



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## ***P&DARCS NEWSLETTER*** **MARCH 2016**



Club Members present at the official unveiling of our new gate sign on 6<sup>th</sup> February



Frank McPherson

**Next Club Meeting, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at Burley Field, 1 pm start**

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## Editor's Bit

Well, we have the Children and Teachers from Pakenham Consolidated School grade 6 visiting us again, for practical work as an addition to their technology elective on flight, weather permitting

Alan Foley will give them a talk on aeronautical matters prior to their visit here

The group who visited last year had a ball, with lolly drops, flight training on fixed and rotary wings, Iron Man drop / retrieve, simulator training, Quad copter + GPS, plus a BBQ nosh up



Last year's group at our field, on Wed' 11<sup>th</sup> March



**Frank McPherson** Editor

## WHAT'S ON

### At P&DARCS 2016

Look in the Club Calendar on page 9

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# IMPORTANT NOTICES

## OUR RUNWAYS

The condition of our runways has steadily deteriorated over the last few years, due to dry weather, poor soil PH, salt content, and infestation of a destructive grass root eating African Black beetle, this beetle has also created large crop losses at local market garden sites

Norm Morrish our Field Manager, is currently consulting with an Agronomist and a seed provider in our local area, to formulate a plan to correct the deterioration of our runways  
See Norm's reports in this Newsletter and also the February Newsletter for all the details

## HOW DOES THIS EFFECT YOUR FLYING ?

Before you start a take-off run, have a look at the particular runway you are using and plan where you wish to take off & land, thus avoiding cracks.

## VISIT BY PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

There will be a visit by Pakenham Consolidated School Wednesday 2nd March weather permitting.

This is part of the school's technology program and is a follow-up from last years visit.  
We ask that runway priority be given to these kids who will be given buddy-box lessons as well as other activities on the day.

The school will do a sausage sizzle for all (same as last year).  
We expect between 12 and 15 kids. Anyone who can lend a hand is most welcome.  
In case of bad weather or total fire ban on that day we will re-schedule to March 16th.

Alan Foley

## CLUB LATE PAYMENT FEES

Over the past few years we have a situation developing whereby some members have not been paying their annual club fees on time. Last year we had members paying as late as October and still enjoy the pleasure of using your Flying Club facilities, but they are uninsured, which is a problem for all of us. This also causes a huge problems for our Registrar & Treasurer when they are processing renewals & setting budgets for the club.

Your Club Committee is considering introducing a late payment fee to try & force these Members to pay their fees on time. This is something we will discuss with you, our members at upcoming club meetings.

# Monty Tyrell Scale Rally

28th February 2016

P&DARCS Pakenham



Entry Fee - \$10 bring as many models as you like  
Models entered must fly to qualify for prizes  
Roving judges will award prizes for ARF and  
scratch-built models

Saturday is open for general flying  
All judging will occur Sunday

Further information:email Event Co-Ordinator  
Roly on [proconsol@bigpond.com](mailto:proconsol@bigpond.com)

Catering by Cardinia Primary School

[pdarcs.com.au](http://pdarcs.com.au)

## PRESIDENT

Well, as predicted in the February newsletter, our "Vintage, Classic, and Roy Rob Weekend"

was an absolutely outstanding success and totally enjoyed by contestants and spectators alike.

It was decided, and agreed to by all present, that we should repeat the same format next year. Congratulations to our CD Roly for a fabulous full weekend in just about all facets of R.C. aeromodelling.



This week we will have the Multiplex Fun Day and the following week (28th) is the Monty Tyrell Trophy, so let's see if we can embrace both these activities as part of our great Club's Golden Anniversary.

The venue has been booked for our Anniversary Dinner, and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Bill' Reynolds, President**

## P&DARCS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

When : Wednesday August 31st

Where : The View Room at The Dandenong Club

Address : 1570 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong.

(close to N.E. corner Stud Rd)

To book, go to [www.pdarcs.com.au/anniversary](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/anniversary)

## SECRETARY

**General meeting held Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Burley field**

**Wenn Rd. Cardinia**

Meeting opened at 1342hrs

Members 35

( The meeting started late due to

a talk on the club history by Wal Schubach)

**Apologies.** D Walsh.

**Guests.** Rod Savage, David Gibbs.

**Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.** Moved D White Seconded M Norton Carried

**Business arising from previous minutes.** Nil.

**President.** Unveiling of the new gate sign was performed prior to the meeting. Proposed show and tell suggested to be initiated at the next general meeting, President Bill Reynolds started by bringing his new project the fuselage of his Aronca. At the forthcoming Multiplex day a prize of \$200 for a lucky pilot who has entered the competition.

