



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023



Owner/builder Bruce Clarke's lovely Nieuport Biplane. Build from the Balsa USA 1/6 scale kit, has a 1.2 metre wingspan, flying weight, around 3.5kg, covering is Solartex and finished with Humbrol paints. Power comes from a Magnum 52 four stroke, and guided by the Spektrum DX9 radio system.

**Next Club Meeting, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.  
1pm start, at the P&DARCS Field.**

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## EDITOR'S BIT

### A Bit Of Humor



The guy on the right has to be Alan Foley as he flies an Ornithopter but not sure who to attribute to the person on the left!

**Frank McPherson** Editor.

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# NOTICES

## PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP.

With our aging membership we have several people who no longer fly but want to retain their association and support of the Club. The Committee are proposing we create a new category of Full Members, called Non-Flying Members. The fee basis for this should 50% of Club fee and no MAAA/VAAA Fees. Currently the full fee is \$243, so this new category would equate to \$121.50.

This category of membership would be open to any Full (shareholding) member of the club.

They would retain (as shareholders) the right to attend & vote at meetings and AGM.

This will allow older members who no longer fly the ability to continue their association with the club & allow them to be included in club life, whilst at the same time saving them the MAAA Fees of \$144 and reduce their membership fee.

**Therefore the Committee propose the following motion to be resented to members for voting on at the April general meeting.**

"That the Committee amend the Club By-Laws to create a new category of Full Member called Non-Flying Member. This rate would be set at 50% of the Full Club Fee and no MAAA/VMAA Fees".

The motion to put the proposal was passed by the Committee and thus the motion will now be put to the Members of the Club.

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

## VISIT BY THE BUNYIP SCOUTS VISIT MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> – Assistance Required

Ten members of the Bunyip Scout Troup are attending the field on March 16 arriving at about 7-00pm and staying until 8:30pm. If weather permits, it is intended to give them all some "stick time". We need some assistance to help with the instruction flights by either instructing or manning the buddy box transmitter. If you have a suitable trainer with buddy box that would be terrific. Please contact the Secretary if you can help on the night.

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

## CLUB HOUSE LIBRARY BOOKS

The paper-based library in the clubhouse is not being used much by our members, therefore a committee decision has been made to include in the library only aero modelling magazines. The current lot of paperback books will be retained in the library until around mid' March this year. If anyone would like to take some or all of the books please feel free to do so.

After the mid-March date, any remaining books will be committed to recycling.

**Frank McPherson** Editor

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BawBaw Radiomodellers Association Gippsland Inc.



## OFFICIAL CLUB OPENING -19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 BLUE ROCK FLOAT FLY



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Please RSVP to the email below if you are attending.

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For full details please visit our website:  
<https://www.bawbawrc.com.au/i/2023-march-19-sunday-official-club-opening-float-fly>

For general updates visit or Face Book page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1278021809225556>

Flyers entry fee \$10. Spectators gold coin donation.  
Catering onsite.

Visiting Pilots must be VMAA/MAAA affiliates and require Bronze/Silver Wings, Heavy models need to be certified.

The BRAG club is ready to show off our site to the Victorian RC Model Community, We welcome all MAAA members to visit and enjoy our Club at the picturesque site of Blue Rock Lake, Willow Grove. This is our official open day and our first inter club Fly Day as a Float Fly event.

Our club has a 100 meter long land strip suitable for most size aircraft, Blue Rock Lake for float planes and 2 Heli circles have also been setup.

Flying starts at 9.00 am

BBQ catering on the day including cold drinks. Full details at our website.



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Awarded on the day - Pilots Choice award for Best Float Plane

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome to your P&DARCS newsletter.

Our first project for club improvements in 2023 has been completed with both eastern and western carpark areas now fully redeveloped. Our contractor, Glen Malcolm has done an excellent job on the project, and we are grateful for his efforts to accelerate the work.

Of course, the crappy news this month is the breaking and enter of our clubhouse and facilities in the early hours of Saturday (February 26<sup>th</sup>) morning. We are currently sorting through a few options as a result of this act, and we will be able to report more details for you at the general meeting.

