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**Our Bruce beating the Best in Lost Hills**

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 20

### Meeting opened:

7.40 Dundas Sports Club Vice President Aaron Booth in the chair

### Present:

Roy Summersby, Peter Scott, Gail Scott, John Pennells. Aaron Booth, L Booth, Michael Towell. Gary Goodwin, Gary Pope, Nat Beckett, Reg Towell, Lyn Towell

### Apologies:

Terry Bond, Sam Kirby, Geoff Potter, Rob Walker

### Guests:

A Jenson

### Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved Mike Towell sec John Pennells

### Business Arising:

Nil.

### Correspondence out:

Free Flighter, Friday notices, Notice of Barry Lees Death. Email re the Nat's 2023/4

### Correspondence In:

Vic Flypaper, E/M Stephen Porteill Re Nazi Markings, will refer to MAAA.

## TREASURERS REPORT NSWFFS

1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Opening Balances

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| C.B.A – A/C No 229300901281 | \$15,239.51 |
| C.B.A - A/C No 233610409062 | \$223.72    |
| Opening Total CBA 1&2       | \$15,463.23 |

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|-------------------|------------|
| C.B.A 1– Deposits | \$2,391.50 |
| C.B.A 2– Deposits | \$0.00     |
| C.B.A 1- Payments | \$3,153.34 |
| C.B.A 2- Payments | \$0.00     |

Closing Balances

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|------------|-------------|
| CBA-No1    | \$14,477.77 |
| CBA-No2    | \$223.72    |
| Offset A/C | \$56,074.77 |

Moved, Mike Towell, sec John Pennells, treasure report be accepted, carried

## General Business:

Stephen Porteill letter was discussed and will refer to MAAA.

Rob Walker asked if anyone had a 0.5 Diesel and a Fox 35 to sell.

Discussion on the defibrillator, where, who, and how it will be kept for maximum access.

Can the jungle system be used by the register for the 2023/4 Nat's.

Mover Mike Towell sec Gary Pope that the parking fee at Richmond be increased to \$5 from this date. Carried.

Proposed National's program was passed out for more comments. We will go with it as it stands.

Meeting closed 9.02pm

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| President                     | Terry Bond         | 0417027579 |
| Vice President                | Aaron Booth        | 0412127270 |
| Secretary & Newsletter Editor | Roy Summersby      | 0413588720 |
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| Chief Flying Instructor       | Mike Ward          | 0416081536 |
| Scale Coordinator             | Phil Warren        | 0405579904 |
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| Contest Org Richmond          | Peter Scott        | 0434276265 |
| Librarian                     | John Pennells      | 0243631834 |

## EDITORIAL JANUARY 2023

HI Team,

I am currently in Queensland and will also not be available for the next meeting, Aaron our VP hopefully take the chair. I also hope that Aaron has been able to get sufficient information from our MAAA Safety Member so he can discuss the ACVRM (This is the new method of height clearance applications). Our application at WW is due in October this year and we do not want to be late.

From 16-19 March I will be participating in the Kosi Challenge; it involves walking up Mt Kosciusko in aid of Rare Cancers Australia. I have by virtue of being married to Karen been doomed as a helper.

This 73rd combined national championships will be held from 28 December 2023 to 4 Jan 2024. A draft program has already been published and I hope it becomes firm (there always seems to be changes). An application will be forwarded to the MAAA for financial support when I have completed a budget. This needs to be ready before 21 March.

The conduct of nationals championships is really a hot potato with most specific RC groups, they would prefer to hold their own and not have a combined effort. I agree with them because we cannot provide suitable flying surfaces and the conditions that they require. This nationals is a combined nationals and includes free flight and control line. It is also a world team qualifying event for both disciplines. SAMs will also participate but no qualifying is required.

I attended a CLAS meeting a couple of weeks ago and discussed the Nats proposal and asked for assistance in badge design to include CL and a registrar. We, the NSWFFS will provide the field and appropriate amenities for the conduct of the competition. The old badge for the last national champs was happily accepted and Paul Turner put up his hand to be the registrar. Gary Pope offered his assistance to help with a spreadsheet. The Member Jungle may be able to determine entry membership, but we will wait until it is launched. Ie to determine entry membership but we will wait until it is launched. It was agreed that this national championship will be called the 73rd Combined Nationals Championships. The NSWFFS will complete the business plan, budget and risk assessments.

