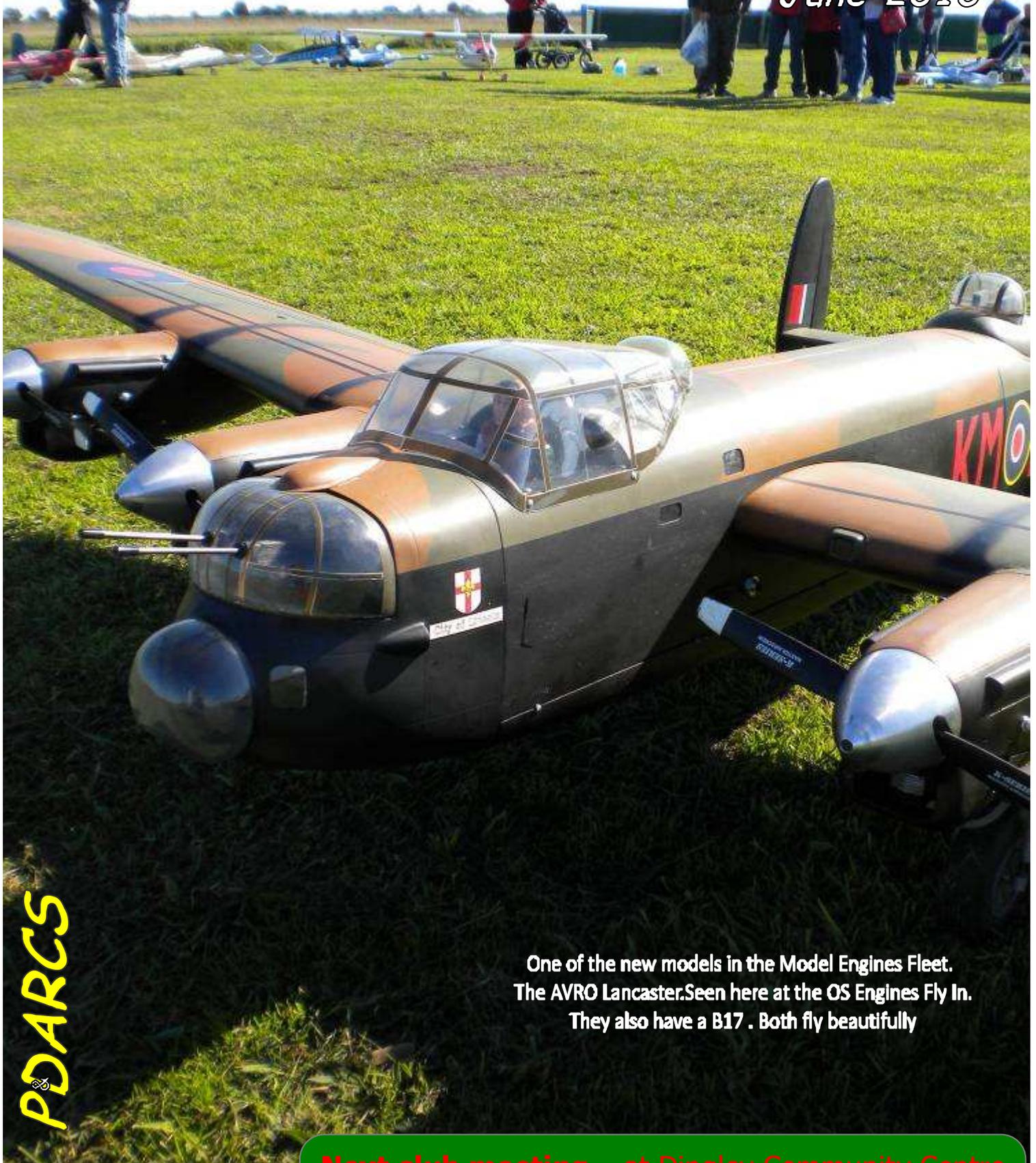


The News

June 2010



PDARCS

One of the new models in the Model Engines Fleet.
The AVRO Lancaster. Seen here at the OS Engines Fly In.
They also have a B17 . Both fly beautifully

Next club meeting – at Dingley Community Centre
WEDNESDAY 2nd June 2010, 8 pm Start

Our Special Guest speaker will be Anthony Mott who is the new RC Duration record holder.
So Come along and see how he did it and check out his record breaking model.



