

TF72—Victorian Committee Rep. Report (by Martin Borg)



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AUGUST REPORT

In the August report there was an item which was incorrect in its detail.

In the report on the TF72 committee meeting under the section on the projectiles, the report contained the following:

"will meet with John Slater personally and discuss this matter with him, as he is currently acting as a distributor of some of the torpedo systems being sought for approval for use"

This understanding regarding John Slater being a distributor, was based upon a discussion with a previous TF72 committee member approximately 12-18 months ago. I have since found out that this is not correct.

I have apologised to John for any issues this misunderstanding and any inferences from this statement may have caused him, and wish to make all of you aware of this error.

2 NEW FBV MEMBERS

We have 2 new members in FBV, Adrian Demeijer and Robert Schora.

Adrian lives in Loch Sport in the Gippsland Lakes area approx. 270km from the Melbourne CBD. Adrian was actually one of the original members of TF72 and after a few moves around Australia is now settled in Loch Sport.

Adrian is very busy trying to build a deck for his wife so that he can get back to building his HMS BRECON WW2 Hunt, and hopes to have

enough completed to attend the Canberra Annual Regatta in December and sail.

Adrian is going to send through some pictures of his build so that we can all have a look.

Adrian is also looking into waterways for potential sailing days, and one of the ones he has identified is in Sale where a radio control yacht club used to sail.

Robert lives in Korumburra in Gippsland approx. 120km from the Melbourne CBD, but is looking to move to Ballarat in 2012.

Robert works from home where he builds horse floats and specialist trailers (so if you or one of your friends is in need of a trailer—Robert is your man).

Robert has 2 operational models HMS Amethyst Frigate and USS Marine BB pre d/nought as well as 2 models under construction HMAS Sydney WW2 and HMAS Australia WW1.

Unfortunately due to work commitments, Robert's sailing is likely to be only in Victoria for a while.

Robert is also going to send through some pictures of his build so that we can all have a look.

FBV FLIERS

As we are actively attempting to find a place to sail on a permanent basis as well as some places to sail periodically, we have devised a flier for FBV to use for discussions with clubs/waterway owners

as well as potential new members until a new TF72 flier becomes available later this year.

If anyone needs fliers for handing around to people who may be interested in joining TF72, let me know and I will mail you some.

TF72 BANK ACCOUNT

For those of you trying to pay your membership fees and having trouble with the old TF72 bank account—that is because its changed.

The new bank account details are:

WESTPAC

Name: Task Force 72

BSB: XXXXXXX

Account XXXXXXX

Just go to a Westpac branch, hand it to a teller and ask to deposit monies into the above account – they will gladly do it with no fees. If you try to deposit monies from YOUR bank (if it's not Westpac) you will be charged a fee. As a reference "use your name" so that the treasurer can identify that the payment is from you.

NOTE: Do not pass on these details to anyone other than TF72 members.

You also may not be aware that under the TF72 Constitution those who are not financial by the 30th of September 2011 will cease to be a Member of the Club, lose all club privileges accesses. To become a member again requires the payment of the outstanding fees plus pay a new joining fee / application form.

Special points of interest:

- NEW FBV MEMBERS
- FBV SAILING VENUE UPDATE
- FBGW INVITE

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Justin has raised the question of TF72 having the facility to pay membership fees via an online method (i.e. Paypal, BPay, etc). This suggestion has been raised and I will provide an update once a response has been received.

TF72 MAGAZINE

Its that time when the quarterly TF72 magazine submissions will soon be requested.

Can you all please look at sending through a current picture or two of your models if you have any under construction or newly completed and accompany them with a few words on what you have been working on. For any of you concerned about putting pen to paper, just send through the pictures and give me a call and talk me through the work undertaken and I will undertake the job of putting pen to paper.

Hopefully Adrian and Robert will be able to send through a couple of pictures of their models so that we can include those for all of TF72 to view, not just us in Victoria.

Once I have crafted a draft of the article for FBV for the magazine, I will send it through to all of you for validation prior to submission—after all the article is owned by all of us.

FBGW SAIL INVITE

We have received a preliminary invite from the guys at FB Gulf Waters to come and sail with them in the new year in Naracoorte just over the border (a bit over a 5 hr drive from the Melbourne CBD).

Date is yet to be confirmed, but anyone interested in potentially attending, please let me know. I for one am

keen to join the FBGW guys for a sailing weekend—they are a friendly bunch and great fun. Apparently there is cheap accommodation adjacent to where they will be sailing.

FBV SAILING

We have been looking at a number of potential places for a permanent sailing location as well as a number of spots for periodic sailing days.

As we are all spread over a large geographic area of Victoria, the permanent sailing location is being looked at in Melbourne with it being supplemented by the other periodic sailing locations across county Victoria closer to the home of some of the members.

