

The Free Flighter
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It's Official

Minutes from 18th July meeting

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm with the Treasurer Tahn Stowe in the chair.

Present. Ed Mahoney, Jim McFall, Barry Lee, Walter Bolliger, Geoff MEE, Goran Milosavljevic.

Apologies. Terry Bond and Roy Summersby (attending Asia Oceanic Champs Mongolia), Jim Christie, Geoff Potter, Phil Warren.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes accepted as a true record: Moved Ed Mahoney Seconded Geoff Mee.

Business Arising: Details of the payment of the stamp duty on the West Wyalong property were given as well as the Agistment terms.

Correspondence In:

Flypaper, MAAA - V -Insurance Group, MAAA questions and answers re CASA, MAAA re Inspectors, Invoices pertaining to WW.

Correspondence Out:

Letter of thanks to Robert Knight re the use of Kelso in June.
The Free Flighter to all members.

Treasurers Report: Financial summary May - June 2014

Credit

Comm Bank interest.	.01
Registrations	4555.00
SCC	670.00
T Shirts	100.00
State Champs	150.00
St George Pwr Saver Int (Dec-May)	8.45
TOTAL	\$5483.46

Debit

Stamp Duty (WW)	11,297.00
Rebel Club (Bld develop scheme)	1,000.00
Ink (RS)	46.00
AFFS (SCC toilets)	236.25
West Wyalong stiles (RS)	250.00
Affiliations	2910.00
TOTAL	\$15739.25

Report accepted, moved Michael Towell, seconded Jim McFall.

General Business: Discussion took place with regard to the merits of the NSWFFS having more Flying and Model inspectors.

The consensus was that we should let this evolve and review the situation if there was a specific request from our members.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm followed by talk and coffee.

Editorial September 2014

Hi Team, much water under and over the bridge since we last spoke. My and others adventures in Mongolia were a bit different from those normally experienced in Europe or the Americas. This time we managed to get flooded out of our accommodation for three days with only the clothes we had on plus our model boxes. Normally you could go the local shop and buy a new pair of knickers but not so easy in Mongolia. The major shopping centre is in Ulaanbaatar, about 2 hours away. It was not a distance problem just terrible roads and traffic. We survived and flourished, just goes to show you can exist in the same clothes for more than a day. There will be more information to follow in days to come about the big M and our travels in UL.

Our AGM is scheduled for 19 September and surprise surprise, we have not received any additional nominations for the executive. We will obviously do the same as we usually do; have our general meeting first then the AGM with elections. It might sound a bit repetitious but I would like to thank the members of our executive for the hard work they have done this year. As a direct result of the rejection of our field purchase by the MAAA council the work load has been far greater than in previous years. Well done team!!!!

Our official West Wyalong opening occurred last weekend. Six model competitions were scheduled over the two days. At 5.00pm Saturday the speeches commenced and visitors were welcomed by Christian name. There were modellers from all eastern states and many apologies from members who wanted to attend but for various reasons could not do so. We received apologies from some of the town counsellors but we did have Ian from the Bland Shire to represent them. In total there were 41 MAAA members plus Kevin Dodd, secretary of the MAAA attending.

Speeches commenced and Tahn was introduced as the engineer behind the purchase. By some twist of fate Tahn rang our benefactor at the same time he was writing to the MAAA to sponsor a team to Mongolia. Tahn suggested that he buy a farm at West Wyalong, as he had just sold his at Uki, for the use by free flight members.

The secret is now out and mentioned at WW on the Saturday night. Adrian and Jo Bryant were the two behind the purchase. The field, whole 700 acres now belongs to the NSWFFS. We cannot offer enough thanks. Unfortunately Jo Bryant died three weeks before the presentation. However Adrian managed to reply to Tahn's speech and a banner was unfurled to be hung on the front gate when contests are being held.