The new club Safety Officer, Mellissa Law has also been appointed the committee and will be making a few changes to how we report and manage safety at our club. On behalf of all P&DARCS members, we welcome Mellissa and thank her for accepting the appointment.

The annual Monty Tyrrell Event is fast approaching, and along with new sponsors comes a revised format for the event. It will now run over two days on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with camping made available at the field for those modelers travelling and wishing to stay. In the lead up to this event, there will be a couple of working bees required (Craig will have a bit more to say on this) as well as several members needed to run the event on the day. Members will receive an email asking them to avail themselves of certain roles. In the meantime, please contact me or email if you wish to take part in the event.

Members and visitors will have the opportunity to pre-register their attendance at this years' event and in doing so will be given one ticket into the major raffle sponsored by Model Flight and the VMAA. More information will be detailed on the event flyer.

Finally, our next general meeting is to be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with the usual BBQ being supplied. I hope to see as many of our members as possible attending the meeting.

That's it from me, over to the rest of the team now. All the best, and I hope to see everyone at the field soon.

**Keith Quigg** | AUS 22897  
P&DARCS President 2022/2023

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### **Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Burley Field.**

**Meeting opened at:** 1:00pm

**Chair of meeting:** President, Keith Quigg

**Members Present;** 15 Members.

**Apologies:** David Glossop, Frank McPherson, Bill Reynolds, David Law, Norm Morrish, Steve Malcman, Glen Cosser & Daniel Jenkins.

**Visitors.** Nil

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Moved by Fred Webb seconded by David Walsh **CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes;** Work has started on the car park upgrades.

#### **Reports**

**President:** As printed in Newsletter.

**Secretary:** As printed in Newsletter.

**Treasurer:** Peter reported that there had been a part payment for the work on the car parks. This payment was not part of the budget, but the expenditure was approved at the last general meeting. Expenditure was within budget.

**Registrar:** As printed in Newsletter.

**Field Manager:** Craig reported that there had been 19mm of rain at the field during the week and another 28mm on Friday night. The field is in good condition but there is a little cracking in places. He noted that there needs to be a working bee a week or so prior to the Monty to ensure that everything is in order.

**Facilities Manager:** Absent.

**Safety Officer:** Absent. The President that he had received Glen's resignation from the position.

**Editor;** Absent.

**Webmaster:** Absent. Peter Harris reported that there had been testing of Daniel's membership updating system and it appears to be working very well. Keith reported that the MAAA are currently updating their membership system and he thought that the new system will have online facilities.

**Social Secretary.** The President that he had received Alex's resignation from the position. Phil Singh was acting in this position.

**Club Captain:** Nil to report.

**Chief Flying Instructor.** Nil to report.

**Planning Sub Committee;** Nil to report.

**Chief Flying Instructor.** Nil to report.

### **General Business**

1. Peter Harris, on behalf of the DARCSField Co-op, reported that Melbourne Water are in the process of trying to sort out problems in the drainage in Gum Scrub Creek and they have come across a section so overgrown that it is impenetrable. Melbourne Water does not have the resources nor budget to keep the drains maintained.
2. It was reported that the Australia Day function went very well with 70 attendees. A couple of short comings were reported which will be taken on board if we run another similar function. The total cost of the event was \$1,450. There have been suggestions to make it an annual event. The Committee will take on board.
3. The committee has been tasked with reviewing our noise standards. There was general agreement that the Committee needs to be vigilant of excessive noise in all disciplines to avoid potential conflicts with our surrounding neighbours. It is noted that no complaints have been received from any neighbours.
4. Barry Law complemented that field team for having the field looking so good. Fred Webb suggested that members be reminded to take their rubbish home to ensure that field was always tidy.

**Meeting closed at 2:00pm**

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

## **February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 Committee Meeting Summary**

The Club's committee met on Wednesday night February 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Some of the items considered are noted below.