The permanent location in Melbourne is still being investigated. So far the results are as follows:

Surrey Park where the SPMBC sail has been investigated. Whilst initially looking as a great location with good facilities such as toilets and a club rooms, it has not proved to be ideal. The waterway is a little on the small size with currently a lot of reeds surrounding an island in the middle. The council has indicated it will clear out the reeds sometime in the future.

Whilst discussion with the SPMBC committee was progressing, but came across a stumbling block when the “Commodore” became involved. Even though Ted and I are members of SPMBC, the Commodore started placing a lot of restrictions on us using the area (i.e. Wanted other club members to oversee us, only sail on a Saturday, etc). It all got too difficult for something that really wasn't ideal

Westgate Todd Rd waterways—looked great, had toilet facilities, parking close by, easy to get too off the freeway, 2 bodies of water. BUT, the main water body is salt water and

currently has blue-green algae growing in it (not advisable to go paddling in).

The 2nd body of water which was further away from the car park which contained fresh water, has an abundance of wildlife in and around it. One of those being those animals with fangs and signs indicating what to do if bitten and advising to remain on the pathways! My wife has ruled that waterway out!!!

Albert Park Lake—there is a yacht club that currently sails on the 2nd and 4th Sundays next to the powerhouse at the southern end of the lake. The water is very rough down that end as it is in an open area with even the yachts having trouble sailing there the day I visited. There is however another sheltered area at the northern end near the aquatic centre. It has a 432 car park adjacent and only a very short walk to the water, toilets, shade, etc.

As this Sunday is the 1st Sunday in the month, I am going there to have a closer look at its suitability prior to approaching Parks Victoria about our possibly sailing there.

Just a note, I have received a number of enquiries from people from other clubs about TF72, and our membership looks like potentially increasing in a dramatic way once we have this permanent sailing location up and running on a monthly basis.

The potential periodic sailing locations currently being looked at are: Hazelwood, Sale, Ballarat.

The other events we may become involved in, are static displays similar to what occurs in Newcastle Maybe Waverly scale modellers—Interclub, or Melbourne Society of Model & Experimental Engineers display, etc.



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A potential calendar example may look something like this:

1st Sunday January—Melbourne
1st Sunday February—Melbourne
2nd Sunday February—Sale
1st Sunday March—Melbourne
2nd Sunday March—Ballarat (Begonia Fest.)
1st Sunday April—Melbourne
1st Sunday May—Melbourne
1st Sunday June—Melbourne
1st Sunday July—Melbourne
1st Sunday August—Melbourne
1st Sunday September—Melbourne
1st Sunday October—Melbourne
October—bi-annual Melbourne Society of Model & Experimental Engineers
1st Sunday November—Melbourne
3rd Sunday November—Hazelwood
1st Sunday December—Melbourne

If anyone has any other ideas for potential sailing locations, please put them forward. What we need as initial information is:

- Some photo's of the area
- Detail the official address and name for the waterway
- Name and contact details of the governing body /owner of the waterway
- Detail if you are open to helping in assisting with any further investigations or discussions / negotiations with regards to the waterway

ANNUAL REGATTA

The TF 72 ANNUAL REGATTA is fast approaching with the date set of 03/12/2011 - 04/12/2011
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: BIMBI BEACH, DIDDAMS CLOSE, LAKE GININDERRA, CANBERRA

The Annual Regatta is being held in Canberra for the first time. Set up will commence at 0800 on Saturday. Saturday is the 1/72 Scale only day, Sunday is "all scales/clubs" day in

accordance with established regatta practice. Access to the beach will be available for loading/unloading but parking will be outside the beach area.

I know there are a number of FBV members currently looking to attend the Annual Regatta, and I do encourage you all to give it some consideration as it is a good event.

OTHER

If anyone comes across any interesting websites or info for parts or bits and pieces that may help other FBV members in their modelling, let me know and I will include the details in future FBV fliers for members.

If anyone has anything for sale, etc. Also let me know and I will include that as well.

If anyone attends any TF72 meets anywhere or is out sailing at a local boat club or completes a major component of a new/current model, take some pictures and drop me a line. I will either include in future FBV fliers or assist in putting together a separate "Members Report" flier similar to that I put out after the recent Wagga Carriers and Escorts weekend.

Contact:

Graham Donnell 08 82986305 or gwpdee@aapt.net.au

FOR SALE / WANTED TO BUY

FOR SALE: SPS49 radars ex stock
1:72 and 1:96 scale \$75-00 each
plus post/pack \$9-00

A radar known as an elbow (LS10) used on D.E. (Parramatta)&Destroyers (Vampire) R,N R,A.N types cost \$65-00 plus post.

Mooring Buoys painted black/white with rubbing strakes anchor points \$10-00 inc post.