

Herewith are the results from most official slope contests known to have been held in Victoria since 1971.

They include mainly State slope aerobatics championships, local aerobatics contests, some slope pylon racing and a few other interesting things that have happened along the way.

There are also a handful of events that were run in other states.

This information was compiled and edited by Ian Cole with historical information taken from the VARMS History log compiled by Des Bayliss.

September 3, 2006 – F3F Pylon – Mt Hollowback

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Raw Score	Final Score
1. Theo Arvanitakis (Europhia 2)	1000	935	955	1000	1000	852	5743	4891
2. David Pratley (Tragi 705)	846	983	1000	909	881	1000	5619	4773
3. Jim Houdalakis (Mongoose)	786	1000	941	897	843	831	5299	4513
4. Rob Hutchings (Slope Rico)	705	853	901	814	787	793	4853	4148
5. Steven Gullock (PSS Mustang)	444	542	496	534	484	457	2957	2513
6. Kevin H (EPP Lunak)	0	0	0	486	557	543	1586	1586

September 14, 2003 - Open F3F - Mt Hollowback

(7 Rounds - Drop one)

(Fastest Heat - 43 Seconds - Greg Voak & Richard Frawley)

	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Raw Score	Final Score
1. Greg Voak	944.4	<u>741.9</u>	1000	962.3	918.4	914.9	980.4	6462.3	5720.4
2. Richard Frawley	910.7	1000	843.1	1000	<u>775.9</u>	1000	833.3	6420.4	5587.1
3. Tom Dupuche	822.6	807.0	767.9	1000	1000	<u>754.4</u>	909.1	6060.4	5306.6
4. Gerry Carter	1000	754.1	826.9	910.7	818.2	<u>716.7</u>	925.9	5952.5	5235.8
5. Rod Watkins	1000	793.1	781.8	864.4	882.4	<u>728.8</u>	806.5	5857	5128.2
6. Noel Outtrim	879.3	836.4	796.3	910.7	789.5	<u>767.9</u>	909.1	5889.2	5121.3
7. Daniel Haskell	836.1	779.7	796.3	879.3	775.9	<u>754.4</u>	961.5	5783.2	5028.8
8. Dave Roberts	864.4	<u>630.1</u>	754.4	850.0	865.4	682.5	1000	5646.8	5016.7
9. Max Kroger	980.8	<u>676.5</u>	741.4	772.7	775.9	704.9	746.3	5398.5	4722.0
10. SteveKeep	739.1	793.1	728.8	<u>340.0</u>	737.7	895.8	781.3	5015.8	4675.8
11. Dave Millward	809.5	836.4	<u>537.5</u>	796.9	737.7	623.2	793.7	5134.9	4597.4
12. Theo Arvanitakis	750.0	698.0	843.1	750.0	714.3	<u>581.1</u>	793.7	5129.2	4548.1
13. Jim Houdalakis	739.1	<u>511.1</u>	651.5	637.5	642.9	597.2	704.2	4483.5	3972.4
14. Des Bayliss	653.8	<u>460.0</u>	558.4	653.8	652.3	614.3	617.3	4209.8	3749.8
15. Dave Pratley	822.6	630.1	573.3	680.0	505.6	-	-	2706.0	2706.0

October 20, 2002 - VARMS Trophy - Glenfern Road

A Grade				B Grade			
Name	Loops	Limbo	Total	Name	Loops	X-Country	Total
I Slack	34	20	54	I Smith	28	10	38
P Cossins	50	0	50	L Carlos	24	10	34
C Collyer	12	20	32	R Stevenson	18	10	28
C Smith	4	20	24	D Down	8	10	18
T Arvan'kis	16	0	16	L Berryman	8	10	18
D Pratley	0	0	0	G Pearson	4	10	14
				N Young	2	10	12
				S Wer'haus	0	0	0
				I Green	0	0	0

September 29, 2002 - VMAA State Slope (Aerobatics) Championships - Mt. Hollowback

Accumulated Points for Manouvres x 3 Rounds

	Mandatory	Optional	Final Total
1. C Collyer	358.5	128	486.5
2. D Bayliss	331	136.75	467.75
3. P Cossins	316.75	136.75	453.5
4. C Smith	286.5	134	420.5
5. I Slack	304	116	420
6. G Moore	296	99	395
7. T Arvantakis	267	107.75	374.75
8. R Benton	232.5	95	327.5
9. N Ripp	184.5	27	211.5

Decembe16, 2001 - State Slope Championships - Ballarat

1. Colin Collyer =2. Peter Cossins and Des Bayliss 3. Ian Slack

October 15, 2000 - Victorian Slope Aerobatics Championships - Ballarat

1. Peter Cossins 2. Ian Haig 3. Des Bayliss

October 19, 1997 - Victorian Slope Pylon Championships - Mt. Hollowback

	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4 () = Dropped Round		Total	
	Mins	Score	Mins	Score	Mins	Score	Mins	Score		
Tim Mellor	1.18		0.59		1.11		0.57			
<i>F3B Tragi</i>	1.17	994	0.59	1000	1.10	(858)	0.57	1000	2994	1st
Rob Hutchings	1.20		1.15		1.01		0.59			
<i>Slope Rico.</i>	1.20	963	1.15	(787)	1.00	1000	0.59	966	2929	2nd
Graham Johnson	1.18		1.10		1.11		0.57			
<i>F3B Calypso</i>	1.17	994	1.11	(837)	1.11	852	0.57	1000	2846	3rd
Des Bayliss	1.17		1.03		N/C		1.15			
<i>Bullet Rico.</i>	1.17	1000	1.04	929	N/C	(0)	1.15	760	2689	4th
Ian Cole	1.21		1.06		1.21		1.15			
<i>Bullet Rico.</i>	1.21	951	1.06	894	1.21	(747)	1.15	760	2605	5th
Grant Gillespie	1.51		1.35		1.31		1.48			
<i>Bullet Rico.</i>	1.50	696	1.36	618	1.31	665	1.49	(525)	1979	6th

October 20, 1996 - Victorian F3F Pylon State Championships - Mt. Hollowback

1. Tim Mellor	Tragi 603V	4728	(14 contestants)
2. Cameron Dyson	Spectrum T	4688	
3. Bill Hamilton	Eclipse I	4594	
4. Marcus Stent	Spectrum T	4576	
5. Graham Johnson	Calypso V	4342	
6. Ian Barton	Ilipse I	4235	
7. Manni Reiderich	Pelican(OD)	4228	
8. Des Bayliss	Ricochet	4015	

October 15, 1995 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

(The last of this event with combined Pylon & Aerobatics)

	Aero	Pylon	Total		Aero	Pylon	Total
Ian Cole	1000	963	1000	Geoff Moore	659.8	624	654
Lance Langham	940.8	799	886	Neil McLeod	443.8	724	595
Gerry Carter	801.8	879	856	Tim Mellor	760.4	332	556
Shane Anderson	784	873	844	Graham Johnson	DNF	1000	509
Des Bayliss	763.3	862	828				

July 11, 1993 - Slope Aerobatics (In lieu of Pylon) - Kilcunda

	Rd1	Rd2	Total		Rd 1	Rd2	Total
Peter Cossins	100	103	203	Neil McLeod	67.5	57	124.5
Ian Cole	82	90	172	Lindsay Henderson	41	66	107
Tim Mellor	77.5	91.5	169	Glenn Salisbury	49	0	49
Gerry Carter	75	81	156				

August 18, 1992 - Slope Aerobatics - Kerrie Brae, Yarragon

	Rd 1.	Rd 2.	Total		Rd 1.	Rd 2.	Total
Ian Cole	47.0	50.0	97.4	M. VanDerHorst	31.0	35.25	76.25
M. Fiddes	46.5	46.25	92.75	T. Mellor	38.5	34.5	73.0
M. Christoph	42.5	42.5	85.0	N. McLeod	24.0	42.5	66.5
T. Whitford	39.5	44.0	83.5	G. Carter	31.0	23.0	59.4
P. Cossins	35.5	45.0	80.5	J. Berry	24.25	29.0	53.25
T. Morland	39.75	37.25	73.0				

Slowest recorded time

A. Mayhew/19.8 & L. Reynolds/21.38

June 14, 1992 - Slope Slalom - Mt. Hollowback

	Round 1			Round 2			Total
	Time	Penalty	Score	Time	Penalty	Score	
Scott Lennon	130	0	1000	125	0	1000	2000
David Hobby	157	45	643	210	0	595	1238
Lane Horsey	338	15	368	147	0	850	1218
John Lawrey	242	15	506	194	0	644	1150
Tim Whitford	183	45	570	232	45	451	1021
Geoff Moore	164	45	670	332	45	331	1001
Tim Mellor	195	30	577	261	45	408	985
Peter Cossins	289	0	449	299	15	398	847
Glen Salisbury	228	60	451	246	90	372	823

June 16, 1991 - Slope Aerobatics/Pylon - Kilcunda

	Aerobatics 1	Pylon	Aerobatics2	Total
S. Lennon	118.5	87	126	331.5
M. Fiddes	97	82	101	280
D. Hobby	85.5	100	88.5	274
S. Frodsham	114	75	84.5	273.5
D. Bayliss	91	68	87	246
T. Morland	75	72	95	242
J. Pedder	84	72	81	237
B. Nugent	82	68	87	235
P. Cossins	83	64	87	234
T. Mellor	54	82	72	208
G. Moore	53	73	69.5	195.5
C. Fiddes	110	81	---	191
T. Carter	57	58	53	168
G. Carter	39	60	39	138
R. Cooper	94	---	---	94

15 July 1990 - Slope Limbo - Mt. Hollowback

Scott Lennon	100	Stephen Frodsham	67
R. Wilkins	100	Geoff Moore	53
N. McLeod	87	Peter Cossins	27
David Hobby	80	R. Kearton	20
John Lawrey	73	A. Kennedy	7
Des Bayliss	73	Walter Albert	--

September 11, 1988 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

1. Scott Lennon	100.0	5. John Lawrey	79.0	9. Ian Cole	50.0
2. Cliff Fiddes	99.0	6. Peter Cossins	76.0	10. Stephen Frodsham	36.0
3. Graham Sullivan	92.0	7. Des Bayliss	68.0	11. Neil McLeod	23.0
4. Michael Fiddes	81.0	8. Peter Mather	61.0	12. Michael Mather	10.0

July 10, 1988 - Slope Limbo - Mt. Hollowback

1. Cliff Fiddes	100.0	=5. John Lawrey	73.5	9. Des Bayliss	19.5
2. Graham Sullivan	91.0	6. Ian Cole	59.8	10. Craig Moore	16.9
3. Stephen Frodsham	80.5	=7. Geoff Moore	39.0	=11. Harold Frodsham	9.1
4. Scott Lennon	78.0	=7. Peter Briggs	39.0	=11. Jim Robertson	9.1
5. Peter Cossins	73.5	8. Ross Peasley	22.1	=11. Neil McLeod	9.1

June 19, 1988 - Towline Aerobatics - Cathies Lane

1. C. Fiddes	1000	5. I. Cole	363
2. S. Lennon	726	6. J. Lawrey	305
3. P. Cossins	548	7. G. Moore	278
4. D. Bayliss	419	8. K. Neuman	67

Mandatory Tasks - K = 1

Axial or Barrel Roll
Two Consecutive Loops
Two Stall Turns

Optional Tasks - K = 2

3 Second Inverted Flight Inverted Circle
2 Axial or Barrel Rolls 2 Spins
Cuban 8 4 Point Roll

November 29, 1987 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

	Aerobatics	Pylon	Total
1. Cliff Fiddes	988	1000	1988
2. Rob Wilkins(Ararat)	1000	943	1943
3. Scott Lennon	868	820	1688
4. Ray Walters(Bendigo)	690	937	1627
5. Ian Cole	713	864	1577
6. Geoff Hearn	700	809	1509
7. Peter Cossins	689	764	1453
8. John Lawry	588	859	1447
9. Graham Sullivan	917	390	1307
10. Des Bayliss	501	658	1159
11. Brian Fyfe	707	318	1025
12. Len Patrick	522	390	912
13. Geoff Moore	444	---	444
14. Neil McLeod	334	---	334

October 11, 1987 - Slope Pylon - Bass Hill

1. Scott Lennon	100	8. Ian Cole	72.5
2. Graham Sullivan	89.2	9. Des Bayliss	67.5
3. Knut Neuman	87.6	10. Neil McLeod	65.1
4. Tim Morland	87	11. Geoff Moore	53.1
5. John Lawry	83.3	12. Peter Cossins	---
6. Barry Nugent	80.7	13. Robert Kearton	---
7. Brian Fyfe	73.1		

14 June 1987 - Cathies Lane - Wantirna Sth

Tow Line Aerobatics

G. Sullivan
D. Bayliss
J. Lawrey
S. Lennon
T. Morland
K. Neuman
I. Cole
B. Nugent
G. Moore

Two Minutes Spot Landing

G. Sullivan
T. Morland
B. Nugent
J. Lawrey
K. Neuman
D. Bayliss
J. Robinson
S. Lennon
G. Moore

December 14, 1986 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback.

