

THE NEWS

JULY 2012



Picture : Tony Farnan

Model Engine's LANCASTER taking the wet conditions in it's stride
AT THE O.S ENGINES DAY SUNDAY 27TH MAY

P&DARCS

P&DARCS AUCTION

Saturday 7th July
Dingley Hall
Marcus Road Dingley
Registration 12-30 pm
1 pm Start



REMINDERS:

New Twi – Fly dates, now they are on every two months, check out the Club Calendar on page 5

THE NEXT TWI – FLY IS ON SATURDAY June 30th, BE THERE

Next Club Meeting + AGM, August 5th
At The Burley Field, 1-00 pm start

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Editor's Bit

Well, it's the wet season again, rain, rain and more rain, not so long ago we couldn't get enough water, now we are getting more than we need

Due to the excellent work provided by our Field and Facilities teams, the flood water now drains away very quickly

On a more interesting subject;

David Law is competing in the Worlds Scale Championships, flying his Red and White Pitts

Best of luck David

Congratulations are in order to Paul Webber Placed 2nd in the NSW State F3C (Heli') Novice event out of nine competitors in this class, just 20.5 points from 1st place.

**Victoria took three out of the nine places available which were:-
1st place Novice
2nd place Novice
2nd place Advanced**

Paul now migrates to F3C advanced level.

Frank McPherson Editor



What's On

At P&DARCS 2012

July

7th Club Auction Markus Rd Dingley Hall 1-00 p.m start

August

5 Club Meeting & AGM Burley Field

25 Twi – Fly Burley Field

From the VMAA Events Calendar 2012

June

8-10 Pylon Racing at Maryborough, Queensland

AMPRA Australian Championships

9-10 VIC SCALE Trophy Shepparton VRF

9-11 F3A Aerobatics. Vic – SA Challenge Mildura SAM

17 F3A Aerobatics Rosebud West NMAA

July

1 Sports Aerobatics (for beginners) Derrimut MARCS

7 P&DARCS Annual AUCTION day (Saturday)

1 pm start, at the Dingley Hall

8 Pattern Aerobatics training day (esp. beginners)

And NEW: 'Classic Pattern Aerobatics'

For 'early' .60 size models Rosebud West NMAA

President's Report



It's a cold wet miserable Saturday, pretty typical of the weekends of late. No one flying, very few members at the field but a bunch of trusty committee members are hard at it. This particular day they are pumping water out of the field into the levy drains. The following weekend they were starting to enlarge the western parking area. This is a pretty typical weekend picture. Come rain hail or shine, flyable weather or not most weekends a group of committee guys roll up any weather to get on with the job of maintaining the field or working on various projects. This is the mostly unseen work that the committee does as are the long hours that the Treasurer, Webmaster and Editor put in in front of the computer. Hours that could be used for building or flying or just veg'ing out.

It is quite disappointing that I have to point this out to members but recent comments thrown around likeall the committee do is make rules, When do they come to the field to see what's needed? Armchair flyers etc etc. I am a little disappointed in hearing these comments bandied around and want to defend my committee. All are active flyers most would love the extra flying time or building time that being on the committee steals away.

ALL have a passion for the club and work hard to keep it a great place to fly. We have a great committee at the moment and not one of them shirks their responsibilities or doesn't pull their weight.

A lot of the dissention with things that the committee do or are perceived to do or not I assume comes from members who don't read the newsletters or come to club meetings. You might be surprised and would hopefully change your view of the committee if you did. Often committee are doing the bidding of the members through a motion passed at a meeting. We don't always agree with some projects but are directed by club motions to instigate them so we do. Another common complaint is Why don't the committee spend the money on the field itself instead of wasting money on stuff in the clubhouse.? Well this is where coming to the meetings would straighten this out. The facts are Yes we have installed a data projector and sound system in the club house and yes these items have already proved to be very useful for presenters at our last few club meetings. Fact two is the total cost would only be about \$500 max as most of the equipment was donated by committee members.

Over the last 12 months we have spent thousands on the field itself with drainage and re grassing and the new charging station and various other projects. So when you put it into perspective it is a minor cost but a nice additional benefit, as our winter meetings have had the benefit of a video show over lunch courtesy of the VMAA library.

