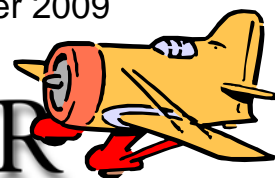


THE NORTHERN FLYER



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Darraweit Guim Clubhouse Phone No 0357891448

Field GPS Coordinates
S 37° 26' 43.0"
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General Meeting.

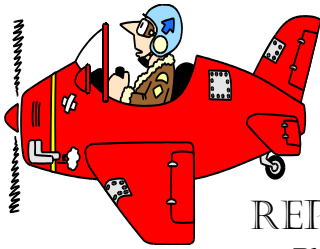
The next General meeting is at **8pm Monday 7th September**
The Nick Ascenzo Reserve hall on the corner of
Alexander Ave and Boronia Ave, Thomastown
Melways Ref Map 9 B7.

WHAT'S ON

Working Bee	Sept- 13
Working Bee	Oct- 11
Glider Day Mt Hollowback	Oct- 18
IMAC	Oct- 24 / 25
Sea Plane Day Pikes Reservoir	Nov- 15
Jets State Field	Nov- 22
Christmas Party Primary school	Dec- 5
Twins and More	May- 2

NFG members at Bowls night





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY
ROBERT MACDONALD

If you got a fly in this month, you did a lot better than most. I can't remember it being so windy for such a long time, and with some club members running out of time, trying to set up their planes for the Shepp Fly-In, the next good day we get, I think it will be a very busy day on the flying line.

Despite the wind, there has been a bit going on. We had a ten pin bowling night but I seem to have conveniently misplaced the results. No, really! We had a mix of family members and friends, to make 3 teams from 18 people. Mark S and Andy from Clan Macdonald were the guns for the night, with many of us keeping the lane gutters clean on a regular basis. When you organize an event, you worry about it being a flop: Will you get the numbers? Will everyone play well together? Or will people get bored? Well, by all reports, members really want to do this again, as well as other things that we, as a club, can take our friends and family to. If you can think of something that all ages can enjoy, please let me know so we can look into it.

As you know, we are rebuilding the gang mowers, and with the weather as it is, it's been a good opportunity for some work to be done on the mowers. They are quite basic and most parts are still obtainable, so with a bit of TLC and a few \$, we will work on each one over time, as the growing season slows down. We have also fitted the rippers to the smudger and have started to rip the east west pits.

Bazz has updated the website and added a new members page. This is where we will add a new member's photo and a little bit about them, so all members will learn a bit more about the new guy or girl and will be able to make them feel welcome. Also on the web page is a projects page for your new or works in progress, be it an ARF, kit or scratch build.

Speaking of the web, there is a new Australian site for planes and helis. The plane side of it is only a month or two old and is looking for members support, in just signing in and hopefully adding to the site with your input. www.arcplane.com.au. www.archeli.com.au is also a good site that is growing and needs support.

Also fairly new is Central RC. It's a new hobby shop started up by our own member Mick Taylor, located at 43 Military Rd, Avondale Heights. Central RC have an ever-expanding range of planes, helis and buggies, with a great range of accessories and spare parts back-up. Mick enjoys our club comps so much that he has generously donated a gift voucher to the winner of the comp for the year.

We have had a few requests for club caps. They have gone up to \$28 and club jackets are \$100. We can only get a good quality jacket in navy blue and they look great. Otherwise, if you have a navy jacket we can get it embroidered for you at \$35. If you are interested, please let me know. We are still taking orders for the methanol and frequency keys. See Mark if you are interested in any of the above.

Write down these dates:

Working Bees- September 13th & October 11th

With a lot of housekeeping needed after the winter break, and work on the east west pits, this will take some time. Also, just to remind members that you now have to attend 4 working bees per year to redeem your works levy.

October 18th is our Glider Day at Mt. Hollowback

IMAC October 24th & 25th is a scale aerobatic event open to all Northern members. Phil Daynes is coming to our next club night to give a talk on what you need to do to fly in this event. You can even use a sport plane in the basic class.

November 15th is our Seaplane Day at Pike's Reservoir. Some 40 size foam cores are still on sale.

November 15th sees the jet guys at the State field.

The Darraweit Christmas party is on December 5th at the primary School, with a 6pm start. Last year we all had a great night with family and friends. Entry is free.

May 2nd is the Northern Flying Group TWINS & MORE FLY IN, which is open to all and any twin or multi engines aircraft.

Fly safe and enjoy our sport.
Rob Mac

Web Site

If you have anything for sale, Swap, or Giveaway, send me a photo and details, and I will put it on our website.

If members that joined in the last 6mts can email or send me a photo of self, I can include them on our new member's page; this will help other members in getting to know you.

Thanks and Cheers. Baz

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