



Aloft Newsletter B.R.C.A.C. Inc.

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REMINDER – Next Meeting is on Monday Jan 30th 2012 at the Marong Flying Field at 7:30 pm.

Secretary Report post 28th Nov 2011 Meeting

The business at this meeting was primarily focussed on the November events at the field and the preparation for the BIG 60TH CELEBRATION combined with the Christmas Breakup.

November has been our busiest month to date this year and with the drought over and the ASAA 3 day competition on it was a challenging time for volunteers in addition to the Birthday and Christmas celebrations soon to be held.

In preparing for these events a number of people pitch in to help, and all help is greatly appreciated, but a couple of old faithfuls stand out in particular.

There is one that did multiple mows on the field and surrounds, co-ordinated and organised all the camping, caravans, toilets, shower unit, canteen supplies and storage, ULP (oops diesel), gas bottles and also worked in the canteen (thank goodness he was on his holidays!!!!) for the ASAA and then went straight on to a repeat for the Birthday and Breakup day. A BIG THANK YOU TO ANDREW FOR HIS EFFORTS.

Our other member who has pitched in and did a lot of my tasks recently (due to my un-availability) and is always proactive for the club, organised our 60th Anniversary Glasses and Badges, organised the Clubman points and goodies and nominated our new Honary members also deserves a BIG THANK YOU as well – your continued help, support for the club and members is really appreciated.

We also welcome a new Junior member, Bradley Ferrari and will miss another member Jeff Jenkins who has returned to Queensland.

From Last month:

What's new in the clubhouse? A donated TV has been installed in time for the ASAA comp when the visitors were camped there for a week – The Kiwis are gone but the TV stays.

And why is the black flag on the windsock tower with "ALL BLACKS" on it flying at half mast? : That's where they put it until it was pointed out they had accepted defeat before they started – They immediately raised it up and took out the comp!

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From The President.

Well it was a great finish to 2011 for the club with the ASAA championships and then our 60th Birthday Christmas break up.

Thank you to all members that helped makes those events a big success

Now we are starting again and 2012 looks like it will be a good year for the club with some new events and old that I hope members can get involved in.

I thank Les for the work in setting up the 2012 calendar.

Neil for the Newsletter.

Alan and Barry for the work that they did in 2011 and will for the next six months.

John for our web site and Bill for our photos and all our members that will make this a great year for Our club.

Please don't forget.

No flying Total fire ban days.

No smoking on the field.

Fly safely and respect the safety of others that fly with you.

Now let's have some fun.

Andrew Thomas.

Smoking on the field

It has been noted that Cigarette butts have been found in the flying field area around the shade shelter and by the starting benches,

Smoking is prohibited on the flying field, repeat, **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE FLYING FIELD.**

However there is an area, in the fenced car parking bays with butt trays for those who must smoke, please use them if you're a smoker.

Members found smoking on the flying field, are breaking the bylaws that you agreed and signed your name to when you paid your Club Membership.

Members who flaunt the bylaws can and will have their membership revoked, simple terms you will be asked to leave club, don't let this happen to you.

Also beware of visitors that may come to watch, as that they may want to smoke on the field, please make them aware of the field regulations, they must go to the designated smoking area in the fenced car park, were the butts trays are.

Fire Season is Here !



Summer is upon us and the total fire ban days are with us again this year.

Please take note there is to be no flying, repeat no flying on TOTAL FIRE BAN days of any powered aircraft at all. Note ! Electric gliders are deemed as powered aircraft.

Only non powered Gliders using bungee launch are exempted.

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Christmas break up and 60 years to Celebrate.

All year we had waited for this day to come along, the day we celebrated our 60 years of existence, and what a great day it was, even the weather was kind to us for our special day, although just a touch windy.



We had big Stiks flying around, no not from the wind ,Shaun Power had his Great Planes Giant Stik, its huge and when it fly's overhead the sun went in, well it does make a big shadow, and it seems like the sun has gone in. The camera men were they talking pics of all planes, and asking for low and slow passes, which was not easy in the wind conditions, but we did it because of the skills we have, "can we do it, yes we can."

Our honorary member Mr Ken Thomas , (scribe from RCMNews) and Joe Finocchiaro VMAA Newsletter editor, were here to take pics and find out all about our club, and how we managed to get to 60 years of age, from the days as the Bendigo Model Aero Club right through to what is now known as, Bendigo Radio Controlled Aircraft Club.

Before we knew it, Lunch was called and a good lunch it was, everybody had a plate full, and talking came to a stop. Must have been the good food and drink, can't talk with good food in your mouth, well most can't.

The presentations took place in our Clubhouse 40, when all were seated, and the President Andrew Thomas Welcomed everybody to this special day, including Past Presidents and the Guests.

The Clubman awards were presented, with 15 members pick up points this year, which is a good result for the club.

The winner this year for the 60th Anniversary year was Les Davis, with Shaun Power runner up and third was Ian Heather.

Mitre 10 trophy went to David Munday for the special support that he has given to the club.

Joy Robinson was given a Honorary Membership for her service in the Canteen, (Great Food Ideas)

Celebration Time, Les gave a brief explanation on how the club got to be 60 years old then we all sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the club followed by three cheers, then Anniversary badge and Glass was given out to all members and the past Presidents as well follow by a piece of birthday cake and all that's left was a club photo and we're finished for day , and what a day it's been, absolutely great, 60 years well done! BRCAC.



Ps to those members who live out of the Bendigo area, and couldn't or didn't make it to our break up/celebrations, your 60th Anniversary badge will be posted to you in due course.

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My Lazy Bee Construction continues

I have been very slack but still I will get there.

