



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



At our Christmas Dinner and Twi-fly, the models line-up was very good, on dusk there were often 8 Twi-Fly models in the air, a busy evening  
In this photo, Balint, and Cameron discussing tactics, and Paul starting his model for a test flight

**Next Club Meeting, Saturday 1st February 2020  
At Burley Field, 1pm start**

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## EDITOR'S BIT

Our recent Puffing Billy workshop and museum tour was very successful, with 23 of our Club Members and families attending

Our Club Member, Craig Fitzsimons, who is also Member of the Puffing Billy organization, arranged the tour for us

Here is Craig shown in the photo below with the Workshop tour guide David Clowes, at the start of the tour outside the workshops

Well done Craig

**Frank McPherson Editor**



Here is Craig with our workshop tour guide, all smiles

## WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2019

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# NOTICES #1



PRESENTS

# STOL

**FUN FLY & COMPETITION**

**29 February 2020**

**PAKENHAM AND DISTRICTS AIRCRAFT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY**



**ANY PLANE WITH LANDING GEAR WELCOME  
NO WINGS OR VTOL AIRCRAFT**

**PILOTS MUST BE OF BRONZE WINGS MINIMUM  
HEAVY MODELS MUST BE CERTIFIED AND CURRENT**

**PILOTS BRIEFING 9:45AM, FLYING START 10AM**

## **FIELD LOCATION**

**P&DARCS  
80 FOWLER RD, CARDINIA, VIC 3978**

 [www.facebook.com/groups/pdarcs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pdarcs)

**GOLD COIN DONATION WITH BBQ  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

**THE FIRST 10 ENTRANTS THAT  
REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE WILL GET  
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## NOTICES #2

### STOL Event Fun Fly Rules

#### Plane Eligibility

Any plane can enter - trike or tail drag, (no VTOL or GPS. GPS Planes must be inactive to participate).

#### STOL COMPETITION RULES

##### Aim

Shortest take-off and landing with take-off and landing measurements combined.

##### Take Off

Main wheels start on line and is measured from line to when you leave the ground.

##### Landing

Main wheels are measured from line to dead stop. If main wheels touch before line then that attempt is disqualified and no measurement is taken for that attempt.

Maximum of 2 circuits for landing

Motor must be at an idle. Electric as well (adjust in throttle curve).

#### SPOT LANDING COMPETITION RULES

##### Aim

Land as close to the centre point as you can.

Points awarded closest to centre and go down as you land further away.

##### Criteria

Take off and do one circuit, come in and do a touch and go as close as you can to the marked area. Continue to do another circuit come in for another touch and go, complete the last circuit and come in for the final landing.

Points are awarded for closeness to the marker. All three landing points will be added together, and highest points will be winner.

**Note: This is a fun event so cheer and jeer as much as you like as we aren't competing for sheep stations.**

### CLASSIC AND VINTAGE MODELS FLYING DAY

This event will be held at our Flying Field, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

The proposed events schedule will be:

- Foam Glider mass launch
- Classic Aerobatics
- Fun Fly

### THANK YOU

The Committee would like to thank David Gibb & Peter Hill who recently did an excellent job repairing and painting the west wall of the club house.

We would also like to thank Dave Law who send a couple of his employees to supply & replace the fascia board on the front roof of the club house.

In both these cases the club only had pay for materials & the guys supplied the labor for free.

### WORKING BEE WEEKEND

We are planning on having a Working Bee Weekend on the 2-3<sup>rd</sup> May. More details will be published soon.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a way to start a new year !!!!

I gave up smoking nearly 44 years ago, and this morning, seeing the view up the street, it looks like I'm starting again whether I like it or not.

Anyway, enough of my nonsensical thoughts, on to the current issues.

As you are no doubt aware, we suffered a break in and theft of specialized equipment from our machinery shed over the Christmas period which has caused a great amount of consternation, aggravation and several other 'ations' I wont think about,--not to mention considerable work for certain of our already busy members, and considerable expenditure for repairs and replacements.

I always try to look at things with the attitude of "glass half full," rather than "glass half empty", and the way things are shaping with the '**STOL**' event, we could be increasing our annual monster events list from two to three.