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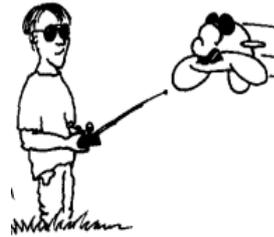
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Editor's Bit



I just got back in from the OS Engines Day. As usual we had a great turn out and the flying was none stop. Tony and Mike certainly don't hold back when checking the cupboard for prizes, they were fantastic. Lets hope that the event has a long life as it is certainly an attraction fro the class of modeller that really doesn't have event that cater for them. The "Sport Flyer"

I must say, the flight line is a little more erratic at a sport flyer event but boy there is never a shortage of planes in the air. It all makes for a fun day. It has inspired me to take one of my OS engines out of the box before next year and actually fly in the event instead of photographing it. Maybe I could go on an OS crawl and follow the events around the country ! Now there's a good idea.

After cleaning up the mess in my shed following the hail storm I now seem to have a lot more space. So I have started putting a few of my ARFs together. I have replaced the couple of hail damaged models and am now assembling my little Electric DF Mig15 (Model Engines product) After that I might look at the PC-9 or Grumman Hellcat , also model engines products coincidentally. Just goes to show that they must import very tempting models. Too tempting in fact as I have made a promise to myself not to buy another ARF until I assemble the ones I have already got. Although, the T45 (BAE Hawk) I saw in the catalogue they were handing out on the OS Day is veerrrry tempting. I have always loved this aircraft. So I had better ban myself from hobby shops for a while ☹

Now that I have so much space in the shed though my thoughts have been wandering to days gone by when I used to design and build my own. Remember that guys ? You would buy that stuff called balsa and cut it up with a knife stick it together and voila !!

Now I know that it is not very trendy but I am actually thinking of having a go at designing and building from scratch again. The question is what to build. Don't want to build anything that has been ARF'd but that is probably not possible. Maybe I'll do a twin. Always fancied a twin but was always scared of one motor stopping. Nowadays though, with electric this isn't really an issue. Although I do remember seeing Mike Farnan going in a few years back when the prop came off one motor, same effect as one motor dying .

So Maybe I will start looking through some reference books for inspiration. Then again that T45 looked nice !!

That's All Folks

One Last thing. We have been advised on a couple of occasions now that the club rooms are being left unlocked. If you are last to leave, please lock the club house. Check to make sure that lock is not snibbed open as we think that this is why it is occurring.

What's on this Month

Club Events:

June 2 - Club Meeting Dingley Hall - Special Guest Speaker Anthony Mott. World Record holder for fixed wing Model Aircraft Duration

Elsewhere

Info taken directly from the VMAA contest Calendar

June	12-13	VFSAA VICSCALE Trophy	Shepparton	VRF
	12-14	Pattern Aerobatics / F3A		
		Vic-SA Challenge	Mildura	SAM
	12-14	Pylon Racing AMPRA Championships		
		And team Selection	Cohuna	CMFC
	20	Pattern Aerobatics / F3A	Rosebud West	NMAA

Presidential Address

Ivan Chislett



With the weather getting a tad cooler and the stronger wings a reduced number of members are venturing to the field. Still there are a good number of hardy types still flying which is good to see.

Apparently we had a cloud burst at the field a few weeks ago and from reports the pits were turned into a lake within a short time. The good thing to come of it is that our water tanks have a good volume in them at this early stage. Hopefully the rains keep up and we can again have the tanks full before summer.

My appeal for helpers to paint the clubhouse did not get much of a result. Only Frank Mcpherson & Bill Reynolds advised that they are willing helpers. Thanks Frank & Bill. It looks like just us. It is always somewhat amusing just how many are quick to come forward with what should be done around the club but when the crunch comes most are very quick to step back and leave it to someone else. Still I suppose we are no different to most other clubs. It is always a bit disappointing when the committee get criticized for not doing things or getting things done around the club, yet they already put in an enormous amount of time and effort for the club, much of which goes unnoticed. Naturally I am not forgetting our mowermen and those few others that just "do stuff" when they see it needs to be done. Without them our club would not be as good as it is.

