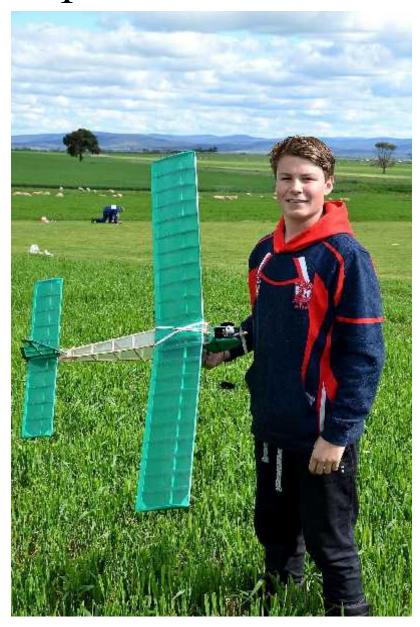
The Free Flighter Journal of the NSWFFS Inc September 2015



Chris Birch with his first model

Minutes of General Meeting 14th July 2015

Meeting opened: 7.15pm President Terry Bond in the chair.

Present

Barry Lee, Tahn Stowe, Michel Towell, Phil Warren, Ed Mahoney, Geoff Potter, Bill East, Peter Braid, Donna Gray, Matt Hannaford, Wally Bollinger, Neville Frazer, Jim Mc Fall, Roy Summersby, Goran Milosavljevic, John Pennells, Adam Braid, Peter Braid, Gary Goodwin, Gary Pope, Reg Towell, Jim Christie, John Corby, Peter Scott, Gail Scott

Apologies

Steve Rothwell

Guests

Carl Bizon VP of MAAA

Minutes of previous meeting:

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

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence In:

VFFS newsletters June, July MAAA Conference Determinations, Dave Anderson donation,

Correspondence Out:

The Free Flighter July, Letter of thanks to Dave Andersons estate,

Treasures Report:

May - June 2015

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2.86	WW Household Items	130.19
90.00	WW 5 Fold up Tables	187.45
220.00	WW Visitors Book	65.39
340.00	WW House Maintenance	607.40
270.00	WW Origin Energy	244.30
210.00	Labels	27.45
130.00	Toner and Paper	154.95
360.00	Council Conference	447.70
3000.00	MAAA Affiliation	60.00
	SCC Prizes	150.00
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Accepted, Gary Pope, sec Gary Goodwin

General Business

President Terry, outlined the first stage development programme for West Wyalong, this was put to the meeting. Moved Terry sec Gary Goodwin Carried. Terry had planed to give more detail on this at a later stage of the meeting but due to the hall being double booked this was not possible as the meeting had to close early. Tahn produced the first Nat's bulletin which was handed to MAAA VP Carl for distribution. Roy passed around a MAAA promotion pamphlet available for the public. The floor was handed over to VP Carl and he spoke on his ideas on the unification of NSW. This talk was getting interesting when we had to close the meeting due to the double booking. Meeting Closed 8.35pm

Editorial September 2015

Hi team, it is that time again; AGM time and that means elections. Do not shy away there is always a job for you. On this occasion we already have nominations for all positions except treasurer. I/we will be looking for an eligible person for this relatively simple task. Tahn has worked his best for a long long time and has in fact achieved a sort of magic and put us in a very good financial position.

Along with the retirement of executives comes a special mention. This year in particular has been our horribilus. The whole executive has been busy with all manner of extra duties. This does not just include renovations to our mansion in West Wyalong and the surrounding lands, but includes the unification of the three societies in NSW. Quietly plodding on in the background is our registrar Barry Lee with Jim Christie collecting the Friday parking fees and supporting our contests as CD. Our society is really thankful for all the help our members provide. The committee works hard but can only function with the support of all members.

Roy Summersby and Gary Pope have tirelessly negotiated detail after detail with the vice President of the MAAA and other representatives of CL and MAS societies in NSW. There is now a solution and this was presented to all members present at the Jul general meeting. The same presentation was made to CL and MAS on different dates. I would suggest that there is still a way to go with changes to administrative rules and possible changes to the MAAA constitution. The MAS meeting was the most interesting with our executive on hand to see and hear presentation by Carl Bizon. Unfortunately we were asked to leave before the presentation. Ejected was a better term!!!! It would seem that MAS were not at all happy with the MAAA solution. This could be called the night of the 'blue shirts'.

