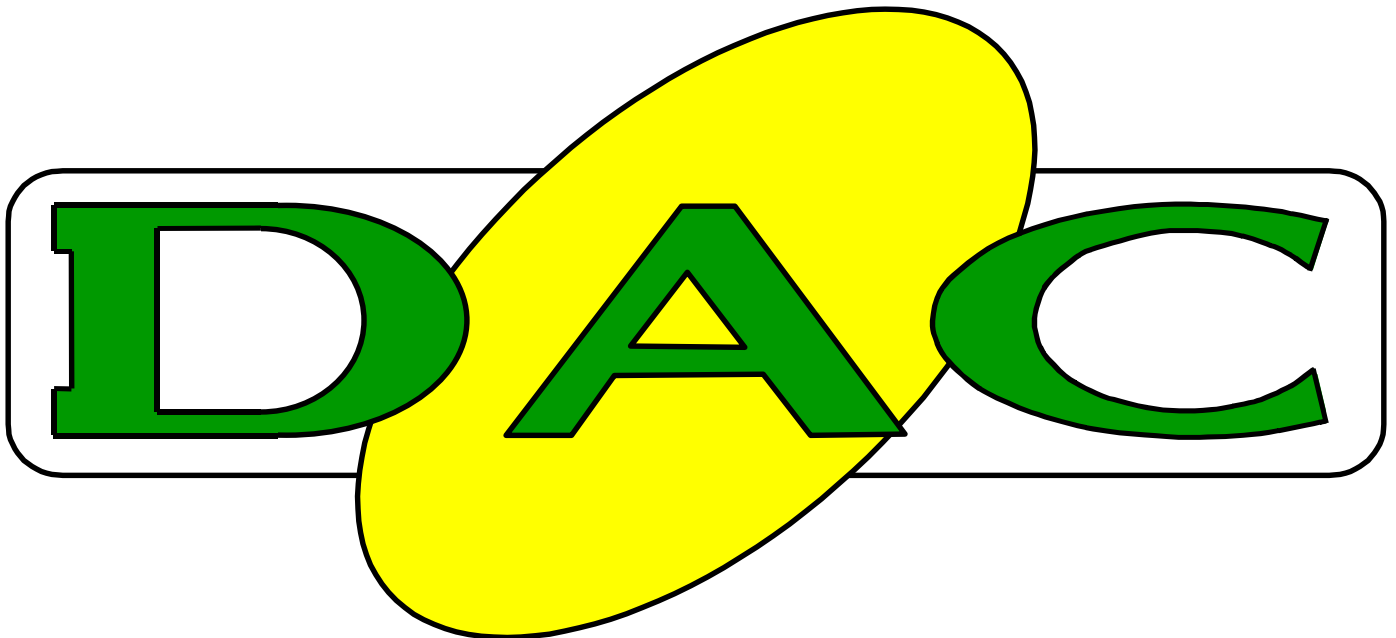


Newsletter

MAY 2001

DONCASTER



AERO CLUB

NEXT MEETING 14/5/01,
AT THE CLUBHOUSE,
8:00pm SHARP

President's Report

Greeting's all,

Trust you're all well, and getting plenty of airtime!!

We will be holding our next club meeting one week early this month. The main reason is to provide information regarding the AEFA Electric competition we're hosting at DAC on May 20th. There are more details further on regarding this event, and as electric's are a fast growing group within the sport and DAC, we're looking forward to an exciting day. The next club meeting WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 14th OF MAY, starting at 8:00pm sharp, in the clubhouse as usual. Note that the AEFA event will interrupt glow powered flying on SUNDAY the 20th of May; a detailed timetable is attached.

We've been doing exceptionally well in competition lately, taking out first place at this year's VMAA Trophy, and consistently being amongst the leaders in F3A. In the VMAA Trophy we had 3 first's, plus a number of placings which put us right out in front; the only events we didn't score in, were those cancelled due to bad weather!! An outstanding achievement all round.

VMAA Trophy Results

Thermal Soaring, Morgan Hill, First place.

Fun Fly, Cliff McIver, First place.

Scale, Noel Whitehead, First place.

7 Cell Electric, Jonathan Pape, Second place.

Sport Pylon, Graham Kay, Third place.

