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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Geoff Healey's nice 1936 Miss America, 84 inch span, electric powered, covered in original Silkspan and dope, at our field, on 15th May this year

Photo : Andrew Mysliborski

**Next Club meeting, Saturday 4th November
At the Burley Field, 1-00pm start**

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EDITOR'S BIT

FIRE AT THE POLE

During the early afternoon, on Sunday 15th this Month, the Mains power at the Club was fluctuating
Later in the afternoon, Club Members noticed a grass fire at the base of the power pole on Fowler Road, that supplies our premises

The cause of the fire was incandescent parts falling from a small fused connection box, mounted to the cross arm near the top of the pole

The connection box burnt out, and has blackened the wooden cross arm, and was the cause if the power fluctuating

The local Fire Service were called and attended promptly, Club Members mostly put the fire out before they arrived, it was only the slashed loose grass burning, the rest of the grass is green, so the fire service guys doused the smoldering stuff, and submitted a report

Later an Electric Supply service truck arrived, made repairs, and the power was restored



The fire in full swing, luckily it is not February !

WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2017

Look in the Club Calendar on page 10

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P&DARCS Working Bee Saturday 28th October

We will be running a working bee to do some spring cleaning & maintenance activities around P&DARCS & your assistance is required.

- General Spring clean of P&DARCS buildings (hoover, mop, brush up, remove cobwebs etc)
- Spread topsoil to fill low spots & cracks in Runways
- Fill potholes in driveways
- Brush floors in old & new sheds
- Fix sunken sprinklers
- Install new sink in ladies' toilet
- Pressure wash external concrete

As you can see, we have several jobs that require doing. If you can think of more items for the list, please contact Daniel. On the day, please bring sweeping brushes, shovels cleaning utensils etc, as we may not have enough to go around. Workers will also be rewarded by being fed Bacon & Egg rolls for elevenses.

The Flying Field will be closed during the working bee

Annual Twi-fly & Christmas Dinner



This year the annual Dinner & Twi-fly it will be on the 9th December, which is a Saturday. Everyone must book & pay a \$5 per head fee to cover the catering costs & ensure we have enough food on the night.

On the day it will be for bookings only, so please if you wish to attend, book in.

There are three ways to book:

- See Daniel Jenkins at the November or December club meetings
- Print & cutout the booking slip below & send it to us
- Use the PayPal button below. Please note using PayPal incurs a 50c processing fee per attendee.

All bookings must be received by the 3rd of December.

[Buy Now](#)



P&DARCS Christmas Dinner 2017

Name:

Address:

No of tickets required:

Amount enclosed (\$5 each):

**Mail to: P&DARCS Christmas Dinner
P.O Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977**

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Club's **Kit & Scratch Built Scale Rally** is on November 11 & 12 and we desperately need members to assist in running the event.

We need **gate attendants** and **parking directors** for both Saturday & Sunday. 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 the Friday before the weekend 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 chiseli@optusnet.com.au or on 9898 4379 advising what days, and 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.

Kit & Scratch Built Scale Rally November 11 & 12 2017

Don't forget the Clubs big event. There are great trophies to be handed out in three categories as well as over \$1,000 in prizes handed out by lucky draw during the two days.

Why not get out one or more of your "hand built" scale models and come along and be part of the weekend. It does not have to be spectacular, just hand made from a kit or scratch. If you only have a project on the go, please bring them. The weekend is all about celebrating building models a sort of show and tell. If you do not have an aircraft that qualifies just come and have a look at the models that will be there. There is also a Diorama section which will be interesting to see as well. Please tell your friends about the weekend, we have a Public Display Permits so the public is OK to attend and enjoy looking at great models.

It is only \$5-00 per car. No additional registration fee, just the \$5-00 is all it costs. All profits go back to our great club. Please get behind the rally and come and enjoy the weekend.