We have an offer of sponsorship from Bill East Model Productions who will provide laser cut kits for certain events. His quality is excellent. We will continue to search for more sponsorship.

Upcoming events include the AFFS championships from 16-23 April. Bear in mind that the first half is in Naranderra and the second half in West Wyalong. Our State champs and the Victorian State champs will be held 3-5 June at West Wyalong. Don't forget the big scale weekend 30 Jun to 2 July. The mini max-out will be held late July at West Wyalong.

The next MAAA council conference will be held on 19-21 May. It should be noted that the current term for the Vice Presidents position has expired and there are two nominations; Michael Hobson and Reeve Marsh.

That's about all folks, just check your calendar and keep on flying.

**Terry Bond**  
**President NSWFFS**

## GENERAL NEWS & INFORMATION

### Next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March

This will be a general meeting held at the Dundas Sports Club starting at 7.30pm.

As normal some of us will have a meal there before the meeting, please feel free to join us.

### Still Wanted

One or two copies of Kenneth J Burkes book, Politics & Personalities in Australian Aeromodelling. I would like to educate some of the MAAA council that show some interest in our past. They can have my copy, but not for a few more years yet, I hope. If you have one and would like to sell it, please let me know. Roy.

### 1st Flying day of the year 15th Jan

What a fantastic day, no wind all morning which meant the Scramble had very good times Aaron Booth the winner made 1166 seconds with Peter Scott not too far behind with 1042, this was a grand effort after just having a knee replacement.

Vintage power saw Roy bring out his ageing Playboy with the McCoy 49 for power, plenty of noise. There were plenty of other models flying from cat gliders to Doodlebugs, overall, one of the best days we have had for a long time.

### Sunday 12th March

State Champs for Scramble, HLG & Cat Glider. We will also have Combined %, Control line flying and a Bar-B Q lunch. It is BYO everything but we will supply the Bar-B-Q. Some shade will be good if you have one.

### AFFS Magazine FFDU

This has just come out and features quite a bit of interest for NSW flyers. It is a must read, if you are not receiving it, chase it up through Gary Goodwin, he will get you on the list for \$10 per year. This issue has the entry forms for the AFFS Champs at Narrandera and West Wyalong. There is also a very good report by Vin Morgan on Lost Hills in it.

### Working Bee at West Wyalong AB Field

We need to have a working bee at West Wyalong. As we have a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, the optimum dates would be 23rd through to the 26th March. We have to have a general tidy up. This would include mowing, slashing, washing house etc. this needs to be done as we will have the SAM's boy's camping there from the 4th to the 10th April for their yearly championships and we free flighter's not far behind them, we will be there on the 20th March. Don't be shy, everyone is welcome, there is a job for all. This of course will happen along with a little flying.

### Camera gear going very, very, cheap

Also Binos 7 X 50 Call Roy 0413588720



## Hunter Valley Champs report by Roy Summersby

As I write this they are still in progress. I will give a short report on the Saturday and hope I get some more info before going to print. The covid scares seem to have gone, I would think there was a record attendance in the camping. Maybe not record numbers in the flying, but certainly enough to make all events well worthwhile. By the time I was leaving on Saturday Michael Towel was enjoying himself beating some of the big boys in slow combat (beginner's luck) as this was his first combat flying event. I spent the day selling some of our goods. These had come from Barry Lee, Howard Field and some of Bob Marshall's left overs. In all I managed to get enough happy customers to part with just over \$2000! Pic shows our best customer Rob Walker trying to fit everything in his car.



## Kelletts Hobbies Liverpool

I visited Kelletts early in the year and thanked them for their generous sponsorship of our November sale weekend last year. Not sure of the name of the gentleman behind the counter but he did express some disappointment on the number of modelers who did not present discount vouchers.

I explained that attendance was down for a number of reasons; Covid, flooding and rain, and above all poor information published by the Service NSW on the condition of road and the extent of impassable roads. The information was in most cases false and misleading. Most of our interstate visitors did not arrive due to the information over the radio but those who did arrive had no trouble getting to West Wyalong.