All of the planning and negotiating came to naught with the Nationals. Despite several revisions of the business plan it was not accepted by the President of the MAAA. Bulletin 1 was finally issued on 20 Aug by the secretary of the MAAA as an indicator of attendance but did not give approval for the FFS to run the nationals. This did not provide sufficient time for all administrative procedures to take place. At this stage the coordinator for the nationals resigned. The committee was thanked for their efforts and apologies made to West Wyalong Council.

Four members of the FFS attended the world champs in Mongolia; three in F1c and one in F1A. Roy our very own world champ managed a very creditable second behind a red hot 'Slava'. You may remember him, he coached us a couple of years ago in F1C. I managed a fair eighth tying with Babenko a previous WC, Phil Mitchell tenth in F1A. Mongolia is a very interesting place and I can recommend it for a holiday provided you are not vegetarian. A full report is available in the FFDU.

Work is progressing at WW with the cleanup in progress. Chris Bush has been using his Bobcat to tidy up the rubbish in and around the trees and work is due to start on the concreting for the machine shed before the delivery of the toilet blocks. A small amount of electrical work will need to be completed in and around the house and we will ask Percy Wright to do his trade certificate again after a 50 year layoff.

It's a happening world out there and we are attached to it. Remember that free flighters keep it up longer.

President NSWFFS Terry Bond



WESTWYALONG

October 2, 3, 4, & 5 2015



SAMS Events (see SAMS Flyer in Duration Times)

FREE FLIGHT Events

\$10 total entry

Saturday 3rd 38 Antique

Burford

Duration

Sunday 4th

Cabin Scramble

1/2 A Texaco

Texaco

Saturday 3rd

1/2 Hour Scramble

7.00am

F1 G, H, J 5 rounds 8.00am – 1.00pm

(State champs)

Sunday 4th

Vintage Power

Vintage Rubber

Vintage Glider 8.00am – 12.00 noon 3 Flights.

Will combine if entries small

Saturday Night

Lamb Spit Roast with Camp vegetables and Bread Roll Red and White wine provided. *\$15 per head* Juniors free (minus wine). BYO chair



Notes

Flyers who are current Friends of West Wyalong or Registered through NSWFFS pay entry fee only. Those flyers who are neither, will need to pay an additional fee of \$10 for the weekend. Friends of West Wyalong is \$30 per year 1/7/15---30/6/16 Everyone welcome to fly any sort of model. Please on the $3_{rd} \& 4_{th}$ keep out of the way of the competition flyers.

Front Cover Story

Chris Birch, with his very first model, the classic Tomboy. The photo was taken at the Cowra oily hand weekend. Chris flew his first competition there and placed second in the scramble only a few seconds behind Michel Towel. Chris will be a Richmond with his family to compete in the scramble on the 13th Sept.

Last Meeting

This turned out to be a mess. We had Carl Bizon VP of MAAA to explain how the amalgamation might work as we three, C/L, F/F, & RC, have failed to get together on our own. Somehow the hall became double booked. Our meeting was kept very short, we ended out on the street for a short time, and then we were back in the hall. The meeting had finished but we still had plenty to talk about and the night wasn't wasted.

This Meeting 18th September

This is our annual general meeting, so now's your chance to elect someone new to run the NSWFFS for the next twelve months. Please come and tell your committee what you would like to happen. Are you happy with the program as it has been over the last few years? Do you want more of something? Do you want less of something?

New Shop Goods

There are some new items in the shop, check the shop stock for details, but briefly there is 3/32 rubber (June 2006) Bike valve rubber for your timers, and some nice cutting tools.

Cowra Oily Hand Weekend

This was very well attended; it could have been the biggest yet. It could have been the wettest if it had been a few days earlier, but the weather came good. A little cool on the Saturday but Sunday could not have been better. On the Saturday I counted 48 cars parked, there were 50 flyers registered. I would estimate there would have been at least 80 people on the site. Flying was all three categories, nothing super serious just a lot of people having a lot of fun. Yes there was plenty of talking, show and tell, as well as some goodies to buy. Modellers came from as far as South Australia, Victoria and Coffs Harbour in the north. The club did a great job with tea, coffee, and hamburgers. Well done Cowra.

Gossip

Bruce Hao was seen on the field at Richmond with a brand new electronic F1J model. Look out you F1J flyers Bruce is coming to get you.

John Corby, the designer and builder of the famous light plane the Corby Starlet has been absent from the field over the last few weeks. Investigation found him in Hornsby hospital. John went flying down his back steps and crashed heavily on his left upper arm. Result is he has one broken left wing and will be out of action for some time. John, we hope to see you back on the field soon.