HELP REQUIRED

As you would have read in previous newsletters Due to health & safety reasons, the club needs to erect a new fuel storage shed. The new base for the shed has been laid, **we now need help erecting the shed structure.**

If you have some experience or feel this is a project you could do, please contact Daniel Jenkins. We have several infrastructure type activities on the go at present which are all being done by Committee members, so some assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Regards, Daniel Jenkins

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PRESIDENT

We finally have the Avlite installed and operational. A big thanks to Paul Somerville who designed and manufactured the steelwork, Peter Harris who handled the electrical installation, and Daniel Jenkins who assisted

As Paul said, 'It was done the P&DARCS way, we just got on with it'.

Within an hour of installation we had a curious pilot overfly the light several times before he disappeared. Since then we have had a few aircraft turn away at over 1000 feet so it appears to be working.

I notified CASA and received this reply: *G'day Alan, That's great news. Well done to you and the team. Always happy to partner with you to get a safer outcome.*

That shows the support we have had from CASA to solve what was becoming an increasing menace from incursions of low flying aircraft. It's a pity that neither VMAA nor MAAA viewed it in the same light. (Pardon the pun).

The next project is the installation of the fuel storage tanks. Rick Talman is constructing the new stands and once complete the tanks will be moved and enclosed on the new concrete pad.

This is just one of a number of projects to complete and members are encouraged to lend a hand and help the usual crew to get these jobs done.

We have a working bee October 28th followed by a twi-fly. I am advised that Robb Till will supply catering for the workers so there's an incentive.

Finally, a reminder that the **scratch-built weekend** is on November 11th and 12th.

Last year we had a great turnout the Friday before to prepare for this event and we hope to have the same number come along on Friday 10th to help. Also please let Ivan know if you can help out on the weekend. These events and projects don't happen by magic.

AVLITE INSTALLATION



Paul S on the roof, preparing the steelwork, yours truly acting as Safety Spotter, and Daniel J assisting, Peter H was working inside on the electrics

NOTICE

Revised flying times Sundays

The Committee has reviewed the Sunday flying times and has decided to amend the 9.00am start to 8.00am for electric prop driven aircraft only.

IC planes and ducted fans must not be flown before 9.00am.

Care must be taken to limit noise.

This will be for a trial period and will be reviewed by the committee later.

Alan Foley President

SAFETY

No report for this Month

Alan Coleman Safety Officer

FIELD MANAGER

No report for this Month

Norm Morrish Field Manager

FACILITIES

No report for this Month

Paul Somerville Facilities

WEBMASTER

No Report for this Month

Daniel Jenkins Webmaster

SECRETARY

General Meeting Held Saturday 1st October 2017

At Burley Field Cardinia.

Meeting Opened: 1322Hrs

Members Present: 29

Apologies: P Harrison, I Chiselett, Mark Smith, A. Smallridge, N Morrish

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion that the minutes of meeting of the previous be accepted Moved D White, Seconded B. Law. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Reports:

President:

Covered a few issues as listed below

- Club House was left unlocked and back door was wide open, so much so that a couple of birds had flown in. He asked members that if they are the last to leave the field could they please do a quick walk around to make sure the club house and sheds are all locked up.
- Announced we will have a working bee on 28th October.
- Volunteers wanted for Scratch Build Day. Please contact Ivan Chislett.
- There will be a \$5 per car entrance fee to the scratch build day. Volunteers are exempt from this

Secretary:

- Advised they letter had been sent re sponsorship of our event and no response apart from new Australian RC Magazine (Flat Out RC)
- Received request from ASAA (Scale Aerobatics) to hold their Nationals at our field in September next year.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer provided report on finances. Income from renewals is around \$2,000 short of budget but still sufficient to proceed with current projects.

Registrar:

- Advised that membership is at 137 currently. One new applicant a returning member whose name has been posted in the last Newsletter.

Editor

- Correct member list was in the last newsletter.

Social

- Next outing planned to be a Point Cook RAAF Museum will need to be changed to mid-week as guided tours aren't available on weekends. Likely date now to be 17th January.

Safety

- Reported that there was an incident at the field that he is currently investigating and will report back to committee when investigation complete.

