



# P&DARCS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020



The latest Scale model from Ray and David Chivers PZL M18 Dromader

See more photos and details on page 14

## Club AGM and Coop AGM October 3rd, Via Zoom

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## EDITOR'S BIT

## **A Little Screamer**

Around March this year, and needing some more "Isolation Occupation "I thought I would like a high speed foam wing, a Little Screamer

So I bought this thing from Hobby King, it arrived in April sometime

It is called a "Sky Shadow " an EPP foam flying wing, it has provision for a camera, and the electronics board for First Person Video flying, as I only want to use it for normal visual flying I built my Spektrum Receiver into the FPV / camera box at the front Wingspan = 820mm / Weight around 800 gm / 3s 2200 LiPO

Flight control is by "elevons " so I had to set up my Spektrum Radio and receiver to do this, ( new to me ) it all seems to do the right thinas

At full throttle the motor does SCREAM nicely, test fly soooooon ?



Sky Shadow, on the bench, ugly little thing

#### Frank McPherson Editor

## WHAT'S ON **At P&DARCS 2019**

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# **A BIT OF HUMOUR**



# AN OLDIE, BUT A GOODIE

## 2020 Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally - Cancelled

Unfortunately due to the uncertainty of the COVID restrictions the Committee has reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the 2020 Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally.

The concept will not be abandoned; we will come back with a bigger and better Scratch & Kit Built Rally in 2021. There should be an explosion of scratch built models coming out of the building rooms with all the time we have had.

Hopefully we will be out of the shadows and restriction of the virus so that we can have a great Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally in early 2021.

We will keep you informed of progress and a date as soon as things settle down a bit.

Rest assure, if we can have host these Scale Rallies we will. Let us all just hope this virus stuff is gone very soon.

Ivan Chiselett, P&DARCS Secretary

**Report from PDARCS Committee** 

**NOTICES** 

As you are all well aware there has been severe restriction imposed on the operation of our club as a direct result of the restrictions imposed by the Victorian Government. It appears that the current restrictions are starting to have the required effect on reducing the spread of the virus and The Committee hope that we will be able to start operating back at Burley Field at least in some restricted manner once stage 4 restrictions are rescinded.

Due to the restrictions, the P&DARCS Committee made the decision to defer the August AGM in the hope we would be able to run it later in the year at the field. It seems apparent that it will be some considerable time before it would be possible to have face to face meetings, the reason for deferring the Annual General Meeting originally. As a result of this the committee have decided not to defer the AGM any further. Please find enclosed two Notices for the P&DARACS AGM and the Darcsfield Cooperative AGM to be held at 1:00pm. Saturday 3<sup>RD</sup> October 2020.

The meeting will be held via an online Zoom Webinar format. A registration link will be sent to Members via email which will allow you to register for the meeting. We are aware that some of our members may not be set up to participate online. Members will also be able to connect by phone and should any voting be required it will be done via email. This will allow anyone who wishes to participate in the AGM to join via phone or computer.

Only current financial members that are share-holders are eligible to vote at an AGM. As we need to give all eligible members the opportunity to participate in voting for their new committee, voting will be conducted by email and will be scrutinised by a third party. Provision will also be made for the members that don't have internet/email access.

The nomination forms for the Club and Cooperative are available on are web site and may be obtained through the following link.

www.pdarcs.com.au/nomination

# **NOTICE OF P&DARCS AGM**

Г <mark>he A</mark> r	nual General Meeting of P&DARCS will be held via Zoom at 1:00pm on October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2020.					
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1.	To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.					
1. 2.	To receive from The Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last					
preceding financial year.						
3.						
Э.	of the Act.					
4.	To appoint the Auditor of all Club accounts.					
5.	To elect office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months.					
6.	•					
0.	Rules.					
Office	Holders					
1.	The Officers of the Club shall be: A President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a					
	Registrar and Ordinary Members as defined by the club by-laws.					
2. Each Officer of the Club shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting after						
of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.						
З.	Nominees for all Office Holders shall be Full Members of the Club.					
Edit Soc	ial Secretary- To arrange social activities for the club.					
	b Captain - To arrange competition activities including, but not limited to, organising the team for the VMAA Trophy					
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## Ivan Chiselett, P&DARCS Secretary

# NOTICE OF COOP AGM

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held by On-line Zoom Meeting at 1pm on Saturday 3 October 2020.