	Aerobatics	Pylon	Total
1. Scott Lennon	1000	916	1916
2. Bob Wilkins	920	892	1812
3. Graham Sullivan	816	813	1629
4. Michael Fiddes	799	825	1624
5. John Lawry	745	853	1598
6. Brian Wood	573	1000	1573
7. Graeme Sinclair	619	865	1484
8. John Berry	531	884	1415
9. Glenn Weisks	469	827	1296
10. Peter Cossins	636	655	1291
11. Stephen Frodsham	510	636	1146
12. Daniel Haskell	347	772	1119
13. Geoff Moore	259	679	938
14. Neil McLeod	---	515	515
15. Des Bayliss	255	---	255

August 10, 1986 - Slope Pylon Racing - Bass Hill

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1. T. DeHaan	2.08	2.07	2.28	6.43
2. C. Collyer	2.43	2.15	3.00	7.58
3. S. Lennon	2.28	2.50	2.58	8.16
4. J. Berry	2.55	2.26	3.11	8.32
5. I. Cole	3.18	2.37	3.41	8.36
6. M. Vigilante	2.53	3.36	3.15	8.44
7. M. Fiddes	2.55	2.49	3.07	8.51
8. K. Neuman	2.43	2.55	3.32	9.10
9. P. Cossins	2.52	3.11	3.34	9.37
10. D. Bayliss	3.15	2.45	3.57	9.53
11. B. Fyfe	2.32	3.51	4.2	10.43
12. S. Frodsham	4.08	3.32	4.00	11.40
13. C. Fiddes	2.22	2.25	V.L.	----
14. T. Morland	2.28	2.39	V.L.	---- Equal
14. J. Lawry	2.34	2.33	V.L.	---- Equal
15. J. Whittaker	3.47	3.28	V.L.	----
16. D. Haskell	---	2.47	4.57	----
17. G. Moore	2.53	V.L.	---	----

July 27, 1986 - Towline Aerobatics - Cathies Lane

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Total	Model
1. C. Fiddes	101	<u>101</u>	202	Lark/Aileron
1. M. Barber	103	99	202	Ricochet/Aileron
2. G. Sullivan	101	95	196	Antares/Aileron
3. T. Morland	<u>107</u>	76	183	Acro/Aileron
4. T. DeHaan	84	92	176	Ricochet/Aileron
5. M. Fiddes	88	84	172	Prophecy/Rudd.-Elev.
6. I. Cole	88	83	171	Ricochet/Aileron
7. S. Lennon	89	81	170	O.D. Ridge Rock/Aileron
8. D. Haskell	82	84	166	Hornet/Aileron
9. B. Nugent	91	74	165	Pinky/Aileron
10. D. Bayliss	75	87	162	Prelude/Rudd.-Elev.
11. K. Neuman	75	81	156	Prelude/Rudd.-Elev.
12. P. Cossins	65	76	141	Ricochet/Aileron
13. M. Vigilante	89	51	140	Mijet/Aileron
14. T. Hughes	39	64	103	Prelude/Rudd.-Elev.
15. B. Spencer	34	33	67	Prelude/Rudd.-Elev.
16. G. Moore	19	39	58	Swallow/Aileron, Heinz 57/Rudd/Elev.
17. F. Smith	8	39	47	Pedro/Aileron

May 25, 1986 State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

	Aerobatics	Pylon	Total
1. Ralph Learmont	967	966.5	1933.5
2. Robert Wilkins	1000	858.5	1858.5
3. Brian Wood	755	984.5	1739.5
4. Cliff Fiddes	782.5	900.5	1683.0
5. Ian Cole	581.5	949.5	1531.0
6. Trevor DeHaan	445.5	896.0	1341.5
7. Tim Morland	383.25	951.0	1334.25
8. Michael Fiddes	356.5	770.0	1126.0
..9. Peter Cossins	222.0	852.5	1074.5
10. Des Bayliss	228.0	838.0	1066.0
11. Glen Reid	234.0	768.5	1002.5

October 20, 1985 - Slope Cross Country - Bacchus Marsh

C. Fiddes	100	P. Davey	66
T. DeHaan	100	D. Bayliss	56
G. Hearn	100	C. Collyer	48
T. Bourke	100	M. Fiddes	43
C. Dyson	86	P. Cossins	35
R. Learmont	86	M. Vigilante	30
F. Smith	77	P. Hearn	30
I. Cole	73	K. Neuman	30

18 August 1985 - Limbo - Mt. Shamrock

R. Learmont	100	M. Moore	30
C. Fiddes	97	K. Neuman	30
C. Dyson	80	R. Foulkes	30
J. Hill	72	D. Bayliss	30
T. Morland	62	S. Lennon	30
P. Davey	62	D. Sedgwick	30
T. DeHaan	62	J. Berry	30
M. Vigilante	40	G. Moore	30
I. Cole	40		

July 21, 1985 - Annual Soaring Tournament - Aerobatics - Huxtable Road.

1. C. Fiddes	401	8. J. Hill	270
2. T. DeHaan	392	9. M. McCullough	249
3. M. Vigilante	384	10. P. Cossins	219
4. D. Bayliss	374	11. I. Cole	196
5. C. Collyer	350	12. L. Nagy	186
6. P. Davey	348	13. P. Cooke	181
7. C. Dyson	343	14. B. Fyfe	40

May 26, 1985 - Slope Competition - Beveridge

1. G. Hearn	1950	Hearn's Eagle	7. D. Bayliss	1332	Aquila
2. C. Dyson	1928	Slick 16	8. F. Smith	1046	???
3. T. DeHaan	1838	O.D./Ricochet	9. R. Learmont	1006	T-Bird
4. I. Cole	1615	Ricochet	10. K. Lewis	946	Ridge Rat
5. P. Hearne	1429	???	11. P. Cooke	900	
6. K. Neumann	1337	Arrowhead	12. J. Berry	71	Carrera/Sagitta

November 18, 1984 - Victorian State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

(It was stated that this event was flown to the new National Slope soaring rules recently passed by postal vote. These rules originated in Victoria as a result of participants. As can be seen by the scores, both Pylon and Aerobatics were flown, with one of each constituting a round, and a minimum of 2 rounds to constitute the Championship).

	Pylon		Aerobatics		Total
	R.1	R.2	R.1	R.2	
1. G. Vincent	981	983	867	1000	3831
2. R. Langham	940	943	1000	832	3715
3. R. Wilkins	994	1000	851	503	3348
4. T. DeHaan	879	978	544	775	3176
5. P. Hearne	1000	966	723	476	3165
6. B. Wood	905	849	497	654	2905
7. P. Davey	946	872	667	414	2899
8. M. Forster	689	877	226	---	1792
9. P. Davey	944				

August 26, 1984 - Slope Cross-country - Yarragon

		Score	Adj. Score
R. Wilkins	Ararat	1960	100
R. Squires	PARCS	1890	95
D. Meson	MACS	1800	90
G. Vincent	VARMS	1800	90
P. Briggs	VARMS	750	54
T. DeHaan	VARMS	600	46
T. Moreland	VARMS	575	43
G. Blackman	LVMAC	460	36
B. Nugent	VARMS	420	33
S. Smith	VARMS	345	28
G. Rim	VARMS	345	28
L. Cleeland	PARCS	315	22
R. Learmont	VARMS	300	20
B. Fyfe	VARMS	125	11
C. Wyatt	PARCS	115	9

July 22, 1984 - VARMS Slope Competition - Beveridge (Mt. Fraser)

1. Steve McCullough	169	9. Geoff Hearn	99
2. Geoff Vincent	130	10. Trevor De Haan	98
3. Ian Cole	124	11. Brian Fyfe	96
4. Des Bayliss	123	12. Stuart Brown	95
5. Mark Barber	122	13. Max McCullough	90
6. Grant Heaney	121	14. Geoff Moore	86
7. Frank Smith	111	15. Simon Burchill	63
8. Ron Webb	104	= Tim Moreland	63
		16. Peter Briggs	38

June 3, 1984 - Scale Slope Contest - Mt. Hollowback

		Static	Flying	Final
Frank Smith	Grunau Baby II	80	85	177.75
Geoff Pentland	DFS Olympia	88	72	170.8
Colin Collyer	Kestrel	78	90	168.00
Geoff Hearn	Slingsby Prefect	57	70	137.00

May 20, 1984 - VARMS Slope Championships (Aerobatics & Pylon) - Mt. Hollowback

Aerobatics		Pylon	
1. Geoff Vincent	1000	1. Geoff Vincent	1000
2. Trevor DeHaan	744	2. Trevor DeHaan	999
3. Peter Davey	632	3. Peter Davey	967
4. John Berry	562	4. Ralph Learmont	959
5. Ralph Learmont	540	5. John Berry	802
6. Des Bayliss	338	6. Ian Cole	762
7. Ian Cole	259	7. Tim Shirley	705

October 30, 1983 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

(Contest flown from the still-provisional rules of 1976 which have three tasks, Distance, Speed & Aerobatics, any two tasks constituting a round).

1. Roger Langham	Cloud Dancer	3441	5. Lance Langham	Dolphin
2. Ralph Learmont	Sl. Ricochet	3412	6. Dave Meson	Flamingo 2M
3. David Garle	F3B Ricochet	3342	7. L. Carroll	Dolphin
4. Trevor DeHaan	Sl. Ricochet			
5. Roy Calnan		763		

September 26, 1982 - Victorian Slope Soaring Championships - Mt. Hollowback

1. G. Vincent	3505	7. R. Langham	2916
2. R. Learmont	3407	8. B. Sellers	2770
3. R. Pike	3402	9. B. Johnson	2695
4. D. Meson	3321	10. P. Davey	2527
5. L. Langham	3312	11. G. Plebanowicz	1946
6. D. Gale	3278	12. L. Carroll	537
		11. Len Patrick	521 Riser

June 26, 1982 - VARMS Slope Championships - Pylon - Yarragon

1. Geoff Vincent	2. Trevor DeHaan	3. Peter Mather
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May 30, 1982 - VARMS SLOPE (Aerobic) Championships - Mt. Hollowback

(Placings are for a VARMS only comp, as well as an Open competition).

