

# The News

*September 2011*



**PDARCS**

A nice Bipe, flying inverted on a clear winter's day at our field  
The main strip was a little soft but manageable mainly in the centre

**Next club meeting – Club Auction, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, Registration 8-00 pm, 8-30 pm start, Marcus Road Dingley Hall**

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## Editor's Bit

You have a new Newsletter Editor, David has taken on the President's job, and there are some other changes to the committee as listed on the left

David gave me some training on how to compile this Newsletter, at the moment I am flying by the seat of my pants, David has been Editor for the last 13 years or so, and compiles this on Auto – pilot, ( almost )

It will take me some time to become proficient at doing this, so the first few Newsletters will be a bit bland

As a reminder, the MONTY TYRELL SCALE RALLY, has been CANCELLED, as we would have no hope of accommodating the volume of car parking normally associated with this event, due to the soft condition of the car park adjacent to the driveway

## What's on this Month

### At the Club

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Club Auction Dingley Hall, Markus Road Dingley

**CANCELLED** ( Monty Tyrell scale Rally ) **CANCELLED**

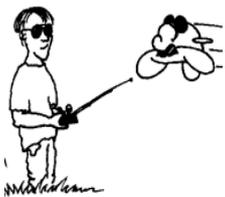
### Elsewhere

Taken from the VMAA Calendar

Sept	11	Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally	Pakenham	P&DARCS
		<b>CANCELLED for 2011</b> ( flooding... )		
	17-18	Pylon Racing	Munro	
	17-18	Mammoth Scale Fly-in	Shepparton	VRF
	17	Old Timer	Cohuna	CMFC
	18	Old Timer	Echuca	EMMAC
	18	Pattern Aerobatics / F3A	Caldermeade	SWAMPS

# Presidential Ponderings

David Walsh



Well here I am in a different part of the newsletter. I made the mistake of whinging too hard about my increasing lack of time for news lettering and Frank jumped in and made me redundant.

It was good timing for me really and hopefully will freshen up the newsletter as Frank is very keen and rearing to go . Plus being retired Frank has a little more time to spend on it. So, I am looking forward to receiving a P&DARCS newsletter for the first time in 13 years.

Mistake number two that I made was suggesting that I would like to stay on the committee in a less demanding role. Hmmm, not sure if this will be less demanding but hopefully it will.

We have very quiet time at the club at the moment as the weather is absolutely terrible. Membership is down and I am guessing this is partly because of the very few flying opportunities presenting themselves and also because of the ageing membership. Considering that the club formed in 1966 some of our early members are now getting on a little in years and are no longer active so may also not renew.

When the flying weather returns we will look at our membership and see if we need to market ourselves a little.

One thing I would like to see more of at the club is camaraderie. Over the last few years we seem to be following the rest of the world in that some members reactions to each other for minor incident is excessively aggressive. Most members do not deliberately make mistakes or deliberately ignore rules so please if a member inadvertently causes you grief, take a deep breath bite your tongue and deal with it in a civil manner. Of course if a member is deliberately breaching rules or causing grief follow the correct procedure and report it to committee by letter or email.

One last thing. I would love to know what it would take for members to come back to the club meetings. Do you want to see guest speakers, how to dos, BBQs ? Please let me know.

I would also like to know if you all think the meetings are worth continuing with on a monthly basis or should we make them two monthly ?

Email me on [president@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:president@pdarcs.com.au) and let me know your view.

**DON'T FORGET P&DARCS AUCTION** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 registration 8pm start. Marcus Rd Dingley

## Insurance David Walsh

There has been some concern aired amongst club members that we may not have adequate insurance cover at the club. I believe that these concerns are as a result of not fully understanding the make-up of the current MAAA insurance package. So I will briefly detail below what the

MAAA has in place. Of course you should also always consider your own circumstances and make sure that you have personal insurances to protect your income etc should you ever be injured either at the club or elsewhere.