Note: Eligible Voting members will receive a link by email.

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. Harris and Mr F. McPherson are retiring as directors. Mr P. Harris and Mr F. McPherson offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations for election as Director to fill these vacancies are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing on the form available at <u>www.pdarcs.com.au/nomination</u>. Forms to be submitted at least 21 days prior to the meeting. (*Rule 41 (3)*) No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

- 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 Darcsfield Co-operative Limited 17 Goulburn Drive Rowville VIC 3178

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The P&DARCS Annual General Meeting is only three weeks away as I write this.

We have had a long and complicated year with a number of problems which we could not possibly have foreseen, everything from a break in robbery, to our old enemy-flooding, and adding to it all - COVID. It is disappointing then to hear of some of our members casting aspersions on the work the Committee has been doing in keeping the Club

functioning as an official body through all the turmoil.

I have been extremely lucky to have had a Committee group of dedicated and efficient men at my side and I thank them all for their support and effort. Thanks to my right hand man secretary Ivan, who kept all the minutes, agendas, meeting notices, etc etc, and provided a good sounding board for ideas and suggestions. Norm has done wonders with the field, and the mower crew have been great. The portfolio of Webmaster is one of the background jobs which helps to keep the Club rolling, Website, weather station, on site web cams, and many other bits and pieces. However, this year, our man Daniel has absolutely outdone it all with the excellent organizing of "Webinars" which enable us to have Committee meetings and even full Club meetings. Thankyou Daniel.

When you are selecting members for your incoming Committee look carefully at the candidates and remember, these are the guys who will have the future wellbeing of our Club in their hands.

Finishing on a lighter note, how true is this;

The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled

Public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt.

People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance.

Cicero 55BC

We haven't learned much in 2000 years have we ????

#### Bill Reynolds President

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday September 5th 2020 via Teleconference

Meeting opened at: 1:00 PM Chair for this meeting: President, Bill Reynolds Members Present on-line: 43 Apologies: Nil

Visitors; Nil

Daniel Jenkins explained how the meeting would be conducted and instructed those attending how to register if they wished to speak etc.

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Motion that the minutes of the Special meeting held 8 May 2020 be accepted. No meetings have been held since that date due to the COVID-19 situation.

Moved; Paul Sommerville Seconded: Rob Till CARRIED Business Arising from Previous Minutes; NII

#### <u>Reports</u> President:

The President thanked Daniel Jenkins for organising the e-meeting and his work behind the scenes on the web site etc.

#### Secretary:

The Secretary advised that things were very quiet. The Gas pipeline group had advised of a slight change to the pipeline but this had no affect on our Club. He advised that the whole Gas Pipeline would not impact on our club as the route take is well clear of our property.

#### Treasurer:

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

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded; Daniel Jenkins CARRIED **Registrar:** 

Membership currently at 153 members, we finished at 171 for the 2019/20 year. There have been 6 new members joined this club year. There were 5 resignations and 15 from 2019/20 have not rejoined. Five provisional members have purchased shares. The 15 have been sent letters requesting that they send back their gate key.

Rob apologized for the postal delays getting the membership cards back to some members.

Rob moved the Registrar's report be accepted, seconded by Paul Carried.

Peter Harrison asked why there had not been any welfare checks done on members during the Covid19 time. Rob Till advised that he did not consider this to be in the club's responsibilities. **Field Manager:** 

Craig reported that he went to the field yesterday and mowed. He noted that the runways were wet but not too bad however the pits were still very wet. He noted that the drain cleaning is to be started very soon.

Evan Bellamy asked if there was any possibility of the pits and runways being rolled.

Craig responded that this would be looked at as the field dries out as at the moment it would too wet.

Evan asked if there had been any progress with Melbourne Water over the drainage problems. Norm Morrish advised that Melbourne Water had cleaned Gum Scrub Creek, to the West of the field, and also cleared it South of Ballarto Road which has resulted in better flow. Gum Scrub Creek is now at a low level

Peter Harris, representing the Club Co-op, reported that they had sent a letter to Melbourne Water Design Dept re the future works. He noted that there appeared to be a lot of going on with Melb Water and our neighboring framers who were signatories to the Co-ops letter.