VARMS Placings	Comp. Placing	Name	Points	Aircraft
	1.	Lance Langham	184	Dolphin (Own Design)
1	2.	Geoff Vincent	172	Spectre (Own Design)
2	3.	Dave Meson	159	O.D. (Flamingo based)
3	4.	Peter Mather	158	Slope 16 (V-Tail)
	5.	Roger Langham	156	Sky Dancer
4	6.	Trevor DeHaan	138	Own Design
5	7.	Phil Hearne	133	Camira 2M
6	8.	Mark Barber	116	Ridge Rat
	9.	Lee Carroll	109	Purana
	10.	Glen Mathews	108	Squirrel
	11.	Doug Dorrat	104	Ricochet
7	12.	Max Kroger	90	Ricochet
8	13.	Len Patrick	47	Ridge Runner
9	14.	Jim Hill	32	Bluebottle

October 11, 1981 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback, Ballarat

(First 3 places, then only VARMS members)

1. Geoff Vincent	4788	VARMS	11. Phil Hearne	3242	VARMS
2. Dave Meson	4694	VARMS	12. Peter Mather	3177	VARMS
3. Lance Langham	4357	GAGS	13. Mark Barber	2825	VARMS
5. Ralph Learmont	3772	VARMS	14. Jim Hill	2695	VARMS
6. Trevor DeHaan	3745	VARMS	18. Peter Long	1928	VARMS
8. Max Kroger	3590	VARMS	19. Len Patrick	1828	VARMS
10. Barry Nugent	3417	VARMS	20. Noel Harding	1066	VARMS

August 9, 1981 – VARMS Slope Championships – Mt. Hollowback

Aerobatics 1. Geoff Vincent Pylon 1. Ralph Learmont

June 28, 1981 - Informal Aerobatics comp. - Phillip Island

1. Dick Whitford	105	6. Trevor DeHaan	76
2. David Walsh	93	7. Peter Mather	65
3. Geoff Vincent	92	8. Glen Sheppard	56
4. Mike Penniment	79	9. Ian Shadbolt	33

October 26, 1980 - Slope Cross Country - Yarragon

1. G. Vincent	900	7. C. Collyer	800
2. B. Andrews	900	8. A. Kistemaker	800
3. M. Young	900	9. I. Shadbolt	700
4. R. Learmont	900	10. K. Day	700
5. M. Penniment	800	11. G. Blackman	700
6. P. Hearne	800	12. L. Patrick	500

(Four fliers failed to complete the course, incl. the Editor Jim Hill)

Final Overall Scores:

1. Brian Laging	G.A.G.S.	5880	Outcast
2. Ray Pike	VARMS	5384	Alcatraz
3. Kel Day	VARMS	5149	Modified A1
4. Geoff Vincent	VARMS	5104	Salto/Jindivik
6. Dick Whitford *	VARMS	4591	Upya 2
7. Trevor DeHaan *	VARMS	4060	Ridge Rat
9. Peter Mather *	VARMS	3338	Silent Squire

October 5, 1980 - VMAA Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

(VARMS is now affiliated and all members can compete in this VMAA/RMC event).

Task 1 - Max 100 metre laps in 6 mins 1. Ray Pike
Task 2 - Speed over 10 laps 1. Brian Laging
Task 3 - Aerobatics 1. Brian Laging

June 22, 1980 - State Slope Championships - Mt Hollowback, Ballarat

(Note: VARMS did not make the decision to re-affiliate with the VMAA until 4th July 1980, this competition was the VMAA sanctioned event!!).

1. Brian Laging 2. Ralph Learmont 3. Cliff Fiddes

From this point on, all VARMS members are affiliated with the VMAA/MAAA/FAI, and are entitled to compete in all competitions sanctioned by these bodies.

April 27, 1980 - Club Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

Aerobatics (Poss 320 points)

1. Colin Collyer	274	7. Dave Meson	232.5
2. Ralph Learmont	269	8. Ojars Balodis	219
3. Ray Pike	267	9. Trevor DeHaan	208
4. Dick Whitford	256.5	10. Barry Nugent	194
5. Cliff Fiddes	247 (D.N.F.)	11. Mark Hillen	168 (D.N.F.)
6. John Gottschalk	241	12. Peter Long	14 (D.N.F.)

Pylon Racing

1. Ray Pike 2. Dave Meson 3. Ojars Balodis

Victorian State Glider Championships – 25-26 March 1972

The following contest results are extracted from Aspectivity No. 23 of April 1972, and although they are probably the third State Glider Championships as such, they are the first for which any complete results are reported.

(Note: This event was held over two days, being a mixture of flat-field events in a paddock beside Mt. Hollowback, Ballarat, on the first day, and slope events on the second day held on Mt. Hollowback itself.)

The Rules for these competitions were as follows:

F.A.I. Towline.

Line length is now 300 metres – this is the extended length of bungee and winch systems.

1 point per second flight duration with a 10 minute maximum.

Over 11 minutes loses 1 point per second plus all landing points.

Landing inside 25 metre diameter circle = 50 bonus points.

Over 10 metres from circle = flight annulled.

Power Assist.

To be scored by the ratio of glide time to power flight.

10 bonus points for landing within 25 metre circle.

Flight annulled if outside 100 metre circle.

Score = $30 \times \frac{\text{Glide time}}{\text{Power time}} + 10$ landing points (if applicable)

Flying Scale.

To be judged as “stand off” scale (model will not be measured to compare with dimensions of full-size machine.

Entrant must supply 3 view drawings or photos of full-size glider being modelled.

Flight plan to consist of:

1. Straight flight into wind.
2. Procedure turn (90° left, 270° right).
3. Straight flight down wind.
4. One loop.
5. One other manoeuvre that full-size sailplane could be expected to do, E.G. stall turn.
6. Rectangular pattern and landing approach.
7. Spot landing.

Aerobatics.

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| 1. Loops – two consecutive loops – single loop scores no points | 10 points |
| 2. Roll – single axial or barrel roll – judged on straightness of entry and exit. | 10 points |
| 3. Inverted flight – Inverted flight for five seconds at constant speed in a straight line, but not necessarily level. | 10 points |
| 4. Stall turn – not necessarily a true stall turn, but aircraft must turn in a vertical plane. Best of two attempts. | 5 points |
| 5. Tail slide – best of two attempts. | 5 points |
| 6. Spin – 3 consecutive spins – less if conditions do not permit. Exit and entry should be in the same direction. | 10 points |
| 7. Touch & Go – Model must touch the ground, then remain airborne for a minimum of 5 seconds. | 5 points |
| 8. Spot Landing – Distance measured from nearest point of model to marked spot. One point lost per yard from spot up to a maximum of 10 yards. | 10 points |

Pylon Race.

Models to race between pylons erected 100 yds. apart – not necessarily around but between the projected lines of pylons at right angles to the course. Pilots to be situated at left hand pylon. A flying start will be used (all models airborne, judge will count down time to start). Heats will be arranged by Contest Director.

Limbo.

Depending upon weather conditions and terrain, the obstacle will be set parallel, or at right angles to the slope. The initial height of the string, and the increments through which it will be lowered will be at the discretion of the Contest director on the day

Contest Report

F.A.I. Towline: Quite a few entrants and a fair amount of lift. Model design was varied, ranging from my (John Bexley) 9 ft., 2lb. floater, Ray's 11ft., 10lb. KA 6. Pilot skill is the important factor.

1. Ralph Learmont 2. Ray Cooper 3. Bob Allan

Power Assist: Only three entrants. Frank Sterndale caught the right thermal, landed in the circle after 10 mins. Ralph had an over-run one flight, thus a very poor ratio of power to glide. Bob had motor problems – worked really well to conserve his altitude in the glide. Make sure you enter next year, this event is wide open.

1. Frank Sterndale 2. Ralph Learmont 3. Bob Allen

Scale: Young Ray managed to take this one off. The only scale competitor to fly from the towline, the big K.A. 6 was really smooth through the pattern presentation. Landing was very impressive, a long flat approach, drop the flaps and the wheel touches right on the spot, every time. Chris flew a standard Cirrus to second, Bob, his well finished Circe to third.

1. Ray Cooper 2. Chris Joy 3. Bob Allan.

Aerobatics: Fortunately for this event, the first of the second day, the wind came up to provide strong lift from the slope. Unfortunately the direction was such that the landing area had to be cleared in the thistles. John McGrane flew the same design as last year and really impressed, it flies just like a power model. He called three spins, completed three just as the ground came up, the vertical landing did not get any points. John spent most of Sunday morning with epoxy and yards of masking tape – must be cheap up there in Broken Hill.

Ralph's model was having its second flight. A different design concept with a thin foam wing and V Tail. Aileron and elevator control only.

Chris flew the new Graupner Cumulus design. Goes really well, if you've \$125 to spare, buy one.

1. John McGrane 2. Ralph Learmont 3. Chris Joy

Pylon: Again a wind change, but unfortunately it almost stopped. During some heats, models were re-launched several times a lap. Choosing a good cross country runner for a helper would have been wise. The Broken Hill and Geelong contingent had several helpers and virtually threw the model from one to the next.

1. John McGrane 2. Frank Sterndale

Limbo: Still no wind, but lots of entries. Another win to Ralph. Frank and I couldn't go any lower, but both cleared the obstacle again in a re-fly, decided on equal second.

1. Ralph Learmont Equal 2. Frank Sterndale & John Bexley

Ralph Learmont won the Championship award – a kit from Tony Cincotta. After being presented with his prize he presented it to one of our junior members to help him on his way. Thanks to all those who helped with the running of the competitions, especially Alan Villiers who ran the Pylon race, the owner of the Jeep who retrieved the towline (I didn't get your name) and Tony Cincotta of "The Hobby Hangar" who donated the prize for Champion of Champions.

Extracted from Aspectivity 30, Nov. '72 - Kilcunda - 29th October.

Under the railway bridge, sharp turn left, then up and up 'til you get there!!Well, we got there. And what a nice spot it is. Parking close to the slope, a beautiful view to the south as well as the north, sunshine at its best, BUT ... What was missing?? Of course, NO WIND. Just a few thermal "puffs" from the north-east. Neil McLeod made some very gallant investigation flights far out and got occasional lift, only to drop alarmingly into the "Holes next Door" and so made a few extended recovery hikes down the northern slopes. By 11a.m. the position was much the same. Around noon, the first B.B.Q. smoke thermals began to drift across the southern side of the ridge and still no flying air. "Get the Winch!!" It was soon set up and all ready to go. Peter Abels the first one to hook his CUMULUS on when Hallo, Hallo, What is that?? Suddenly a cool, strong breeze; right from behind. Hurrah. Quick, drop the Hook, run 50 steps south across the ridge and chuck off and ...Fly... What a relief after 3 hours of almost non-action. From then on, things started to look real good. The Ocean in the distance with that disturbed looking surface, a sure sign of a good breeze coming in, right up the slope. By then, about 20 members, with families and friends, had arrived. Ray Cooper made his first appearance after arriving back home from his 5 months holiday in Germany on the Monday before.

PYLON.

After the Gremlins in the P.A. System were temporarily put out of action, the pylon race got under way, with Alan and David Villiers in charge of proceedings. 3 heats with 3 contestants each, the winners to go into the Fly Off. John Patterson brought his smart looking AVENGER to the starting line which came to grief on the 2nd lap; cart wheeled and snapped the fuselage in half ... Better luck next time, John!!