**Secretary.** At the last club auction numbers were down consequently the club broke even as the cost for the hire of the halls cost \$200. The venue for this years auction will be discussed at Committee and members informed in the news letter.

**Treasurer.** A comprehensive report on the clubs finances presented to members present. Moved P Harris that the report be accepted. Seconded F Connelly Carried

**Field Manager.** A soil test of the runways came back and the soil is acidic , suggestion to lime the soil on half of the run ways at one time (done in 2 stages) after the 2<sup>nd</sup> soil sample taken is known then work can be started to eradicate the cracks.

The transmitter pound has be renovated, it now can be used to charge batteries and has 240v outlets.

**Web Master.** Hard disc on the computer failed and has been replaced. members wishing to purchase club shirts can be ordered on the web site

**Editor.** Hard copies have been sent out but maybe delayed due to the mail changes.



**Contest Director.** A very good attendance at the Roy Robertson and the Vintage weekend, a total of 47 entries. Multiplex day Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> and not forgetting the Monty Tyrell event Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**General Business.** The control line circle is taking shape by the levelling of soil that was delivered for this purpose, will need some high quality top soil to be put on top of the rough soil already put down, any member who can assist with obtaining quality top soil could they please contact Mark Smith.

Ladies toilet was leaking has now been repaired.

Our veranda is rotting and needs replacing.

Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> has been designated for the attendance of the school children's instructional day. Will need instructors to assist on this day.

**General Business** Moved P Harris Seconded A Foley "That the club form a sub-committee for the purpose of approaching the MAAA for forming a grant application" Carried

Meeting closed at 1442hrs.

**Next General meeting.**

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Burley field 1300hrs.

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Burley field 1300hrs

**Don White, Secretary**

## SAFETY OFFICER

The Flight Direction Mustang will be relocated to the pits side of the shrubbery, where it will be more easily visible



We have another visit of School children from Pakenham secondary school on Wednesday 2nd March, weather permitting.

I provide a lesson on flight at the School prior to the visit here

Anyone who can lend a hand is most welcome. The school will do a sausage sizzle for all (same as last year).

We expect between 12 and 15 kids to attend

**Alan Foley Safety Officer**

## WEBMASTER



To help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year, polo shirts & club mugs with the You can personalize the polo shirt placed on them, example below

To look at these items & place an order, please go to <http://www.pdarcs.com.au/store> . Polo shirts will cost \$45 (\$55 with name) & mugs will cost \$10. The design of the mugs is still being finalised, so I don't have a photo. If you have any questions, Please contact me, Daniel Jenkins

**Daniel Jenkins Webmaster**



## Additional use for our transmitter pound

The F3A boys have been busy making additions to the transmitter pound, so it can be used for charging batteries, using 240V thus taking the load off the Clubhouse charging stations, as the F3A models typically use large capacity 10S packs

All electrical, and keyboard work by Peter Harris



Additions to the pound, shelving, power points, and simplification of the keyboard

## P&DARCS Control Line Circle

Mark Smith is working on establishing a Control line circle at our Flying Field

At this stage preparatory earthworks have been started, a large amount of further work is required to get the circle suitable for flying



Paul Somerville and Mark Smith busy levelling the site

## FIELD MANAGER

Again, Please read this.

It contains more important info about our Runways.

I met with the local Soil expert, an Agronomist from Browns Fertilizer in Koo Wee Rup. The good news is she states our soil, Peat Clay, is very easy to treat to stop cracking and agrees with me that a fine couch grass is required. She took soil samples and felt Lime will be required because our land was a sea bed and will be salty.



She also said Gypsum makes the soil worse and this is what was used many years ago because in those days Gypsum was used to break up Clay. We found a few beetles and she has identified them as the African beetle that is becoming a real problem to the vegetable growers. They kill off the grass in December January, just when it heats up, leaving no cover for our soil. This is why our runways are the worst I have seen for a few years.

