



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER JULY 2021



Steve Wilcox's F – 104 Starfighter, at our Monty Tyrell day on 28<sup>th</sup> March this year

**Next Club Meeting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1.00 to 2.30**

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## EDITOR'S BIT

### "Mug of the Month"

Some time ago, the Club used the Newsletter to run a story each month, about some incident or other that happened, the incident was always written up in derogatory terms but in good humor, it was called **Mug of the Month**

An example from **Don Klein**

It was reported that while taking off in a cross-wind I ran my Pattern Ship into the runway side grass because when I tried to input the required rudder-correction the rudder was "rigid" and would not move in any direction.

Oh-So-Tragically it was my luck that David Walsh "just happened to be my caller that day, and I got Dobbled in for **Mug of the Month**

In the interest of full disclosure, I confess that this was the ONLY "reported" stuff-up that was actually TRUE.

The reason it happened, I was taking my 2metre Maestro F3A aircraft out from the back of my car when the sun blinded my vision for a second...and I clipped the top edge of the rudder against my open hatchback, knocking the rudder's tip off.

So, I DID glue the rudder tip back on...BUT unfortunately, I didn't notice that a SMALL amount of glue had trickled down the rudder's hinges.

Remarkably Rob Till remembered this incident at our Zoom meeting Twenty Years later !

At the Annual General Meeting of the year 2000 there was a "Surprise Event" to honour the Club's "Mugs".

To my surprise I was presented with a some-what unique "SILVER MUG TROPHY" for being nominated as, "**Most Prolific Monthly Mug**" (Refer to photo).

**SO, It will be good to start running a regular MUG OF THE MONTH ( MOM ) in our Newsletter**

**I can only do that if I get MOM fodder from you, our Members, lets start it running in the next Newsletter**



**Frank McPherson Editor**

## WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2021

Look in the Club Calendar

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## **Annual General Meeting of P&DARCS**

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of P&DARCS is scheduled to be held, Covid restrictions allowing, on Saturday August 7 2021.

The business of the meeting shall be;

- To receive and confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- To receive from The Committee reports upon transactions of the Club during the preceding financial year.
- To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Club in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
- To appoint the Auditor of all Club accounts.
- To elect office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months.
- To deal with any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules.

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

# Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally

Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne) Vic



**All Kit & Scratch Built Scale Aircraft welcome. No ARF's please**

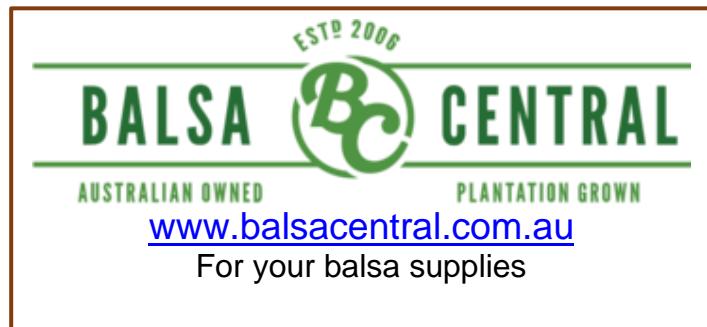
**Tell your friends to come and see some great model aircraft.**

- No documentation required – just fly and have fun. Starting 9am.
- Pilots must be MAAA affiliates – MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- 1,500ft ceiling height enforced.
- Catering is available.
- See web site, [www.pdarcs.com.au/scale](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/scale), for information & entry forms.
- Please note; dogs NOT allowed at field, even on a leash.

**\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators.  
Support our Sponsors**



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Laser Cut Kits and  
Modeling Accessories



[www.mytoolstore.com.au](http://www.mytoolstore.com.au) Lots of fantastic modeling tools

# Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

## New Sponsor

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new sponsor for the **Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally, HOLKRC.**



[www.holkrc.com.au](http://www.holkrc.com.au)

HOLK RC is a dedicated model aircraft company that offers a full range of laser cut kits and components aimed at model aircraft flyers particularly scale flyers and scratch builders. We are the Australian laser cutting agents for **Zirol Models, Wendell Hostetler Models, Custom Wings RC, By LoudDesign, FokkeRC, Dave Anderson Designs, Vailly Aviation, GlattCad, Onethirdrc** and many others as well as Australian agents for **Perma Grit Sanding Tools, Dura-Grit** products and stock **Electrodynamic** and **Futuba** products. We also do custom laser cutting to customer requirements and have fast turnaround times.