The winners of the heats were Ray Cooper, Chris Joy and Yours truly (John Gottschalk).

The Fly Off was a most enjoyable affair, with all three models very close together. Ray's multi-purpose lightweight sailing along neatly with smart turns; the scale ZUGVOGEL of Chris looking very realistic, unfortunately missing a turn; my Foka made two unscheduled landings, and so the final outcome was:

1. Ray Cooper 2. Chris Joy 3. John Gottschalk

LIMBO.

Well. You can't win, without being in. So the line-up of contestants including no. 66 (John Gottschalk) for the first time, looked great. Three minutes allowed, with three attempts. Ray Datodi flying his CIRRUS made some perfect passes, so did Ralph Learmont. Neil McLeod, after a good start misjudged an approach and was out and some other triers could not get through within the three minutes. (Including you know who.) So Ray Cooper won the Contest with a perfect low pass. Great fun for everybody!!

OBSERVATIONS.

Pencils, car keys and blank plastic slides instead of frequency keys inserted in the keyboard caused at least one definite crash.

Trail bikes can be interesting entertainment.

Dry cell powered transmitters don't go on forever.

Ralph Learmont can be beaten in a competition.

Ray Cooper's SIMPROP gear looks great.

Frank Waller's OWN, now converted to 2 channel propo. flies beaut, got mixed up in midair and creamed the fin.

Barbed wire fences make very efficient solarfilm shredders.

The 3rd State R/C Soaring Championships, March 25th & 26th: (All held at Mt Hollowback, Ballarat, organised by VARMS under the auspices of the Victorian Aeronautical Radio Control Association, (V.A.R.C.A.).

Power Assist - 1st Peter Williams, 2nd Barry Angus, 3rd Ray Datodi,

FAI Thermal - 1st Ray Datodi, equal 2nd Peter Williams & Rob Goldman, 3rd Alan Villiers,

Scale - Nil entries,

Slope Aerobatics - 1st Ralph Learmont, 2nd Ray Cooper, equal 3rd Barry Angus & Peter Williams,

Slope Pylon - 1st Peter Williams, 2nd Ray Cooper, 3rd Ralph Learmont,

Slope Limbo - 1st Ralph Learmont, 2nd Graeme Pentland.

November 25 & 26, 1978 - State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback

Silvertone Trophy	Ojars Balodis		
Aerobatics	1. Ojars Balodis	2. Cliff Fiddes	3. Charlie Wyatt
Pylon Race	1. Ojars Balodis	2. Ray Pike	3. Tim Morland
Speed Event	1. Ojars Balodis	2. John Gottschalk	3. Cliff Fiddes

The following statistics also accompanied the above results:

	Rd. 1.	Rd. 2.	Rd. 3.	Total	Average
Williams	2.84	2.53	3.16	8.53	2.843333
Hearn	3.52	3.34	3.42	10.29	3.43
Fiddes	2.87	2.46	2.59	7.92	2.64
Moreland	3.15	2.83	2.88	8.86	2.9953333
Balodis	2.33	1.91	2.44	6.68	2.226666
Gottschalk	2.37	2.46	2.89	7.72	2.573333

	Av. secs to mile	Av. speed m.p.h	Fastest single speed
1. Balodis	58.561315 s.	61.474029 m.p.h.	71.666036 m.p.h. (2)
2. Gottschalk	67.678657 s.	53.192544 m.p.h.	57.757099 m.p.h. (1)
3. Fiddes	69.432 s.	51.849291 m.p.h.	55.643141 m.p.h. (2)
4. Williams	74.779667 s.	48.141428 m.p.h.	54.103608 m.p.h. (2)
5. Moreland	76.786658 s.	46.883144 m.p.h.	48.458742 m.p.h. (2)
6. Hearn	90.209 s.	39.907326 m.p.h.	40.860337 m.p.h. (2)

September 24, 1978 - Aerobatics, Limbo & Novelty Event - Mt. Hollowback

Limbo	Aerobatics		
Equal 1st.	Ray Pike & Cliff Fiddes	1. Ralph Learmont	3. Ron Vanderwolf
2nd	Ojars Balodis	2. Ray Pike	4. Charlie Wyatt

June 4, 1978 - Aerobatics - Mt. Hollowback

Mark Barber	443	Ken Dickenson	349
Dick Whitford	427	Tony Hayward	339
Paul Dumsday	380		

May 21, 1978 - Pylon Racing - Mt. Hollowback

Mark Barber	6.22	Wayne Crawford	-
Dick Whitford	6.45	John Meldrum	-
Geoff Hearn	7.42	Tony Hayward	-
Ken Dickenson	7.58	Cliff Fiddes	-

Power-Assist	Rd 1.	2.	3	Total	Scale	Static	Flight	Total
Ron Bird	339	202	541	516	John Gottschalk (ASK13)	163	88	251
Keith Harvey	197	139	180	382	Paul Rim (ASW17)	116	58	174
Stuart Addiscott	98	107	177	363	Noel Roediger (ASW17)	121	-	121*
Robert Goldman	101	161	101	256	Tony Hayward (ASW15)	146	22	168*
Brian Andrew	80	89	87	256	***Amended result**			

Speed (in secs) (2 laps 150m course)

	Rd. 1.	2	Total		1	2	Total
Geoff Vincent	13.5	13.5	27	Paul Rim	17.5	19	36.5
Ron Bird	15	13	28	Martin Lui	17.5	19	37.5
John Gottschalk	15	13.5	28.5	Glen Adamson	22	17	39
Noel Roediger	16.5	15.5	32	Noel Harding	21	18.5	39.5
Rob Goldman	18.5	14	32.5	Michael Young	22.5	20.5	43
Ojars Balodis	20	13	33	Bob Sellers	30	20	50
Mark Barber	21	13.5	34.5	Phil Hearn	25	34	59
Cliff Fiddes	17.5	17	34.5				

Keith Harvey, Ray Andrew, Brian Andrew, Tony Hayward, Peter Holbeach and Ken Dickenson did not finish.

December 28m, 1977 / 4 January 1978 - 31st Nationals, Camperdown

An accidental mention in Aspectivity 88, no prior advertisements, no results are known at this time (Possibly because of non-affiliation with VMAA/MAAA), however the names of all 112 entrants for Thermal and 70 for Slope from the published program are included.

Note: Results were discovered in the Post Nationals records of the Corangamite Model Aircraft Club and are shown after the lists of entrants for each event.

FAI Glider - 2 Task

(112 entrants)

K Harvey	VicB	Angus	Vic	G Dale	SA
M Buckmaster	VicE	Beilby	Vic	K Little	WA
S Morris	SAE	Steven	ACT	G Matthews	Vic
L O'Reilly	SAN	Morrish	Vic	G Foster	WA
R Murtagh	QldB	Douglas	WA	D Milk	Vic
R Goldman	Vic	P Rim	Vic	R Habul	NSW
D Saxby	SA	R Carpenter	NSW	P Lawrence	Vic
R Hurst	Vic	W Tinker	Vic	D Williams	Vic
R Schofield	Tas	A Watson	SA	D Martin	NSW
R Fisher	Vic	R Bird	Vic	R Bloor	WA
T Prosser	NSW	G Vincent	Vic	B Duffy	WA
G Chaplin	WA	R Pike	Vic	R Larkey	NSW
C Cliff	Vic	P Chadwick	Vic	B Potter	NSW
J S Addiscott	Vic	M Chadwick	Vic	M Potter	NSW
J McGrane	Vic	J Clifton	NSW	S Smith	SA
L Lauder	Vic	D Polglaze	WA	P Buckingham	U.K.
G Mussen	NSW	R Calnan	SA	R Learmont	Vic
T Dimond	Vic	R McKinley	Vic	F Campbell	Vic
M O'Reilly	SA	C Howell	Vic	L Cantwell	NSW
B Hammond	SA	G Adamson	Vic	B McKay	Tas
D Howie	SA	R Langham	Vic	B Seward	Vic
W Kent	Vic	L Langham	Vic	D Fletcher	NSW
W Simister	SA	B Bott	SA	P Williams	Vic
A Simister	SA	D McCleary	Vic	D Horsey	Vic
M Gillott	NSW	N Roediger	Vic	R Murray	ACT
P Dewhurst	NSW	K Eckersley	NSW	P Shaw	NSW
G Shaw	NSW	B McFarlane	NSW	W Phipps	WA
B Knight	NSW	D McFarlane	NSW	I Barton	Vic
Dr R Allan	Vic	R Sellers	Vic	E Manifold	Vic
A Williams	SA	D Kerr	Vic	B Law	Vic
J Borrill	NSW	B Healy	NSW	A Neilsen	Vic
M Nicoll	Vic	K Holloway	Vic	M Pettigrew	Vic
R Tabley	Vic	I White	SA	J Gadsden	Qld
B Coverdale	Vic	R Hammond	NSW	B Hodge	Vic
J Jenkins	Vic	J Linton	NSW	D Garner	Vic
M Pring	SA	G Papas	WA	R Millhouse	SA
J Tidey	NSW	B Green	Vic	R Benton	Vic
A Meester	NSW	S Green	Vic		

December 28m, 1977 / 4 January 1978 - 31st Nationals, Camperdown

Result - 2 Task Glider

1. Simon Morris 2. Geoff Vincent 3. Tom Prosser

Slope Soaring - Pylon

(70 Entrants)

K Harvey	Vic	E Beilby	Vic	G Papas	WA
S Morris	SA	E Steven	ACT	G Matthews	Vic
L O'Reilly	SA	J Gottschalk	Vic	G Foster	WA
R Murtagh	Qld	R Carpenter	NSW	R Anson	Vic
R Goldman	Vic	W Tinker	Vic	B Gent	Vic
D Saxby	SA	P Rim	Vic	D Williams	Vic
R Schofield	Tas	J Coldwell	Vic	R Larkey	NSW
R Fisher	Vic	A Watson	SA	S Smith	SA
T Prosser	NSW	R Bird	Vic	P Buckingham	U.K.
J Hawley	Vic	G Vincent	Vic	R Learmont	Vic
J S Addiscott	Vic	R Pike	Vic	B McKay	Tas
G Mussen	NSW	D Polglaze	WA	B Seward	Vic
G Emery	Vic	R Calnan	SA	D Fletcher	NSW
T Dimond	Vic	G Adamson	Vic	P Williams	Vic
M O'Reilly	SA	R Langham	Vic	J Williams	Vic
W Kent	Vic	L Langham	Vic	R Murray	ACT
W Simister	SA	K Eckersley	NSW	W Phipps	WA
Dr R Allan	Vic	R Sellers	Vic	I Barton	Vic
J Borrill	NSW	D Kerr	Vic	E Manifold	Vic
B Coverdale	Vic	B Healy	NSW	B Law	Vic
M Pring	SA	I White	SA	W Woodmason	Vic
J Tidey	NSW	R Hammond	NSW	A Nielsen	Vic
A Meester	NSW	J Linton	NSW	D Garner	Vic
B Angus	Vic				

Result - Slope

1. Geoff Vincent 2. John Gottschalk 3. Ralph Learmont.

February 25 & 26, 1978 - Victorian State Thermal Championships - R.A.A.F. Laverton

Thermal Duration (3 rounds of 10 min. max & 25 m circle/spot)