So please take the time to look into why the committee do things and obtain the correct facts before complaining, come to our club meeting to keep in touch and add your views and ideas. There is nothing more soul destroying than volunteering hours and hours of your time to be bombarded with complaints and disdain from uninformed members. It is hard enough to get members to volunteer for committee so please don't also make it an unappreciated sacrifice.

Sorry to get all serious this month guys but I really feel for my committee. We have a really great bunch of hard working and talented guys on there and I really hate it when members belittle their contributions. It also means that they (committee) become defensive and may snap back at even minor criticism.

Think about how you would react if you spent hours or days doing something and then it was canned what would your initial reaction be?

Anyway let's move on. Please take the time to come along to meetings we do try to have guest presenters, and we are trying to vary these to keep it interesting last month we had RC Tanks If you have any ideas for presenters at the meeting or if there is a topic you would like to see covered let Daniel our social coordinator know.

See you all at the Auction

David Walsh, Pres'

Secretary's Report

General meeting held 3rd June 2012 at "The Burley Field" Wenn Rd Cardinia.

Meeting opened at 1300hrs. 26 Members present

Apologies: N Morrish, N Parker, P Webber, D Glossop

Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted:

Moved W Reynolds, Seconded W Schubach

Carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

President:

O.S. day went very well in spite of the inclement weather, there was good flying and a great demonstration of flying by 2 Lancasters and a B17, all controlled by experienced flyers M Farnan, C Fiddes, and N Addicott.

The club intends to run a Bi-monthly twilight fly-in as the last one was a great success.

The club house doors were left open, it is the responsibility for the last person to leave the club to ensure that the club is locked up securely.

The President spoke on the drive-in, unloading area, a lengthy discussion took place with those for and against the drive through, the outcome was that a motion was put forward.

Moved W Schubach, Seconded W Reynolds, "That the drop off system be trialed for a period of time using bollards instead of star pickets to mark out the pathway" Carried

Club Rules:

The club rules were presented to the members present.

Moved I Chiselett, Seconded W Schubach, "That the club rules be adopted at their present form but to be amended by members by contacting committee members and to be reviewed at any time in the future" Carried

Treasurer:

Renewals are starting to come in. Finances are going well.

Social:

R/C tank members did a demonstration after this meeting it was well received by members present.

The locks will be changed mid July, financial members will be issued with new keys,

Saturday 30th June will be another twilight fly-in.

General:

Small windsocks required for the corner of the runways.

There are members who would like to see a windsock again, the wind vane is fine for directional, but a windsock would give you an indication of the strength of the wind.

Committee has agreed to look into the cost of also putting up a windsock.

Meeting closed at 1355hrs.

Followed by a talk on R/C tanks by Jeff

Next general meeting was to be July 7th but instead there is the auction at Dingley starting at 1300hrs

Next general meeting:

Sunday August 5th at "The Burley Field" Wenn Rd. Cardinia 1300hrs, this is also the Annual General Meeting.

Don White, Secretary



Webmaster's Report

Well with all the rain and the field flooding the Internet line failed. This is due to water getting into the line and the internet modem needs to be reset. I had several emails and verbal comments about the Webcams and weather station not working, I try to put a notice on the front page of the Website when we have failures like this. Please check there to see if there are any issues going on. If the Webcams and weather is not working there is a good chance that the internet connection is down.

I have had a few requests to supply the password to the Wi-Fi at the Club so that members can connect to this. Unfortunately connection to this will not be made available because of the impact to our bandwidth and speed. It was also decided at the Committee to limit this connection. The Internet line is only an ADSL1 line and is marginal on performance at the best of times. If we allowed every member access then the webcams and weather will not work well, due to the extra load. I have looked at options for upgrade, but there appears to be none due to the distance from the exchange. Other technologies just will not work or will be too expensive. It looks like we are stuck with the ADSL1 line for a while.

The Website stats are as follows.
 2,970 Visits.
 933 Unique Visitors.
 14,772 Page views.

As normal Webcams are the fruit of the month.

West Cam 1,596 hits
 East Cam 2,022 hits
 Hay Shed Cam 1899 hits

Paul Webber, Webmaster

Registrar's Report

Membership Renewals

I tried to get all the renewal forms out early to give you as much time as possible.

It all seemed to go well enough being this is the first time that I have done the whole renewal. I have processed the forms I have received and posted your new keys and badges out.