Well there is not much else to report so may as well as finish up and let our trusty Editor have some more space. Hope to see you all at the field in the near future.

3. Require applications for Full or Associate membership to have been Probationary members for a minimum of 11 months.
4. Probationary members with less than 11 months club membership may renew their membership only once.

The membership changes are to be applied for the 2010/2011 membership renewals in anticipation of the approval of an amended constitution. Moved by R Till Seconded by D Glossop that these amendments be approved. Carried.

Treasurer:

Motion.

That the budget for 2010-2011 be approved and the fees for full membership be increased by \$30 and future proposed equipment and projects be approved by the members as they arise during the year. Moved PHarris Seconded B Law Carried

Extra monies are required to supply power for the charging points on the new toilet block and the shade areas costing approximately \$1100

A lifting device for the Kubota is required for safety of personnel working in one of the water pits.

Editor: Would like more interesting articles for the news letter as soon as possible.

General: White painted post to define the parking areas. Moved D Glossop That safety equipment be purchased when funds become available."

Seconded F Connelly Carried

The Committee would like the members to put forward Sensible suggestions for a memorial recognition for foundation members Mal Caesar and Neil Manassa, the clubs founding members

Meeting closed at 1415hrs

Next general meeting Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at Marcus Road Dingley 2000hrs

General meeting held 1st May 2010 at Burley Field
Meeting opened at 1305hrs.

R Till (Registrar) presided in the chair in the absence of I Chiselett (President)

Apologies:I Chiselett (President)

Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted: Moved B Law
Seconded F Connelly Carried

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Secretary:Remind members of the O.S day Sunday 23rd May, registration at 0900hrs gold coin per model

Field: New drive way put in. Irrigation pump U/S repair to cost \$450 compared to a new one (\$750). Apparently there is a water leak in one of the pipes on the runway, this to be located and repaired. Incident report (P Harrison)relating to injury from the water trailer to be looked into by the committee and a record kept by the Secretary.

Building: M Norton, P Harris, and C Nicholls repaired the corner post and barge board on the veranda, benches on the outside of the new toilet block near completion.

Club Captain:3 persons short at the VMAA trophy, we did not win but did not come last, the trophy was won by VARMS.

Registrar: 210 members.

P&DARCS Membership Status as at 1/05/10

	Paid 2009-10	Unpaid	New09-10	Last year	
Associate	7		0	0	6
Associate Pen.	1		0	0	1
Full	127		0	4	129
Junior	7		0	2	8
Life	3			0	4
Pensioner	47		0	0	44
Prov. Pen.	3		0	1	4
Provisional	14		0	9	24
Student	0		0	0	1
Spouse	1		0	0	1
Resigned	9				
Lapsed	18				
Died	1				
Totals	210		28	16	222

These figures only include forms processed by the registrar

R Till spoke at length on the changes to the constitution to comply with the present day rules of the incorporation,

Motion .

The members request the committee to amend the constitution of the club to comply with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and to present the amended constitution to members for approval at the next annual general meeting.

The amended constitution is to include the following changes to the membership requirements

1. Remove the Pensioner classification for new members whilst retaining the classification for existing pensioner members.
2. Change the classification from Provisional members to Probationary members

Facility Managers report

Paul Somerville



This month has been busy once again around the club. The irrigation pump that waters our run ways had seized up for some unknown reason, so it was removed and taken away for repairs, it was reinstalled on Saturday and run for 4 hours to make sure there weren't any leaks, after 4 hours a inspection was

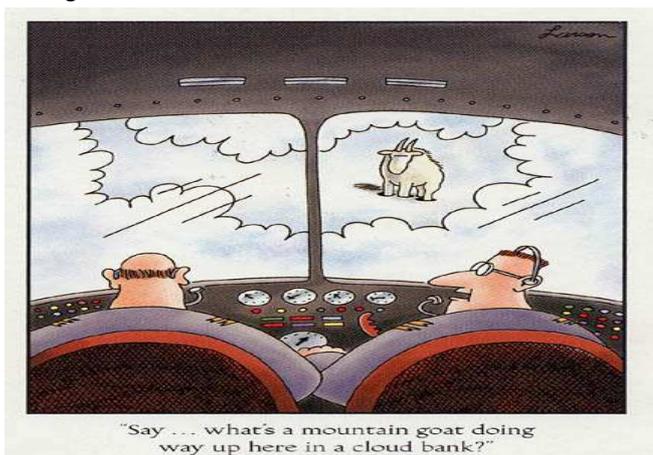
carried out to see if any leaks had occurred and a leak was discovered between the pump flange and the pump body, the motor was separated once again, a new "O-ring will be sourced during the week and reinstalled on the following week end and tested once again.