Keith Harvey	281	423	408	1112	Graham King	239	192	194	625
Ojars Balodis	424	380	251	1055	Phil Hearn	-	338	335	610
Mark Barker	509	250	208	967	Frank Campbell	171	199	228	398
Geoff Vincent	332	191	415	938	Tony Hayward	132	241	222	595
Robert Goldman	310	285	310	908	Eric Wengesten	239	160	187	586
Ron Bird	338	275	290	903	Brian Andrew	101	160	317	578
Noel Harding	331	120	438	889	Charlie Wyatt	66	150	356	572
Ralph Learmont	314	245	318	877	Nick Bien	232	206	126	564
Noel Roediger	156	449	236	868	Rick Frawley	173	156	226	555
Paul Holbeach	169	171	524	864	Michael Young	253	131	158	542
Martin Lui	156	312	338	806	Ross Peasley	161	107	259	527
Paul Rim	364	200	215	779	Kevin Argent	132	202	175	509
Glen Adamson	230	275	225	730	John Bexley	150	289	66	505
Bob Sellers	309	150	216	675	Chris Sellers	150	80	174	404
Chris Joy	-	338	335	673	Ken Dickenson	170	-	-	170

2-Minute Spot Landing (2 min max flight & 25 m circle/spot)

Mark Barber	100	99	199	Cliff Fiddes	85	2	87	
Ron Bird	90	98	188	Ray Andrew	63	20	83	
Keith Harvey	90	90	180	Wayne Crawford	-	83	83	
Greg Sellers	80	95	175	Tony Hayward	39	39	78	
Rob Goldman	80	91	171	Phil Hearn	-	72	72	
Brian Andrew		73	75	148	Noel Harding	-	58	58
Michael Young	69	78	147	Ojars Balodis	-	55	55	
Ralph Learmont	22	97	119	Geoff Vincent	-	52	52	
Glen Adamson-	93	-	93	Ken Dickenson	-	32	32	
Rick Frawley	89	-	89	Charlie Wyatt	-	31	31	
Paul Rim	8	79	87					

John Gottschalk, Noel Roediger, Doug Anderson, Bob Sellers, Merv Buckmaster and Martin Lui did not score.

December, 11 1977 - Slope Aerobatics - Mt. Hollowback

1. Paul Dumsday	316	Flick Fly	6. John Berry	250	Ridge Runner
2. Ojars Balodis	314	Salto	7. Ken Dickenson	242	?????
3. Cliff Fiddes	307	Salto	8. Terry Whitford	232	Flick Fly
4. Mark Barber	289	Brolga	9. Tony Hayward	182	Flick Fly
5. Dick Whitford	270	Flick Fly	10. Bob Sellers	69	Ridge Runner

13 November 1977, Royal Park

Triple Task

(Thermal 6mins & Spot, Distance - 150metre course, Speed - Two laps 150metre course)

1. R. Bird	7077	M. Barber	3954
2. O. Balodis	6126	K. Dickenson	1886
3. G. King	5609	T. Hayward	1528
R. Goldman	5145	C. Fiddes	1455
M. Lui	5140	F. Campbell	874

November 5 & 6, 1977 - Warrnambool Cross-country

(Organised by the Warrnambool Radio Control Club)

1. Ralph Learmont - 2hrs 47mins - 21 launches
2. Simon Morris - 2hrs 50mins - 13 launches
3. Terry Dimond - 3hrs 29 mins - 17 launches

Other participants, Mike O'Reilly, Ojars Balodis, Tony Hayward.

October 2, 1977 - Mt. Hollowback

Aerobatics	Rd. 1	2	3	Total
Ojars Balodis	118	129	136	389
Cliff Fiddes	100	137	126	363*
Paul Dumsday	110	125	128	363*
Mark Barber	101	110	101	312
Ken Dickenson	82	-	-	82
Tony Hayward	30	-	-	30
Dick Whitford	16	-	-	16

September 25, 1977, Anakie

Triple Task	Duration	Distance	Speed	Total
Rob Goldman	903 - 926	500 - 1000	744 - 900	4973
Ray Cooper	953 - 810	1000 - 454	740 - 1000	4957
Ralph Learmont	1000 - 983	200 - 818	800 - 910	4711
Glen Adamson	508 - 1000	800 - 909	510 - 648	4375
Ojars Balodis	453 - 519	900 - 272	1000 - 862	4006
Ray Pike	985 - 685	200 - 636	698 - 790	3967
Bob Sellars	464 - 738	100 - 818	502 - 540	3262
David Knight	828 - 533	- - 454	498 - 704	3017
Ken Dickenson	881 - 190	200 - 364	453 - 853	2941
Glen Mathews	856 - 582	200 - 272	389 - 579	2878
Tony Hayward	237 - 717	200 - 364	439 - 653	2610
Noel Harding	381 - 247	300 - 545	435 - 444	2352
Jeff Wood	337 - 654	- - 272	529 - -	1792
Charlie Wyatt	333 - 232	100 - 181	- - 463	1309
Les Lauder	962 - -	- - -	- - -	962
Peter Williams	508 - -	- - -	- - -	508

August 27 & 28, 1977 - State Championships - Mt. Hollowback

Aerobatics

G. Vincent	177	112	289	M. Richardson	131	87	218
O. Balodis	183	103	286	G. Clark	119	83	202
C. Fiddes	174	102	276	G. King	181	69	200
B. Laging	174	101	275	F. Campbell	91	36	127
R. Pike	172	95	267	T. Haywood	31	25	60
R. Whitford	140	96	236	T. Whitford	53	-	53

Pylon racing

B. Laging	2.47	R. Peasley	-
G. King	3.57	K. Dickenson	4.02
C. Fiddes	3.25	R. Learmont	3.11
G. Clark	4.21	R. Goldman	3.14
G. Vincent	2.49	O. Balodis	2.59
R. Pike	Crashed	G. Vincent	3.07
T. Haywood	4.50	H. Gurney	3.20
F. Campbell	Crashed	B. Sellers	5.09
R. Goldman	3.34	O. Balodis	2.59
B. Laging	2.43	R. Learmont	5.19 (Final held
R. Learmont	2.42	O. Balodis	6.10 over 20 laps)
		B. Laging	Crashed

Speed Event

1.	2.	3.	Total	1.	2.	3.	Total		
O. Balodis	3.49	4.91	4.49	12.89	B. Sellers	2.92	7.21	7.11	2024
R. Learmont	4.40	5.52	4.72	14.64	K. Dickenson	7.96	7.14	8.00	23.10
G. Vincent	4.74	5.35	4.58	14.67	D. Knight	6.79	5.64	-	-
B. Laging	4.71	5.01	5.29	14.71	T. Haywood	7.76	7.70	-	-
R. Goldman	4.57	4.71	6.28	15.56	C. Fiddes	4.51	-	-	-
R. Bird	5.53	8.34	5.32	19.19	R. Peasley	7.12	-	-	-

Limbo

	200	150	100	50	25	25		200	150	100	20	25	25
G. Vincent(1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	B. Sellers	X					
C. Fiddes(2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	R. Bird		X				
R. Learmont(3)	X	X	X	X	X		A. Contin			X = Successful pass)			
O. Balodis	X	X	X	X			C. Wyatt			(Limbo height is in)			
D. Knight	X	X	X	X			R. Frawley			(Centimetres)			
K. Dickenson	X	X	X				T. Haywood						

31 July 1977 - Yarragon Aerobatics Contest (Informal)

1 Ray Cooper	118	Bruce Smith	102	Mark Barber	88
2 Geoff Vincent	112	Cliff Fiddes	99	Paul Dumsday	70
3 *Ojars Balodis	108	Colin Collyer	97	Martin Williams	70
3 *Ralph Learmont	108	Mike Richardson	95		

The following is a list of members and the models they brought:-

Ojars Balodis - Salto, Cirrus
 Charlie Wyatt - Monterey, Sorcerer, Nebula
 Martin Williams - Salto
 Maurie Watts - Robber, Amigo
 Barry Nugent - Alpha
 Ralph Learmont - O.D. aerobatic Cumulus
 Ken Dickenson - Bussard, Salto
 Bruce Smith - Pelican
 Cliff Fiddes - Salto, O.D. aerobatic Cirrus
 Mike Richardson - Ridge Runner (on loan)
 Geoff Vincent - 1/4 Scale Kestrel, Avenger
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 Ray Andrew - Amigo
 Mark Barber - Brolga, Trident
 Ron Paine - K8B, High Fly
 Visitors - James & Tom Ridgeway, Geoff Mathieson.

Graham King - ASW.17, Mid-one
 Ray Cooper O.D. Mini Pelican
 Chris Jay - Seychelle, High Fly
 Maurie Shaw - Trident
 Tim Morland - Gyr Falcon, Delta, Comet 163
 Geoff Hearn - Cirrus
 Ron Bird - Aquila, Ridge Runner, Amigo
 Tony Haywood - ASW.15, Seychelle
 Rod Hall - Cirrus
 Andrew Herald - Trident, Mid-one
 John Meldrum Mod. Olympic, Kestrel(1/2A)
 1/2A Q-Tee less motor
 Colin Collyer - Mod. Cirrus, Flying Wing
 Russel Knight - Trident

May 29, 1977 - Mt. Hollowback

Pylon Race

M. Barber	3.30	R. Pike	No time 3rd.
R. Goldman	2.43	B. Smith	2.27
R. Bird	Re-fly	C. Collyer	2.38 Lap error
O. Balodis	2.04	R. Bird	3.03
B. Laging	2.09	B. Sellers	4.46
N. West	2.30	R. Learmont	2.20
M. Williams	4.03	B. Smith	2.53
G. Adamson	2.46	C. Collyer	2.52 Re-fly
K. Dickinson	1st, no time		
R. Goldman	2.36	O. Balodis	2.34
B. Laging	2.18	R. Learmont	2.25
C. Collyer	2.34	K. Dickinson	2.57

Finals

O. Balodis	2.22 - 3rd.	R. Learmont	No times - 2nd.
C. Collyer	2.34	B. Laging	recorded.- 1st.

Aerobatics

1st.	Ralph Learmont	116 points	3rd.	Ray Pike	82
2nd.	Ojars Balodis	87	4th.	Colin Collyer	69

August 29, 1976, Yarragon

2 Minute Spot Landing

1. O. Balodis	Trident	109	R. McDonald	Cirrus	0
2. L. Randell	Monterey	51	B. Reaby	Own Design	0
3. J. Breeden	Hi-Fly	49	R. Vanderwolf	Monterey	0
4. C. Fiddes	Cirrus	45	G. Vincent	Own Design	0
S. Addiscott	Aquila	0	M. Williams	Cirrus	0
W. Crawford	Trident	0	C. Wyatt	Own Design(Ex-A2)	0
G. Hearn	Own Design	0	M. Young	Silent Squire	0

2 Minute Limbo

		1st Run	2nd Run	
S Addiscott	Aquila	No Pass		
O. Balodis	Trident	2	3	Equal 1st.
R. Bird	Amigo	No Pass		
C. Fiddes	Cirrus	1		
G. Hearn	Trident	2	3	Equal 1st.
R. McDonald	Cirrus	No Pass		
L. Randell	Monterey	No Pass		
G. Vincent	Own Design	1		
M. Williams	Cirrus	No Pass		
C. Wyatt	Own Design (Ex-A2)	1		

May 1 & 2, 1976 VARMS State Slope Championships - Mt. Hollowback.

