



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025



SR-72 darkstar top speed:

According to current information, the SR-72 Darkstar is expected to reach a top speed of Mach 6 which translates to approximately 4,000 mph (6,400 km/h), making it significantly faster than the previous record holder, the SR-71 Blackbird.

Key points about the SR-72's speed:

- Mach 6: This is the widely reported top speed for the SR-72.
- Hypersonic flight: The SR-72 is designed to fly at hypersonic speeds, meaning much faster than the speed of sound.

Developed by Lockheed Martin: The SR-72 is being developed by Lockheed Martin's Skunk Works.

**Next Club Meeting On-Line 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Wed 7.30 - 9.30**

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## Upcoming Events:

### February, 2025

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### March, 2025

1 Mar (Sat) 9 am-4 pm [Classic Aerobatics](#)

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

### April, 2025

02 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

11 (Fri) – Sun 13 (Sun) [ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

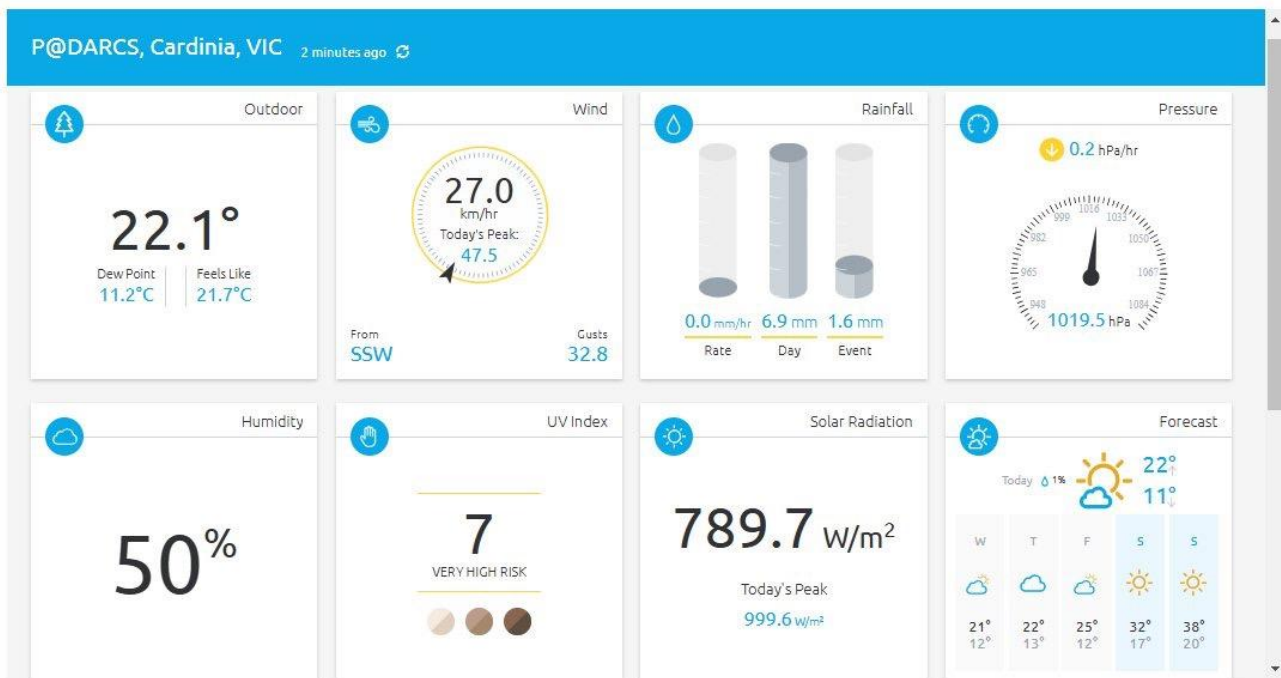
23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## President's Report:

Fellow P&DARCS members, we now have our new real time weather station up and running on the club website.

Many thanks to Daniel for sourcing the parts and making it all work along with Norm carrying out the labouring duties today. Thanks guys, great work.

Keith Quigg



## Contest Director's Report:

As we approach the exciting horizon of 2025, the ASA is thrilled to announce the return of a **SCALE NATIONALS!**

Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.

We are also excited to support the **Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Controlled Society Monty Tyrrell 2025**, which promises even more extraordinary scale adventures at P&DARCS' premier event.

Additionally, we have exciting news regarding the 2026 F4 Scale World Championships; a team trial will be conducted, with further details to be revealed in the new year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the clubs that supported the ASA in 2024. A special acknowledgment goes to every competitor who ventured into the competition for the first time, as well as to the seasoned scale veterans who enrich this cherished aspect of the hobby.

