



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



Two new flyers, Balint Banko, ( left ) and Harrison Ritter, both very keen, Balint has already passed his Silver Wings test, both have applied for Membership, here they are on a nice sunny day 5<sup>th</sup> January

Photo : Frank McPherson

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

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## EDITOR'S BIT

### Nite Flyer

At the Annual Dinner and Twi – Fly, My Nite' Flyer Model " Dark Vader " decided to end it all, by going into an uncontrolled right – hand barrel roll, terminating at terra firma, maybe Iron Man slipped sideways, creating the problem ? or was it the corn cob lighting ?

I didn't have time to eject Iron man, he suffered severe leg damage, requiring double leg transplant  
For my next Nite Flyer, I decided to convert a model I bought from David Glossop, at the last Auction

The lighting on this one is bog standard, LED strips, as per my 2015 article about " lighting up a model ", no more " corn cob " lighting  
Here it is all lit up with Iron Man ready to go



Frank McPherson Editor

## WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2017

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# NOTICES

## Visitor MAAA Insurance

Earlier this month we had 3 visitors to the club who were not current members in any other club and therefore were not covered by the MAAA insurance policy. The question was raised; "Should we allow them to fly?"

The answer is yes. The MAAA Manual of procedures covers just this eventuality under MOP042. The MAAA insurance will cover them for up to a maximum 4 visits as long as they are signed in and supervised by an affiliated member of the MAAA.

They must be signed in as a Visitor by a Club Member in the Visitor Book-and the Club Member is responsible for supervising the visitor, ensuring that they are competent to fly and are aware of, and monitor their compliance with MAAA and Club rules.

Obviously we encourage such visitors to join our club and encourage visits but all the same it is good PR to allow possible new members to fly on the day. All of the visitors went home with a membership form and hopefully we will see them at the club again as members.

## SOME OF THE OTHER



“What else did you fix today?”

## PRESIDENT

A Happy and safe New Year to all our members and families. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

The New Year has seen the membership of 2 new young members. Balint who is 14 years old joined a couple weeks ago and brought his friend, 12 year old Harrison along who joined as well.

It didn't take long for Balint to get his solo wings after time spent flying near his home. Ivan signed him off and he and Harrison have been regular flyers over the holidays. Each of them have had lots of help and advice from members which is what the club is all about. Great to see young members joining (and parents who take the time to bring them down). Hopefully we will get more youngsters joining.

It was great to see our members win each class at our P&DARCS Aerobatic event on 10th December, Congratulations to Glenn Orchard for winning the Masters class, Norm Morrish the F3A class and Geoff Healey Expert. Congratulations Geoff for also obtaining your promotion to F3A. We wish you well flying in this new class.

We have a few jobs to complete over the next few weeks. A high priority is completing the new fuel shed to satisfy H&S requirements so any help you can offer will be most appreciated.

Let's not leave it to the same few. Speaking of which, great to see Glen Orchard on the mower last week.

Finally, whilst we always welcome visitors from other clubs, please remember they are limited to 4 visits over a 12 month period from the date of their first visit. They must also be signed in and wear a temporary badge

**Alan Foley** President

## FIELD MANAGER

No report for this Month

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## SAFETY

No report for this Month

**Alan Coleman** Safety Officer

## FACILITIES

No report for this Month

**Paul Somerville** Facilities

## WEBMASTER

No Report for this Month

**Daniel Jenkins** Webmaster

## SECRETARY

**Meeting Opened:** 1300 hrs

**Members Present:** 23

**Apologies:** D. Slade, A Foley.

**Visitors:** Vice President welcomed Michael White to our meeting ( Michael has completed a membership application)

**New Member:** Nil

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Motion that the minutes of meeting of the previous be accepted Moved B. Law, Seconded P. Harrison. Carried

**Business Arising:** Field access gate has now been modified so it has restricted opening one way and to prevent animals entering the flying area. It is operated by club key and the key will be retained in the lock until you lock it as you come back through.

**Reports:**

**President:**

The president was an apology this month and The Vice President Andrew Smallridge officiated over the meeting in his place.