The bbq went off like a cracker with meat supplied by Roy, at the same time he was presented with a plaque by Kevin Dodd because of his first place in F1C at the world champs in France 2013. Next was the cake and the Champagne. It was truly a memorable night, everybody was in a jolly mood, not because of the refreshments but because they now knew who bought the field and were able to congratulate and thank Adrian. Adrian managed to show that he still has the ability to remember his poetry and gave a sparkling rendition of the 'Mulga Bills Bycycle'. There was a feeling of confidence in the future of free flight and have a field that has the capacity for all disciplines of aero modelling.

The West Wyalong MAC flyers are now our guests and will fairly soon move from their gun club location to our field. Flyers from Parkes, Cowra, Southern Highlands, and Temora also attended and praised the field and location.

The whole experience was overwhelming. I can truly say it is one of the most exciting events in Australian modelling history. The event had a similar effect on all who attended. I have never seen so many happy faces.

Prizes were presented on Sunday but nobody really cared. It was especially noted that Adrian seated on a chair winding his own model and assisted by Albert Fathers managed to win Vintage Rubber, beating some of the finest rubber men in Australia. I hope we will see him at future competitions. A special thanks goes to Roy Summersby for his organisation leading up to the bbq, cake and competitions. Other thanks to Tahn Stowe for his unceasing work to find a field in NSW for free flighters and his attendance on Saturday night despite being crook as a dog. Matt Hannaford and Donna Gray also assisted with cleaning, a fire pit and christening the house as the first free flight occupiers. Too many other thanks are required; this page is not long enough to give all the names.

We will return to WW in the very near future, I will keep you informed.

President NSWFFS
Terry Bond

Cowra Report

Short and Sweet by Peter Jackson

I arrived at Milroy field, the Cowra MAC flying field 2.45pm Friday 29 August for my sixth 'Oily Hand' weekend. I was met by about 30 cars and other modellers flying free flight models and radio assist aircraft all over the paddock. After registration I managed to put in a couple of flights before the breeze became too stiff.

The 'Oily Hand' weekend is a great event as the focus is on real aero modelling; that is IC motors dragging stick and tissue models around the sky (no ARFs or foam horrors). This year the model selected for the event was the Hearn's Sportster. This model was kitted in the 50's and 60's by Hearn's Hobbies.

There were 15 models entered and the build standard was excellent. The placings were; first Dave Bailey, second Mike Towell, third Ronan (junior at 12 years old).

Another event was the Scramble. Placings were; first Dave Bailey, second Phil Poole, third Chris Walker. Forgot the scores but it was fun to watch.

There were 50 registered flyers plus many spectators. Eddy Holly entertained all with his home made diesel model motors. He ran many of them including a 'V' twin and an in line twin; really good to watch and hear.

The Cowra boys have a great field kitchen so no one went short of tucker. In all, a fantastic turnout! Well done Cowra MAC. I will return.

Jacko.



Cowra Oily Hand Weekend 30/ 31 August 2014

I took Friday off work and arrived at Cowra midafternoon. The f/f field is located about ½ an hour's drive out of Cowra on the road to Canowindra. There were some familiar faces at the field when I arrived – Andy Luckett registered me as a participant and handed me a purple rag with the Oily Hand logo silk screened on it. They have a different coloured rag each year.

The weather was nice and sunny with a gentle breeze which was a change from Sydney that had been enduring rain for the last couple of weeks. This year, the farmer, Brian, had a flock of lambs and their mothers in the paddock that we launch from. The main landing strip and a control line circle had been fenced off with an electric fence to keep the sheep off the mowed grass. Three of the surrounding paddocks had wheat and the fourth had canola.



Saturday morning, the Cowra club put on a cooked breakfast and flying commenced around 6:30am. This year's model was the Sportster and there were over a dozen examples to oggle.

I launched my Ballerina equipped with a Vin Morgan tracker late in the morning. It circled quite high and started to drift over a wheat field. I took my eyes off it momentarily whilst walking after it to ensure I wasn't about to walk on someone's model, only to be unable to relocate it in the sky when I tried to find it again. Never mind, that's what trackers are for! I turned on the receiver and marched North through the wheat field up a gradual rise till I reached the other side of the field. The receiver was indicating I needed to go further to my left but then the battery died in the receiver. I walked back through the wheat field and scrounged another battery. After having a quick bite to eat I set off after my model again.