A 2nd drive way has been installed, to provide better access to the right hand car park which has been for many years a rough and difficult car park to get too. The crushed rock brought in to repair the second drive way cost the club \$720.00; labour to install the drive way was free once again. The Kubota tractor with the 4 in 1 bucket attachment is saving the club quite a few hundred dollars on doing little jobs around the club as we do not need to bring in contractors to do the work.

Many thanks to the lads who replaced the rotted out barge board and pole and fitted the flashing to the club house and also fitting the sheet metal flashing to the tractor shed to keep out the birds out of the tractor shed.

Our new web master Paul Webber is doing a great job since taking over when Daniel Jenkins left our great club, Paul has learned a great deal about our web cam and security system and we now have a possibility to expand on the web cams as well as the security system. This only can be done when funds are available.

The water cart with the Ute tray mounted on top of it is working out great as a work platform as it is far safer to work from than using ladders. The platform was recently used by the lads when installing the barge board. This water cart/work platform is only to be used by qualified persons and must be attached to a tow vehicle when in use. The water cart/platform is still under construction and will reworked/modified to suit our needs. A ladder will be mounted on the trailer as well as a better jockey wheel arrangement.



Registrars ravings

Rob Till



Note from Ed; the older members will remember the graphic of the guy wildly screaming that I used to use for Robs report. Well, since he is now a retired Gentleman I have chosen to use this current graphic of late for Rob showing him in a relaxed retired gentlemens pose. Now if we can get him to actually build a

model he will be totally relaxed and retired. Over to Rob.....

Membership List

A new Membership List will be published in October after the 2010/2011 renewals have been processed.

Membership Renewals

Renewal forms will be sent this month once the VMAA/MAAA fees have been published. To avoid any delays please advise me of any updated contact details as soon as possible. That way there will be no delay in sending you your spiffy BLUE membership card for next year.

Remember that renewals must be sent in by 30 June to ensure that your insurance cover is continued. There are no 'days of grace'!

New Members

No new members this month

New Member Orientation Sessions

I will arrange sessions as required for new members as required. Two sessions were held in April. *If a new member has not received a membership card it is probably that they have not contacted me to arrange an orientation session as requested in their welcome letter!*

Honouring Members

The recent passing of Mal Caesar, one of our founding members, once again raised the subject of how to honour members who have made a significant contribution to our Club.

We are not considering honouring all members who pass away although suggestions on this subject will be considered. What we are discussing is how to honour those members who make a significant contribution to the club. In particular at the moment Mal Caesar and Neil Manassa who were the driving force behind the clubs formation and the purchase of our current flying site. We can't continue to name events after them as event popularity comes and goes. We could name roads and structures after them but we only have so many of those. The committee has been considering placing plaques with a photo of the members and a summary of their time and contribution to the club, on the club house walls.

At this stage this is a consideration so comments and ideas are still very welcome. But we would like to make a decision soon so don't dilly dally with your ideas.

Notice of Motion

This motion will complete the original discussion regarding replacement of mowing equipment for the runways and pits.

The Motion is :

That the club purchase a John Deere LA 115 19.5hp ride on mower complete with a Tilt Trailer with Polypropylene tray.

Proposed by Norm Morrish and supported by the committee. (Norm will present his motion at our next club meeting.

The negotiated purchase price is \$3500 for the mower and \$275 for the Tilt trailer. The proposed use of this mower is to mow the pit area, pilot standing areas car parks and the sides of the driveway. These areas are difficult to mow without risking damage to the new runway mower. Also the tipper trailer will be ideal for carting topsoil around when filling depressions and cracks in the runways.

VMAA

Putting my P&DARCS VMAA representatives hat on its time again to update you on the thrills and spills of running Victorian aeromodelling. Well, actually VMAA business can be a tad boring at times like all administrative bodies business. So, I am limiting these reports to every few months. Some exciting news this month though but I will leave that till last.

