted, and then we are forced to amalgamate, now no nationals, what's next? How long do we have to put up with this from the MAAA?

Some of us do get to see MAAA balance sheets, but the average modeller has no idea where the money goes. There are a lot of modellers out there who are very disappointed, not only in not having Nationals but with the MAAA in general, lets hope things improve very soon.

(Not necessarily the views of the editor just general talk inside and outside of meetings)

Next meeting 20th November

Now the Nat's is dead and buried, the unification is near settled, we should be able to get back to some enjoyable meetings. Let this one be a good "show and tell night". Bring along something that you are working on, no matter at what stage. Or a range of engines that you like, if you like them, so will others. How about old photos, they could be interesting.

Whatever you bring it will be better than the discussions from the last two meetings.

Airborne & other Mags

I bought one, the first in what must be twenty years, why you ask, well Malcolm Campbell managed to get an article published, and it's in No 264 on sale now. Malcolm's article is on the world champs in Mongolia. Malcolm has been asked to do another article for the next issue so maybe free flight will get some exposure. Free Flight Quarterly also had a good report on Mongolia.

Aeromodeller November 2015 No 942 had an interesting article on GPS location trackers in models. Still the best free flight magazine in the world is Free Flight Down Under. Malcolm Campbell somehow just gets better and better. Last issue 40 pages and great photos, if you don't get this mag you should, ask me and I will give you the info on how to receive your copy.

Friday Xmas Party

This will happen on the 4th December. As usual this is a Friday not to be missed, some flying, some drinking, and some eating, everything provided except your chair.

Sunday Xmas Party

This will happen on the 13th December a much bigger affair, B-B-Q lunch. B-Y-O FOOD as well as your chair. ½ hour scramble, Vintage comp with SAM's and general fun flying.

Rules.

The committee has come up with a set of rules for West Wyalong; they are attached to this newsletter. Some are obvious, some might need refining as time goes on but we do need some guide lines so we are starting with these.

Email. Get your copy of this mag for many more photos

Give your email address to Barry Lee barrylee@internode.com

The NSWFFS held an information/ display stand at the Men and Machines show held on the grounds of the Macarthur Anglican High School October 17^{th.} With perfect weather, we saw over 3000 people through the gates. The show has a variety of exhibitor's like, Show Cars, Bikes, Racing cars, Dragsters. Helicopter joy flights and lots of things we typical blokes like. Especially the fly over of a Cessna A37 Dragonfly.

Our stand consisted of a static display of free flight models, Terry Bond running up a F1C motor at times, WOW didn't that make some noise and get some attention! We had information regarding our models, club contact details and membership.

We also had chuck gliders for sale, Tahn, Terry and Matt had built 90 Balsa wood gliders between them and Roy with the help of the MAAA supplied 400 kit form gliders.

Jr Sam Hannaford hosted the paper plane competition which was free for anyone keen. Throw for distance! Prizes were given to some pilots and winners.

There was some interest in what we do by some fellow modeller's and many stopped in for a chat, Kids were interested in having a go at the paper planes where they had to fold their own design, This lead to many chuck glider sales. Mums and Dads had the choice of our design and the MAAA Glider assembled or in kit form. All were \$5 each. We advised kids depending on their age which glider to pick, The MAAA glider was an easy sell and to put together they didn't require trimming which helped on the day, they also look more attractive with the red and blue colour scheme.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time, resources. Terry for the Chuckie's and time on the day. Tahn for the Chuckie's, Roy who travelled from the central coast and delivering the MAAA gliders, Geoff Potter, Matt, Donna and kids with setting up this event. MAAA for the gliders.

Chuck glider sales for the day totalled \$530. Not a bad day's work I think!



The MAAA Chuck Glider.





West Wyalong.

A reasonable turnout of SAM fliers turned up for the first contest to be held here. Some came to see this new place and some to fly old timers, anywhere, anytime. The new shower and toilet facilities, and flight-line room were good. I think that we need to decide for the future what area we are to use as a take-off area so that it can be mowed before-hand. Some of the smaller models in 'Antique' got tangled up with the daisies, but we overcame that by hand-launching problem models. The bigger models had no trouble.