Aerobatics	Judges	1	2	3	Total	Placing
Ralph Learmont		49	49	50	148	3*
Brian Laging		45	48	50	143	4
John Gottschalk		14	15	20	49	
David Walsh		40	37	41	118	
Lance Langham		45	42	40	127	
Ron Gottschalk		46	51	51	148	3*
Brian Andrew		26	32	31	89	
Geoff Vincent		54	64	62	180	1
Ojars Balodis		40	35	38	113	
Noel Harding		5	6	9	20	
Rob Goldman		25	24	19	68	
Ron Vanderwolf		39	38	44	121	
Keith Harvey		45	45	45	135	
Geoff Hearn		38	35	40	113	
Bruce Smith		38	38	41	117	
Ray Cooper		53	55	55	163	2
Mark O'Halloran		7	0	0	7	

Limbo

(Tape height in Metres - P = Pass, X = No Pass under tape)

	2m	1m	.75m	.5m	.3m	.25m	.25m	
Chris Joy	P	P	P	X				
John Breden	P	X						
Geoff Hearn	X							
Bruce Smith	P	X						
Geoff Vincent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1st.
Ron Fisher	P	P	P	X				
Brian Laging	X							
Ray Cooper	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	2nd.
Graham King	X							
Tim Morland	P	X						
Les Randall	X							
Bob Sellers	X							
Glen Adamson	X							
Mark O'Halloran	X							
Keith Harvey	P	P	P	X				
Charlie Wyatt	X							
Ron Bird	P	P	X					
Ralph Learmont	P	P	P	P	X			3rd.

Speed

	1	2	3	Final	Placing
Ronald Vanderwolf	3.97				
Chris Joy	5.33				
Geoff Vincent	3.22			5.22	4th.
Geoff Hearn	5.05				
Lance Langham					
John Gottschalk		3.23		3.59	2nd.
Ron Gottschalk					
Ojars Balodis		4.26			
Brian Laging			5.59		
David Walsh		5.64			
Les Randall		3.76			
Ray Cooper			3.91		
Bruce Smith		3.29		4.05	3rd.
Ralph Learmont			3.23	3.28	1st.
Glenn Adamson			4.28		
Rob Goldman			4.30		

Pylon Race

	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	S-Final	FinalPlace
Ojars Balodis	5.23			5.19	
Geoff Hearn	6.28				
Ralph Learmont	4.36				5.11 2nd.
Chris Joy	-				
Geoff Vincent		5.08		-	
John Gottschalk		4.42		5.03	5.41 4th
Brian Laging		4.32			5.05 1st.
Ray Cooper			4.59		5.22 3rd.
Mark O'Halloran			-		
Glen Adamson				5.58	

February 7 & 8, 1976 - V.M.A.A. - R.C.M.C. State Glider Championships - Camperdown

Task A Duration (29 entries)

1. Glen Matthews	1029	11. A Neilson	663	21. Barry Law	439
2. Eric Beilby	957	12. Jim Murnane	625	22. Simon Morris	385
3. Richard Tapp	926	13. Ron Bird	612	23. Bob Sellers	355
4. Mike O'Reilly	884	14. Keith Harvey	588	24. Ford Lloyd	264
5. M Nicholls	835	15. Bob Allen	576	25. Bill Tinker	220
6. D Horsey	767	16. I Liddicut	566	26. Eddie Manifold	180
7. D Kerr	765	17. Barry Coverdale	563	27. D McCleary	174
8. Bob Seward	724	18. H Gurney	503	28. Glenn Block	129
9. L Lauder	720	19. J Coldwell	495	29. R Gardiner	0
10. P Williams	697	20. Neil Harding	491		

Power Assist Glider (3 entries)

1. R Bird	442	2. D McCleary	239	3. K Harvey	234
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Aerobatics (6 entries)

1. E Beilby	294	4. B Law	199
2. J Murnane	252	5. H Gurney	193
3. M O'Reilly	247	6. E Manifold	151

January 25 & 26, 1976 - VARMS Thermal State Championships

(Location stated as "A restricted area near Melbourne, probably R.A.A.F. Laverton. This contest was not the VMAA/RMC sanctioned "State" Championships, these were held at Camperdown on 7-8 February 1976, (see below). VARMS was NOT affiliated with the VMAA at this time.)

Thermal (31 contestants)

1 Ralph Learmont	602
2 Ray Cooper	594
3 Brian Laging	460
4 Daryl McLeary	420
5 Graham King	410
6 Rob Goldman	385
7 Rob Sellers	349
8 Rob Brown	236
9 Geoff Hearn	57
10 Peter Mather	119
11 Mike Richardson	102
12 Bruce Smith	97
13 Stuart Addiscott	92
14 Glen Adamson	33
15 Ray Pike	17

Two Minute Spot (25 contestants)

1 Julian Paul	188
2 Ray Pike	184
3 Ray Cooper	173
4 Brian Laging	128
5 Ralph Learmont	107
6 Bruce Smith	104
7 Keith Argent	97
7 Glen Adamson	97
8 Daryl McLeary	73
9 John Berry	68
10 Graham King	54
11 Ford Lloyd	48
12 Geoff Hearn	39
13 Rob Goldman	29
14 Ron Bird	23
15 Mike Richardson	19

Speed Contest (12 contestants)

1 John Gottschalk	55 (48.9mph)
2 Ralph Learmont	57 (47.0 mph)
3 Ray Cooper	66 (40.6mph)
4 Brian Laging	69
5 Ray Pike	81
6 Ojars Balodis	84
7 Julian Paul	108
8 Kevin Argent	114
9 Geoff Hearn	132

Limbo Contest (7 contestants)

Daryl McLeary	(Winner)
Graham King	
Ojars Balodis	
Brian Laging	
Rob Sellers	
Bob Cooper	
Ray Pike	

Power Assist (4 contestants)

1 Brian Laging	444.2
2 Ray Pike	244.2
3 Daryl McLeary	192.4
4 Geoff Hearn	74.4

Scale Contest (4 contestants)

1 John Gottschalk	K.13	700
2 Mike Richardson	Kestrel	668
3 Ralph Learmont	Kestrel	630
4 Brian Laging	Foka V	513

Sunday 27: PYLON (30 x 100 metre laps)

1 Brian Laging	(4min 14secs)	9 Cliff Fiddes
2 Ray Cooper	(4min 18secs)	10 Frank Campbell
3 Ralph Learmont	(4min 43secs)	11 Ron Fisher
4 Geoff Vincent	(5min 20secs)	12 John Hanley
5 Ray Pike		13 Paul Dumsday
6 Glen Adamson		14 Roger McDonald
7 Bruce Smith		15 Bob Cooper
8 Rob Goldman		

April 25, 26 & 27 1975 - State Championships at Mt. Hollowback. (Aspectivity 58 - May 1975)

Whilst the detailed results of this competition are covered elsewhere, it is worthwhile using this competition report to give a better indication of how this event was managed over a 3 day period at Ballarat, incorporating both Slope and Thermal events, and also, made possible by a very generous and forgiving land-owner, Norm Ross; whose generosity continues 28 years later in 2003.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO NORM ROSS

VARMS possesses a very good friend who lives a long way from Melbourne on the outskirts of Ballarat - namely Norm Ross - owner of Mt. Hollowback and surrounding property. Those of us who have met Norm are aware of his friendly and generous qualities and are truly in his debt for the service he has offered us over the years (thistle clearing & mowing). Thank-you again, Norm for your assistance.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Following last year's State Championships which were beleaguered by cold howling gales, it is with great pleasure that I report the weather fortuitously smiled upon us. However, it was something of a close shave. Upon arrival at Creswick on Thursday afternoon we were confronted with threatening cloud, and a drizzle besotted Mt. Hollowback and so with disconsolate spirits we retired, brightened only by Ralph's arrival - an unprecedented 3 hours early !!

Contrary to the "last look at the sky" prognostications, Friday turned out to be a clear, crisp morning with a steady breeze, and this set the overall pattern for the weekend.

Events were chosen on the day according to weather conditions. Friday brought some outstanding flying in the Aerobic competition followed by an extremely successful Limbo event - the new shock resistant poles saved many models. Saturday heralded the Thermal competition with 35 entries and, unfortunately, strong breeze that made conditions rather less than idyllic. Power Assist and Scale events were also held as the wind moderated slightly. The overall standard of flying during the three days was of a most impressive standard and characterized by a fine amalgam of keen competition mixed with good sportsmanship.

A number of new and interesting models appeared over the weekend, all built with a view to grabbing some of the laurels. Rob Goldman's "Miskeet", sporting the usual impeccable finish; Ray Cooper with his exceptionally versatile "Pelican"; Brian Laging with newly created "Outcast III" - (came to an untimely demise in the blossom of a promising career.); Glen Adamson wafting around with an impressive "Citrus" that sported rudder-elevator-ailerons-spoilers; and John Van der Wolf with his 1/4 scale "Pilatus" that flew beautifully and exhibited all the better traits of its full scale prototype.

One or two of the more amusing sights must also be duly recorded. Free flight protagonists Keith Harvey, Ron Bird and Noel Harding hastily swapping their one and only engine from model to model for the Power Assist event - one can only hope that by next year, with frugal living and diminishing inflation, they can afford one each! Frank Campbell's little exercise in finding accommodation must also be related. Frank set off towards Ballarat looking for accommodation but after a succession of NO VACANCY signs, finished up in Melbourne - only to find upon his return the next day that he could have had a room in Creswick - which he duly did that night. Interesting to note that the section of the hill that was so meticulously cleared the weekend prior to the Championships, was the only section that was not used.

One very pleasing aspect of this year's Championships was the fine camaraderie and good fellowship that was evidenced in the Camping Park at night - those present will long remember the thirty people who jammed themselves into Bruce Smith's tent and swapped yarns till late into the night. This good spirit prevailed not only at night but could also be seen each day during the flying. It is with real gratitude and appreciation that I thank the following people for their efforts in willingly assisting with the chores of organisation:-

Mike Richardson who was ever available - particularly for that "dirtiest of jobs";

Bill Hopkinson who offered his assistance whenever work was to be done;

Peter Leany who made two special trips from Melbourne to Ballarat simply to deliver and return the mini-bikes (*tow-line retrievers*);

Allan Villiers for his help in calling the Pylon Race;

Maurice Watts for obtaining his daughter's trail bike and for cleaning the site of rubbish and litter;

Morrie Murphy for his excellent photography (appearing in this issue);

Brian Laging and Ron Gottschalk who manned the two winches uncomplainingly from 9.00a.m. till dark;

Carig Hutchinson and Ron Van der Wolf for setting speed records in returning the winch lines;

Bill Patterson-Cheney for the use of the mini-bikes.

SCENE AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brian Laging - Getting on top of Ray Cooper in pylon?

Geoff Vincent - Needs automatic launch system for limbo.

Rob Goldman - Where there's a fence!

John Gottschalk - Rumour has it the K-13 is the fastest.

Mike Richardson - Peregrine reincarnated?

Maury Watts - Didn't seem to see a certain Amigo?

Stuart Addiscott - Exit one greasy servo.

Brian Green - Slope or Thermal?

Cliff Fiddes - From thermals to splinters.

Geoff Hearn - Going places in aerobatics.

Morrie Murphy - Busy with the shutter.

John Van de Wolf - Unnecessary towline anxiety.

Allan Villiers - Loud hailer better than loud voice.

Bob Cooper - Thermal hunting pylon racer.

Craig Hutchison - "Mini-bikie".

Power Winch - Flawless Hurler.

(First 3 places only of events - more details elsewhere)

Aerobatics	1. Ralph Learmont	2. Geoff Vincent	3. Ray Cooper
Limbo 1	1. Ray Cooper	2. Geoff Vincent	3. Ralph Learmont
Thermal	1. Ray Pike	2. Brian Laging	3. Rob Goldman
Power Assist	1. Stuart Addiscott	2. Noel Harding	3. Geoff Vincent
Pylon	1. Brian Laging	2. Ray Cooper	3. Ralph Learmont
Scale	1. John Gottschalk	2. Ralph Learmont	3. Geoff Vincent
	(K-13)	(Kestrel)	(T.33.B)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Geoff Vincent	2. Ralph Learmont	3. Brian Laging
66 Points	65 Points	55 Points

Asp. 58, May 75 provides early mention of an "electric" winch used by Brian Laging.