Being in the insurance game in my day job I need to give you this warning first :

*Any general advice in this article does not take account of your personal objectives, financial situation and needs. If you wish to revise your own personal insurance protection you should obtain your own independent professional advice.*

If you go to the MAAA website [www.maaa.asn.au](http://www.maaa.asn.au) and click on insurance information then MAAA insurance summary you will find an excellent brochure produced by the MAAAs broker summarising the covers. So I will just give general information here. I will also print one of these brochures off and stick it up in the club house.

Currently the MAAA have insurance covers for Personal Accident insurance, Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance.

### Personal Accident

This covers members between the ages of 2 and 90 whilst involved in sanctioned activities as per the MAAA MOP ( Manual of Procedures) ie whilst flying at the club , other clubs and in competition as long as you are abiding by MAAA rules. The cover under a personal accident policy is for loss of weekly income (80% of net weekly income up to \$1,000 per week for up to 104 weeks) it also has some student assistance cover.

It also covers Non Medicare medical costs up to \$4000 per injury and there is cover for death or permanent disablement where a lump sum settlement may be paid according to a scale of benefits which establishes an arbitrary amount for loss of use of various body parts. There are other conditions so check out the MAAA website.

If you want more cover than this you can take out you own personal accident or disability covers if you really want to make sure you are protected I would suggest you see a financial Planner to discuss these covers.

Remember you are only covered by Workcover if you are an employee and the injury occurs in the workplace in working hours. Self-employed people and also employees who want cover outside of working hours need to organise their own covers

### Public Liability

This policy provides indemnity for insured persons/entities that are held liable for a negligent act whilst involved in sanctioned activities as per the MAAA Manual of Procedures, and result in property damage or bodily injury anywhere in the world excluding USA and Canada.

The above is the quote from the MAAA brochure. The thing to remember is that the policy also has member to member cover so whilst this statement refers to protecting the member who caused the injury against legal action against him it is also the spot you can go if you yourself are injured seriously in an incident at the field. The catch is that you may have to take legal action against the party that caused your injury.

( Continued )

Now I have heard members say that you should get personal cover for this and yes you could try and in fact some home and contents policies ( if you have contents cover) would also cover you if you were the party causing the injury. BUT they would also usually need to be triggered by some legal document stating that you were being held liable for the injury you caused.

### Professional Indemnity;

This is provided for Committee member's officials, inspectors or instructors for an error in their advice that results in and injury or property damage to a third party.

David walsh

## The Minutes

Don White

### General meeting held Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at Marcus Rd.

#### Dingley

Meeting opened at 2010hrs.  
Members 27

### Apologies:

F Webb, B Dowie, D Trusler

### Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted: Moved A Coleman

Seconded D Glossop  
carried

### Business arising from previous minutes:

Nil

### President:

Still very wet at the field. N Morrish and his hard working crew have done a very good job on the field.

### Field Officer:

Thanks to a great crew who have done a lot of work at the club. The run ways are to be rolled a little later.

### Treasurer:

Budgeted for 180 members but a little short, up to date 162 have renewed, there are still late comers sending in their returns. The club has sufficient funds to cope with club expenditures.

### General:

Model Engines has kindly offered to donate a wind sock to the club. If you happen to leave material at the club try and make arrangements to have it picked up or have someone take it home so as you can pick it up later, if you don't it will disappear. Material left lying around the club will be put in the rubbish bin as the club is not a store house, we will however try and contact the owner provided it has some kind of identification.

This very short meeting closed at 2030hrs

Next general meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September which is the auction night at 1900hrs for setting up etc.

By Rob Till & Paul Webber.

This report is a combined effort this month. As you can see Rob has sign this report not as the registrar. After a long and tireless effort Rob has decided to hand over the reins of this important job. I will still need his help from time to time until I get used to the role. I would personally like to thank Rob for his efforts over the years, and hope to do as good a job.

Paul Webber  
Registrar

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### Membership List

A new Membership List has been published. An updated version will be produced in November once the renewals have been processed.

### Membership Renewals

Final Reminders have been mailed to all unfinancial members as at the date of the AGM. No-one should now be flying with last year's BLUE cards.

To date we have 167 members who have rejoined, 30 who are non-financial and 6 have resigned. Final reminders have been sent to the non-financial members.