Big Week End

October 2,3,4,5 is shaping up to be a big weekend at West Wyalong. We have on Saturday the state champs for F1, G, H, J and a ½ hour scramble. Sunday we have all the vintage events. SAM'S will be in attendance and we are planning a big night on Saturday. See the flyer for details.

Victorian State Champs

The Vic's are running F1A,B,C plus a few other events on our field at West Wyalong on Oct 31st and Nov 1st. Not sure what the other events will be but I am guessing P30, Combined % or something we can all fly. Maybe I will know more by the meeting.

Friendly Society?

Terry, Tahn and I thought we would attend the Aeromodellers NSW (MAS-RCAS) meeting. Carl Bizon was to speak to them re NSW getting back together as he did at our July meeting. We thought there might have been some developments or maybe they might have been interested in our ideas. The banners were up and the blue shirt uniforms were on the top table. The room had the look of a political party from the dark European past. They had written that visitors were welcome, well not quite all visitors, we were told we had to leave. What did they think we were going to do, steal their funds or form an opposition party? It appeared that if you were not a financial member of MAS / RCAS then you were NOT welcome, as another flyer (radio) was also ejected.

Vale Don Pope

Sadly, Australia, lost one its oldest modellers last month. Gary Popes father, Don. Gary has written a page on Don's modelling and is in this newsletter.

NSWFFS SHOP GOODS

AT THIS TIME WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING

Contact Roy if you need any of these items. He will bring to the flying field or to the meeting

Esaki light tissue 0.002 Carbon fibre Clear Mylar 10 meters Aluminised Mylar / meter 5m Telescopic streamer pole Rubber Lube 100ml Ether 1 litre (you supply container) Nitro Out of stock Castor Oil 1 Litre (out of stock) Some carbon spars (round & square) Diesel fuel tube 2.0m (bike valve) 3/32 Rubber 500grams Dremel chucks Cutting tools (Diamond wheels) 10 different sizes Cutting tools (circler saw blades) 6 different sizes	\$22.50 \$10.00	\$6.00 .65 .65 .45 .45 \$7.20 \$2.00 \$75.00 modified of spring \$20.00 \$5.00 \$5.00 \$4.50
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Don Pope 1928 - 2015;

Don first came into contact with Aeromodelling when he and his father built a Women's Weekly model. They actually got it to fly. A series of photos dated 14 August 1938 capture this first successful attempt at modelling. Over the ensuing years other things (footy, girls, cars, etc.) got in the way. After marrying Tricia & producing 3 sons Don returned to modelling in the 1950's. His first attempts were some small rubber powered kit models. Next was a Keilcraft Contestor kit. This model looked good but did not fly so well. Don branched out into other free flight types including a Mercury Kits Teal, a Contest Kits Calypso Major with an Oliver Tigre up front and a Contest Kits Empress Glider. Don had a lot of fun and a bit of success flying Power ratio with the Calypso and also glider with the Empress. In later life he reminisced about how the Empress handled windy conditions very well. Don also had some success with a Wakefield designed Bob Hatschek. I was a keen observer of Dad's exploits in the paddock with the like of Arthur Butler, Allan Edwards, Keith Murray, Dave Hegarty and Ivor Stowe (as he then was) and many other names that elude my memory banks for the moment.

By the middle 60's Don became focused on things outside modelling. Before putting the modelling tools aside completely, Don built the fuselage and prop of a Bob Jeffrey design for the Moffat Cup. This design placed 2nd in the Moffat cup in 1936 and was drawn in the 1937 Frank Zaic Yearbook and Don like the look of it.

In the early 80's Don & his wife Tricia relocated to Tweed Heads. They both had lots of visitors over the years & their place was a favorite destination for his Sons and their families each Christmas. For some reason my interest in modelling was rekindled in the late 80's and one of the first things I did was to build the wings and tail feathers for the Bob Jeffrey Moffatt cup model....I think I had nothing to do one very wet Christmas at Tweed Heads! Dad took the bait & was back into it himself in the 90's.

We had a lot of fun thereafter making & flying lots of models. We flew at Waikerie, Bundaberg, Richmond, Canowindra, Narrandera, etc. over a number of years. In this time Don reacquainted himself with two stalwarts of Australian Modelling who also lived not far from the Tweed Gold Coast area – Adrian Bryant & Gordon Burford. Along the way Don also regained contact Arthur Butler. If my memory is working correctly Arthur, Adrian & Don placed 1, 2 and 3 in Vintage Rubber Free Flight at the Bundaberg Nationals in 1992. Don had the pleasure of renewing contact with many of his old flying buddies in the Autumn of his days.