- One member applied to become a full member.
- Three prospective members, Jack Clayton, Harrison Hoskins, and Seth Huntingford were voted to become probationary members of the club by the committee. We welcome those new members.
- Works on car parks and driveway have been completed.
- Australia Day event was a success and committee are considering making it an annual event.
- There were no offers of assistance to be part of a static display at the Sandown Model Expo so no further action will be taken.
- Consideration of what to do with repairing the club house floor. It was considered that the floor has dried out sufficiently to allow further work to be done. Currently investigating how to get the floor sanded in preparation of installing floor covering.
- The Safety Officer, Glen Cossar, has resigned from the committee. The committee has appointed Melissa Law to the position of Club Safety Officer. Her appointment will be finalized once her application to be a Full Member is accepted. Melissa is well qualified for the job as her occupation is in the industrial safety area.
- Work to start soon on fixing in place the benches in the West charging station.
- It was noted that a recent model fire was caused by the speed control unit. The slight damage has been repaired.
- The club's new automated membership renewal system designed by Danial went through a trial with the help of 38 members. The system worked extremely well. The committee voted to implement the new system immediately.

- It was agreed that the “Club Library” be reduced to just having modelling magazines and that any books currently in it can be taken home for good. Any books not taken in a few weeks will be dumped.
- The club received an invitation to do a flying display at a CFA “house”. This was declined due to CASA and timing matters.
- The MAAA have announced another round of field improvement grants for 2023. The club is looking at identifying projects so that we can apply for a grant.
- It was agreed that when the eastern pilot barrier is moved a better location could be identified. A suggested location will be pegged out to enable members to comment on the proposed location.
- The club has received an application to use the field to conduct a model racing event next year. The committee decided to defer the request until the applicant identifies that a recognized MAAA/VMAA Special Interest Group for the activity has been established.
- The Bunyip Scouts requested a visit to the field. This was agreed to with them expected to bring about 10 scouts. The committee would welcome assistance from members. They will be arriving at about 7-00pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Baw Baw club requested that we publicize their upcoming event. This was agreed to and the “flier: will be published in the Newsletter.
- New member category. The committee approved the following motion to be put to the members for ratification. The following motion will be presented to the members for voting at the next general meeting.

**"The Committee amend the Club By-Laws to create a new category of Full Member called Non-Flying Member. This rate would be set at 50% of the Full Club Fee and no MAAA/VMAA Fees"**

- Speeding on Wenn Road. It was reported that some members were thought to be driving going too fast when encountering vehicles travelling in opposite directions. Please consider others in this respect but it is noted that this road is a public road and not under any governance of the P&DARCS whatsoever.
- Next General Meeting to be held at the field.

**Ivan Chiselett** Secretary

## WEBMASTER'S REPORT

### Online Renewal System

As mentioned in previous articles, I have been working with Peter & Steve to develop an online renewal solution that will allow us to do our annual membership renewal electronically via email & our website rather than our current paper based solution. We conducted testing of this solution over the past month. A big thank you to those testers we volunteered to help out.

I'm pleased to report that this testing was successful with positive comments from the participants. The testing identified a few changes to wording to improve readability and one bug where 2 of the users saw currency appear in pounds rather than Australian dollars. These have now been fixed up.

Therefore the Committee have decided to proceed with using this solution for our next renewal cycle. All members with email addresses registered with P&DARCS will receive their 2023/24 renewal in June electronically rather than on paper. Those without a registered email will get a paper-based renewal. If a member wishes to opt out of electronically receiving renewal notices, we will provide details in next month's newsletter on how to do that.

**Daniel Jenkins** Webmaster

## SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT



Welcome to the first of many "Safety Tips" for P&DARCS members and visitors.

Firstly, thanks for having me on board as part of the Committee and assisting us with our Duty of Care for our members. Today, I would like to give a gentle reminder about arming aircraft at our field.

- Aircraft shall only be armed on the flight line and not in the pits area, this includes our Hay Shed area, and
- Fixed wing aircraft shall be restrained mechanically or physically when starting, running, or arming.

Remember..... "What we walk past and ignore is what we are willing to accept".  
Until next time, keep safe and happy flying.

**Melissa Law** Safety Officer

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT March 2023

This month we had a membership upgrade for Melissa Law, whom has recently been appointed to the role of Safety Officer.