The new keys are colour coded so you will know what type of key you have. Yellow is the normal Club key, Green Tractor shed, Blue Kitchen and Black is a master. I will send an email out to all that I process, as long as I do have your email details.

There are still some members that do not have an email address listed.

Changes to your contact information

Let me know of any changes of your details by email registrar@pdarcs.com.au (preferred) snail mail (Club mail address) or least preferred by phone (my mobile).

New Member Applications

Earl Mahle has rejoined P&DARCS

Keys / Badges

A reminder again, lost keys will cost you \$30.

If you lose your Club Badge the cost of replacement is \$5.

This is what it cost the Club, so please look after your Key and Badge.

Also see the listing of our current membership below

Cheers,

Paul Webber, Registrar

MEMBERS TO DATE

	Paid 2012-13	Unpaid	New 12-13
Associate	0	8	1
Associate Pensioner	0	0	0
Full	36	75	0
Junior	0	2	0
Life	3	3	0
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	10	30	0
Probationary	2	8	0
Student	0	3	0
Spouse	0	0	0

Resigned	6
Lapsed	0
Re Joined	1
Passed Away	0

Sub Total	53	135	1
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Social Director's Report

Greetings all, last month saw one of our major events at the club, which was the OS day. The weather was not all that nice to us, but we still had some great planes in the air. The field was a bit wet in places, but that added to the fun, guessing who was going to hit puddles! There are photos on our website & elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'd also like to thank Paul Somerville & the Tank Guys for coming along to our club meeting & giving us a talk. They demonstrated some huge models (80KG) which had the best sound effects I've heard on anything radio controlled. I've already asked them to come to the Monty next year to give another demo.

Finally, just a few **reminders**.

We have a **Twi-Fly** on the 30th June. It's BYO everything especially warm clothes. We'll have the hot plate should you wish to cook some snags etc. Come along it's a great social event.

We also have the **Annual P&DARCS Auction** on the 7th July, which will be held at Dingley Hall. Registration opens at 12:30PM. The registration forms for this can be found elsewhere in this newsletter

Daniel Jenkins, Social Director

Buildings Officer's Report

There are still several jobs to be done (I suppose there always will be), including;

1. Finishing the storeroom, (next to the new toilet)
2. Replacing the transmitter pound gutters and timber rails
3. Repairing the main entrance sign and repainting the main gates and fences

Plus other jobs as they come up.

For various reasons I have not been down to the field for some time, particularly since the second inundation (is that similar to the second coming?) so I have yet to assess if any more work requires doing as a consequence

David Glossop, Buildings Officer

Field Manager & Safety Officer's Report

Hi guys, we were very lucky this month.

The recent Gippsland floods only caused minor flooding at our field.

The runways and pits were under water for two days and it only reached our footpath at front of clubhouse. It did enter our shed and toilet block so nothing to clean up because the water flow was slow moving and clean.

We closed the field for three days to protect the runways and car parks.

The machinery was moved to the high ground by Paul Somerville and myself. We drove through 200mm deep water to get them there. We used the Kubota tractor to ferry us back to get the next machine. We certainly got wet as we walked back after the final transfer. A set of size 10 gumboots are now located in our poisons locker for future escapades.

We will soon begin to construct a high ground on the northern side of our large tanks.

When I arrived at the field at 3pm, Fowler Rd was dry on left hand side, up to our entry gate, but flooded after our entry drive. It was too deep to drive my car to Fowler Rd Bridge so I used the tractor. The flood water was entering our property from the western drain near the Fowler Rd bridge. It was also flooding the Farm to our north. I also drove to Ballarto Rd bridge and the western drain was not at our field height and water was flowing freely to Western Port Bay.

The runways were too soft, 10 days after the floods, to use the front deck mower so I used the John Deere ride on mower to mow the drier parts of the main and eastern runways.

The drainage work we did last year certainly helped the water drain away. We were planning to start the other drainage work immediately after the long weekend but this is now delayed for a few weeks. We have dug a sump pit at the rear of the clubhouse and this will eliminate the stagnant water ponds under the clubhouse.

Good flying guys.

The other drainage work involving a contractor using a large excavator is due to start on Wednesday 20th, (ED)

Norm Morrish Field Manager and Safety Officer

Facilities Manager's Report

No report for this month

Paul Somerville

Happy Landings

For sale

Precision Aircraft "Addiction" 3D flyer.

