



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021



Don White's nice  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale ( 84 inch ) Pilot Kit, Tiger Moth, O.S 129 F/S with diaphragm pump, all up weight 7 Kg, Don is yet to have it certified, Photo taken at 2019 Monty Tyrell

**Next Club Meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, Via Zoom**

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## EDITOR'S BIT

### Mystery Model

This is a model I think I bought at one of our Club auctions some time ago, I think it is rather old,  
Does anyone recognize the model, and can shine some light on it's origins ?

Wing span, 1380mm, motor O.S Max 46 AX, prop 11 X 8 APC, fully sheeted wing and tail plane, 4 off JR NES-L8001 servos, wing fitted with elastic bands

It flies like a dream, and faithfully makes all my mistakes



**Frank McPherson** Editor

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# VMAA Trophy



**1<sup>ST</sup> To 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**To be held at VMAA State Field Darraweit Guim**

Unfortunately, the event was cancelled last year as was the case with nearly everything else. There are a few months to get the team together and have a little practice. let's see if we can take the Trophy back again for the fifth consecutive year. There are some new rules to be implemented in the glider event in particular eliminating the use of winches. The event is always interesting and a lot of fun. It's our intention to have entrants in all eleven events. Hopefully we will have a good role up of club members for the weekend to support the team and assist as mechanics, time keepers and judges. It's always a great event with lots of fun, good entertainment and excellent comradery and the occasional good-humoured sledging.

Saturday's Events include: -

Combat

Helicopter Timed Event

Helicopter/Drone Limbo Event to be held over the 2 days of the Trophy

Scale Aerobatics

Bomb Drop

Thermal Glider.

Fun Scale

Sunday's Events include: -

Electric Glider

Fun Fly

Sports Limbo

Musical Landings.

Please contact Team Captain Peter Harris if you are interested in participating in the event either as a contestant or as one of the support team.

VMAA TEAM CAPTAIN

*Peter Harris*

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# Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally

## Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

The annual "Monty" is the Club's biggest event and we need all members to get behind and make it the success that it should be. The event is just an enjoyable day at the field watching and flying any model that is "scale". It does not have to be a "competition" class model, just a scale of a full size aircraft. All types of scale models are most welcome. Big or small, jet or prop, ARF or handmade, all are welcome. Part built models are also most welcome, they help to stimulate.

The majority of modelers have a scale model tucked away so why not get them out and bring them along and have an enjoyable day at the field and make the "Monty" the great event that it was in the past and should be now.

There is a \$5-00 entry fee per car, spectators and entrants alike. No additional registration fee, just the \$5-00 for as many models as you want to bring is all it costs. All profits go back to our great club. Please get behind the "Monty" rally and come and enjoy the day.

From what we have heard there are some very interesting models there so come along and be part of a great day.

See the club website [www.pdarcs.com.au/monty](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/monty) for details and entry forms.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Club's **Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally** is on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> and we desperately need members to assist in running the event.

We need **gate attendants** and **parking directors**. We will be running 1 hour rosters so it will not be too difficult to help out on the day. There will also be a small working bee on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> to get the field up and ready. You are welcome to attend.

If you can help on either or both days please contact Ivan Chiselett at [monty@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:monty@pdarcs.com.au) or on 9898 4379 advising how long you can give.

We really want this to be a great success for the club and we need your help to run it.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Things are really happening behind the scene at the moment, and you will no doubt eventually see the results of a number of items the Committee are working on .

For the majority of the membership, who of course were unable to join us for the February Club meeting, I repeat my announcement that the Committee have appointed member Keith Quigg to the position of Club Chief Flying Instructor, and in this position he will assume a non voting roll on the Committee. I repeat my previous welcome to Keith to the position, and my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable (and I hope lengthy) period of guiding and teaching new flyers, and maybe pulling some of us recalcitrant "old timers" back into order.

Well Covid has been giving us the old on again-off-again treatment this last week or so , but we have the go signal once more, so hopefully we are on the right track this time

I heard a whisper on the proverbial gossip line (otherwise known as the grapevine) that VARMS are moving to a new location and are being assisted in no small manor by their local Council with provision of field and general facilities. Lets hope this helps them to continue operating at full strength.

May the wind be always under your wings.

**Bill Reynolds** President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Teleconference**

**Meeting to opened at:** 7:35pm

**Chair for this meeting:** President, Bill Reynolds

**Members Present on-line:** 28

**Apologies:** David Glossop, Rob Till, Craig Fitzsimons & Frank McPherson

**Visitors;** Nil

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Motion that the minutes held previous general meeting be accepted.