April 25, 26 & 27, 1975 - 1975 State Championships - Mt Hollowback - Ballarat.

Friday 25:

AEROBATICS (Poss. 140 pts)

1 Ralph Learmont	106	8 Rob Goldman	68
2 Geoff Vincent	102	9 Brian Green	63
3 Ray Cooper	85	10 Bruce Smith	50
4 Brian Laging	83	11 Mike Young	40
5 Paul Dumsday	81	12 Tim Morland	37
6 Geoff Hearn	74	13 Cliff Fiddes	33
7 Mike Richardson	70	14 John Gottschalk	19

LIMBO

1. Ray Cooper	Eq. 6th:-Steven Green	Eq. 7th:-Bob Cooper Maurice Watts
1 Geoff Vincent	Bruce Smith	Mike Young Alan Villiers
3 Ralph Learmont	Craig Hutchison	Tim Morland Frank Campbell
4 Brian Green	Geoff Hearn	Rob Goldman Keith Harvey
5 Paul Dumsday		Ron Bird Noel Harding

Saturday 26:

THERMAL (4 Rds - Poss 2600 pts)

1 Ray Pike	1783	18 Mike Richardson	746
2 Brian Laging	1565	19 Frank Sterndale	721
3 Rob Goldman	1514	20 G. Foster	597
4 Chris Waller	1367	21 Ray Cooper	561
5 Glen Adamson	1295	22 G. Smith	524
6 Ron Bird	1280	23 Noel Harding	523
7 Keith Harvey	1255	24 John Gottschalk	500
8 Brian Green	1253	25 I. Brayman	386
9 Bruce Smith	1180	26 Stuart Addiscott	280
10 Frank Campbell	1179	27 Alan Villiers	264
11 Ralph Learmont	1124	28 Roger McDonald	259
12 Geoff Vincent	1092	29 Alec Booth	208
13 Paul Dumsday	1081	30 G. Cairns	189
14 Morland	969	31 Bill Hopkinson	78
15 Cliff Fiddes	962	32 Geoff Hearn	
16 Ron Fisher	860	33 Mike Young	
17 D. McLeary	846		

POWER ASSIST

1 Stuart Addiscott	349
2 Noel Harding	230
3 Geoff Vincent	226
4 Ron Bird	193
5 Keith Harvey	188
6 Frank Sterndale	167
7 Frank Campbell	101

SCALE

1 John Gottschalk	K.13
2 Ralph Learmont	Kestrel
3 Geoff Vincent	T.53.B
4 John Van der Wolf	Pilatus B.4

March 23, 1975 - Yarragon

Pylon Race

1.	Ralph Learmont
2.	Brian Laging
3.	Geoff Vincent

Limbo Competition

1.	Geoff Vincent
2.	Ray Cooper
3.	Paul Dumsday

Model of the Meeting Geoff Vincent / 1/4 scale Slingsby T53B

January 26, 1975 - Bald Hill, Bacchus Marsh (in lieu of Yaloak Vale)

Aerobatics 1st. Brian Laging 2nd Ralph Learmont

Model of the Meet Brian Laging / Outcast II (featured all moving wings, no ailerons)

May 26, 1974 -Barabool Hills - State Scale Championship & Victorian Trans Tasman Team Selection Trial

(Both events were cancelled due to bad weather, and, other decisions had already been made as how to select the Trans Tasman Team much to the chagrin of many in both the Powered flight world and the Gliders. Because of his win in the State Championships (Thermal glider), Keith Harvey was one of the team nominated for selection to represent Australia.)

"Report from 1974 A.G.M." - Contest director, John Patterson, proceeded with his report in which he said that five monthly meetings, plus the State Championships had been held and that the result for the year was - 1st. J. Patterson, 2nd. R. Cooper.

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Note: Because of a decision by VARMS NOT to re-affiliate with V.A.R.C.A. and V.M.A.A. at this time, VARMS members were not entitled to compete in State, National and Inter-national competitions until re-affiliation, 4th July 1980. During this period, some members were affiliated through a group known as the Competition Soaring Group, and possibly other clubs. Because of the way some competitions are reported, it is not always possible to delineate between a VARMS Championship and a VMAA sanctioned event.

July 7, 1974 - Aerolympics - American Academy of Model Aeronautics, Newark USA.

(This is possibly one of the earliest instances of an Australian competing overseas in an International F3B event. A report on the competition appears in the appropriate year)

1. ?		11. Rick Walters	USA
2. Rick Lenderman	USA	12. Ken Willard	USA
3. Mark Smith	USA	13. Heinrich Dolling	W. Germany
4. Terry Smith	Sth Africa	14. Nord Gerneke	Sth Africa
5. Keith Finkenbinder	USA	15. <u>John (Jack) Black</u>	<u>Australia</u>
6. Kelly Pike	USA	16. Jack Humphreys	Canada
7. ?	?	17. Geoff Dallimer	England
8. P Buckingham	ENGLAND	18. Don Goughnour	USA
9. Pentti Reinas	Finland	19. Peter Keim	Netherlands
10. Richard Tanis	USA	20. Ray Munro	Canada

Model of the Meet - A junior member, Peter Mowson's 'Dandy' - the only model to fly

March 30 & 31, 1974 - State R/C Glider Championships - Mt. Hollowback

Power Assist			Thermal		
1.	Stuart Addiscot	315	1.	Keith Harvey	1180
2.	Colin Collyer	300	2.	Geoff Vincent	1092
3.	R. Fisher	294	3.	Alan Villiers	1038
Aerobatics			Pylon		
1.	Brian Laging		1.	Brian Laging	
2.	Barry Angus		2.	Ralph Learmont	
3.	Andrew Eyles		3.	John Patterson	

The Limbo event was cancelled.

March 1974 - Monthly Meeting - Pylon Racing - Torquay

1. Brian Laging(4.24)	2. Colin Collyer(5.00)	2. Rob Goldman(5.04)
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December 28, 1973 / 3 January 1974 - 27th Nationals - RAAF Amberley, Qld.

R.C. Thermal Glider(60 entrants - CD Chris Greenwood)

1. Leo O'Reilly	1986	2. Doug Murray	1962	3. Tom Prosser	1949
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October 28, 1973 - Yaloak Vale - Pylon Racing

Results:	1. Ray Cooper	2. J. Patterson	3. Ray Pike
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State Glider Championships – March 1974

Aspectivity No. 46 of April 1974, reflected the State Championships held in late March at Mt. Hollowback, Ballarat, and comprised of Power Assist, FAI Thermal, Aerobatics, Pylon. Limbo & Scale were cancelled and to be held at a later date at Yarragon.

(Note: - All Slope events were held on Mt. Hollowback and the Thermal events on the nearby paddocks below.)

Competition Report:

DAY ONE – March 30th dawned to be one of those hand tailored days for thermal soaring. Before the Power Assist competition got under way a few early birds had sent their models aloft for a quick check and were discovering patches of good lift, even before 9.00 a.m.

FIRST EVENT:- The most notable feature in the Power Assist event was the increase in entrants, twelve in all, armed with a wide variety of models, all of which were in character with that wide definition of "Power Assist".

Stuart Addiscot brought along an attractive ASKIA motor glider. Alec Booth had converted a Monterey for the event; while Colin Collyer sported a very competitive looking model he designed called "Hand Grenade".

Overall the flying standard was high, without a single model being damaged during the event, however landings were very elusive. Tactics varied widely with the length of the motor run. The final scores were surprisingly close.

First Place – Stuart Addiscot (VARMS) scoring a total of 315 points.

Second Place – Colin Collyer (VARMS) scoring a total of 300 points.

Third Place – R. Fisher (GAGS) flying a "Cumulus", total score 294 points.

All in all this year's Power Assist was a most successful event with good co-operation between contestants, timers and Contest Director. If interest continues at this level in future contests, organisers are going to have to allow a much longer time to complete the contest.

SECOND EVENT:- FAI Thermal saw a record entry of 27 contestants. Conditions throughout the whole event were the most ideal I can recall with plentiful lift, mild temperatures and a light steady breeze. With almost monotonous regularity this event was won with an "AMIGO II" skillfully piloted by Keith Harvey of (V.F.F.S.). Right from the beginning of the first round I noted a very high standard of both models and flying. Maxs were frequent and spot landings the norm. The whole event was free of accidents and or damage to models with one exception. Yes, yours truly who in sheer determination to obtain the landing bonus in the first round after obtaining a max, the ASW 15 cart wheeled tip for tip. Luckily only minor damage was sustained but sufficient to enforce retirement.

As progressive scores went up on the scoreboard it was evident that almost 50% of contestants were from other clubs with a particularly strong contingent from Geelong. Other contestants hailed from as far as Shepparton, Echuca and the Latrobe Valley. The end of Round 1 saw Ray Cooper flying his magnificent "Foka V" with 410 points, Geoff Vincent on 389 points, Keith Harvey 360 points and Allan Villiers with 340 points.

ROUND II – got underway quickly and although there was an error made in timing some contestants, it was taken in good spirit and the position was restored with reflights for those affected. During the round the temperature began to rise and those ice cold drinks on sale began to sell. Ronald Vanderwolf did a great job sorting out change and keeping drinks cold in between timing models. Since I had withdrawn after the first round it gave me the opportunity to see who was flying and what models were being used. Geoff Vincent's twelve foot Cirrus" sure looks and performs very well. It also features pop up type spoilers which are most effective. Graham Pentland's "Cumulus" put in a great effort but not sufficient to keep in the running. Colin Collyer had entered the thermal event with a very sharp looking "Cirrus" featuring a home spun fibreglass fuselage and ailerons for good measure. Bob Allan was on the scene with a business like A.R.F. "Buzzard". This new ship obviously has a lot of potential as evidenced by Bob's good scoring.

Still showing everyone that you don't need a lot of coin to have a good model was admirably demonstrated by Alan Villiers "Monterey" putting him in third place at the end of Round II on 750 points while Keith Harvey managed second place at this stage with 770 points and Ray Cooper leading gaining a total of 820 points while Geoff Vincent held fourth placing with 744 points.

When the final results were being tallied up at the end of the third round there were some notable changes in position. It appeared to me that much of the high scoring occurred early in this round. Those who flew in the later part found nothing but still air. When Ray Cooper finally got underway his spectacular model seemed to come down almost as fast as it went up robbing him of any chance of gaining a placing. The outright winner again went to Keith Harvey finishing with 1180 points; second place went to Geoff Vincent on 1092 points and third place went to Alan Villiers on 1038 points to end the first day.

DAY TWO:- seemed to hold promise as I left the motel early in light drizzle. At Mt. Hollowback much of the mountain was shrouded in fog. Sleepy heads poked reluctantly out from rain soaked tents only to be greeted by swirling mist and cold Ballarat wind. It was obvious that conditions were unsuitable for the Scale even and subsequently it was postponed. The fog still persisted about the site well into the morning despite the optimism shown by the arrival of car loads of competitors. It began to look increasingly doubtful if the slope event could be held. However luck was with us and the fog cleared suddenly just a few minutes after twelve. A couple of intrepid soarers ventured out with their models in the strong wind half way down the side of the slope. Within a few minutes keen starters were quickly joined by others to get in some quick practice before the start of the first event.