Peter thanked Norm Morrish for his work and liaising with the farmers and Melbourne Water in the drainage problems.

Peter further advised that Melb Water were planning to fly a drone along the drains to the East of the field. Melbourne Water's current planning is they do Gum Scrub Creek all the way to the bay and then Cardinia Creek and then look at the drains to our East. They are planning a site meeting after the lockouts are over

## SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

#### **Facilities Manager:**

Paul Somerville reported that they had completed the repair of the cattle crush and this has been reinstalled. He noted that the area around the cattle crush was still very rough due to Council works.

Peter Harris reported that the shut downs had resulted in a shortage of suitable timber for the repair of the cattle yards and this work has not progressed due to this timber shortage.

Paul reported that a section of the shade shelters had been damaged due to the strong wings of recent times. This will be repaired once the lockdowns are over.

#### Safety Officer:

Nothing to report due to no activity.

#### Editor;

Requested articles for the next Newsletter.

#### Webmaster:

Daniel reported that the break in early in the year has resulted in the security system being stolen. A new system has been obtained and installed in a more secure place. Trevor Garey noted that he had recently purchased a web camera that recorded directly to the Cloud and suggested that this may be a good thing to investigate. Daniel noted that we would look into it when we looked at upgrading the system.

Daniel noted that once the Gov regulations are relaxed and allowed access to the field the Committee would look at the requirements & see if a booking system is required & determine the best approach to do this.

One web camera has gone off line but he does not want to reboot the system remotely for fear that he may lose it altogether and then not be able to go to the field to do a reboot.

Daniel thanked the club members for working along with the Committee to attend Zoom Meetings, book flying slots and other technical challenges lock down has caused to members.

#### Social:

Don White reported that nothing was happening due to the virus situation. He noted that he was considering winery visit once the restrictions are lifted. He also flagged he possibility of another visit to Judy Paye's Hangar

#### Club Captain:

Nothing to report.

#### General Business

1. Done Klein thanked the committee for their work during these trouble times. He thought the electronic meeting was a good system that allowed many members to easily attend. It was queried if the club should look into continuing a system of "broadcasting" the meetings as it was a good system to keep members informed.

2. Norm Morrish advised that the new pilot safety barrier had been completed and would be installed once we could access to the field again.

3. Trevor Carey asked if there could be defib training sessions run after the lockdowns finish. It was noted that videos were available for the unit and Daniel will seek them out and to put links to them on the club's web site. Don White advised that he was able to run training sessions once the restrictions are over.

4. Peter Harrison asked if the metal pilot barriers acted as a Faraday Cage and blocked radio signals. Norm Morrish advised that many clubs around Australia use a similar system and he had heard no reports of problems.

The Sec noted that he had raised this matter with the Previous MAAA Radio Frequency Chairman and he advised that a metal grid may shield the signal if the grid is between the Tx and the aircraft.

It was agreed that the club contact the MAAA and request and answer to this query.

The President thanked all that registered to "attend" the teleconference meeting.

#### Meeting Closed 2:25pm.

#### Ivan Chiselett Secretary

## REGISTRAR

### **Registrars Report – July 2020**

#### New Member Applications

New Member applications this Month

Luke Phan, Bentleigh East - Probationary 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.

#### **Membership Renewals**

The discounts are now **ENDED** and anyone paying their subscriptions now are required to pay the **FULL** amounts – it is no good paying the reduced amount hoping that we will process it anyway – **NO CHANCE** !!!!

Any problems - contact me on registrar@pdarcs.com.au

#### Membership Status

	Paid 2020-21	Unpaid	New 20-21
Associate	17	3	1
Full	97	6	6
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	5	1	0
Life	3	0	0
Non-flying full	0	0	0
Pensioner	21	1	0
Probationary	9	4	0
Prospective	1	0	3
Student	0	0	1
Spouse	1	0	0
Total Paid	154	15	11

Rob Till Registrar

### FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

A very productive last month getting our field back up to flying condition.

Our runways and pit areas have finally been cut and knocked down as this was starting to resemble farmland.

Ian Jacques was on the Ferguson tractor with the slasher and finally the trailing deck mower tackling the pit area while I looked after the runways with the Kubota front deck mower. Both now are in a workable state.