**Secretary:**

- Short report this month correspondence with VFSAA and ASAA re events for next year was only activity.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer provided report on club finances. Due to a few new members joining us we are now back on budget again.

**Registrar:**

Advised that membership is at 143 currently and we have one further membership to process. Name will be posted in the next Newsletter.

**Editor**

Last issue for this year is now available next edition will be early February. Frank thanked all members that had donated parts and accessories for the club models we plan to use in the VMAA trophy next year.

**Social**

Next outing planned to be a Point Cook RAAF Museum will be mid-week as guided tours aren't available on weekends. Date now to be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Meet there at 11am. Club members will be emailed as soon as date is confirmed.

Daniel Jenkins is organising tickets for the Club Christmas party at \$5 each attendee. You can give Daniel the money in person or use the Paypal option on the club webpage (small additional fee for this option). All is on track and Daniel thanked Joan and Bill Reynolds in advance for once again catering for the event.

**Safety**

A reminder that Taxiing is not allowed in the pits.

**Webmaster:**

2018 Club calendar is now posted on the website and was included in last newsletter.

**Field.**

Field looking good Norm has asked members to let him know if they see any beetles

**Facilities**

- Fuel store is 80% complete. Needs end walls installed.
- Peter Harris has installed new Exhaust fans in the club house.

### General Business

- P Harrison suggested a SMS system to contact club members in emergency or event cancellation etc. Committee advise that it was quite costly for the limited use we would have

They will look into it again, but the Web Page and/or email remains our best form of communication currently.

- We now have a full team for the 2018 VMAA trophy so with a little practice we will hopefully make it a hat trick and win our third event in a row.
- Barry Law offer nichrome (for foam cutting) wire to any of the members present
- D Glossop questioned visibility or strobe at ground level. He was advised that the committee were aware of this and we are asking Avlite for advice. Possibly some form of blocking collar around the base.
- D. White presented his research re a defibrillator. The committee will consider this.
- N Morrish advise that the VPA changed the comp date to the following Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> December due to the severe weather forecast
- Peter Harris thanked everyone who assisted with the recent Scale event.
- It was suggested that we invite sponsors to our Christmas party. It was agreed this was a good idea and as only one is in Victoria we will invite Wayne of Addies hobbies
- It was noted that the club house was AGAIN left unlocked. It is essential that when the last member leaves the field that they check that the club house and other buildings are locked. Insurance won't pay if the facility was left unlocked .

Meeting Closed 1355hrs

**David Walsh Secretary**

## REGISTRAR

### New Member Application

- Ba'lint Banko, Endeavour Hills – Junior
- Harrison Ritter, Endeavour Hills - Student
- Michael White, Lilloo - Probationary
- Graham Catchpole, Pakenham - Probationary
- Hung Tran, Cranbourne North - Probationary
- David Creed, Lillydale - 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

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.

### MAAA Qualifications

Congratulations to the following:

- Ba'lint Banko – Silver Wings (P)
- Jeff Hall – Silver Wings (P)

### 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	94	8	96
Associate	8	6	10
Junior	3	1	3
Life	3		3
Pensioner	25	1	26
Probationary	12		13
Prospective	3		
Student	1		
Spouse	1		1
Honorary	0		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>16*</b>	<b>154</b>

\* includes 7 resigned



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## Monty Tyrell Memorial Scale Rally – Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

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



All Scale Aircraft welcome, ARF, Kit built does not matter, just come.

### Excellent Trophies

P&DARCS have excellent facilities, including long and wide grass runways and several 12 and 240volt electric charging stations. Come and have a great days flying.

- Flying starts at 9-00am.
- No documentation required – just fly and have fun.
- Bring lots of aircraft, any size any type, just scale.
- MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- Catering is available.
- See web site, <http://www.pdarcs.com.au/monty>, for more information.
- Goodies bag for the first 30 entries.