Finding suitable Free Flight fields in Tweed Heads proved impossible so Don Turned to RC Flying for a time. He eventually returned to Free Flight but was restricted to events where I was his chauffer. Don enjoyed modelling for a number of years and flew at Richmond with Jim Christie, Roy Summersby, Terry Bond, etc. when visiting Sydney. This continued until advancing age & illness restricted his mobility. Indeed Don's wife Tricia became Don's carer after he suffered a stroke. Then, in early 2013 Tricia became very ill.

Whilst Tricia recuperated Don alternated between staying in respite care at Tweeds Heads or living with me in Sydney. Upon Tricia's recovery they both made another sea change – moving back to Sydney to be near the family and to live in the Aged Care facility at Courtlands North Parramatta. Tricia lived in a unit at Courtlands while Don lived firstly in low care and then hi care facility at Courtlands.

Recently Don fell ill & was admitted to the Emergency Response unit at Westmead Hospital. Unfortunately, Don did not recover and passed away pain free and in care on the evening of Sunday 30 August 2015.

Don always lived life to the full & believed in having fun. I'm sure those who knew him will remember a good time and a few laughs that they had with Don.

West Wyalong Update

Development committee

Now that the Mongolian world champs are over and we are back in God's country, it's time to do some more work on the house at West Wyalong.

Terry and I spent a couple of days there (27th&28th Aug) doing quite a bit of work. The work done was mainly cleaning, Terry had the water blaster going and we blasted the model room (side veranda) and the back veranda inside, yes we had it going inside.

Outside the front wall was blasted and is ready for a bit of paint to brighten it up. The back was also blasted, but it needs a bit more than paint, there will be more thinking on this. Most likely it will be sheeted in fibro, and then painted. The lounge room has been cleaned, that is the woodwork along with the other windows in the house. I am not just talking about the glass; I am talking about three or more years of red dust over everything. The cleaning is not perfect, and I think it would take two or three more goes to get it right.

We also took a trailer load of stuff there, which included a good washing machine, mattresses for the double bunk's, large coffee table, witches hats for the flying field. The ladies will also notice a new shower curtain which should keep the water inside the bath.

Over the last week or so, West Wyalong has been blessed with the wettest period in 47 years, so Mr Bush Sr informed us. The Clear Ridge Road culverts had deep water running through them. There was plenty of water to be seen all along the roads and paddocks, the grass should be good this year as the weather warms.

Our road in was in excellent shape, the pipes that we placed in the low sections were working well. We hope to do the same just before going into the house.

Chris has been busy burning a lot of rubbish around the property; the rest will have to been carted away as soon as the ground dries enough to allow Bob Cat and trucks to operate.

By the end of the month we hope to have the concrete down in the machinery shed, ready for the two toilets and showers, male and female. These should be on site in the next few weeks. Along with a 3.6 x 2.4 room which will be sited back from the shade near the RC strip. Also a new roll-door should have been fitted to the garage.

In the near future it is planned to fix the ceiling in the dinning room, remove the wall paper and repaint the lounge room walls, replace the floors in the lounge, dinning and kitchen rooms with vinyl. The lounge carpet is just awful, and the dinning/kitchen floors are torn and dangerous. Also new external doors and locks will be fitted. This will not only make the house look a million dollars, it will make cleaning much easier. While we were there Mike Pettigrew arrived with a three seater lounge and two lounge chairs. The old very grubby one has now been replaced, thank you Mike. The only other item required for the lounge room is a strong book shelf for model mags; this has to fit between the fire place and the wall so it can't be any wider than 1.1 meters. While mentioning goods for the inside of the house nothing is to go there without first getting the approval from Donna, the in house manager, we don't want to have it full of unnecessary stuff.



INTERESTING AEROMODELLING FIND by Goran Milosavljevic.

Bought the above 3 Astral kits at a local antiques fair recently for \$30. Astral was a British Kit company from 1941 to 1948 who made a wide variety of model kits including some very up to date airplanes post war (think B-17G). They are famous for having many multiengine airplanes in their kit range. During the war balsa was unavailable and the kits came with printed parts on hardwood which would have the model virtually impossible to build and certainly unflyable. The Spitfire VB kit is a war kit, and while someone has roughly cut out the parts, they were not finished off! The Hurricane and Beaufighter have rough sawn balsa sheets which would date them as post war kits.

Below are the current plans available on Outerzone site (Just type Astral). Others can be found with more searching. Some of the plans have been update for engine power. Click on the name of the model you like.