The Saturday events got underway in good weather. '38 Antique being flown first. Four people made the fly-off. Kevin Fryer beat me into second place with Condo third. Kevin used his favourite model type – used in everything including ½ A Texaco – a Cumulus. This was powered by a Forster 99 as was my Record Breaker. Condo flew a very nice Westerner with a Made-well 49.

Next up was Burford, again, perfect conditions. The fly-off was a low time event, with the winner – me – flying a Zoot Suit, but managing only 354 seconds. Grant Manwaring was second and Condo third. I had flown off to the right, over the farm house and ended up with much better air.

Duration ran late into the afternoon. Peter Van De Waterbeemd left his model on the kitchen table at home so used my spare. After a rapid repair to keep the tail on the model (the fuse-lage on the Stardust is quite fragile in many places) he got into the fly-off. The winner was Condo, with his Playboy – McCoy spark combination, followed by Kevin Fryer with his Cumulus, again a McCoy up front, and Dave Brown flying his old maid of all work, the 85% Bomber came in third. My model was set up fine in the end but a slide control on the throttle got bumped forward so that when I shut the throttle at the end of a perfect climb, it didn't stop! When I worked it out and it did stop it was very high and 3 seconds over the allotted run time of 40 seconds. Sometimes slide controls can catch you out.

The Saturday evening 'do' went well, with plenty of lamb and veggies for all. Local lamb on a spit and the vegetables were cooked in camp ovens. A lot of people including quite a few locals attended. It was good to see a lot of kids having a good time, and being well behaved. There was a big camp fire, all we needed was a bush band. Plenty of free wine – the wine waiters did a good job, too good in a couple of cases!

Sunday morning was different. I went to fly free-flight – combined vintage, where even a short engine run and D.T meant a long retrieve. Luckily the paddock allows the use of a van. I put in my three flights and was pleased that my Eureka went into a perfect glide every time in trying conditions. I think Roy's Swiss Miss ended up miles away, in a tree on a three minute flight.

The radio scramble was about to start when I got to the SAM part of the field, I didn't have a model for this as I hadn't expected free flight to be over so soon. It was interesting to watch close-up. People are getting very efficient at doing this. I was impressed with Jim Rae's Buggaboo model – neat and strong, not sure on the results though.

½A Texaco was flown in a very stiff wind. I'd brought the one model that I'd found hopeless in wind and turbulence. I finally fixed this by giving away the wing and tail, then destroyed the fuselage. I salvaged the hard ware. I couldn't be tempted to fly it again!

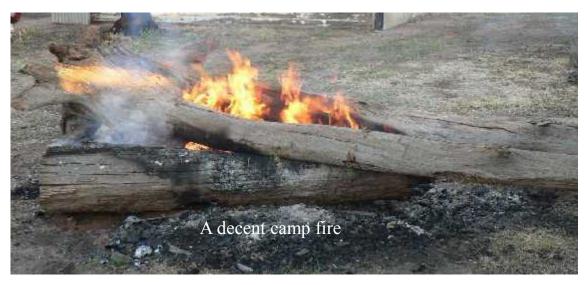
Plus, extra space for my new Li'l Diamond in the model storage area. Jim won this event with his Pine Needle, making a score of just 402. Next up was David Beake with a Stardust Special, nearly 100 seconds behind, and third was Peter Van De Waterbeemd with 269 seconds. These are not flyoff times but the overall times for the whole contest. Enough said!