Let's give this new aeromodelling adventure all the support we can and make it the great success it deserves. I have heard that we may even be seeing some models specially designed for the purpose,

We have our club meeting on Saturday 1st Feb and Classics day on Sunday 2nd Feb that should be enough to keep us out of mischief for the month, providing of course the smoke clears away so we can see our aircraft in the air,

Happy new year to you, to all those you love, and to those who love you,

**Bill Reynolds** President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Burley Field Cardinia.**

**Meeting Opened:** 1:00 PM

**Chair for this meeting:** President Bill Reynolds

**Members Present:** 20

**Apologies:** David Glossop, Norm Morrish & Frank McPherson

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved; Fred Webb Seconded : Wally Schubach, Carried

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes;**

Nil

### Reports

#### **President:**

Advised that this was the last meeting of the year and that the annual Christmas dinner was next Saturday.

#### **Secretary:**

The Secretary reminded members of the 2020 Monty Tyrrell Scale rally and asked them to spread the word to ensure a good attendance. He also advised that the Vintage & Classic Aerobatic event on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Treasurer:**

The Treasurer updated the members of the club of the club's financial state.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded; Don White, Carried

#### **Registrar:**

Membership currently at 161 members.

Prospective members announced;

**Cameron Sexton (Junior)**

**Gavan Sexton**

#### **Facilities Manager:**

Paul Somerville advised that he had several projects to be done during summer.

#### **Field Manager:**

Absent. Daniel Jenkins advised that Craig & Norm were planning to taking action to prevent birds getting into the sheds.

#### **Safety Officer:**

Alan Coleman advised that he was currently working through a revision of the Club Rules and the MAAA Insurance. He has almost collected all of the information and should have the report finalised early next year.

Alan reported that Register of Permits book has been established and members should ensure that details of models requiring permits are entered.

Alan reported of a near miss incident. He noted that he had taken action on this matter and resolved the reason for the incident and that he considered the matter closed out.

#### **Editor;**

Absent.

#### **Webmaster:**

No issues at this time.

#### **Social:**

Don noted that the Puffing Billy workshop tour – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020, meeting at the Belgrave Station at 10am. He advised that you must register for the tour and that this is done on the club's web site.

#### **Club Captain:**

Peter Harris reported that the VMAA Trophy team was currently being formed. He noted that the queries to the VMAA regarding the types of aircraft that can be used have been resolved. He noted that he is currently in the process of preparing some models for the contest with the assistance of other club members.

#### **General Business**

##### **12.1 New Public Address System for Club.**

The new PA system has been purchased and was used at the Scratch Built Scale Rally.

##### **12.2 General Club Maintenance**

Daniel advised that the committee had identified the need for a good general maintenance effort for the club. This includes painting and repairing the club house, sealing the toilet floors, bird proofing the sheds and general areas. He advised that there would be a few working bees organized and asked members to get behind the effort to ensure that our club remains the great one that it is. The first of these working bees were scheduled for February. Details will be in the Club Newsletter.

##### **12.3 Equipment for Free**

Wally Schubach advised that he had sold his house and was moving into a retirement village and that all the stuff including tools in his house had to be cleared. He invited members to come and take whatever they wanted.

##### **12.4 STOL Fun Fly Event**

Craig Fitzsimons advised that he was running a STOL and Fun Fly event at the field on Saturday afternoon February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. The event is to primarily a "fun" event and the rules will be published on the Club Web site. The day was being sponsored by Hobbyman and he asked for the members to come along and have a good fun time.

#### **Meeting Closed 1:35 pm**

Next Club meeting Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at 1PM at the Club Rooms.

# REGISTRAR

## Registrars Report – November 2019

Flying here in Canberra has been curtailed this summer as there have been many Total Fireban days and days when the smoke from the bushfires has been so thick that visibility has been down to about 100m. Also, unlike PDARCS, not a drop of rain. It is almost worth a run down the Hume for some flying!

### New Member Applications

New members this month

<b>Christopher Eeles</b> , Warragul	Probationary Member
<b>Andrew Moorhouse</b> , Inverloch	Probationary Member
<b>Michael Richardson</b> , Bentleigh East	Probationary Member
<b>Lachlan Western</b> , Rowville	Student Member

*Any objections to this member application may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.*

### Reduced Membership Fees

We are now half way through the year so new members pay only 50% of Club and MAAA fees. Remember that this only applies to NEW members, that is someone who was not a member in the last financial y