1. A little while back the Northern flying group (NFG) applied for a grant to purchase a new tractor. As you are no doubt aware NFG are the caretaker club for the state field.
After much discussion a loan was offered by the VMAA to be paid back over 7 years. A good result I think Northern are only a small club and purchasing large items can be costly. As the State field needs to be ready for action at all times a loan is a good solution.
2. Incident reports:
 - a. A modeler was hit in the shoulder and hip by the rotors when his heli went into failsafe on start up.
 - b. Model hit a car in car park
 - c. Model veered offline on take off and struck a caller from another flightline in the leg

I have put these in here to remind you to take care at all times . Our sport can be very dangerous.

3. The MAAA is applying to the ASC (Australian Sports Council ,..... I think) to be recognized as A National Sports Organisation. Unfortunately, this application has been rejected . The MAAA are putting in an appeal and providing additional information to the ASC.
4. The VMAA budget was moved and accepted and the result will be a small increase of \$3 in the VMAA fee this year. The MAAA fees are still to be announced.
5. The VMAA will be putting on a static display at the Avalon Airshow next year. Dates are 1st to 6th March
6. The VMAA AGM will be held on the 15th July 2010.
7. And the best for last..... The VMAA have for quite a while been looking at trying to purchase the State flying field from the MAAA. This has now been approved and the VMAA will be purchasing it over a 15 year period for a price of \$270,000 I believe that the interest charged by the MAAA is around 50% of commercial loan rates. The good news and why this is a smart move is that the field is actually currently valued at \$550,000. Also in purchasing this field it will allow the VMAA to possibly get the MAAA to purchase a second field in the state as some stage . The more fields we own the better outlook for the future of aeromodelling.



We're downsizing....so some good stuff must go!

Piper Super Cub PA18 ¼ Scale



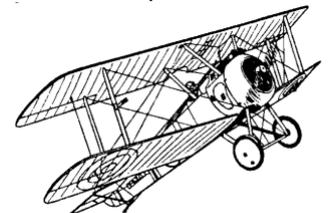
Professionally scratch built Japanese kit using Cub yellow solartex. Great flyer, the proverbial pussycat but bags of power from a little used OS 120 four stroke.

9 foot wingspan and 6.5kg auw depending on final setup. Package comes complete with 6 channel JR Tx on 36 meg plus geared electric starter and fancy flight box and electronic toroidal power supply for glow plug and fuel pump.

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O.S. Engines Fly In 2010

Another great OS day both weather wise and turnout.

Over 53 pilots with 100 or so models descended on P&DARCS for what must be one of the most popular events of the year.

Not really convinced that the main attraction is the prizes although they are fantastic. I think that this is one of the only "Fun Fly" events on the calendar where it doesn't matter if you have a scale model, aerobatic model, sport model or whatever you are all welcome to fly.

The prizes up for grabs this year were, and electric T28 ARF, an ARF Ultimate and a Twin engined Grumman Tiger ARF and they were for the runners up !! The grand prize was an OS 300 4cyl inline four stroke motor. Wow !!

Only a few modelers came to grief this year and overall there was very safe non stop flying from 9am till 3pm. The only breaks were to demo Model Engines' latest creations a B17 and a Lancaster Bomber. Both flew extremely well and were chased around the sky by a Grumman Tigercat. Very nice display.

Well, I will let the pictures tell the rest of the story.





Mug of the Month? It's 2010 on my calendar

Mike Farnan of Model Engines making the Presentations



IMPORTANT NEWS: The V.M.A.A. Library has now changed over to only having only DVDs available. This has the big advantage of halving the post and handling costs of sending out the DVDs. So effective now; **three DVDs will only cost \$5-00. This includes postage both ways.** The joining fee of \$10 remains the same.

If you would like a full list of the titles available and/or a joining form please e-mail me at videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au and I will send them to you. Here are a list of the new DVDs that have been added during the past month.