The gentleman stated that he supports modeling in all aspects and would be happy to assist in any way. On the production of an MAAA card he might be sympathetic to a negotiated discount. Regards 007

## Howard Field MAAA 5212

I had a house full of visitors yesterday and we got around to talking about R/C flying when we first took it up. Somebody brought up a story which I now remember Lyle Winley relating about Howard. He actually pioneered night flying of R/C models. He was approached by the CSIRO asking if it was feasible to take air samples at altitude at night in western Sydney. He duly fitted up one of his models with the necessary filter screens and three light bulbs one on each wing tip and one on the tail. These lights were attached to short lengths of piano wire placing them about 2 inches away from the aircraft. He also had an independent battery pack for each light because he was paranoid about losing all of the lights due to a broken wire. He also fitted a large fuel tank giving him 30 minute flights to conform to a CSIRO requirement. Apparently the whole system was quite successful and confirmed that the air quality in western Sydney was as bad as they had suspected. It was not being scavenged by the sea breezes or by the westerly winds either. Howard once told Lyle that he preferred to fly on moon free nights because the small lights did not show up very well in moon light. As far as I can remember this all took place in the early 1960s. Regards, Basil Healy.

## Cover Story Lost Hills 2023

We, NSWFFS only had two flyers venture to USA this year, for what is known as the Fab Feb competitions. They were Roy Summersby and Bruce Hao. Bruce, as the days rolled on, was to become known by the Australians there as “OUR BRUCE”. Bruce slipped a little in the first comp but then went on to win the second comp with a great flight beating some of the worlds best. When one is on the top there is only one way you can go. The last comp, the MAX MEN, Bruce made it through to the last fly off round but couldn't repeat his previous win. He made a flight which most flyers would be proud off. It was a very good time and I think he finished 8th. Well done Bruce. See FFDU for all the details.

PS. Roy made a 9.21min flight for a third place in the Kiwi Cup.





## Hunter Valley Championships report from Mike Towell

A bit of a report for the HVC. As some of you know, I've been flying a little more control line of late. I decided to have a go at slow combat at this years Hunter Valley Champs. I had a model from Graeme Burgess which I fitted an OS 15 to several weeks ago and was putting in some good practice, and getting more comfortable with. My backup model was my David Owen designed Magnum that was built for Oily Hand a few years ago.

On to the HVC, I think 12 entries this year. My first bout was with Robert Owen. With the adrenaline pumping I gave it everything, Robert got a cut on me fairly early on and was in front. After an engine cut



out I was back in the air with 30sec to go, with some evasive maneuvering I managed to get 2 cuts on Robert which gave me my first win. 3 wins and 1 loss later there it was down to 3 left. I had to use my backup model for my last bout against Steve Bakac. Not sure from the outside, but from the inside it felt action packed that Steve won on time alone as none of us managed a cut. The last bout saw Robert DQ'd which pushed me up to 2nd place.

So, after 5 bouts, 2 broken models and a 2nd place, I was feeling pretty good as I hadn't flown combat before. Now to build some models for the next one!!

On to Sunday morning. HLG, CLG and TLG were split into 3 separate events. Natalie was out early practicing with her Sting MK2 15 which she had built showing us how it should be done. I also used a Sting MK2 15 for CLG. I had a new TLG for this year, now up to 34" span and refined a little from last years model was flying really well and managed some 50 odd seconds flights in the early morning still conditions. Results for CLG 1. Len Surtees, 2. Michael Towell, 3. Natalie Beckett. TLG 1. Michael Towell, 2. Len Surtees, 3. Lindsay Muffett. Not sure of HLG, but have realised my arm isn't what it used to be and needs some work.



## Hunter Valley Champs report from Peter Scott

From an 'Old Timer' point of view, it wasn't a bad weekend. Quite hot, but sitting under the shade of a tree when not flying helped considerably.

We had seven fliers, would have preferred more, but them's the breaks. We also did a bit of buying and selling. I sold some kits and a complete Bomber with a Saito upfront, which was due to be flown on the Sunday by Anthony Vicary. Sorry Anthony! He did get to fly two of my other models. So, two out of three aint bad.

A couple of fliers managed to find trees, but models retrieved. We watched a bit of combat in between. Very entertaining.