Moved; Glen Cosser      Seconded: Peter Harris

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes;**

Nil

**Reports**

**President:**

He advised the meeting that Keith Quigg had been appointed to the non-executive position of Club CFI ( Chief Flying Instructor ) to look after pilot training within the club.

**Secretary:**

An application for a grant of \$9,400 has been submitted to the VMAA for the purchase of the equipment required to install a new runway watering system for the Eastern and Main runways. The installation of the system to be done by working bees if we are successful in obtaining the grant.

The VMAA has published a new policy on grants to clubs. One the conditions is that there must be at least 4 years between successful grants.

MAAA Grant. Last year the Club was successful in obtaining a grant of \$4,000 from the MAAA to overcome a safety hazard by constructing 3 drainage pits with lids to cover the open holes/pipe junctions. Trying to get quotes and the works were delayed due to the virus situation. We were able to get an extension in time from the MAAA to get the work done. However the works have become urgent so quotes are being sort for the works.

Lease; The Club has signed a \$1,000 per year lease between Darcsfield co-op and P&DARCS for our field to formalize the arrangement. It was found necessary to have a formal lease to clarify which items are covered by what insurance policy.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer updated the members of the club of the club's financial state.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded; Allan Coleman **CARRIED**

**Registrar:**

Registrar unable to attend.

Secretary advised that the Membership is currently at 167 members,

Eleven membership applications have been received and the names of the applicants published in the newsletter. The committee will vote on offering the applicants Probationary Membership at their next meeting.

Peter Harris advised that 2 new applications had just been received. These will be listed in the next Newsletter for consideration.

Peter Harris advised that the committee would do some multi inductions over the weekend due to the number of new members.

**Field Manager:**

Absent

Peter Harris advised that 2 working bees had been done where they had removed all the low branches of the trees on both sides of the driveway plus others, allowing clear access for mowing. A big thank-you to Ian Jaques for proving his "mulcher" to handle the pruning.

**Facilities Manager:**

The shade cloth on the south east shade hut has been fitted. Bird proofing has been done in the "hay shed" in an attempt to prevent birds from crapping on the floor.

Peter advised that the club house has been opened up but this must be done complying with the Covid requirements which were published on the club web site. It has mainly been used to get hot water and drinks. Norm and Peter Harris have taken over the task of cleaning the toilets.

Norm Morrish advised the meeting that there appeared to be some "scammers" appearing at the club offering to spread material / crushed rock at the field for free. This was a known scam and members were strongly advised not to let anyone do anything at the field, unless authorized by the Committee

It was asked if there could be more chairs for outside use. Peter Harris advised he did not have a problem with this but any chair used must be sanitized before and after use in accordance with Covid rules. Norm noted that he had not seen anyone clean a chair. He suggested that members must clean the chairs in accordance to the requirements or bring their own.

**Safety Officer:**

Glen reminded members to comply with the club and MAAA rules particularly with new members. He noted that some turbine pilots were not ensuring the correct clearance around the model during start up and having a fire extinguisher operator present during the start up. It was noted that there appeared to be several safety problems during the Hobby Creations day particularly among the visitors. It was suggested that a designated CD be appointed for such events.

Glen advised that he and Peter Harris would be conducting a safety audit of the facility in the near future. There was suggestion from the floor that jet start up areas be fenced. It was suggested that some safety cones be used to designate the clearance area. The problem of a permanent safety barrier is it impacts on the mowing of the field.

Peter Harris expressed concern that the rules around turbine start up etc should be part of the inspection process and reinforced by the inspector.

There is a permit log book in the club which notes the models that have been inspected. This should be completed by those with models requiring inspection/permits.

Models requiring permits must not be test flown prior to the inspection process by an MAAA Inspector. There was a suggestion from the floor to take a picture of the permit and keep it on your phone.

**Editor;**

Absent. Request for articles.

Norm Morrish reminded members that photos of juniors at the field should not be posted on the web or the Newsletter without the parent's permission. He noted that the picture of a new junior and his father in the Newsletter was done with the permission of the father.

**Webmaster:**

The new web cameras have been installed and operating well. He thanked Peter Harris and Peter Hill for helping him. He also advised that the new club computer has been installed and operating well.

Don Klein expressed his thanks to Daniel for all his great work with the web camera system.

**Social:**

Don noted that he checked out a possible visit to the Vietnam War museum at Phillip Island and also Moorabbin aircraft museum. He was having trouble contacting them but will persist.

**Club Captain:**

VMAA Trophy is scheduled to be held at the NFG field on May 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Peter requested those interested in assisting to contact him. He also asked that members support the team by attending the event in May as supporters. Last time there a lot of the supporters and team members camped at the field and had a great time.