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| 6162 AIR TATTOO 2009 | 150 Mins. | 6184 COSFORD AIR SHOW 2008 | 90 Mins. |
| Follow the mighty Vulcan to 20 locations in the UK and Europe during 2009. Includes behind the scenes of the crew, engineers and helpers. | | All the action for the 2008 Cosford Air Show | |
| 6163 THE BEST OF KAI TAK | 90 Mins. | 6185 DESTRUCTION FROM ABOVE | 75 Mins. |
| Great shots of aircraft operating from the old Hong Kong airport. includes shots of aircraft on that famous approach through the high-rise buildings. | | Accounts of the US Airforce in action in the Vietnam War. Lots of great shots of the aircraft involved in this war. | |
| 6164 THE DAMBUSTERS RAID | 48 Mins. | 7245 THE SHIPS THAT FLEW | 47 Mins. |
| The behind the scene details of the famous raid. | | This DVD is s tribute to the golden era of flying boats from WW2 through to their demise as a regular transport vehicle. | |
| 6165 THE HISTORY OF THE RAF 1917-2001 | 70 Mins. | 7246 VULCAN INTERACTIVE | 120 Mins. |
| 1. Introduction; 2. Churchill's foresight; 3. The Sunderland; 4. Tow Directives; 5. Mounting Losses; 6. The de Havilland Mosquito. | | Lots of great action with the Vulcan. If you have the right player it is possible to swap between in flight scenes. | |
| 6166 THE HISTORY OF THE RAF 1917-2001 | 70 Mins. | 7247 TRIDENT | 80 Mins. |
| 1. Introduction; 2. Churchill's foresight; 3. The Sunderland; 4. Tow Directives; 5. Mounting Losses; 6. The de Havilland Mosquito. | | The history of the Hawer Sidderly's Trident which ushered in the jet age to many passengers. | |
| 6167 THE HISTORY OF THE RAF 1917-2001 | 70 Mins. | While not as well known as the 727 it was a leader in aviation technology. | |
| 1. Introduction; 2. Design Advances; 3. Anglo American Airlift; 4. The Hunter; 5. Changing Method; 6. Malaya | | 7248 VULCAN IN THE NEWS | 60 Mins. |
| 6168 THE HISTORY OF BOMBER COMMAND 1939-45 | | This DVD gathers lots of lots of historic newsreels about this great aircraft through its development until the present day with the restored XH558. | |
| Part 1; 1. Introduction; 2. The Wellington; 3. Norway Invasion; 4. The Battle of Briton; 5. A Young Crew; 6. A New Departure. Part 2; 1. Introduction; 2. Soul Primary Objectives; 3. Empire Citizens; 4. Channel Stop; 5. Bombing; 6. The Lancaster. | | 7249 VICKERS & SUPERMARINE | 76 Mins. |
| 6169 THE HISTORY OF BOMBER COMMAND 1939-45 | | The story of these two British famous aviation companies. | |
| Part 3; 1. Introduction; 2. We're Going Up; 3. Enemy Territory; 4. Inviting Catastrophe; 5. Expansion; 6. Further Targets. Part 4; 1. Introduction; 2. Raids on Essen; 3. A Feat of Survival; 4. The Destruction of Hamburg; 5. Group Captain Searby; 6. Mounting Losses. | | 7250 BRITISH PHANTOM PILOT | 111 Mins. |
| 6170 THE HISTORY OF BOMBER COMMAND 1939-45 | | Three training films made for the pilots of the Royal Navy F-4 Phantoms. In interesting insight into pilot training on this famous aircraft. | |
| Part 5; 1. Introduction; 2. A Controversial Figure; 3. The Second Wave; 4. After Dresden; 5. Devastation; 6. Fatalism. Part 6; 1. Introduction; 2. Pin Point Accuracy; 3. Raids on Nuremberg; 4. Normandy Landing; 5. Sinking the Titpitz; 6. Hit by Flak. | | 7251 THE DAKOTA | 70 Mins. |
| 6171 THE AMAZING WORLD OF AVIATION Part 1 | 90 Mins. | A look at this famous aircraft. | |
| The Origins of Flight ; Air Aces ; Aircraft Design | | 8054 THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI | 99 Mins. |
| 6172 THE AMAZING WORLD OF AVIATION Part 2 | 90 Mins. | A good old movie about US Navy pilots in the Korean war. Staring William Holden and Grace Kelly | |
| The Joy of Flying ; The Sea Plane. | | 8055 FLYING COFFINS | 60 Mins. |
| 6173 THE AMAZING WORLD OF AVIATION Part 3 | 90 Mins. | Not really a movie, more of a documentary about the fliers in the First World War. | |
| The Jet Age ; Highway in the Sky | | 8056 ACES HIGH | 109 Mins. |
| 6174 THE AMAZING WORLD OF AVIATION Part 4 | 90 Mins. | The story of a young pilot in WW1 starring Malcolm McDowell and Christopher Plummer. | |
| Supersonic Flight ; The Modern Age ; In For The Long Haul. | | 8057 BIGGLES – ADVENTURES IN TIME | 88 Mins. |
| 6175 THE AMAZING WORLD OF AVIATION Part 5 | 90 Mins. | A Biggles adventure for those the followed this great character. | |
| The Giants of the Sky ; Air Travel Tomorrow | | 8058 THE AVIATOR | 92 Mins. |
| 6176 HEROS OF AVIATION #1 – WW2 | 90 Mins. | A movie set post WW1 about a solo pilot in the nations newly formed airmail service. Staring Christopher Reeve. | |
| Follows the history of fighting in the skies during WW2. | | 8059 WINGS – SERIES ONE - Part #1 | 60 Mins. |
| 6177 HEROS OF AVIATION #2– BEHIND ENEMY SKIES | | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| A unique insight into the many turning points of WW2, including Pearl Harbour. | | 8060 WINGS – SERIES ONE - Part #2 | 60 Mins. |
| 6178 HEROS OF AVIATION #3 AGAINST ALL ODDS | | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| A look at the "Guinea Pig" Club. | | 8061 WINGS – SERIES ONE - Part #3 | 60 Mins. |
| 6179 HEROS OF AVIATION #4 – THE B17 & P-51 | 90 Mins. | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| An insight to these two famous aircraft of WW2. | | 8062 WINGS – SERIES TWO - Part #1 | 60 Mins. |
| 6180 HEROS OF AVIATION #5– THE BLENHEIM BOMBER STORY | 90 Mins. | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| The story of the reconstruction over 20 years the only airworthy Blenheim bomber. | | 8063 WINGS – SERIES TWO - Part #2 | 60 Mins. |
| 6181 HEROS OF AVIATION #6– THE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS 1910 TO PRESENT | 90 Mins. | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| The story of the aircraft carrier from its beginnings to the mighty vessels of today. | | 8064 WINGS – SERIES TWO - Part #3 | 60 Mins. |
| 6182 HEROS OF AVIATION #7– MACH MASTERS | 90 Mins. | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| A look at the F-15 and Tornado. | | 8065 WINGS – SERIES TWO - Part #4 | 60 Mins. |
| 6183 HEROS OF AVIATION #8– SUPER JET AGE | 90 Mins. | The highly acclaimed 1970 BBC series about the lives of the young pilots of the Royal Flying Corps during WW1. | |
| A look at the super jets of today. | | | |