Agents for;



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There hasn't been much to cheer about this month, 'Uncle Daniel' has seen to that quite efficiently, however, the time has been spent getting much more learned in respect of crosswords, sudoku, other puzzles and of course the sticky fingers associated with balsa, fibreglass, plywood and epoxy.

Yes!--I am managing to get some construction work done.--well gee I would really like to have something new to fly for springtime, or maybe summer.

Hopefully we will be cleared for a return to normal (if that term ever applies again) conditions before the scratch built day-- don't laugh, its not really that far away (in building terms).

As this is being written, we are still heavily restricted so we must wait and see what the government has to say on Thursday, maybe there will be a little more freedom for us next week.

I know some members are quite annoyed at the Committee for the continued closure of the field, but I assure you all, we did not make the decision lightly, a considerable amount of deliberation was required to arrive at the current situation, which affects us all, ---the Committee is not exempt from the restrictions---so bear with us and perhaps, by the time you read this (if you do) we will have flying time again.

In the mean time, be busy, be happy and be safe

**Bill Reynolds** President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**As there was no June Meeting due to Covid Restrictions, the May Minutes are printed here, as they need to be accepted by the Members**

**Draft Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Burley Field**

**Meeting to open at:** 1:00pm

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

**Members Present 29**

**Apologies:** Darryl Slade, Keith Quigg, Rob Till, Norm Morrish, Steve Malcman, Frank McPherson & Glen Cossor

**Visitors; Nil**

**Minutes of previous Meeting:**

Motion that the minutes held previous general meeting be accepted. Moved; Don White Seconded: Barry Law

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes;**

See General Business

### Reports

**President:**

Congratulated the P&DARCS Team on their victory, 5 years in a row very well done. He thanked Team Captain Peter Harris for all of his work getting the Team together. The President noted that our team had 3 juniors who did exceptionally well. Our team had the same total points as NFG but the bonus points given for juniors who gain placing meant that we won.

**Secretary:**

P&DARCS application to VMAA for a grant. The committee has sent a letter asking why the club was offered 50% where several clubs have received 100% of applications. We also supplied additional information re the reason for the grant application.

We were paid a visit by the State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. She was very impressed with our set up and has made a very positive entry on her Facebook. She did 3 flights under the instruction of Ivan and Andrew Smallridge.

**Treasurer:**

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

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded; Paul Somerville **CARRIED**

**2021/22 Budget**

The Treasure distributed copies of the proposed budget for the 2020/21 year. The budget was based on a Senior Club fee of \$243, the same as last year, and 160 members.

The Treasurer moved that the budget as proposed be accepted, Seconded by Alan Foley. **CARRIED**

The Treasure noted that he had heard that some members considered that there should be a discount in fees due to the field not being accessible for a period due to the Virus Lock out. The Treasure spoke as to the operation of the club and that it was not really dependent on use. The major costs were incurred whether members used the facility or not and thus recommended that no discount be set.

No one wished to speak in favor of a discount to fees.

The Treasurer moved that the fees for the 2021/22 year be based on a Senior Fee of \$243. Seconded by Barry Law **CARRIED**

**Registrar:**

Absent.

The Treasurer noted that the current membership was 172.

**Field Manager:**

Craig presented Ian Jaques an award for 40 years continuous service on the field mowing team.

Craig noted that rolling was continuing due to the recent rain. He noted that gypsum has been applied and spraying will be done in the near future when weather conditions are right. The fact that the field has been sprayed will be noted on the Club web site.

**Facilities Manager:**

Absent

**Safety Officer:**

Absent

**Editor:**

Absent

**Webmaster:**

Absent

**Social Secretary:**

Nothing being organized at the moment but is looking into a visit to the Moorabbin museum and the Vietnam Vets museum at Phillip Island.

#### **Club Captain:**

Gave a detailed report on the Team's win at the VMAA Trophy. He thanked all of the Team members for the great effort.

#### **Chief Flying Instructor**

Keith reported that he has completed fitting out the new club trained that was donated by Andrew Beischer. He noted that the model will be powered by batteries donated by the F3A guys at the club. He noted that the trainer will be available to some instructors. There will be a log book that will be required to be completed when the aircraft is used to ensure that it is maintained correctly.