Thank you also to our ongoing sponsors that have stood beside us as we have navigated through the last few years.

We also recognise the remarkable individuals working diligently behind the scenes, often without recognition; we thank you as well.

We eagerly look forward to reuniting with all of you in 2025!

With appreciation,

Mel - Contest Director



# 2025 Calendar of Events



1. **16 FEBRUARY 2025**  
Scale competition @ PDARCS
2. **11-13 APRIL 2025**  
Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally @ PDARCS
3. **24 MAY 2025**  
VARMS - Foamy and flying only scale competition
4. **7-8 JUNE 2025 (VicScale Trophy)**  
BRCAB - Bendigo Club
5. **TBC - AUGUST 2025**  
NSW @



6.

**SCALE NATIONALS**

**2025**

**BADMAC Bairnsdale Club**

**24-26 OCTOBER**

## Editor's Report:

Hi all,

This month we have some photos from the F3A Competition in January in which our club members did very well.

Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to [editor@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:editor@pdarcs.com.au)

Cheers,

Liz



# Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

## 11-13 April 2025

### HOW TO ENTER FOR THE MONTY TYRRELL 2025!

Please read carefully .... as there are critical dates and options for you to choose from.

(Note cut off dates for polo orders are "14 March 2025" so they are available for you at the event) - no orders or polos will be available on the day)

We have some different options for you this year.

1. **Fill in the attached registration form** - it's a PDF document, but with fillable areas for you to pop your information into it and drop-down menus for polo sizes and the dinner tickets you would like to purchase. - (LINK IN FILES SECTION)
2. **Click and pay via the links below** for your choice of Monty Fun!
3. **GOLD PASS (ASA & PDARCS MEMBERS ONLY)** - you will receive 3 days of entry for event, a polo shirt, dinner on the Saturday night and free camping! -
4. **GOLD PASS (GENERAL ENTRY)** - you will receive 3 days of entry for event, a polo shirt, dinner on the Saturday night and free camping! -
5. **3 DAY FLYING ONLY PASS (ASA & PDARCS MEMBERS ONLY)** a pre-paid discounted entry for ASA and PDARCS members -
6. **3 DAY FLYING ONLY PASS (GENERAL ENTRY)** a pre-paid discounted entry -
7. **POLO SHIRT** (cut-off date 14 March 2025 so you can pick up at the Monty event) -
8. **DINNER - Saturday night dinner at the field and use the ticket amount for how many tickets on the check-out** - (please ensure your dinner tickets are on your registration form) –



### 9. 3 DAY CAMPING PASS -

***When you have paid - collate your receipts and Registration form and sent to [AusScaleAerosport@outlook.com](mailto:AusScaleAerosport@outlook.com).***

As always, the ASA committee are available for any questions or concerns, so please don't hesitate to reach out - the Event Coordinator Melissa Law can also be contacted on [AusScaleAerosport@outlook.com](mailto:AusScaleAerosport@outlook.com) or 0413 332 966

Details/registration forms can also be found on the PDARCS Website under the Monty banner!



**MONTY TYRRELL**  
*Scale Rally*  
11-13 April 2025  
Proudly supported and run by Australian Scale Aerosport

*Prizes*

- Best Civilian/Military Aircraft
- The Monty Tyrrell Award
- Best Turbine Aircraft
- Best Junior Pilot
- Best Scale Built Aircraft
- Best Static Model
- Best New Comer

**\$40 pre-entry**  
**\$50 on the day**  
P&DARCS & ASA Members  
receive \$5 discount on entry  
\*All pre-entries receive a free raffle ticket

Non Powered camping sites available  
No certification flights permitted at the event  
Permits required for models in accordance with MOP's  
\*to be eligible , pilots need to complete two flights

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# Club Improvement Works

There have been some works taking place around the field and in the clubhouse. In general, some painting and freshening up have improved the areas for all..



# Know Your Nuts!

## Types of Nuts

 <p><b>Cap Nut</b></p>	 <p><b>Castle Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Coupling Nuts</b></p>
 <p><b>Flange Serrated Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Hex Finish Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Hex Jam Nuts</b></p>
 <p><b>Heavy Hex Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Hex Machine Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Keps-K Lock Nuts</b></p>
 <p><b>Knurled Thumb Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Nylon Hex Jam Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Nylon Insert Lock Nuts</b></p>
 <p><b>Prevailing Torque Lock Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Slotted Hex Nuts</b></p>	 <p><b>Square Nuts</b></p>



# F3A Competition January 2025

The VPA midweek Competition was held on January 16<sup>th</sup> and despite a gusty and cold day. Congratulations to all the placegetters from P&DARCS.