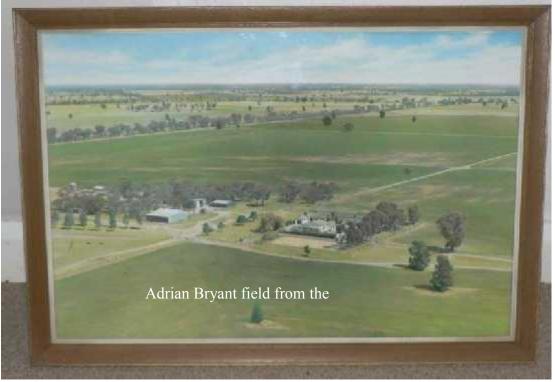
We didn't fly Texaco as it was too windy. Condo won 'Top Gun' – no surprise there. Col Collyer lost a model – now you see why I use a tracker and have my name and address on my models, Col. I'm sure it will turn-up as it is mainly open country.

I thought that it was a good weekend. You can't do much about the weather, but, as ever, the company was good and Gail and I enjoyed ourselves.

Thanks to the Free Flight Society for hosting the event and providing the spit-roast. West Wyalong should be a top flying venue for all events in the future. A lot of people have tried hard to make this happen. SAM should support their efforts by running events there in the future.

Peter Scott.





West Wyalong Update 2

Development Committee

Over the last two months much work has taken place. The building which was the old farm work shed is now an amenities block. Two portable buildings comprising of a shower and toilet in each were transported from the Central Coast and have been installed inside the shed. These naturally have hot and cold water via the existing tanks and boosted by a pressure system. Waste is disposed of in a new septic system which has an external dump pit for vans. The remainder of the floor has been concreted, it was only ever half done. We are planing a camp kitchen in the building, this will have, B-B-Q, sink, fridge, microwave, table and chairs. External power and water will also be available for vans and campers. This area had sixty years of farm rubbish piled in great heaps, this has been removed along with a very broken down shed. The whole site is now a very nice van and camping site amongst small trees. When the grass grows back it will be even better.

As we had two buildings being transported from the central coast it made sense to buy another small building and have it taken on the same truck. This is been placed near the RC runway just behind the shade, making this a great little club house, morning tea, or just a have a chat room, when it's too windy to fly.

Plenty of work has been taking place on the house as well. The committee decided to spend the money left to us by Dave Anderson to refurbish the floors. This has made a huge difference to the house. The filthy carpet in the lounge has been removed, along with the vinyl and Masonite from the dinning and kitchen areas. This was a time consuming job as the vinyl had been glued to the Masonite which in turn was heavily stapled to the old floor boards. The floors now have new Masonite and vinyl laid, and looks just great. With some carful cutting there was enough vinyl left to do the bathroom, so this has a new floor also. I would like to add that this work has been completed by our members; I don't think we could have afforded it otherwise.

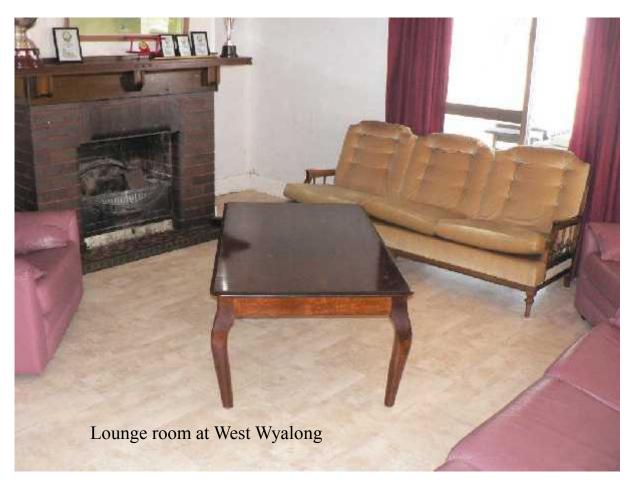
We did try our best to tidy up the dinning room ceiling but gave up, and it was decided to re sheet and re cornice this room with Gyprock. This was the most practical way to make a job of it. New solid core doors have been fitted to the back and model room, the front door is still sound so it stayed. New locks have been fitted to these three external doors.