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Cessna Light Singles

Richard (Dick) Ryland



It is perhaps testament to their success that we tend to take the Cessna range of light single engine aircraft for granted these days. Cessna have dominated this section of the market for over fifty years as each new generation of buyers has appreciated their proven design and performance, practicality and of course their classic appearance.

As we have seen with so many aircraft, their appearances have fundamentally altered over the years. In the case of Cessna this took place right across their range of light tricycle-undercarriage

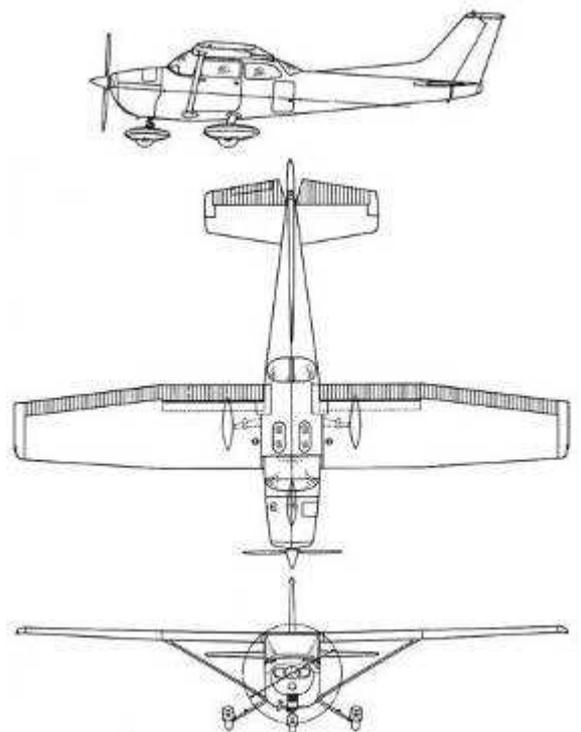
singles in the mid to late nineteen fifties. This time it was not to remedy a center of gravity problem or other urgent necessity but simply for cosmetic purposes! In fact, the changes *reduced* the performance of the aircraft.