**Come for a great days flying at a great field.**

**\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators**

# Visit to Point Cook Aircraft Museum

Report By Don White Social Secretary

A disappointing members attendance, 8 members present on a very hot day. We were greeted by tour guide Bene Cochrane, started with a little history of the museum and information on past aircraft.

The tour commenced at look at some of the aircraft on the tarmac a 45 year old Cariboo, ( a little worse for wear) then onto the hangers.

An interesting Walrus with transparent wing, Tiger Moth ,various cut away engines. Another hangar had F111 fighter (it was huge close up) and other fighter planes.

Some very early (ww1 planes) beautifully restored, the onto a hanger which was restoring a Mosquito very interesting work to watch for a little while.

For members who did not attend they missed out on a very good informative day the tour guide was very knowledgeable on the museum and the material and planes we saw.

Don White  
Social Secretary

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TWI-FLY

9<sup>th</sup> December



Bill and Joan providing the excellent catering



Nice photo' of three children and Frank's nite' flyer, ( Dark Vader ) Iron Man waiting off to the right, Frank at the front

The model met it's end later in the nite, barrel rolled out of control, Iron man injured, required double leg transplant below the knee, a new Dark Vader almost finished

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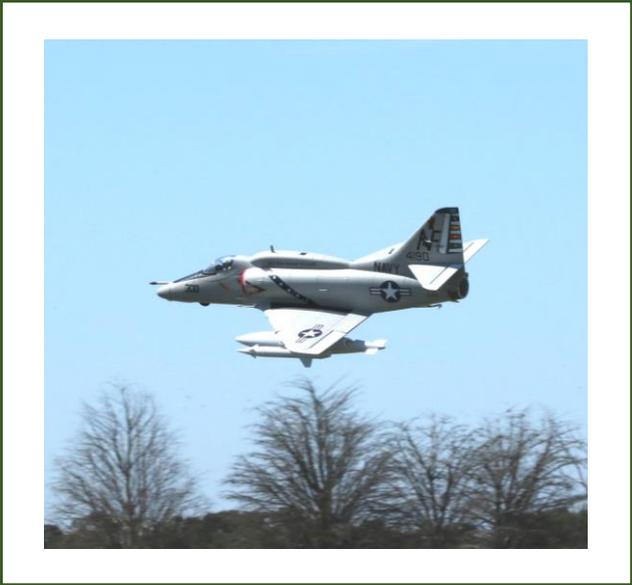
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**AT OUR FLYING FIELD**  
Glen Orchard's A-4 Skyhawk, sadly destroyed at a later date



Skyhawk, starting take-off run



On final approach, everything down



Gear down and locked, flared for touchdown

# OUR NEW FUEL STORAGE SHED, WORK PROGRESS

Assembly started, late November 2017, rear wall installed early January 2018  
Further work required, watch this space



Assembling in our big shed



Moving the fuel tanks from the old shed



Fuel tanks installed on containment base



Shed frame assembled



Roof and side panels fitted



Rear panels fitted

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2018

## January 2018

- 18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)  
27 (Sat) - 28 (Sun) [Classic & Vintage Weekend](#) Field Open: **Partial**  
28 (Sun) [Roy Robinson](#) Field Open: **Partial**

## February 2018

- 04 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)  
22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)  
24 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

## March 2018

- 03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)  
09 (Fri) - 12 (Mon) [APA World Cup](#) Field Open: **No**  
15 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## April 2018

- 01 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)  
08 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally 2018](#) Field Open: **No**  
19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)  
21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun) [VMAA Trophy](#) Field Open: **No**  
21 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

## May 2018

- 05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)  
17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)  
20 (Sun) [VFSAA Sports Scale](#) Field Open: **Partial**

## June 2018

- 03 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)  
21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## July 2018

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

## August 2018

- 05 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & AGM](#)  
16 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## September 2018

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

## October 2018

- 07 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)  
18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)  
20 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)  
27 (Sat) [Spring Clean & Working Bee](#) Field Open: **Partial**

## November 2018

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

## December 2018

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

P&DARCS Calendar can now be viewed online at [www.pdarcs.com.au/calendar](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/calendar)



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