The soil tests revealed Lime is required and not expensive to do. At present I am finalizing costs to do the Lime in 2 stages. First the West side, including the West section of the main runway, the pits and carpark. When the lime has settled in to the soil we will then do the East side.

The timing will be finalised to suit the type of Couch and rainfall. I am meeting with both the Soil and the Seed specialists to determine suitable timing. When the couch grows we will no longer need to fill in cracks. When this happens you guys will owe me a few beers !!!!!

Daniel Jenkins and I have nearly finished the levelling of the North end spoon drain on the East runway. Have bought 22 cubic metres of screened soil to finish it plus to fill in runway cracks. **I will need a hand to do this so if you see me out on the runways please come over and do the soft shoe shuffle to help fill the cracks.** I will not be able to do it all on my own. At present you will damage your undercarriage

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## VMAA TROPHY REPORT

It's time that our club stamped our authority on this event, not just with a win but with significant member support for our team. This includes direct support for the members representing the club, providing assistants for the events and for visual, vocal and moral support for the team. The event is being held at our Field this year and I believe the members representing us deserve the full backing of our club.

The last time we entered a team in this event we won the event on the raw score but were pipped at the post by bonus points given to juniors. The only way to be sure to win the VMAA Trophy is to have good entrants in all events even though only the top 6 scores are counted. We need to prevent the other clubs from receiving high scores in the remaining events even though they may not count towards our score.

Firstly we need contestants for all the events which include Fun Fly contests, Combat, Scale and Scale Aerobatics, Helicopter, Club Racing, Electric Glider, Old Timer Duration and Thermal Glider. I have already received interest from a couple of members but there are still numerous events requiring contestants.

Please contact me if you have an interest in representing the club by either entering as one of the contestants, as an assistant to one of the competitors or as part of the club cheer squad.

**Peter Harris** VMAA TEAM CAPTAIN

**I'm looking forward to your enthusiastic support!**

## REGISTRAR

**Probationary new member application,**  
**Stephen Surtees**

**Paul Webber** Registrar

# AT OUR FLYING FIELD

Some pictures of people and models



Michael Lui's Wilga lifting off, Wilka PZL104, 3M span, DLA 112cc twin petrol, set up for glider aero tow



Alan Stutley's scratch built Arup flying wing, on maiden flight

Nostalgia from Norm Morrish



F3A Northerner in flight during the Classic and vintage weekend, Webra 61, Retracts Kraft Multicon electric, model is 42 years old, designed by Victorian John McGrane, Norm flew it to 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the first Kraft Masters in 1977 at Camperdown Vic'



Alan Foley & Daniel Jenkins Skippers



Mark Smith's P47, in preparation



The P47 finished, a good looking machine

# AT THE CLASSIC AND VINTAGE WEEKEND

## Some pictures from the Event



The foam glider line-up



Roly Gauman's Lazy Bee



Roly Gauman and Norm Morrish with the 42 year old Northerner



Roly Gauman's Lazy Bee



Mass glider launch at the Western strip



# AT THE CLASSIC AND VINTAGE WEEKEND

## Some pictures from the Event



Trophy Winner lineup



Robin Hiern's display of vintage control line models and reproduction motors



Roly G and Daryl C at the flight line



The Roy Rob' flight line



Peter Harris and Roly G auditioning for something

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2016

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Comments
<b>February</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Multiplex Day	Field not closed
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Monty Tyrell	
<b>March</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
12-14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Mon	Yes	Burley Field	APA Masters	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>April</b>					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>May</b>					
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VFSAA Sports Scale	
<b>June</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>July</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	No	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>August</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
31 <sup>st</sup>		Yes		50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting P&DARCS	
<b>September</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>October</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>November</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow	
5-6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	P&DARCS Scratch Built Scale	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>December</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Spring Cleaning of P&DARCS	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VPA Pattern	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	



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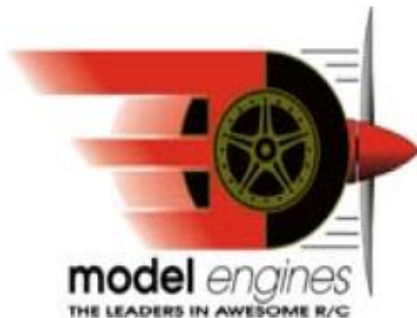


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