Membership cards are **ORANGE** this year. Membership cards are mailed ASAP, it takes about 14 days for Probationary and Associate members to receive their cards as these are ordered as I process your renewal form.

### New Member Applications

The following membership applications have been made. Names are published in accordance with section 7 of the Club Constitution. These applications will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting and any objections to membership are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 2 days prior to the committee meeting.

**Eric Dickinson** – Pakenham  
New Probationary member

### New Member Orientation Sessions

Sessions for ALL NEW MEMBERS will be held at as required. New members are required to attend **one** session for a briefing on Club Safety Rules and an introduction to the facilities.

Membership cards and New Member Kits will be distributed at these sessions.

Please note that I will not chase new members to attend – it is up to **you** to arrange a date.

Rob Till  
Acting Registrar

# P&DARCS AGM....Minutes

## Notice of Annual General Meeting Darcfields Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the **Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Road, Dingley** at **8pm on Wednesday 5 October 2011**.

Ordinary business of the meeting will be:

1. To confirm the minutes of the last AGM
2. To receive from the Board, Auditor or any officer of the Society reports upon the transactions of the Co-operative during the financial year including balance sheet, trading account, profit and loss account, statement of cash flows, and the state of affairs at the end of the financial year.
3. To elect and confirm the remuneration (if any) of the Directors. Mr P. Connelly, Mr B. Law and Mr R. Till are retiring as directors as required by the rules and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint an Auditor
5. To transact any special business of which notice has been given to members in accordance with the rules.

The rules provide that any member having a resolution to submit to a general meeting "*shall give written notice thereof to the Society not less than twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting*".

Any such notice must be sent to:

The Secretary  
Darcfields Co-operative Limited  
58 Baker Road  
HARKAWAY VIC 3806

## Annual General Meeting of the Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Society inc. Held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 At Marcus Road Dingley

Meeting opened at 2035hrs.

Members present 27

The 2009/10 Annual General Meeting minutes were read to the members by the Secretary.

The Secretary D White moved that the minutes as read be accepted. Seconded by M Norton.

Carried.

### Reports.

President: Report in the news letter

Secretary: Report in the news letter

Maintenance: Report in the news letter

Treasurer: Gave members an account of the financial state of the club.  
Moved Treasurer P Harris that the report be accepted,  
Seconded by N Morrish carried

The President I Chiselett declared all positions on the committee vacant. The chair was handed to F Dibble for the election of the office bearers for the 2011/12

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
<u>President</u>	<b>D Walsh</b>	<b>I Chiselett</b>	<b>P Somerville</b>

As there was only one nomination the Chairman declared that David Walsh was elected President

<u>Vice-President</u>	<b>I Chiselett</b>	<b>D White</b>	<b>A Coleman</b>
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As there was only one nomination for Vice-President the Chairman declared that Ivan Chiselett was elected Vice-President

<u>Secretary</u>	<b>D White</b>	<b>M Norton</b>	<b>A Coleman</b>
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As there was only one nomination for Secretary the Chairman declared that Don White was elected Secretary

<u>Treasurer</u>	<b>P Harris</b>	<b>N Morrish</b>	<b>P Langton</b>
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# AGM Minutes Cont.....

As there was only one nomination for Treasurer the Chairman declared that Peter Harris was elected Treasurer

**Position**    **Nominee**            **Nominated by**        **Seconded by**

**Registrar** No nomination was received. The Chairman declared the position vacant.

**Editor**            **F McPherson**        **D Walsh**                **P Somerville**

As there was only one nomination for Editor the Chairman declared Frank Macpherson was elected Editor

**Web-Master**    **P Webber**            **P Langton**              **R Friend**

As there was only one nomination for Web-Master the Chairman declared Paul Webber was elected Web-Master

**Maintenance**   **P Somerville**   **I Chiselett**            **N Morrish**

As there was only one nomination for Maintenance the Chairman declared Paul Somerville was elected Maintenance Officer

**Field Officer**        **N Morrish**   **P Somerville**        **P Langton**

As there was only one nomination for Field Officer the chairman declared Norman Morrish was elected Field Officer