The first slope event was well underway by 12.30 with Lloyd Dipple and Alan Villiers judging the aerobatics. Andrew Eyles G.A.G.S. was one of the early competitors who piloted a very robust looking low wing "V" tailed model putting up a commendable performance in difficult conditions.

Unlike the previous day, the indifferent weather was unmerciful toward lightly loaded models. Brian Green found this out all too suddenly when attempting to fly his Graupner "Foka", quickly crunching his wing panels against the slope. For other models it seemed the biggest difficulty was in landing. Minor repairs seemed to be the order of the aerobatic round which was typified with John Patterson and Paul Dumsday patiently waiting for fifteen to twenty minutes for the "five minute stuff" to dry in that freezing wind. Altogether 12 entries were mustered for the event, again models varied widely from Col Cliffs "Griffon" to Rob Goldman's "Salto". Yours truly was again the only one who had the doubtful distinction of pressing the model's self destruct button just as it hit the hillside! I believe it was another case of trying too hard – must be a lesson to be learned here somewhere? Now back to the aerobatic event. The final results of this event proved to be none other than Brian Laging taking first place. His model performed beautifully with Brian putting in some of the finest aerobatics I have seen and a well deserved win. Second place went to another commendable performance put up by Barry Angus of G.A.G.S. Barry's long standing experience and expertise took a lot of beating. Finally third place went to Andrew Eyles also from G.A.G.S.

With conditions still very cold and a stiff wind the Pylon event got underway with 10 entries. A flag colour system waving models past the far pylon was a new feature in this event and from all accounts appeared to work well. As I was involved in running this event it prevented me gaining exact details of who won which heats, so in the interest of accuracy, the final three placings as resolved by the Contest Director were: –

1st place – Brian Laging, 2nd place – Ralph Learmont, 3rd place – John Patterson.

The final event, Limbo, was postponed.

Our very special thanks must go to the owner of the property, Mr. Norm Ross who made it possible for us to hold this year's contest at such an ideal venue and the provision of a camping area. Again to the Ross family our sincere thanks for their hospitality and their warm attitude towards our activity.

Additionally our thanks must go to the Dandenong & District Aircraft Radio Control Society (D. & D.A.R.C.S.) for their assistance in supplying stopwatches.

I am sure that all competitors will concur in expressing our thanks to Brian Laging who tirelessly manned his electric winch for the benefit of all during the Thermal contest.

(This article was probably written by the Editor, John Bexley)

November 25, 1973 - Pylon Racing - Yaloak Vale

1. Ray Cooper 4min/50sec 2. John Patterson/4min 52 sec 3. Ray Pike/5min 25sec
Ray Cooper average speed 22.665 Mph.

1972/73 Aggregate Points Championship

Winner: R. Learmont

May 20, 1973 - Slope Aerobatics & Limbo - Yalloak Vale

Aerobatics 1. Ralph Learmont 2. Ray Cooper 3. Ray Pike
Limbo 1. Ralph Learmont =2. Ray Cooper/Chris Waller/Stuart Addiscot

April 14 & 15, 1973 - State R. C. Soaring Championships - Ballarat

	Power Assist	FAI Thermal
1.	Peter Williams	1. Ray Datodi
2.	Barry Angus	2. Peter Williams/Rob Goldman
3.	Ray Datodi	3. Alan Villiers

	Aerobatics	Pylon
1.	Ralph Learmont	1. Peter Williams
2.	Ray Cooper	2. Ray Cooper
3.	Barry Angus/Peter Williams	3. Ralph Learmont

Limbo
1. Ralph Learmont
2. Graham Pentland

Scale NO entries were received for this event.

March 25, 1973 - Cross-Country Flying Meeting - Rockbank

Ray Datodi	17 mins	John Bexley	Crashed after 21 mins
Ray Cooper	23	Gordon Roberts	45 mins
Ralph Learmont	27	Peter Hill	Retired after 1/2 mile
Peter Prussner	30(16 mins-2nd att.)	Ray Pike	Retired after 2 mins
Alan Villiers	38	Bruce Nye	Retired after 5 mins
Frank Sterndale	40	Edwin Crech-Gumbo	3.9 miles in 10 mins
Morrie Murphy	42	Peter Orchard	Scratched

December 30, 1972/4 Jan 1973 - 26th Nationals - FAI Radio Thermal Event -Geelong

1.	Mike O'Reilly	(NSW)	1006	6.	Alan Villiers	(VIC)	864
2.	S. Ralph	(Tas)	974	7.	Ray Datodi	(VIC)	837
3.	Tom Prosser	(NSW)	913	8.	Frank Sterndale	(VIC)	816
4.	Mike Pettigrew	(VIC)	871	9.	D. Murray	(W.A.)	797
5.	Edwin Cumbo (VARMS)		867	10.	Ralph Learmont	(VIC)	784

November 26, 1972 - Torquay - Slope Meet

Pylon 1st. Ralph Learmont 2nd. Ray Cooper 3rd. John Gottschalk

October 20, 1972 - Kilcunda

Pylon Racing. 1. Ray Cooper 2. Chris Joy 3. John Gottschalk

Limbo 1. Ray Cooper

August 27, 1972 - Flying Report - Barrabool Hills (Aerobatics)

1. Mal Pring (Associate Member, S.A.)
2. Frank Sterndale
3. John Patterson

September 24, 1972 - Aerobatics, Mt. Hollowback

1. Ralph Learmont
2. Colin Collyer
3. Yours truly (Sic) (Poss. Ray Datodi, David Villiers or John Gottschalk ?)

July 23, 1972 - VARMS "Caulfield Cup" (Thermal Competition)

- Results:
1. Ray Datodi
 2. John Bexley
 3. Peter Hill

* Note - A **Silvertone** Keyboard was used by VARMS for the first time at this meeting.*

Accumulated Point Score, Contest period July 1971 - June 1972.

Ralph Learmont	33	Colin Collyer	3
Geoff Trone	25	Chris Joy	3
Brian Laging	22	David Villiers	2
Peter Puplett	14	Theo Georgiadis	2
Ray Cooper	14	John Booth	1
Neil McLeod	10	Ron Gottschalk	1
Peter Prussner	9	Robert Goldman	1
Keith Chidzey	7	Stan Barlow	1
Alec Booth	5	Frank Sterndale	1
Bob Allen	5	Ron Fawell	1
David Bevan	4	John Bexley	1
Alan Villiers	4	David Walsh	1
Norm Savage	4	Ron Payne	1
John Gottschalk	4		

Nationals - Northam W.A

(The 2nd Nationals to include an R/C Soaring event, the FIRST as an OFFICIAL event, and there were 23 entrants- CONFIRM?)

R/C Sailplane was flown Jan. 2nd at Dempsters Pdk., 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

1. D Murray W.A. 592 pts
2. Brian Condon Vic. 557 pts
3. Tom Prosser N.S.W. 512 pts

March 25 & 26, 1972 - Victorian Gliding Championships

F.A.I. Towline

1. Ralph Learmont
2. Ray Cooper
3. Bob Allen

Power Assist

1. Frank Sterndale
2. Ralph Learmont
3. Bob Allen

Scale

1. Ray Cooper
2. Chris Joy
3. Bob Allen

Stunt

1. J. McGrane
2. Ralph Learmont
3. Chris Joy

Pylon

1. J. McGrane
2. Frank Sterndale

Limbo

1. Ralph Learmont
2. Frank Sterndale/John Bexley

Championship Award

Ralph Learmont

February 27, 1972 - Thermal Soaring Meeting

1st	Ralph Learmont	1179 points
2nd	Ray Cooper	1100 points
3rd	Brian Laging	950 points

Some interesting technical features noticed at the meeting -

1. 4" nails aren't adequate as wing dowels in a Clou.
2. Clous, with 90° dihedral in one wing, crash.
3. "Brian's ***** winch tows too fast and I won't fly on it again.
4. The Kestrel won't fly again.
5. When you crash your second model, the exploding pieces will destroy your third one on the ground.
6. 900 ft. of towline is very hard to remove from a swamp.
7. An aerial wire re-soldered with matches and a screwdriver causes a vertical dive when it un-solders.
8. A Cirrus is easier to pack into the car after a vertical landing.
9. An .049 won't lift a Zephyr to the stratosphere.
10. The stratosphere begins at 10 ft.

November 28, 1971 - Open Day Contest - Mt. Hollowback

Standoff Scale:	1. Ralph Learmont - "Circe"
Pylon Racing	1. Graeme Pentland
Aerobatics:	1.= Ray Datodi/Bob Allen

October 24, 1971 Meeting - Contest Results

Aerobatics

1st	Ralph Learmont
2nd	Peter Puplett
3rd	Brian Laging

Pylon

1st	Ralph Learmont
Eq. 2nd	Ray Cooper/Geoff Trone

August 29, 1971 - Barrabool Hills

Limbo with Hand or Winch Launch

1. Geoff Trone	3 ft
=2. Peter Prussner	5 ft
=2. Ralph Learmont	5 ft

1 Loop & Spot Landing with Winch Launch

1. Brian Laging	13 ft
2. Peter Prussner	29 ft
3. Geoff Trone	30 ft

July 24, 1971 - Yarra Glen

FAI Towline with Winch Launch

	Pts.		Pts.		Pts.
1. Geoff Trone	652	4. John Gottschalk	547	7. N Savage	376
2. Neil McLeod	608	5. D Bevan	433	8. P Puplett	308
3. Ray Cooper	578	6. Bob Allan	392	9. T Georgiadis	159

Spot Landing with Winch Launch

1. P Puplett	11 ft	4. Neil McLeod	30	7. J Booth	55
2. Geoff Trone	27	5. Ray Cooper	42	8. Col Collyer	58
3. A Booth	29	6. Brian Laging	45	5 contestants outside 60ft radius.	

1970/71 - Annual Aggregate Competition

1st	Ralph Learmont	31	4th	Peter Prussner	21
2nd	Geoff Trone	25	4th	Peter Puplett	21
3rd	Brian Laging	24	6th	Ray Cooper	16

May 22, 1971 - View Hill

(Contest type unknown)
Winner - Brian Laging

April 24 & 25 1971 - State Gliding Championships - Mt Hollowback, Ballarat

(Thermal Gliding events Saturday (Probably Thermal, Power Assist & Scale)- Slope events Sunday (Probably Aerobatics, Pylon & Limbo), No known results for this competition, although, an article in High Aspect for December 1971 suggests that the Power-assist event was won by the "honoured and respected Treasurer R. L. ??)

March 28, 1971 - Competition Results - Yaloak Vale

Pylon Race

1st P. Prussner 5mins 23secs
2nd R. Learmont 5mins 25secs
3rd R. Cooper 5mins 32secs

Novice Aerobatics

1st P. Prussner 31 points
2nd R. Cooper 22 points
3rd N. McLeod 21 points

2nd Australian Slope Soaring Models Championships

4 & 5 January 1971, CLARE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Single Channel Pylon 1. Peter Paine (Clare, S.A.)
2. Mike Linscott (Clare)
3. Ralph Learmont (VARMS, Melb. VIC.)

Multi Pylon 1. Brian Condon (VARMS) 38 + 41 passes
2. Tom Prosser (Parkes, N.S.W.) 40 + 37 passes
3. Stuart Osmon (Clare) 34 + 37 passes

Aerobatics 1. Tom Prosser
2. Bruce Jenneson (S.A.)
3. Barry Carnaby (Perth, W.A.)

Limbo: (Towline) 1. Tom Prosser
2. Bruce Jenneson
3. Barry Carnaby

Champion of The Meeting: Tom Prosser.