Comes with four Futaba S3101 mini servos (fitted)

Brushless motor

No receiver, battery or ESC

This aircraft is in great condition and has never been crashed.

\$100-00

Messerschmitt Bf-109G Park Zone "Foamie"

Brushless motor and three blade prop

ESC

All servos

It also has a flap option. No battery

Only had a couple of flights

Never been crashed

\$100-00

Thommo' (Ian Thompson)

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2012

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Organiser
May					
5 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	Mike Farnan
23 rd	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
27 th	Sun	Yes	Burney Field	OS Day	
June					
3 rd	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
9-11 th				Queen's Birthday Weekend	
20 th	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
30 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Twi-Fly	
July					
7 th	Sat	Yes	Dingley	Club Auction. (1PM Start)	
18 th	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
August					
5 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
22 nd	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
25 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Twi-Fly	
September					
1 st	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
19 th	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
October					
7 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Coop AGM	
24 th	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
27 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Twi-Fly	
November					
3 rd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 st	Wed	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
December					
1 st	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting (Summer)	
2 nd	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
12 th	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Christmas Twi-Fly	

THE O.S ENGINES DAY 27th MAY



AT OUR (WET) FLYING FIELD

Thursday Morning 7th June

Looking West from Fowler Road



Picture : Colin Nicholls

Looking West along Wenn Road



Picture : Colin Nicholls

Due to the excellent work provided by our Field and Facilities team, this water drained away very quickly

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

Total of Sales	
Club %	
Cheque No	Amount to be paid

*It would be appreciated if sellers could bring their goods in at
12:30pm on the day*

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MILITARY CLASSICS

By Richard (Dick) Ryland

De Havilland Mosquito

This aircraft is surely one of the most successful and best looking aircraft of all time. De Havilland proposed the aircraft as an unarmed bomber utilizing a wooden structure using the methods it had used to build the Comet racer and DH 91 Albatross airliner. The new aircraft would rely on its sheer speed to evade enemy fighters. Official reaction was lukewarm at best and initial prototypes had turrets and even a tail gunner was considered.

With the outbreak of war interest in this aircraft became more urgent and the production of a limited number with two 1,750hp Rolls Royce Merlin engines was approved. The first flights were made in late 1940. Only very minor problems were encountered and buffeting was subsequently cured by extending the rear of each of the engine nacelles. Mass production followed.



Performance exceeded the most optimistic predictions and general handling was excellent. At 361 knots (415 mph, 668 km/h) it was much faster than any of the allied or axis fighters of the day! A 4000 lb bomb load was extraordinary and four 20 mm cannon in the nose and four .303 machine guns in the wings made it a potent ground and sea attack aircraft and an air to air fighter which would claim many successes during the war.

De Havilland Mosquito

The Mosquito, known as the Mossie to all those who flew it, eventually fulfilled a vast number of different roles. They were even fitted with bouncing bombs of dam-buster fame but for use against shipping. A 57 mm anti-tank cannon was fitted to some and rockets to others. Some flew completely unarmed as target tugs or as high speed photo-reconnaissance aircraft.



Almost 8000 were made including 212 made here in Australia. They served with many country's air forces and Mosquito missions were flown as late as 1955 with the RAF in Malaya. Tragically, the last flying Mosquito crashed at an English air show in 1996. Several projects are under way though and there are high hopes that we will see one fly again in both New Zealand and Canada before the end of this year. I would go a long way to see this great Military Classic in the air again!



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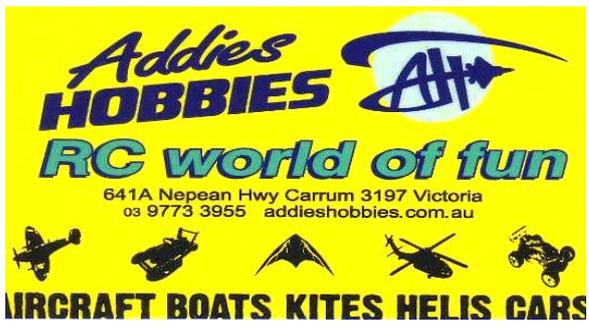


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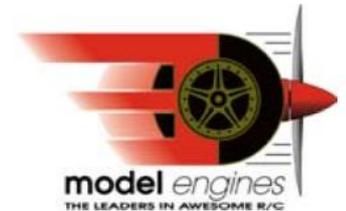


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