**Building Officer**   **D Glossop**   **A Coleman**            **I Chiselett**

AS there was only one nomination for Building Officer the Chairman declared David Glossop was elected Building Officer

**Safety Officer**        **N Morris**        **A Coleman**            **R Friend**

As there was only one nomination for Safety Officer the Chairman declared Norman Morrish Safety Officer

**Social Officer** No nomination was received. The Chairman declared the position vacant

**C.D** No nomination was received. The Chairman declared the position vacant

F Dibble handed the chair to the newly elected President D Walsh who thanked the out going Committee and congratulated the new committee members for the year 2011-2012

The President advised that the positions that had been declared vacant by the Chairman would be considered by the committee as set down by the constitution

The meeting closed at 21-15hrs.

## **A KIND OFFER FROM THE NEPEAN CLUB,** addressed to David W

Hi David,  
At the last NMAA general meeting there was some discussion of your club regarding the flood and ongoing cancellation of competitions and events. Many of our members have enjoyed the facilities and hospitality that P&DARCS has provided over the years, hosting events that attract modellers from across the state. In the circumstances of any ongoing field drainage problems we thought it appropriate to let you know that P&DARCS members are welcome to fly at our NMAA site (Rosebud) as guests for up to three times without having to join as associate members. We have basic kitchen and toilet facilities and N-S and E-W strips. Members wanting to visit should phone the President (Ian Farrar 5986 4309) or myself first to arrange a time, and the usual certification and safety rules apply. We are a noise sensitive site due to nearby housing so we don't fly large petrol or gas turbine models.  
Best regards,

Nevil Bird 5975 6602  
Secretary

We also received a similar offer from the Sale Club

# Webmasters Report

Paul Webber

Webstats for the month

1,955 Visits to the website  
730 New Visitors  
8,073 Page Views  
New Visits up by 26.7 %

Everything has been going well, even with the rain the internet line has survived. The only thing that really was an issue was all the mouse calling cards left around the PC and UPS. It must be nice and warm there overnight. There were calling cards everywhere and one of the cables has been munched on. I cleaned it all up and left them a present for next time when they visit.

## Building Officer

David Glossop

Not much to report this month; the new toilet has finally been painted thanks to Colin Nichols, Julian Sharpe and Frank McPherson, with myself generally hovering around trying to look busy.

I do not think that medals will be struck for this operation; the troops will just have to settle for a unit "mentioned in dispatches"  
We have yet to decide on the floor finish but I think common sense will prevail and it will end up being painted (by the way why is common sense referred to as common sense when, in fact it is not very common at all??)

## Educational talk for the October Meeting.

For your education, elucidation and general entertainment Alan Craigie has agreed to talk to us at the **October** meeting about his experiences in various capacities in aviation in New Guinea.

I read a booklet on the history of aviation in Tahiti which really opened my eyes in realising the extent to which aviation from the very beginning changed Pacific Islands from being the occasionally visited outposts of various empires. In Tahiti there are island hopping airlines running more or less like a local bus service. A particular recollection is of a large Tahitian lady climbing onto the plane with a crate of fish, dumping it behind the cockpit door and getting off with it at the next stop. In New Guinea the difference became between several days of mountain climbing through thick jungle to get somewhere to a ten minute hop from the top one mountain to another.

Frank Dibble

## VMAA TROPHY

We need a **CLUB CAPTAIN** for this event, if you are interested in doing this very rewarding job please contact David Walsh

# Field Managers Report.

By Norm Morrish August 2011

It has been very disappointing to see the runways in such a bad state. The mower men had the field looking so good late last year and legend couch was starting to develop nicely on the main strip. Keeping the blades sharp on the new mowers is so easy and this avoids blunt blades pulling the grass out by the roots. Leaving the cut grass on the field was also giving nutrition to the grass.

Early August we were lucky with the weather and Ted Stevens was able to roll the runways and then we cut them with the large front deck mower. They looked great again, but only for a few days when the heavens opened again. Today, 16<sup>th</sup> August, the runways are saturated, with puddles everywhere and rough flying surface again. It needs regular rolling and Ted has offered to do this when dry enough !!!