### Membership Status

	Paid 2019-20	Unpaid	New 19-20
Associate	19	0	0
Full	101	5	0
Honorary	2	0	2
Junior	4	0	1
Life	3	0	0
Pensioner	22	3	0
Probationary	14	0	9
Prospective	2	0	3
Student	1	0	1
Spouse	0	0	0
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>

**Rob Till** Registrar

# Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally

## Sunday March 22<sup>th</sup> 2020

The annual "Monty" is the Club's biggest event and we need all members to get behind and make it the success that it should be. The event is just an enjoyable day at the field watching and flying any model that is "scale". It does not have to be a "competition" class model, just a scale of a full size aircraft. All types of scale models are most welcome. Big or small, jet or prop, ARF or handmade, all are welcome. Part built models are also most welcome, they help to stimulate interest.

The majority of modelers have a scale model tucked away so why not get them out and bring them along and have an enjoyable day at the field and make the "Monty" the great event that it was in the past and should be now.

There is a \$5-00 entry fee per car, spectators and entrants alike. No additional registration fee, just the \$5-00 for as many models as you want to bring is all it costs. All profits go back to our great club. Please get behind the "Monty" rally and come and enjoy the day.

From what we have heard there are some very interesting models there so come along and be part of a great day.

There are lots of "giveaways", prizes and trophies.

A big thank you to Alan Coleman for his great donation of a large glider kit to be used as a prize at the Monty. If anyone else has anything that they would like to donate to the club that could be used as a prize please contact Ivan.

See the club website [www.pdarcs.com.au/monty](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/monty) for details and entry forms.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Club's big event, **Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally**, is on Sunday March 22<sup>th</sup> and we desperately need members to assist in running the event.

We need **gate attendants** and **parking directors**. We will be running 1 hour rosters so it will not be too difficult to help out on the day. There will also be a small working bee on Saturday the 21<sup>th</sup> to get the field up and ready. You are welcome to attend.

If you can help on either or both days please contact Ivan Chiselett at [chiseli@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chiseli@optusnet.com.au) or on 9898 4379 advising how long you can give.

We really want this to be a great success for the club and we need your help to run it.

Please spread the word around other model clubs and friends to come along. We have a Public Display Permit so invite all your friends and acquaintances to attend and have a great day.

## **VISIT TO THE PUFFING BILLY WORKSHOPS, AND MUSEUM**

**Report by Don White**, our Social Secretary

The day at the “Puffy Billy’ was a success with 24 members attending, we met at the Belgrave railway station and proceeded to the work shops where the manager of the workshop, David Clowes, gave a very good description of the maintenance and work done to the locomotives.

From the work shop we drove a short trip to the “Puffing Billy Museum” at Menzies Creek Station, which members were privileged to see as the museum is not officially not open to the public till March.

The 2 staff members gave a very good description of the locomotives and the history of the various engines on display, some were rare and vintage engines  
The staff members were very well informed of the engines, and equipment on display and answered many questions from members.

A sausage sizzle for lunch provided by the club made for a great day out for our members.

A thank you to Craig Fitzsimons for organizing the staff and Management for this special, day out.