Our trailing deck mower has been fully overhauled, greased, lubricants topped up, blades sharpened, belts retentioned and set correctly for the cutting heights. The slasher is getting overhauled and fully serviced as well. Thank you to Paul Somerville for helping out with the servicing on these implements.

Our roller was finally pulled out of the bog and has been fully greased and is ready for work again. The runways are ready for rolling as the field has dried out considerably.

The drains around the field will be finally cleaned out as this is long overdue and will get done once work permits are lifted. This will be done over a weekend using excavators.

So the field is getting there slowly and will be up to flying standard once we reopen again, hopefully not too far away. We are in grass growing season now so it will be regularly maintained to keep on top of it.

Thank you to lan and Paul for all of your help, it's really appreciated. I will keep you all posted. With summer approaching us in the next few months, I will be reinstating our current irrigation system for watering so our runways don't dry out and crack again. This will be sorted out in the near future.



Ian Jacques on the Ferguson, with the trailing deck mower, cutting heavy growth in the pits



Heavy going in the pits



The Western strip, looking good, nicely green



The main strip, also looking good, lots of loose cut grass at the moment

#### Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

## FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT

It's been an interesting 2020 thus far. One that I'll never forget. Covid had really kicked the world very, hard including our club. With all the Covid restrictions that halted most of the clubs activities and its membership.

Then there was **flood** that had inundated our club again. So a call out via our clubs Facebook page was put out to ask members to come out and clean up the club.

It was great to have our loyal members to put up their hands and come out and clean up our club in the possibility of reopening the club once the Covid drama had gone away.

It was discovered that the grease trap in under the hay shed was completely block so an outside contractor was sourced to come out and inspect with camera and then clean out with a high pressure jet cleaner. The grease trap seems to be missing baffles, so new baffles need to be manufactured and fitted. This will be done once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Well that was never to be, only small groups of members were allowed to use our club at restricted times and numbers.

Then Covid stage 4 kicked in, that shut down the club all together.

We managed to get permits to work at the club to carry out maintenance tasks.

Under Craig's guidance I was asked to carry out service maintenance tasks on various tractors and ride on mowers and also on the hoists.

Currently we have just completed a major service on the **trailing deck mower** and looked at the **slasher**, the slasher was decommissioned and taken apart and was found to be quiet badly damaged.

The cutting head has been taken to my work and will require a total reconstruction as all the steel work is so twisted , bent and totally worn out.

These works will be done after hours at my workshop.

Once this is done we will look at a **major service of the spray boom** which is badly required. Once the service of the boom sprayer is complete Craig will begin a major weed and feed program to eliminate all the weeds infesting our runways and surrounding lands the club uses.

The shade hut on the right hand side of the radio pound had its roof ripped off during the last wind storm. Again once the Covid restrictions are lifted works will commence to remove the old shade cloth and necessary repairs to the shade structure firstly.

Once this has been done a new shade cloth will be fitted, we have stock of new shade cloth so costs should be minimal.

Hoping to see you all after all the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Planning a serious camping weekend at the club too.

More info as it comes to hand.

#### Paul Somerville Facilities Manager

## **Cattle Crush Repair**

Cattle crush repairs started just before the stage 4 lock down.

Peter Harris, Craig Fitzsimons and myself were tasked with repairs to the cattle crush on behalf of the coop. I got in early to the clubs property to commence bush cutting heavy grass and black berry bushes to gain access to the cattle crush. Once the grass and black berries had been cut away I could begin cutting away the old anchor bolts from the concrete.

The boys rolled up and the fork lift attachment was fitted to the Kubota front end loader.

Access to the cattle yard was very difficult as the grounds in the cattle yard were quiet boggy.

Once out of the cattle yard the cattle crush was lashed to the tractor to prevent it moving and falling off.

Cattle crush repairs commenced once in our clubs workshop.

The cattle crush was found to be twisted and bent quiet badly.

A number of precise surgical cuts with the grinder had relieved the tension within the cattle crush and a couple of tie down straps along with two bracing bars we were able to straighten out the cattle crush.

New anchor mounts were welded in and the old timber boards were removed for replacing.

This is how far we got before the end of the day and stage 4 restrictions had kicked in.