As I crossed over the style into the wheat field, the receiver was now indicating that the model was definitely in an Easterly direction rather than the Northerly direction I'd previously tracked it. This seemed rather odd to me but I had to rely on what the receiver was telling me. I marched through more wheat on the new heading until I reached the fence line of the field where the signal promptly disappeared. What's going on? I went round in circles with the receiver and antenna and now found that the receiver was telling me that the signal was coming from the direction I'd just come from! I started heading back the way I'd come when Matt the farmer's son approached me saying "Are you looking for this"? He was holding my tracker in his hand! It transpired that he'd located my model in a quarry in the North and had then made a couple of trips on his tractor with the model in the cabin before driving around the wheat field to where the cars were parked. The tracking device wasn't lying, the model was definitely on the move!!

The plank race was held late Saturday afternoon followed by a Butcher's Picnic comprising the surviving plank models. Three Planks became lawn darts within seconds of launch due to "problems" in the centre of the circle! The ½ hour Scramble was held early on Sunday morning. Michael Towell was attacked by a Mills 0.75 but he continued having fun...



Meeting Friday 19th

This is our AGM so please make the effort to attend. There are a few important issues to be discussed and your input is needed.

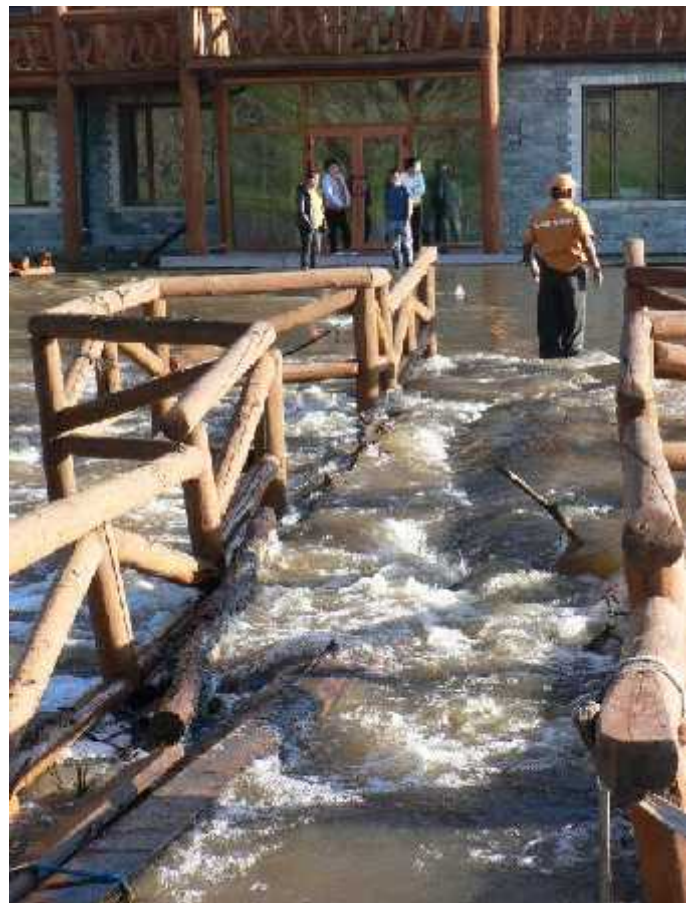
Photos from Cowra

We have plenty of photos supplied by Peter Jackson but I am afraid I can't get them in this printed issue. Hopefully they will make the electronic one so you can all enjoy.

Mongolia

Roy

The Aussie team is back from Mongolia and no doubt there will be a full report in the coming issue of Free Flight Down which will be out soon. Briefly, the trip was good, with mixed flying results. We flew Air China stopping at Beijing for the flight on to Ulaanbaatar the capitol. The interesting bit was getting flooded out of our Gers (accommodation) and spending three days in the same clothes, but we did have the main items, our models boxes. Food and accommodation was cheap and the people friendly. They even have an Irish Pub in Ulaanbaatar to cater for the USA tourists. I have included a few photos here and will bring others to the meeting on Friday.