Webmaster

New "dials" to indicate weather at field. Much more readable display that translates well onto mobile devices ie phones and tablets. The data updates every 15 seconds. Note if there is a green light at top of page the data is current if it is red its off line for some reason and not current.

Field

Norm was absent but Daniel reported on field work he had done which was

- Sprayed for weeds
- Will be Pest Spraying probably in next few weeks depending on weather.
- Will topsoil part of runway at club Working Bee

David Walsh Secretary

Facilities

- Will aim to finish mounting the Strobe light this month.

General Business

- **Brian Green** asked about the progress re the Kissing gates to replace the Styles. His concern is that they (Styles) are a little dangerous to climb over for the older members. The committee advised that the project is on the "jobs List" but finances and time have meant it has not yet been addressed. In the meantime, committee suggest if las able members need help retrieving models to ask for assistance from a younger or more mobile member.
- **Brian** did offer to have the project costed and the committee welcomed that but final decision would still depend of cost. Keeping in mind the unusual large expenditures the club and Co-op have had to meet this year.
- **Club members** present also agreed to :
 - \$5 entry per car for the Scale Scratch Build Day in November
 - To Offer our field to the ASAA for their Nats for a weekend in September 2018 This is subject to them ensuring reasonable noise limits are imposed. And all models are certified. Cost of Field same as APA.

Meeting Closed 1422 hrs

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Saturday 4th November 2017 at Burly field Cardinia. 1pm Start.

REGISTRAR

New Member Application

- * Alan Connelly, Rowville -Probationary
- * Glenn Cossor, Dandenong -Rejoining Full Member
- * Michael Smith, Carrum Downs -Probationary

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.

Inductions/Orientation

No inductions are outstanding – at last we have caught up !

This is an important process as it ensures that new members are aware of how the Club operates and is intended to save future problems for both the new member and the Club. Club badges and keys will not be issued to new members until they have attended an induction.

Changes to your contact information

Please remember to keep me up to date with changes for contact details, especially **email** changes as this is our preferred method of keeping in touch with you.

Membership status

These figures only include forms received by the Registrar

	Paid 2017/18	Unpaid	Last Year
Full	91	8	96
Associate	8	6	10
Junior	2	1	3
Life	3		3
Pensioner	25	1	26
Probationary	9		13
Prospective	4		
Student	0		
Spouse	1		1
Honorary			2
Total	143	16*	154

* includes 7 resigned

Rob Till Registrar

AT OUR FLYING FIELD

Saturday 9th September 2017



At the Western strip, Rami De Silva with his 'Align Heli'



A nice Pilatus



Busy Western Flight Centre



The gubbins inside David Chiver's Matthal 95



Tom Bloodworth with the wing of his new Valkerie, LARGE

AT OUR FLYING FIELD

An Unfortunate Glider Failure

Ross Bathie (from Lilydale Club) brought his Piper Pawnee tow plane, to provide towing for Norm Ripp's large glider

This was the maiden flight for the glider, and all went well during the tow up to height, after release, the glider unfortunately suffered major structural failure

Photos' : Andrew Mysliborski



Ross Bathie's big Tug, PA-25 Pawnee 43%, 5.3M span, 340cc twin engine



Glider and Tug, during preparations for flight testing



Tow launch under way



After release, the left wing detached



The right wing detached, dark cloud in the background



Right wing tears off tail plane

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2017

September

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
28 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October

01 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)
19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
28 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)
28 (Sat) [Spring Cleaning Working Bee](#) Field Open: **Partial**

November

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
07 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#) Field Open: **Partial**
11 (Sat) - 12 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**
23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
03 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **No**
09 (Sat) [P&DARCS Christmas Dinner](#)

January 2018

28 (Sun) [Roy Robinson](#) Field Open: **Partial**

March 2018

09 (Fri) - 12 (Mon) [APA World Cup \(Provisional\)](#) Field Open: **No**

April 2018

08 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally 2018](#) Field Open: **No**
21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun) [VMAA Trophy](#) Field Open: **No**

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