Let's hope we get more good weather to enjoy our club facilities.

### **Membership Upgrade:**

**Melissa Law**, Warrandyte – Membership Upgrade to Full Shareholder

*Any objections to a 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 statistics**

	<b>Paid 22-23</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Associate	18	1	17
Full	110	2	108
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	4	0	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	14	1	16
Probationary	11	11	26
Prospective	0	0	3
Student	2	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>180</b>

**Steve Malcman** P&DARCS Registrar

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## P&DARCS PILOT PROFILE

Welcome to our member section. The idea behind the Pilot Profile, is to help us all to get to know more about each Club Member, and their R/C flying experiences. Some members are more active than others, so the intention is to be inclusive for all our members.

The Pilot Profile for the Month of March is about **HARRISON RITTER**



A recent photo of Harrison, and his best Model

### Harrison's Profile

1. I've been a P&DARCS member since January 2018, so 5 years and counting.
2. I fly powered fixed wing planes, mainly my 120cc Extra 300, but also a variety of smaller IC powered aircraft and several foamies of different shapes and sizes.
3. My favourite model aircraft is the Extreme Flight Extra NG, a plane which I am currently very privileged to own.
4. My favourite scale aircraft is the F4U Corsair. It's a unique aircraft and one which I have always enjoyed seeing in model and full-size forms.
5. My favourite manoeuvre is anything involving a snap roll, I think they're a fun manoeuvre to fly and are very satisfying when nailed correctly.
6. My most memorable moment in the sport is when I was fortunate enough to attend the IMAC National Championships late last year and come away with first place in the Intermediate class. It was a huge honour to take home the award and represent P&DARCS and Team Vic
7. My most rewarding model build is when I attempted to build one of those Flite Test foamies from scratch. It was my first-time scratch building anything and I think it turned out well. I'm still yet to fly it though.
8. I've been flying since around September 2017. I was encouraged into the sport by fellow member Balint Banko, who told me I should try RC plane flying since I was already big into RC cars. I ended up enjoying it so much I joined the club and completely focused on flying RC planes.
9. My most exciting RC crash would have to be my Pitts Python I got flying in early 2021. It was flying well until I did a snap roll and the elevator servo stripped, causing it to go into a 45-degree dive and disintegrate on impact. It certainly was spectacular though.
10. Currently on my building board is my Extreme Flight Extra NG that I previously mentioned. Hoping to get it done soon and get it out to the field and flying the IMAC sequences.

## CARPARKS AND DRIVEWAY RESURFACING

These works are now completed, and the improvements to the carparks and driveway is outstanding. Some photos of the finished works as carried out by Local Contractor Glenn Malcolm.



Our New Driveway, looking South.



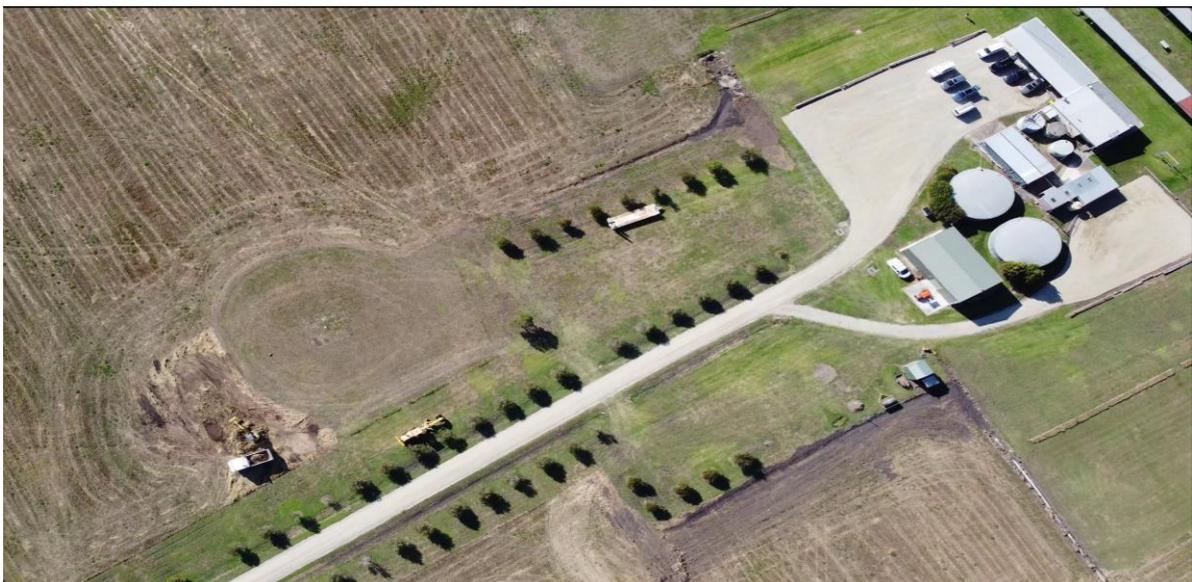
The new Eastern Carpark, looking South.