The back yard which plays a big social part has changed also. The rear wall where the weather-boards have deteriorated due to weather damage have been covered with Hardiflex, once again the best solution. Some levelling has taken place in the yard and most of the ground has been covered with the Astro turf that we transported from Sydney; hopefully keeping a lot of dirt and dust out of the house.

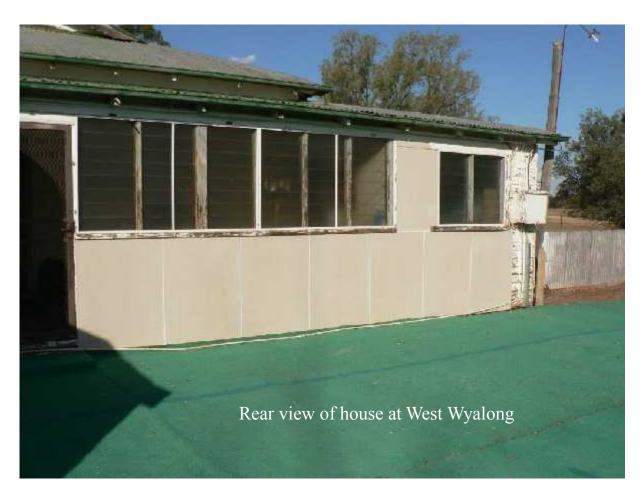
There is still a bit of work to be done, so don't feel that you have missed out. The work is mainly the painting of the lounge, dinning room, external doors and back wall. Other work which is in hand is new skirting in the dinning room, fitting of a Roll-A-Door on the garage, metal roof on the RC shade, levelling and Astro turf under shade, piping on the road just before the house, and some electrical and plumbing work.

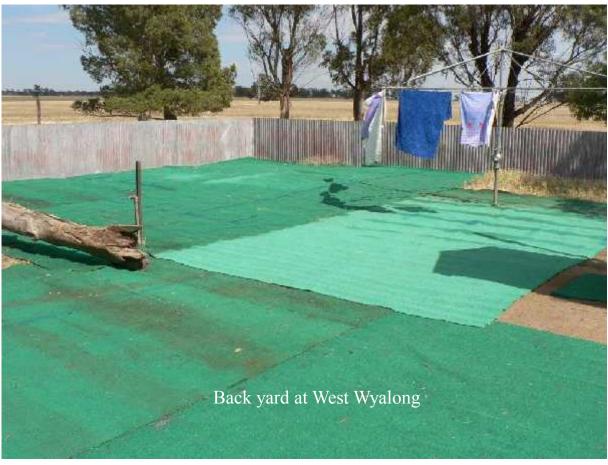
In the twelve months that we have owned the property we have turned a very run down derelict old house into a neat a tidy home. Our thanks go out to all those that have helped in both labour and donations of furniture and fittings. We would like to name you all but the fear of missing someone stops us from doing that. You know who you are and we say thank you very much.

Roy Summersby Member Development Committee 1 Nov 2015

















West Wyalong Rules

House Sleeping

Maximum 9 persons

Must be members of NSWFFS or invited guests

Cost \$10 per head per night, no exceptions (children under 15 free)

Must book through Donna before going **TEXT** her on 0439900114

Must supply own bedding, towel etc, plus bed if one is not available

House has some beds

House must be left as you found it (clean and tidy)

No dogs in the house

No smoking in the house

No charging of electric powered models in the house

(Charging facilities in garage)

All your rubbish must to be taken away with you

House Day Visitors

You are welcome to mugs, tea, coffee, sugar and milk only (If you use it, clean it, then put it away)

Camping

Must be NSWFFS members, Friends of West Wyalong or invited guests Must book through Donna before going **TEXT** her on 0439900114 Cost \$10 per head per night, no exceptions (children under 15 free) All your rubbish must to be taken away with you

Facilities include

Showers and toilets, both male and female, table and chairs

Camp kitchen, B-B-Q, Microwave, fridge

Power and water in shed

Field and General

If you are going to the field to fly, (not on an organised weekend) notify Terry, Roy, Matt or Joe before going

Terry 0417027579 Roy 0413588720 Matt 0421876170 Joe 0427722855 (local)

Entrance Gate must be kept shut unless told otherwise

Dogs must be on a lead at all times (it is a sheep farm)

No Smoking on the field

Motorised retrieval may be used on the field.