Drainage work update. We have fixed the bog hole in the middle of the main car park by installing new drains and a pit beside the shed. We have lowered all pipes under our drives to improve drainage. A spoon drain now runs on the northern end of the west strip, up to the dam fence. It also runs along the dam fence to the base of the high ground and it also runs on the western side of the west strip. This now reduces the amount of water running from the west paddocks onto our west strip. A spoon drain was also made to drain the southern side of our main strip. It runs to the eastern fence, then along the fence to our large spoon drain that runs at the northern end of our east strip.

These two new drains have certainly improved the drying out for mowing, especially the southern side of the main strip. This had been a constant lake all year and difficult to retrieve a plane if you landed on the other side of it. I will now look at improving the eastern runway and pits. The place looks a mess at the moment but all piles of dirt will be used to fill up low areas when it dries out, unfortunately It is not suitable for the runways.

Sincere thanks to Peter Harrison for towing the excavator to the field and all the days that he came down to help. Thank you also to Shaun Burke, Ian Jaques, Frank McPherson, Ernie Hancock, Norm Parker, Paul Somerville, Ivan Chislett, Doug Dorrat, Graeme Pentland, Colin Nichols, Alan Foley, Bill Hawkes, Laurie Anderson, Ted Stevens and Bruce Horskins for their terrific help with the drainage, especially during the bad weather.

Work done at the over the last few weeks includes :

- \* Towbar fitted to the front deck mower
- \* Irrigation pump re-fitted for use in summer if that happens

This Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>,

- \* Collect and mulch dries tree branches
- \* Spread mulch under pits flight benches & fill boggy entry to main strip
- \* Conduct a test rolling of the main strip but too soft to continue
- \* Cut the main and west strips with front deck mower, looking good
- \* Create a new spoon drain to drain " lake " on pits west side

Thanks to Norm Parker / Ian Jacques and Frank McPherson for able assistance on the day

## Learjet

Bill Lear is said to have used the wing and undercarriage of a Swiss jet fighter, the FFAP-16 as the basis of his gorgeous business aircraft which first flew in 1963. Certainly the Learjet as he named it, with the ultra thin wing and tip tanks, looked as sleek as any fast jet in the military at the time. It must have been a huge risk for his financial backers as nothing quite like this had been put on the market before. At that time most companies wanting their own air transport still used various propeller driven aircraft. One hundred and five of the first model, the Learjet 23, were sold in just two years and a whole new field of commercial aviation was in business.



In 1966 a new model was introduced with tip tanks, greater pressurization, more powerful engines and a new windshield. This model was followed by a huge variety of models with ever increasing size, speed, range and luxurious interiors. Other manufacturers followed suit and Cessna in particular gained a large share of the market with the Cessna Citation range. Our Dick Smith owns a Citation for personal use and has generously begun hosting a regular radio control aircraft event on his private airfield in NSW.

The company has passed through several hands and Learjets are now made in Canada by Bombardier Aerospace. Modern business jets come in many sizes but most still have the basic configuration of twin rear mounted engines with swept wings becoming more common.



The racy looking wing tip tanks have been replaced by winglets to reduce drag. Some have intercontinental range and can cruise at 900 kilometers per hour at over 50,000 feet! The passengers are cosseted in a luxurious cabin with all modern conveniences and important business matters can continue to be dealt with in flight.

A huge number of business jets are now owned world wide by both companies and wealthy individuals. Many air forces use them in various roles also. The RAAF uses Bombardier Challenger jets for VIP travel. A Learjet actually held the Los Angeles to Washington record at one time and was only beaten by an SR-71 Blackbird. What a classic!



# P & DARCS Auction

Name:	
Address:	Phone:

No money will be paid out on the night of the auction. A cheque will be forwarded to you within one week.

Please fill in the description and pass-in price for every item

	Item Description	Reserve	Sale Price	Purchaser	Paid

<b>Total of Sales</b>	
<b>Club %</b>	
<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount to be paid</b>

*It would be appreciated if sellers could bring their goods in at 7.00pm on the night*

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