The new Western Carpark, also looking South.



Piles of left over soil next to the Control Line Circle has been removed, new grass growth will establish.



Aerial photo from Andrew Mysliborski's drone, showing most of the driveway and our two new carparks, on the left is the Contractor clearing the piles if soil from beside the Control Line Circle. The dark lines in the paddocks, are tracks leftover from the hay cutting contractor.

# From Our Flying Field

March 2013 Monty Photos



Cardinia Primary School, provided catering for our March 2013 Monty' Event, plus lots of others,

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023

A few photos from the pits



The terrible trio, Dave Law, Cliff McIvor and Greg Lepp (trying to escape).

## Some Nostalgia from Cliff McIvor

Recently I was sent a photo of an old model that I flew in air shows all over Victoria about 30 to 40 years ago. It has been hanging up for some 25 or 30 years in a roof of a hot shed. It is my first Laser I ever built fitted with a Zenoah 62 petrol engine with a large smoke system and the Kraft radio system.

It was built from Wayne Ulrey plans and these were well drawn and made simple to build. The wings are all foam, with ribs placed on the plan and cut as if it was a full foam wing so you do not get any warping when constructing the wings.

It has done maneuvers that you do not see at all today with continual smoke and the same design built and flown by Wayne Ulrey won the Tournament of Champions in Los Vegas many years ago.

If you built one today you would only need to change the tail plane and fin/rudder to a symmetrical section for to be a competitive model.

I hope some Members will find this of interest.

Regards, Cliff McIvor (AUS 133)



The old Laser, hanging up in the shed.



As it was in its former competition form.

## P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2023

### March

- 04 (Sat) 1pm to 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 22 (Wed) 730pm to 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)
- 25 (Sat) 9am to 2pm [Working Bee Field Open](#) No
- 25 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#) (April Meeting brought forward one week)

### April

- 01 (Sat) - 02 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: No
- 19 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)
- 25 (Tue) 9am - 1pm [Anzac Day](#)

### May

- 06 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 24 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### June

- 03 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 21 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### July

- 01 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 19 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### August

- 05 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [P&DARCS AGM](#)
- 23 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### September

- 02 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 20 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### October

- 07 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)
- 18 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)
- 21 (Sat) 10am - 3pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: No

### November

- 04 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 07 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#)
- 11 (Sat) 2pm - 4pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: No
- 12 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: No
- 22 (Wed) 730pm - 930pm [Committee Meeting](#)

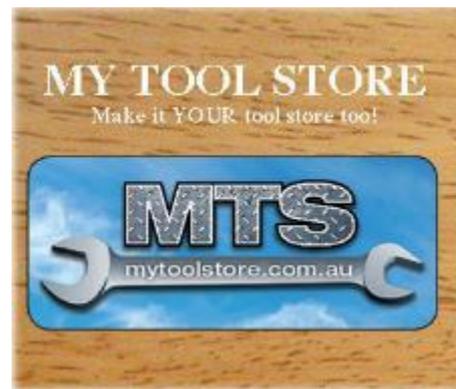
### December

- 02 (Sat) 1pm - 3pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 03 (Sun) 9am - 3pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: Partial



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