Catering was much appreciated, though better on Sunday. We enjoyed an evening with some of the control-line fliers at the workers club Saturday evening.

Back next year? Most likely.

Peter Scott.

## Windbags

More windbags are appearing... Below, Gary Goodwins Hindenbag and Andrew Linwood's World pride bag aka Gaybag lol





**29<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**HOST VENUE**

**ADRIAN BRYANT FIELD**

**1390 CLEAR RIDGE RD WEST WYALONG**

**CAMP AND HOUSE BOOKINGS**

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**CLASSES**

**F1G/ Coupe D' hiver**

**F1J/ 1/2A**

**P30**

**E36**

**OZ Diesel**

**FLIGHT  
SCHEDULE**

**10 Flights over 2  
days.**

**No rounds.**

**5 fights per class  
each day with  
running sheets  
over both days.**

**ENTRY FEE**

**\$20 per class  
flown.**

**Payable on arrival.**

## SUMMER COUPE D'HIVER COMPETITION NOTICE

*This competition is open to free flieters affiliated with the MAAA.*

The VFFS decided to try 'inhouse' postal competitions as a way to make the best of the unpredictable free flight weather we experience and the difficulty of getting all hands out when a nice day comes along.

We have chosen 60s Coupes for the trial because:

- A number of us enjoyed flying them in Mark Braunlich's Hip Pocket Aeronautics Postal and there are a lot of interesting designs available via the work that has been done by Mark and flyers commentating on his postal competition on Hip Pocket Aeronautics.
- A two-minute maximum class can more easily be flown on available fields.
- A number of flyers already have suitable models.

We are essentially using the Rules formulated by Mark which are based on the FAI F1G rules (which can be downloaded at <https://www.fai.org/ciam-documents> ) with additions to ensure 1960 to 1970 designs and materials.

Flights for this competition must be made at a location in Australia between 1st Jan 2023 to 31st March inclusive. A competitor may make official flights on more than one day during the allotted time span.

### **1960s Summer Cup Postal Rules:**

Models must be built from plans or 3-views published between January, 1960 and December, 1969 (inclusive). Earlier models that were published in the 1960s may be flown. Models designed in the 1960s that were not published until later may not be flown in this competition.

Technology and materials. Models must not be "modernized" with materials that were not in common use in that decade. For example, covering should be tissue paper, Silkspar or Modelspan. Models must not include VIT, folding wings, or other functions and materials common in modern F1G practice. (No carbon fibre, kevlar, mylar)

Models originally designed for 90gram airframes with 10gram motors may be lightened to 70g airframes for this competition.

Models must weigh in excess of 70g less motor. Motors must weigh less than 10g. Competitors are required to ensure their models and motors meet the weight requirement.

The competition will comprise five flights with a maximum of 120 seconds for each flight. In the case of an unsuccessful attempt a second attempt will be allowed. A second unsuccessful attempt will be recorded as a zero score

The timekeeper shall record the duration of the first attempt of the official flight unless the flight is unsuccessful.

If (5) five maximums are recorded by a competitor, additional flight(s) may be flown with maximum flight duration increasing in 30 second increments, 150, 180, 210, 240 seconds, etc.

The time sheet/scorecard must include the date and location of each flight together with the recorded time. The competitor and timekeeper must sign their time-sheet and email a scanned image to the VFFS secretary at [helical@netspace.net.au](mailto:helical@netspace.net.au) by 14th of April 2023.

The top placing competitor will win a valuable item of aero-modelling kit provided by the VFFS.