Aerobatics, Super Junior – James Hays, Third place (would've come 1st except for the handicap).

Novelty, Richard Page and his '2 piece Trainer', Fourth place (all placings scored in this event).

Old Timer, Kevin Fryer, event cancelled due to weather.

Musical Landings, Boz Student, event cancelled due to weather.

Team Manager, Barry Taylor, with the assistance of Morgan Hill, and yours truly..

We've also had great results in Aerobatics, in particular at the recent Australian Master's. I've added a photo of our competitors with their results further on. Congratulations to one and all for an outstanding effort, and a big thanks to all those went to either / both events in support of your fellow members, the teamwork was / is fantastic.

You may be interested to know that we have had the club listed on Manningham Council's website to help promote the club. This is free of charge to DAC, and can be seen at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/index.htm (choose 'Recreation and Facilities', then 'Sporting Clubs', then click on the link to 'Doncaster Aeromodeller's Club').

Another issue the council is supporting us and our neighbours with is security. As you know the level of vandalism and crime has been escalating, and the council has arranged to install electric gates at the entry to the club. They have been ordered from the supplier, and are being custom made to suit. The gate(s) will operate automatically, staying open during daylight hours, and only opening after dark when a vehicle is exiting the facility (after hours entry will require a security key / tag).

With this financial year drawing to a close, any nominations for committee positions should be formalised and forwarded as soon as possible. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all those who've assisted in running the club over the last year, in particular the existing committee. They have sacrificed significant time, and made considerable contributions in the interests of DAC; thanks guys, it's much appreciated and been an honour working with you.

We'll be discussing all of the above in greater detail at the next meeting (14/5/01), so please come along. That's all from me for now, see you at the field.

Regards,

Dennis Travassaros – DAC President

**A few happy snaps from the VMAA trophy!!*



Cliff, Pete, & the First place winning Fun Fly!!



Teamwork at its best; Morgan helping John repair his model for the next 7 cell heat. He secured 2nd place in the event!!

Australian Master's

Our guys showed what the club is made of at this event with great results all round – well done guys!!

F3A – FAI Cliff McIver 4th
Expert Rob Clarke 4th
Advanced Paul Marlan 3rd
Advanced Fernando Monge 7th
Sportsman Richard Page 3rd
Sportsman Edmon Odza 4th





AEFA RITZY SCALE AND DAC ELECTRIC RALLY



SCHEDULE.

DATE: MAY 20

9.00 setup
9.20 Pylon Briefing
9.30 - 12.00 speed 400 pylon 3 rounds (7 cell glider between rounds)
10.15 - 10.30 7 cell glider round 1
11.15 - 11.30 7 cell glider round 2
12.00 Ritzy Scale static judging
12.00-1.00 General Flying (electric and ic)
1.00 Scale Flying Round 1
1.45 7 cell glider Round 3
2.00 Scale Flying Round 2
2.45 7 cell glider round 4
3.00 Scramble
3.30 General Flying (electric and ic)

BBQ lunch minimal charge to be started at 12.00

Events:

Ritzy Scale

S&B Models SP400 4 minutes Pylon

Oz Eflight 7 cells

Hawthorn Hobbies Scramble

Others sponsors.. Model Engines, Flyin, Model Warehouse,
Morgans Aero Design Foam Cutting

Pylon any Sp400 6-8 cells max.

7 Cells allow handicap for direct drive(motor run time)

Scramble max 8 cells.

Venue: Melway Map reference 32 B10 enter via Bulleen Rd

ALL WELCOME..NO ENTRY FEE, COME JOIN IN THE FUN.

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Dear Jake.....

There is an elderly Gent in the club who does a lot of flying. He is currently piloting a model to which he has fitted a small flowerpot to form a cowl. Is this more efficient? Puzzled from Preston.

Dear Puzzled from Preston,

Not always, you must have the right power plant!!

Since birds live in trees, is it true that they are not influenced by ground effect? Bird Fancier from Blackburn.

Dear Bird Fancier from Blackburn,

Practically all birds take advantage of ground effect. Notable exceptions are Emus, Ostriches, and Kiwis.....

.....Jake!!



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