**Don White**  
Social Secretary

# VISIT TO THE PUFFING BILLY WORKSHOPS, AND MUSEUM

## Some photos from the day



Arrival at the Belgrave workshops, and introduction by David Clowes



One of the engines in steam at the workshops yard  
An oil fired 14A loco



Mel' Norton inspecting a large faceplate lathe inside the workshops



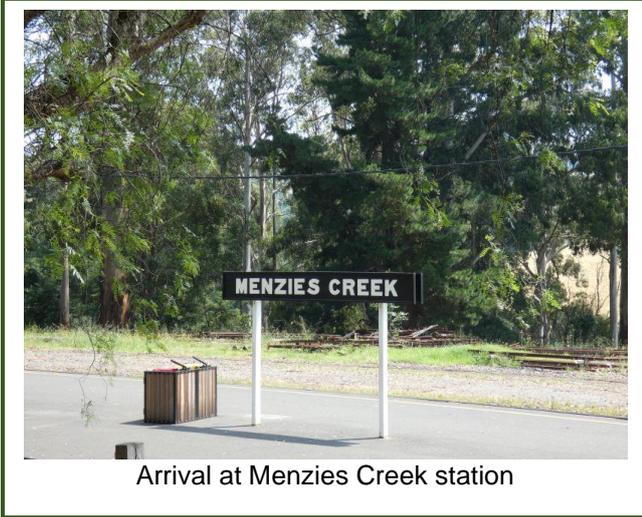
Workshop machining equipment



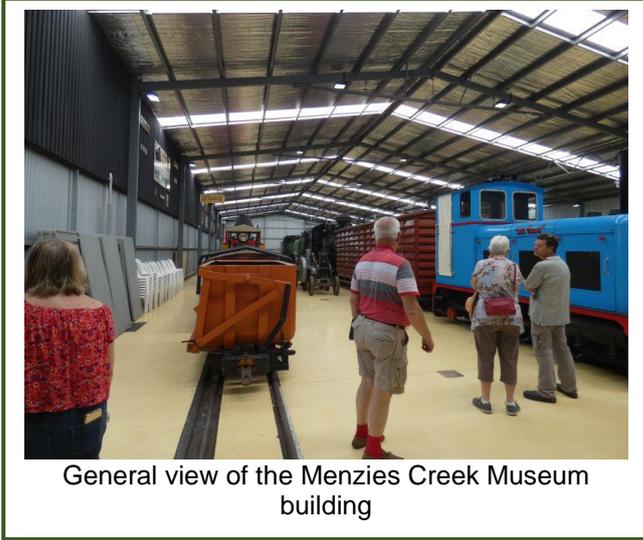
Large swinging arm vertical drilling press



Our visiting group in front of engine 12A Loco prior to driving to the Menzies Creek Museum and BBQ lunch



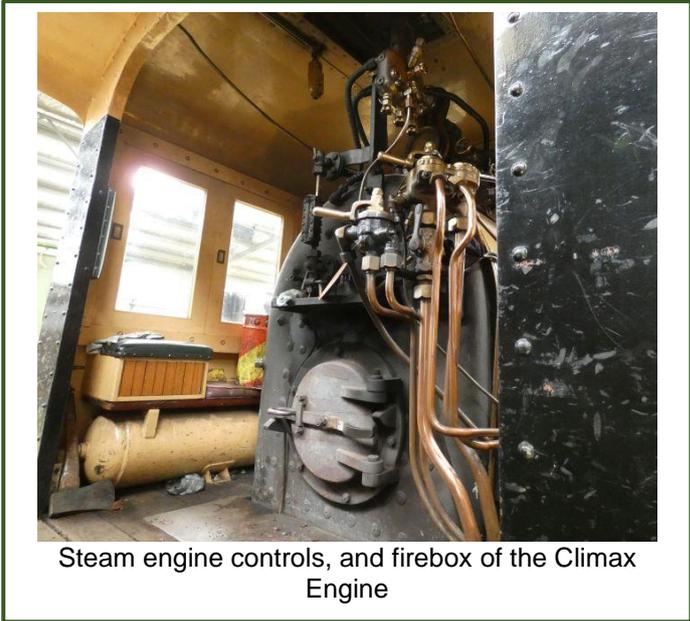
Arrival at Menzies Creek station



General view of the Menzies Creek Museum building



Typical station sign on display



Steam engine controls, and firebox of the Climax Engine



Climax Engine

# CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TWI-FLY

Some photos from the nite



People arriving and having a chat



Keeping warm beside the burner



Dinner time, outdoors



Presentation to Barry Law from Peter Harris, for long service on the Co-op Committee



Bill and Joan working hard preparing the very nice buffet dinner

# P&DARCS CALENDAR

## February

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

02 (Sun) [Classic & Vintage Day](#) Field Open: **Partial**

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

29 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

29 (Sat) 9:30 am - 3:00 pm [Hobbyman STOL Competition](#) Field Open: **Partial**

## March

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

08 (Sun) [Roy Robertson](#) Field Open: **Partial**

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

21 (Sat) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Monty Tyrrell](#) Field Open: **No**

22 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally 2020](#) Field Open: **No**

## April

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun) [VMAA Trophy](#) Field Open: **No**

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

25 (Sat) 11:00 am - 11:30 am [Anzac Day Ceremony](#) Field Open: **No**

## May

02 (Sat) - 03 (Sun) [Working Bee Weekend](#) Field Open: **No**

21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## June

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## July

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## August

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM](#)

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## September

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## October

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

24 (Sat) [Spring Clean & Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

31 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

## November

03 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#) Field Open: **Partial**

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

07 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

08 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## December

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

06 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **Partial**

12 (Sat) [P&DARCS Christmas Dinner & Twi-Fly](#)



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