## NSWFFS CONTEST & FIXTURE CALENDAR 2023

| Date  | Event   | Venue                                  | Time                                     | Contact                   |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| Dec 28- 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | New year get together. Fun flying any model.  | W. Wyalong<br>AB Field                 |  |                           |
| Jan 15  | Combined%, ½ hr Walking Scramble  | Richmond                               |  | R. Summersby              |
| Jan 20  | General Meeting   | Dundas Sport                           | 7:30pm                                   |                           |
| Feb 5   | Combined F1 G, H, J, P30 + Scale Fun Fly  | Richmond                               | 7:00am – 1:00pm                          | Peter Scott               |
| Feb 19  | State Champs P30 & E36.<br>+ Combined Vintage.  | Richmond                               | 7.00 – 1.00pm                            | Gary Pope                 |
| Mar 12  | State Champs Scramble & HLG/ CLG. + Combined %, Control Line & BBQ Lunch.   | Richmond<br>BYO Food                   | 7.00am-1.00pm                            | Michael Towell            |
| Mar17   | General Meeting   | Dundas Sport                           | 7.30 pm                                  |                           |
| Apr 16-20   | AFFS Champs See FFDU Program<br>Southern Cross Cup for F1A, B, C  | Narrandera                             | See FFDU                                 | AFFS<br>Committee         |
| Apr 21-23   | AFFS continued at WW 21 <sup>st</sup> Combined Vintage, E36, 22nd F1 G, H, J, P30 & indoor. 23rd Combined % & HLG/CLG/TLG See FFDU Program<br>Evening Presentation Dinner | West Wyalong<br><br>Farm House         | 8.00am-1.00pm<br>See FFDU<br><br>6.00 PM | AFFS<br>Committee         |
| Apr 22  | Ivor F & Russ Hammond Trophy Scramble<br>1 HR Scramble to MAAA Rules.   | W Wyalong                              | 4:00pm – 5:00pm                          | Aaron Booth &<br>T Stowe. |
| May 7   | E36 + Combined Vintage  | Richmond                               |  | Aaron Booth               |
| May 19  | General Meeting   | Dundas Sport                           | 7.30pm                                   |                           |
| June 3-5  | NSW State Champs F1A, B, C, O/Power, O / Rubber + Victorian States Champs for A, B, C   | West Wyalong<br>A B Field              | 8.00am-1.00pm                            | See separate<br>program   |
| June 18   | State Champs F1G, H, J + E36  | Richmond                               | 7.00am-1.00pm                            | R. Summersby              |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup><br>Flying 1 <sup>st</sup><br>& 2 <sup>nd</sup> July | Scale Rally, + Trans Tasman, Scale Judging Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> 1st & 2nd Flying. Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> ½ Hour scramble, Fun Fly C/L flying & BBQ Lunch                     | Richmond<br>Sunday BYO<br>Food & Drink | 7.00am till dark<br>Trans Tasman         | Phil Warren               |
| July 21   | General Meeting   | Dundas Sport                           | 7.30 pm                                  |                           |
| July 29-30  | Midwinter Mini Maxout<br>2 Min Max Models (See separate program)  | West Wyalong<br>AB Field               | 8.00am- 2.00pm                           | Shayne<br>McDonald        |
| Aug 13  | Scale Rally, P 30, Combined Vintage   | Richmond                               | 7:00 – 1.00pm                            | R. Summersby              |
| Aug 25-27   | Cowra Oily Hand Weekend   | Cowra                                  |  |                           |
| Sep 10  | ½ Hour Walking Scramble + Fun Fly & B-B-Q Lunch   | Richmond<br>BYO Food                   | 7:00am – 1:00pm                          | John Corby                |
| Sep 15  | Annual General Meeting  | Dundas Sport                           | 7:30 pm                                  |                           |
| Sep 24  | Combined % 5 flights + E36  | Richmond                               | 7.00am - 1.00                            | Peter Scott               |
| Oct 8   | Combined % Multiple Entries   | Richmond                               | 7:00am - 1:00                            | Gary Goodwin              |
| Oct 27-29   | Wings Over West Wyalong.<br>All Disciplines Scale Rally.<br>Plus General Flying of all types of models  | West Wyalong<br>A.B. Field             | 7.00am - Till Dark                       | Plenty of Room<br>for ALL |
| Nov 12  | Scale Rally +Fun Fly  | Richmond                               | 7:00am - 1:00pm                          | Peter Jackson             |
| Nov 17  | General meeting   | Dundas Sport                           | 7.30 pm                                  |                           |
| Nov 24  | Friday Xmas Party   | Richmond                               | 7.00am - 1.00pm                          | Terry & Lyn               |
| Dec 3   | ½ Hour Xmas Scramble. Combined Vintage with SAMS & Fun Fly. BBQX Munch BYO Food.  | Richmond                               | 7:00am - 1:00pm                          | Aaron Booth               |

\*\*\* Note: All scrambles start at 8.00am \*\*\*