**General Business**

1. Members were reminded to ensure that new members are greeted and introduced to existing members to ensure that they feel welcome. Members were reminded that they must wear the Club badge so that we know you are a club member and we can use the name to speak to them and make them feel welcome.

2. Keith Quigg asked if there were any club polo shirts available. Daniel noted that he would look into this.

3. Steve Malcman reported that Peter Cossins had completed his radio testing and that the report was in the newsletter and on the club web site.

4. Andrew Sill queried the radio testing that was done on the Sunday of the fun fly. Bill Reynolds advised that a member had contacted that secretary asking for permission to do some radio testing on the control line circle. The Sec discussed this with Bill and they agreed that they give approval. It was noted that the application appeared to indicate that there would be only one person involved. There was no mention of reports etc. It was suggested that the committee look into this matter.

Peter Harris noted that everyone should be careful making accusations about other qualifications etc.

5. The Sec advised that he thought the Sandown Train & Model Expo has been cancelled. He also reminded members that the Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally is being planned and hoped members with attend with their scale models.

Keith Quigg advised that the Sandown Train and Model Expo had been cancelled.

6. Glen Cosser advise that Monty Tyrrell's granddaughter expressed interest in attending the day last year. He suggested that she be asked to attend the Monty event this year.

7. Norm Morish gave a brief information session on the planned Roy Rob Old Timer, Multi Launch Glider and Classic Aerobatics event on the 20<sup>th</sup>. No catering at the event.

8. Daniel reminded members that the Western Port Drifters caravan club was visiting the club on the 25<sup>th</sup> and they have been advised the Covid requirements.

9. Norm Morrish raised the issue of the noise of the Large Models.

Steve Malcman advised that he is working with the Large Scale Aerobatics member/pilots to quieten their aircraft. There was a suggestion from the floor that an i-phone has a noise meter in it ?

**Meeting Closed. 8-51pm**

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

## Secretary's Summary of Committee Meeting

The Club's committee met for the second time in 2021 on Thursday night February 18<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Some of the items considered are noted below;

- The changes to the COVID restrictions to be continue to be monitored to ensure the club conforms.
- Eleven Prospective members, Christopher Keller, Cooper Keller, Paul Marlan, Timothy Morland, Anthony Peate, Terence Pollock, Paul Rolph, Darren Taylor, Paul Van Tongeren, Rodney Watkins & Richard Wiggan were voted into the Club.
- The Club received 3 applications for membership in the last month.
- Following up on the concern a member had, re the possible of radio interference caused by the metal pilot barriers, Peter Cossins and his team conducted extensive testing at the field. A report has been submitted to the Committee. Committee member Steve Malcman will present the report at the March General Meeting and a vote taken at the March meeting as to accept the report or not.
- The sealing of the toilet floors is still on hold due to an illness in the contractor's family and maintenance work to be done.
- Peter Harris and Norm Morrish will continue to clean the toilets in the short term. A new cleaner will then be sought after COVID restrictions ease.
- Spraying of the runways has been done soon. Drains have also been sprayed.
- Work to prevent birds roosting in hay shed and pooing on the floor had to be interrupted due to a safety complaint.
- Due to Covid restriction the approval to the caravan club, Western Port Drifters, to camp at our field over the period Feb 25 to 28 was withdrawn.
- Due to Covid restriction the Classic Aerobatic, Fun Fly and mass glider launch set for Feb 20<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.
- Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally is still on the program, we are hoping!!!!!!!
- The Sandown Hobby and Model Expo has been cancelled.
- The SAM600 event scheduled for Feb 20 has been cancelled.
- A quote for the construction of drainage junction pits with lids funded by an MAAA Grant has been received and approved. Work hopefully to start in a couple of weeks.
- Quotes are being sort for new timber and materials to rebuild and rejuvenate the entrance to the field.
- A submission for materials required to install a new upgraded runway watering system has been done and submitted to the VMAA for their consideration.
- We advised the Berwick Show organisers that we would like to be involved. As part of this we were asked to provide a promotional video of the club for their web site. Club member Andrew Sill was ask by the committee if he could prepare the video. Andrew prepared a fabulous video about the club and is on our web site. It has been sent to the Berwick Show people.
- The club's new CFI attended his first committee meeting and is in the process of coming up to speed.
- The committee again reluctantly decided they were not able to hold a face to face General meeting due to COVID regulations/rule. This will be continually monitored.
- The Darcsfield coop has advised that they are in the process of preparing an inventory of equipment and buildings to clearly identify who owns what for the purposes of insurance.
- Due to the absence of the Safety Officer a Supplementary Committee meeting was held to consider the Safety Incident Report. The Safety officer fully investigated the matter and advised that safety was not compromised. The committee agreed with the findings of the Safety Officer and a response will be sent to the writer of the Incident Report advising him that safety was not compromised.
- Concern was expressed at the recent Fun Fly in that there appeared to be no person/CD in charge of the day. The Club has a document that should be completed by groups using the field for these type of events so that a person is responsible for the day.