#### **General Business**

##### **1. Peter Harrison**

Email received;

*Secretary, I have received your email from your private email address and given it consideration.*

*Be advised that I will be raising this matter at the first face to face meeting, accordingly I ask that this email and all my correspondence be tabled at the meeting.*

*Also I will be speaking in relation to the matter raised.*

*This will take place during general business.*

*Peter D Harrison*

*AUS29725*

*Mob: 0400 139 477*

Peter spoke at length about what he considered was harassment and how it was disappointed at some members' attitude. He also expressed disappointment that his submission on possible radio interference was not properly considered.

At one time Barry Law called "order" due to what he considered was matter that was not on the topic.

He moved a motion the speaker be no longer heard.

The motion was lost as no one seconded.

Peter continued without interruption after this break

The Secretary responded by detailing the process the committee had followed with respect to the identification of the possibility of radio interference but noted that Peter never submitted a technical report.

He noted that a technical report must include data and the names, relevant experience and signatures of those that had done testing and thus prepared the report.

A document that does not contain this information is just an "opinion".

He further noted that the person who Peter considered to have "defamed" him, although a member of the club, was a publisher / writer of a magazine where the comments had been written.

If Peter had an issue with the comments then he should take this up with the Publisher of the magazine as it was nothing to do with the Club.

The President then noted that with respect to the fence, 2 members of the committee were currently investigating what material to be used.

He noted that the matter was now finished.

##### **2 History of the Club**

Norm Parker reminded members of the history of the club and how it had developed from virtually nothing to what we have now. We should be very appreciative of what we have.

##### **3 Respect of members**

The Treasurer requested that all members treat each other with respect.

#### **4 Face Book**

Alan Foley noted that the Club should have the right to remove offensive material from the Club's Face Book site, and he also noted that the Club's Face Book page had 4 moderators who continually monitor the page.

#### **5 Incident Report – Scissor Lift**

Paul Sommerville asked what had happened to the Incident Report that he had sent in.

The Sec replied that the matter had been done by the committee and he thought the reply had been sent out by the Safety Officer but it would appear that this did not happen. He noted that he would look into the matter.

**Meeting closed at 2:10pm**

### **June 2021 Committee Meeting Summary**

The Club's committee met for the sixth time in 2021 on Thursday night June 17th 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.
- Two new member applications have been received.
- Investigations continue to identify a new pilot barrier. It was agreed that a section of a possible sample be obtained for display.
- The John Deere mower still not running well and using a good deal of oil. It was agreed that Craig look into having the machine checked out and also look at the possibility/viability of replacing the machine with a new one. It was noted that the machine is over 10 years old.
- 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.
- A small additional windsock will be installed for the Western Runway.
- Our Club's request to review the grant application to VMAA for \$9,400 for equipment resulted in no change. The members will now be asked to consider as to whether we accept the offer of 50% grant and 50% loan. This will be done at the July General meeting.
- Suggestion of a "Foamy" day at the club. It was agreed that this is good idea and should be encouraged.
- The Secretary was authorized to obtain a small Dictaphone to assist in taking minutes.
- It was decided to purchase a suitable "fire pit" for the club.
- The sponsors listed on the Club web site and Newsletter is under review.
- It was agreed to purchase some plastic chairs to replace the type that are breaking.
- The club was approached a group from Monash University who are developing drones and are looking for a location to test them. Discussions are continuing.
- Currently investigating a method of identifying a Turbine start up area.

**Ivan Chiselett Secretary**

## Registrars Report – July 2021

### **New Member Applications**

New member applications this month:

**Ray Chivers**, Toolangi – Probationary member

**Paul Richardson**, Carnegie – 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.*

### **Membership Renewals**

The renewals went into the mail on 1 June so you should have received yours by now. If not then email me and I will send a copy.

The only discount this year was on the VMAA fees and this may be claimed if you pay by 31 July. Payments after that date will require full VMAA/MAAA fees paid as we have no discretion – their system expects the full fee!

Membership cards have been delivered and I will send these out once Peter has processed your payment.

A reminder that your MAAA insurance for this year expires on 30 June therefore you will NOT be insured unless you have paid your fees.