In competitions vehicles must go around back of flight line so not to obstruct

Timekeeper's line of sight, CD will advise

No rubbish to be left on field

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2016

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
Dec 30 Jan 2	New Years Eve BBQ & Fun Fly Maybe a Comp or two, (decide there)	W Wyalong A.B. Field	Flying Early Morn & Late eve	If you want to go tell Roy
Jan 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30pm	
Jan 24	Scramble, Scale Rally, HLG/CG	Richmond	7.00am – 1.00pm	Gary Pope
Feb 7	Combined % + Scale Fun Fly	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Matt Hannaford
Feb 21	State Champ, P30 + Comb Vintage	Richmond	7.00am1.00pm	Terry Bond
Mar 5-6	Hunter Valley Champs	Muswellbrook		
Mar 12-13-14	Victorian State Champs F1 G H J O/Rubber O/power, P30, HLG/CG	Springhurst	See FFDU for Vic Program	Vin Morgan 0393872531
Mar 18	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30pm	
Mar 20	Combined % + HLG & C/G	Richmond	7.00am 1.00pm	Jim Christie
Mar 27	Final Practice for AFFS & SSC	Richmond	7.00 am	
Apr 8-14	AFFS Champs	Narrandera	See AFFS	Program
Apr 16-17	Southern Cross Cup F1A,B,C	W Wyalong	8.00am-3.00pm	Matt Hannaford
May 7-8 May 7-13	Veterans Gathering World Control Line Champs	Muswellbrook Perth		
May 15	State Champs Scramble, +Combined %, Control Line Flying BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am-1.00pm	Roy Summersby
May 20	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
May 28-4	1 st West Wyalong Champs, includes NSW State Champs for F1A,B,C	W Wyalong A.B. Field	8.00am3.00pm	NEED Input What events etc
July 2-3	Scale Rally Weekend. Scale comp Sat 2nd, Sun 3rd ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L fly- ing & BBQ Lunch	Richmond BYO Food	7.00am till dark Trans Tasman	Tahn Stowe
July 15	General Meeting	Harris Park	7.30 pm	
July 24	Combined %	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Jim Christie
Aug 7	Combined %, Multiple Entries.	Richmond	7.00am- 1.00pm	Terry Bond
Aug 21	Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Tahn Stowe
Aug 27-28	Cowra Oily Hand Weekend	Cowra		
Sep 11	½ Hour Scramble + Tomboy Mass Launch. Fuller Day, Stomper, Dixielander, Zoot Suit.	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	John Corby
Sep 16	B-B-Q Lunch Annual General Meeting	BYO Food Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Sep 18	Combined % 5 flights	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Matt Hannaford
Oct 1-2-3	NSW State Champs F1G,H,J + Vintage Power, Rubber,& Glider, ½ hour scramble	W. Wyalong A.B.Field	7.00am- 1.00pm	Roy Summersby
Oct 16	Combined % Multiple Entries	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Oct 29-30	Victoria State Champs F1A,B,C,	W Wyalong	8.00am - 3.00pm	Vin Morgan
Nov 12-13	Wings Over West Wyalong + Scale Rally all disciplines FUN FLY	W Wyalong	7.00am- till dark	Plenty of room for everyone
Nov 18	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Nov 27	F1G, H J, (Combined)	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Dec 11	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly.	Richmond BBQ Xmas	7:00am – 1:00pm Lunch BYO	Terry Bond FOOD
Notes 1. 2. 3.	All scrambles start as close to Sport FF, CL,& RC Flying welcome BYO FOOD, DRINK & CHAIR to	8.00 am as on A.B. Field ALL BBQs at	Possible at W Wyalong Richmond	Plenty of room