West Wyalong 12th to 14th September 2014

A date to go down in NSWFFS History

WOW. What a weekend. The weather was perfect. The crowd terrific, The food was great. The cake was delicious. The Flying went on forever. The night sitting around the fire magic. The list goes on, but the main item on the agenda of course was the naming of the field and the banner being displayed. This was history being made, and will probably never be repeated.

We had flyers from all the eastern states and of all ages. The youngest just 7 years (Sophie) flying a small R/C model, the oldest 94 flying free flight biplanes (guess who). Free Flight was the main flying, but there was plenty of RC happening, and a little C/L as well, taking place on the newly graded strip. We even had an ultra light drop in to say hello on Sunday morning. It was all happening. A lot of flyers didn't bother to put in scores for the FF events they were just happy to keep on punching holes in the sky. One flight did go out of the field, but it was over 40 minutes. Most flights were landing less than 100 meters away. The club house played a major part with its kitchen, toilets and power for the night's activities. We had many nice letters of apologies wishing us well, and we thank them for their good wishes.

Results from West Wyalong

Open Rubber

Des 3X 180 +333
Leigh 3X 180 + 320
Albert 3X 180 + 318
Howard 534
Jim 493
Graham 346
Don 363

Dixilander

Roy 491
Des 479
Wally 381
Dave ?

Vintage Glider

Albert ?
Colin ?

Open Power

Des 381
Wally 350

Vintage Power

Roy 503

P 30

Jim 3X 120 + 56
Sean 3X 120 + 25
Terry 3X 120 + 17
Mike 331

Vintage Rubber

Adrian 563
Don 538
Jim 512
Howard 440
Albert 363

I am sure there were other flyers
but these are all I have on the cards
that were returned to me.

For more pictures from West Wyalong please click on this link.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/motor-racing-photography/sets/72157647235955597/>

Contest & Fixture Calendar 2014

Sep 28	State Champs FIG,H,J Combined	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Jim Chrisite
Oct 12	Diesel Duration, P30, HLG/CG	Richmond		Tahn Stowe
Oct 26	State Champs Combined Vintage, ½ Hour Scramble, BBQ Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Nov 9	Combined % Multiple entries	Richmond	7.00am - 1.00pm	Roy Summersby
Nov 16	Mills Trophy Scramble	Illawarra		
Nov 21	General Meeting	Harris Park	7:30 pm	
Nov 30	FIG, H J,(Combined)	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Gary Pope
Dec 14	½ Hour Scramble, Combined Vintage with SAMS + Fun Fly. BBQ Xmas Lunch	Richmond	7:00am – 1:00pm	Terry Bond
Note	All scrambles start as close to	8.00 am as	possible	

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 the meeting.

Esaki light tissue	\$2.00
1/4 " Rubber 1 Box only	\$44.00
0.002 Carbon fibre	\$26.00
Clear Mylar 10 meters	\$10.00
Aluminised Mylar / meter	\$1.00
5m Telescopic streamer pole	\$30.00
Rubber Lube 100ml	\$4.00
Ether 1 litre (you supply container)	\$23.00
Nitro 1 Litre	\$22.50
Castor Oil 1 Litre	\$10.00

91/2" Peck polymer P30 props	\$6.00
3/64 prop shafts	.65
3/64 Nylon bearings	.65
Teflon washers 1/8 X 0.032" hole	.45
Brass washers 1/8 X 0.050" hole	.45
P30 front end kit	\$7.20
Dyna Grip Contact glue 50ml	\$2.00
F1J Timers, suit most power models	\$75.00
These timers have been checked and modified by Jon Fletcher to eliminate skewing of spring	
Texas fuel cut offs (glo or diesel)	\$20.00
Pilots very lite	\$5.00
Wheels very lite	\$5.00
Rock Maple bearers 3 sizes / 300long	\$4.50



Adrian Bryant



**The Gathering at the
Jo & Adrian Bryant Free Flight Field
at West Wyalong**



Roy Summersby was inducted into the MAAA Hall of Fame by the Secretary of the MAAA, Mr Kevin Dodd at the new Free Flight Field at West Wyalong on the 13th September 2014