In the early fifties Cessna had settled on the all metal, high wing, tricycle undercarriage configuration and it was so successful that it is essentially unaltered over fifty years later. However at that time of swept wing jets, and even cars with huge raked fins, it was decided to make the Cessna range look more modern by raking the fin and rudder and cutting down the rear fuselage to accommodate a rear window. The raked fin and rudder were of course less effective, although not as much as perhaps imagined, and the airflow around the rear window was obviously going to be a source of increased drag....and who was going to be looking out of that rear window anyway?



The result was a racier looking aircraft though and sales boomed. Even today some of these aircraft are still being produced and still look perfectly modern to most of us proving that the new look of the fifties was to become a timeless classic. Park a new Cessna 180 next to a line of 1958 cars and you will be quickly convinced that they got the aesthetics right all those years ago.

Below:
Club Member Steve Malcmans very large scale Cessna



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Letter to the Editor.

Dear David,

I wish to write to the newsletter to express my thoughts about the club. This is based upon quite a few years of keen membership and observations.

I feel that PDARC's is losing its direction and is suffering somewhat from a personality crisis. I remember the days when the club was about participation and friendly rivalry. There were a regular series of events that introduced members to the idea of competition. The Gary Meehan, The President's Trophy, the 100 lapper, The Monty and a scheduled fun fly event. Sadly these have fallen away and the Monty Tyrell does not reflect what its purpose once was. Apart from the friendly competition these events also encouraged team spirit and we had to work and play together to get them run on the day. There was no grumbling when the field was closed as club competitions are part of the fundamental things that make up a club.

I feel we are stale and it is reflected in the lack of enthusiasm to the VMMA trophy, the lack of comradeship at the field and the friction that has developed over the last few years. I am guilty of all of the above as I feel are a lot of members.

I think we have become complacent with what we have and we take it for granted. The talk I hear is what we don't have, not what we do have. We have the best facilities, the best strips, more room and greater access than most if not all other clubs. The solution to what we don't have is to spend more money -- maybe money will make us better? I suspect not

But what about those whom will struggle with a \$30 increase. With the aging membership I feel we need to be mindful of that. Maybe we need to trim the wish list and make it easier to stay a member. What will the club offer me in return for my membership? What do we offer the new comer to entice them? Why should they join us for the very large outlay over another club or the local park? It is a long drive to enjoy the clubhouse.

I joined a long time ago so I could compete in the odd fun fly and race. From that beginning, I have with the help of other members developed building and flying skills above my expectations. I joined a club of like minded people who build and fly for the love of it and were members for the love of PDARCS.

I may be alone in my thinking but I don't see the spark in the club or its members. It saddens me, mainly because I don't know what it needs to fix it. Maybe what I miss isn't available in today's "I want it now society" but I hope not.

Perhaps we can resurrect some club activities on a regular basis. A fun flies for starters. I would assist in any way I can. I suppose all I ask in return is the understanding of those who do not wish to join in that for us, on that the field is for those who compete. Probably not a lot to ask, 6-8 times a year.

Any other suggestions would be welcome.

Kind regards,

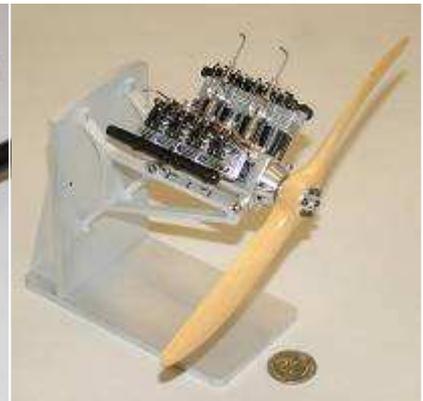
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