After the farmer had contacted the coop he raised concerns about possible flooding and asked when we could commence repairs to the cattle crush again.

The coop organised work permits for Peter and Craig and myself.

We got in early and began painting and fitting of new replacement wooden panels.

Once painting was finished we transported the cattle crush back to the cattle yards.

Again the ground in the cattle yards proved to be quiet boggy.

So the crush was dumped on the ground to get the tractor out before it got bogged.

The crush was man handled into position before anchoring into the concrete.

A couple of touch up paint coats was applied before we packed up and left for the day.

#### Paul Somerville Facilities Manager



reinstall



Paul S doing the reinstalling work, Peter H supervising



Crush / ramp all finished, ready for our Tenant Farmer to use. Very boggy surroundings

#### Ray and David Chivers, Latest Scale Model PZL M18 Dromader

The **PZL-Mielec M-18** *Dromader* (Polish: "Dromedary") is a single engine, one seat agricultural aircraft that is manufactured by PZL-Mielec in Poland. The aircraft is used mainly as a cropduster or firefighting machine.

The first prototype of the aircraft flew on August 27, 1976. In September 1978, the aircraft was given certification to fly in Poland. Certifications from many countries around the world followed soon. Many aircraft of the M-18 type and its variations can still be seen around the world. They were sold to 24 countries, over 200 are used in the US. In 2008, fifteen were sold to China In 2012, PZL-Mielec was still selling models M-18B and M-18BS, with 759 built in total. As of 2017.

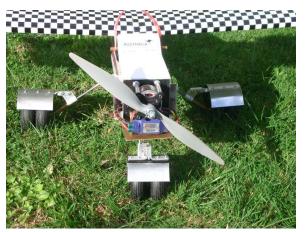




Checking the C of G a little unorthodox ?



# **From Our Flying Field**



Combatting very wet weather, dual wheels and mudguards





Gate guards, Daryl S, Chris W and Alan C, early 2019



Our Junior Members, Guy, Balint, Bailey, and Harrison Relaxing in the shade, after some intensive flying



The B36 bomber on display, at the Eastern strip, August 1018

# **B36 ANNIVERSARY**

## By Ivan Chiselett

With not much happening in the flying department I was recalling that it will be 2 years on October 13 since we first flew the B36. What a day it was. The genesis for the decision to build a model of the B36 started when Andrew Smallridge, Paul Somerville and I did our big road trip around many US aircraft museums in 2011. After seeing the B36 at the Tucson museum it was so impressive that we started to think. It was probably about May 2011 that we really decided to build the 36. Kevin and Andrew looked after the design. One twelfth was settled on as it was the largest size that would fit in my trailer.

Andrew looked after the cutting on his laser cutter and the first pieces were cut in about August 2012. Building was done in my attic with Andrew doing all the fibre glass components.

The primary build was pretty much done by September 2016 when we took it to the field for a trial fit together. This was the first time that all the pieces were put together to form an aircraft. Much time was spent fitting it out and painting and then a couple of trial taxi runs culminating in October 13 2018 when it was ready to try to fly.

I was very apprehensive as to how successful it would fly and we tried to keep the first flight quiet to avoid a crowd. However the jungle telegraph was working a treat and there was a good number at the field waiting to see what would happen.

With David Law at the control assisted by Neil Adicott the big bird lifted off and flew. It is certainly a day that I will never forget. A creation/project of yours has been completed and it worked, what a feeling. Why don't you get some wood and build a model, the reward is great.



The first take off





# **Flood Protection**

**Photos By Norm Morrish** 



Gum Scrub Creek looking South at Ballarto Rd 26th Aug 2020, showing heavy vegetation blocking water flow



Gum Scrub Creek looking South at Ballarto Rd, 15th Sept 2020, after Melb' Water clearing work



Gum Scrub Creek at Fowler Rd bridge, July 2020, Note the Illegal fence



# **P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2020**

September

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Club Meeting</u> 17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm <u>Committee Meeting</u>

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) - 01 (Sun) <u>Twi-Fly</u>

November

03 (Tue) Melbourne Cup Aero Tow Field Open: No

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: No

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

### NOTE :

All events and works for 2020 have been cancelled in line with current Covid restrictions











# Club AGM and Coop AGM October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Via Zoom

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