***Please remember*** to send the forms back to the club ***even*** if you pay by EFT ***and*** include your name on EFT payments so that we can actually trace who sent us money. Otherwise Peter may treat it as a donation to Rotary.

### **Membership statistics**

None at this stage !!

**Rob Till** Registrar



## FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

Another month has flown by and very disappointing with the COVID lockdown going on. The field has been looked after during the lockdown and is in quite good condition with the COVID and recent weather we have had. 40 mm of rain has fallen at the field in the recent weather event that hit Victoria really bad.

Our drainage system around the field worked quite well, no flooding of the runways or the pit area, every where was quite dry. Getting those drains cleaned out has paid off.

On my weekly security check of the field during COVID, the wind did cause some havoc, a green plastic chair was found half way down the driveway and the wind caused our main machinery door to become out of alignment.

It actually jumped off its tracks, but now has been rectified and the shed is now all secure.

In the next few weeks our spraying program will commence again, spraying runways, pits, drains and other areas, notices will be put on the web page and Facebook.

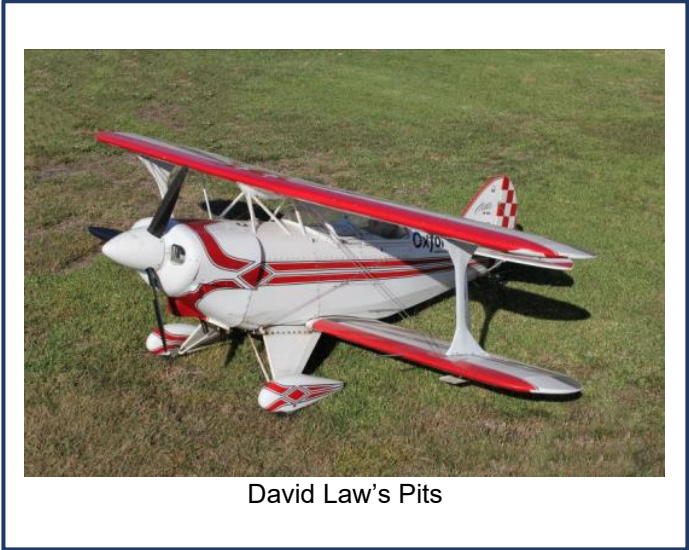
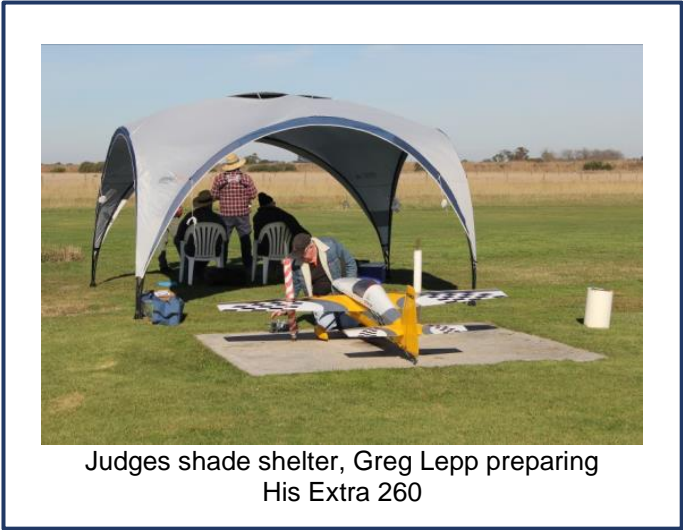
Not much else is happening, I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone.



The big shed door off its tracks

**Craig Fitzsimons** Field Manager

# VFSAA Event May 23rd





Rob MacDonald's ARF DH60 biplane



Noel Whitehead's CT-4, looking great as usual



Keith Quigg's Laser Extreme Flight ARF



Tony Grieger's 1/2 scale ARF Piper J3 Cub, climbing away



Some of the pilots and assistants on the day

# From Our Flying Field



Craig Fitzsimons nice Cirrus, at the Field recently

## P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2021

### July

03 (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](#)

15 (Sun) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [Classic Aerobatics](#) Field Open: **Partial**

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](#)

07 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field open **no**

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

### December

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



**Next Club Meeting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.00 to 2.30**

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