The next committee meeting is to be held on Thursday night March 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. The date and type of the next General meeting will determined as the COVID restrictions/requirements change.

## FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

Our field is looking at it best at the moment, runways are still green, the pit area hasn't dried out too much. We've had a nice amount of rainfall, I would like more.

Our last working bee all of the drainage soil was removed and cleared away.

Spraying of all the broadleaf weeds on the runways and some of the pit area was completed on an early Thursday morning with the help of Ian Jacques, thanks mate again.

That day we also sprayed out all of the drains, around buildings and the driveways.

After many weeks, the spraying has had a lot of effect and is progressing well, more will be needed in the very near future.

The fire breaks have been slashed around the field as this was very long and hazardous, still a lot more to be done.

Apart from that, my grounds crew are working very hard maintaining our awesome field and I thank them for all their effort and hard work.

Enjoy your flying.



The last working bee involved tree trimming all the low branches of the trees, allowing easier mower access, view looking North along the driveway



View looking West from the driveway

**Craig Fitzsimons** Field Manager

## WEBMASTERS REPORT

The Committee asked Andrew Sill to create a video we could use to promote the club online. Andrew, with the assistance of Ba'lint produced what we think is an excellent clip showcasing what P&DARCS has to offer.

A huge thank you to Andrew (and Ba'lint) for the massive effort put in to produce this. Club's like ours don't run without people donating their time.

Please visit the club website to see the video.

**Daniel Jenkins** Webmaster

## Heavy Model Inspector Review and Update

The VMAA has advised that it recognizes that the list of recognized MAAA Heavy Model Inspectors in Victoria is in need of review to ensure that VMAA members continue to be well served by a suitable spread of people with current enthusiasm and knowledge.

It notes that a review has been planned for a while but is linked to some updates in the MAAA MOP that should be finalised in the next few months.

The VMAA requests that all Heavy Model Inspectors who are members of P&DARCS be aware of the impending review and note that the VMAA will be reaching out to you to soon to advise how this review will progress.

If you have any concerns, contact the VMAA Secretary at [secretary@vmaa.com.au](mailto:secretary@vmaa.com.au)



# REGISTRAR

## Registrars Report – March 2021

### New Member Applications

New member applications this month

**Kieran Douglas**, Clyde North – Junior member  
**John Quayle**, Burnley – Probationary Member  
**Joshua Cunningham**, Pakenham - Probationary member

*Any objections to this member application may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.*

### Memberships

Please remember to let me know of any changes to your address or other contact details as this will ensure that we are able to keep in touch with you. Electronic communications is preferred to the use of snailmail – which is expensive and not always reliable.

### Orientation sessions

New members joining the club are required to attend an Orientation Session prior to being given a field key and a club cap. This is not a flying test, it is just an opportunity to explain the local flying rules and to ensure the new member understands how the club operates. We hope that the session, which only takes about 15 minutes, ensures the member feels welcome and will enjoy using our great facilities. Any member of the Committee is able to run the session.

### Membership Status

|                   | Paid 2020-21 | Unpaid    | New 20-21 |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Associate         | 15           | 3         | 1         |
| Full              | 101          | 5         | 2         |
| Honorary          | 0            | 0         | 0         |
| Junior            | 8            | 0         | 2         |
| Life              | 3            | 0         | 0         |
| Non-flying full   | 0            | 0         | 0         |
| Pensioner         | 21           | 1         | 0         |
| Probationary      | 12           | 3         | 0         |
| Prospective       | 9            | 0         | 7         |
| Student           | 0            | 0         | 9         |
| Spouse            | 1            | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Total Paid</b> | <b>170</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>21</b> |

**Rob Till** Registrar

# From Our Flying Field



A gaggle of skyflexes, ( flying tents ) Thommo' Thompson, Daryl Cope, Alan Foley, Rick Talman, Brian Andrews ? May 2010





# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2021

## February

25 (Thu) - 28 (Sun) [Western Port Drifters Camping at P&DARCS](#) CANCELLED

## March

10 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

27 (Sat) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Monty Tyrrell](#) Field Open: **No**

28 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

## April

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## May

01 (Sat) - 02 (Sun) [VMAA Trophy \(Darrweit Guim\)](#)

08 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun) [IMAC Scale Aerobatics](#) Field Open: **Partial**

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## June

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## July

04 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## August

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & P&DARCS AGM](#)

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## September

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## October

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## November

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## December

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)



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