Airspeed Oxford AS10
Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress
Bristol Beaufort I
Curtiss Mohawk
DH 98 Mosquito
Fokker DR1 Triplane
Handley Page Halifax
Hawker Typhoon Mk 1B
Savoia Marchetti S.55X
Vickers Viking

Banshee
Boulton Paul Defiant
Bristol Blenheim MkIV
Curtiss SBC-3
Fairey Barracuda
Gloster Gamecock
Handley Page Heyford I
Lockheed Hudson Mk.III
Short Stirling

Bell Airacobra
Bristol Beaufighter
Curtiss JN4D Jenny
DH 88 Comet
Fairey Seafox I
Grumman Duck J2F6
Hawker Hurricane
P-51B Mustang
Shufti

What is the Australian Free Flight Society (AFFS) and why should you be a member?

In the early days free flight was flown at Nationals and State Championships. There was not a great deal of interstate travel to events. Places on Australian Teams for world championships were often made up of those who could afford to take part.

A group of competition minded flyers organised an event about thirty odd years ago in Deniliquin over the Easter period and from the enthusiasm generated, over time this has evolved into the AFFS Championships which for the last thirteen years has been held at Narrandera.

Some well known flyers were the driving forces in the formation of AFFS. AFFS advised the MAAA on team selection processes, organised major free flight events excluding the Nationals and published a newsletter, Free Flight Down Under, with feature articles on events, modelling techniques, plans and news and views. AFFS became recognised by MAAA as the National Special Interest Group for Free Flight.

Free flight flyers had access to MAAA through the Free Flight Technical Subcommittee, members of which were State Association Nominees. FFTSC received input on rules and team selection mainly from AFFS but input was also accepted from clubs, State bodies and individuals. Last year the MAAA did away with all Technical Subcommittees and made the NSIGs advisers for technical matters . The result is that non AFFS members have no recognised voice on FF matters within the MAAA framework.

The situation is that AFFS advises MAAA on all FF matters including, rules at CIAM and local levels, team selection processes, applications for World Cup events and dealing with administrative and political issues. Most recently, all forms of free flight, including sports flying, was threatened by some issues that were of concern to CASA. A delegation of MAAA and AFFS officials met with CASA and made them aware of the technical and procedural regulations that control FF. Models were displayed to demonstrate how they were not like R/C Quadcopters and the like. There result was a very favourable response from CASA.

So if you want to enjoy FF, join AFFS and know that your competition interests and sports flying interests are being taken care of and as well you will get an excellent Newsletter, FFDU, four times a year. This newsletter is regarded as one of the best produced in the world.

Membership is \$30 per year. Contact Graham Maynard on 07 32862326 for information.



The NSWFFS has been invited to be a stall holder at this year's Men and Machines event, We see this as a great way to show case what we do.

Our involvement can be as big or small as we choose. I can set up a gazebo with static display of various models, hold a 'paper plane' comp, Build and sell some simple chuck gliders. Could someone make up an information leaflet, with membership details, contact info and a map of where we fly.

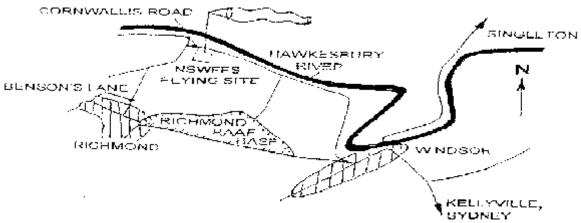
We also need a few people to man the stand for a few hours, there is also lots of other great things to look at while you are there.

Let's see what we can come up with and make some plans at the AGM

For more info E-Mail: matthew.hannaford@bigpond.com Matt

NSWFFS Contest & Fixture Calendar 2015

Date	Event	Venue	Time	C/D
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



Possible major events, for 2016. Nothing set in concrete, just throwing it out there hoping to

get some feed back. Roy Summersby

News Years Bash West Wyalong Dec 30th to Jan 1st

Maxmen say 2nd to 17th Feb Syd-Syd Vic States 12 to14th March Springhurst 8th to 14^{th April} **AFFS** Narrandera 16th to 17^{th April} West Wyalong SCC World Control Line Champs 7th to 13th May Perth Mini Nat's? 28th May to 4th June West Wyalong

Pacific champs? 1st West Wyalong Champs? Adrian Bryant's Mini Nat's?

Includes NSW State champs for F1 A, B, C Cowra Oily Hand 27th & 28th August Cowra Combined with SAMS 1st to 3rd October West Wyalong Vic State Champs F1 A, B, C 29th to 30th October West Wyalong Wyalong Wings Weekend? 12th 13th November

New Year Bash Dec 30th to 1st Jan 2017 West Wyalong