I have completed the wing and both sides of the fuselage.

Not too much more to go now.

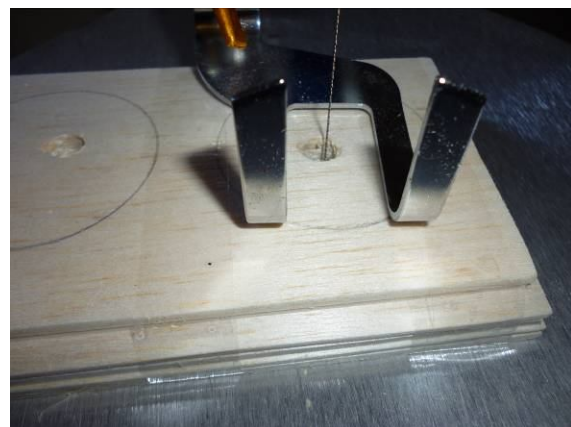
I have a few tips to share with you.

This model is made up of lots of sticks as you can see in the photos.



These sticks aren't very expensive each but when you need lots and lots of them the total price can add to a large amount.

By clamping a straight edge to my scroll saw I have been able to turn 1 board of balsa wood into many strips.



I needed to cut 12 circles so I taped the 6 cut-out pieces together drew around a bottle lid the right size and only needed to cut 2 circles.

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What will they think of next?

This cartoon was found by one of our readers on www.rcgroups.com



“It’s a new idea — you build it yourself.”

Shake You Tail Feathers

Yes I know it’s a song from the Blues Brothers movie, but we don’t want our tail feathers Shaken or Stirred, or even damaged from door way hanger rash, do we?

Does your tail plane of your favourite aircraft have dents or chunks taken, out of the leading edge? Well there’s a fair bet that you carry your aircraft fuselage along side of you, as you pass through doorways, not looking at where the tail is, until it’s struck the door jam behind you, then bugger, another dent or chunk taken out the leading edge of the tailplane.

You won’t be the first or the last to do this, it happens all the time, I’ve done it myself, so I know that you will have done it or you will do it soon, mark my words. So how do we try and prevent this from happening. Well try carrying your aircraft in front of yourself, and steer the tail plane through the doorway first, then you can bang your elbow on the door jam as you pass through, but that all right, the pain should only last a minute or so, hopefully.

Ok, next time you lift your aircraft off the bench and head for the doorway, stop and remember, to guide the tail end of your aircraft through first, this will stop the need for those annoying repairs to the tail plane and hopefully your aircraft will look good, for a lot longer. (Just check your elbow, does it need another band aid?)

This segment was brought to by Hints, Tips and Band Aids.

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QUIZ TIME ????????

Pictured here is the Southern Cross that Sir Charles Kingsford Smith flew in from, 1928 until 1935, on a Dollar coin



Southern Cross aircraft was registered 3 different times, first time 31 May 1928, second time on 4 July 1928 and third time on the 5 April 1931.

Question, Can you name all 3 different registrations?

If you know all 3, please come to the Next meeting and tell us all,

If not wait until next month's ALOFT for the answers.

WOT'S COMING UP with Dam Dairy

Jan 30th, 2012 Club Meeting .(please note*).....At the Clubhouse Marong*

Feb 5th, Glider Comp Loops and DurationFlying field Marong

Feb 19th Fun Day, Electric Power, (Novelty events , any electric aircraft)Flying field Marong

Feb 26th VOTA old timers SAM 600.....Flying field Marong

Note, there be no flying of any powered aircraft on TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS, to check for TFB's, go to the BRCAC web site click on Total Fire Bans left hand column, we are in Northern Country district.

Keep in mind the, "Duration", (2 stroke) Limited Fuel Event is coming up on the 4th of March, Fuel allocation for past entrants is 150 mls of Glow fuel (own fuel any mix) and for first time entries the fuel allocation is 200mls of Glow fuel (own fuel any mix), 2 rounds to be flown, best score to be used.

Only enter if you are happy with second prize or less, I have this one in the bag with the Lazy Bee.(below)



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Little Bit of Goss ... From the flightline/grapevine.

This is the word that is getting around from breakup till now.



1:

Did you hear about Alby , he was leaving the Christmas breakup/60th celebrations, when his foot engaged the bunting around the ground of the shade shelter thus causing Alby to make a beautiful three point landing, his two big toes and his nose. When helped to his feet again, Alby was asked was he all right, his answer was, have I broke my chocolate bar in my top pocket, no, it had survived although there were a couple of loose rice bubbles floating around in his pocket. Good one Alby!

2:

They say lighting doesn't strike in the same place twice, well our Young member has managed to break the rudder of his low wing aircraft, and still land safely, but on the Breakup day he did it again, for the second time with the same aircraft same rudder, but this time didn't land so good, maybe lighting can strike in the same place twice. Or was it insufficient use of the stuff that goes hard when mixed?

3:

Did you realise that 2012 is a leap year, everybody who has a birthday after the 28th of February will have a extra day before your next birthday, what will you do with the extra day, will you go out flying or maybe build another aircraft, or stay home in bed and pretend it didn't happen? Next year we'll be back to normal and this will not be a problem for at least another 4 years.

4:

Have you ever wonder what the past Newsletter editor has been up to, well Mr Mal has still been using the wind to move his models around but in a different format, although some say they are still flying, well what are? They don't



leave the surface but they claim to be flying, yes that's right you guess it, there radio controlled Yachts, and not any old yachts, but very high performance jobs, check the pic to see the fun!



Oh shit the bloody electric battery's gone flat, gotta go, L A N D I N G !

Left: Fatty

Would this be a shit of a thing to build?

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