Sportsman:

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Ventevogel

F3A:

2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Burgdorf

3<sup>rd</sup> John Brann

FPA-PF:

1<sup>st</sup> – Seth Huntingford



A huge shout out most important people on the day. The Cooks who provided fabulous hamburgers. Thanks Fellas!



Norm making some minor adjustments to an F3A plane. No wonder they call him "The Plane Whisperer" No aircraft were harmed in the making of this photo...



































# Spotlight

Name: **Stevie Malcman**

Age (optional): 43

Any particular discipline?: Large Scale Aerobatics (IMAC), Glider Aerotow (Tow Pilot) and F3C (Helicopters)

Preferred type of aircraft?: Large scale Petrol, Jets, Scale model aircraft and helicopters

Do you prefer scratch building or ARF?: Almost Ready to Fly and Composite ARF

Do you have a favourite model plane?: Carden Extra 300 Pro

Electric/Gas/Turbine preference?: Gas (Petrol is cost effective to operate 😊 )

What radio gear do you use?: Futaba 32MZ/16IZ and Spektrum iX20

What do/did you do for a living?: Business Development Manager – Energy Consulting (Procurement)

When and how did you get into the hobby?: My father introduced me to control line glow powered models from a very young age – I think I was six at the time. At the age of 11, I was introduced to Remote Control Gliders (initially) and then Glow Powered fixed wing model aircraft. I progressed to remote control helicopters when I was 17 and was pretty well self-taught - learning to fly competently in a short period of time.

Do/did you fly in competitions?: I have competed in Scale competition, F3C (Helicopters) and IMAC (Large Scale Aerobatics) and have frequently entered into club team events such as the VMAA trophy (Thermal Glider and Scale events).

If so, have you won or placed in them?: I have frequently placed in top three podium positions in IMAC, F3C and also in scale 'Flying only' categories.

What other hobbies or interests have you got?: I am a member of a motor car club.

Do you have pet?: Not yet but I am wanting to adopt a Chihuahua.





# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Bobotie (South African Beef Casserole)

This delicious one pan dish comes from Chef John and is his take on the traditional South African Beef Casserole called Bobotie. The flavours are divine and it's slightly sweet due to the fruit chutney. The addition of bay leaves gives a lovely fragrance to the casserole. Enjoy.

### Tips:

I used a chili chutney that had raisins in it as that's what I had in the fridge. You could also use Mango chutney or old-fashioned Rosella fruit chutney.

I didn't have any white bread so used a light rye which worked perfectly. The bread gives a nice texture to the meat mixture and makes it a bit creamier.

Amounts shown will feed 4-6 people with vegetables or salad on the side.





**ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 1 tablespoon of butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon of salt, plus more to taste if needed
- 5 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon of ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon of dried oregano
- 500g of ground beef
- 4 bay leaves, divided
- 1 rounded tablespoon of tomato paste
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons of lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon of lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup of Indian-style fruit chutney, or to taste
- 3 slices of white bread, crusts removed
- 1 1/2 cups of milk, divided

2 large eggs

1 pinch of cayenne pepper, optional

Method:

Preheat the oven to 175 C

Heat olive oil and butter in a large oven-proof skillet over medium heat

Add onions and salt, and cook until just beginning to soften and turn translucent, 3 to 5 minutes

Stir in curry powder, cumin, turmeric, black pepper, and oregano, and cook for 1 to 2 minutes more

Add ground beef, and cook, stirring, while breaking the meat up into small crumbles.

Add 1 bay leaf, tomato paste, and garlic, and cook, stirring, for another 2 minutes

Stir in lemon juice and zest, vinegar, Worcestershire, and chutney. Smooth the top, and simmer mixture gently for 5 minutes

Meanwhile, add bread to a bowl and cover with 1/2 cup of milk, toss, and let stand for 5 minutes

Squeeze excess milk back into the bowl and add soaked bread to meat

Mash, smash, and stir mixture until bread is thoroughly blended into the meat mixture

Add remaining 1 cup milk to the bowl; add eggs, cayenne, and pinch of salt, and whisk thoroughly

Pour gently over meat, and top with 3 or more bay leaves

Bake in the preheated oven until custard on top is set and lightly golden brown, about 45 minutes

Let rest 5 minutes before serving



# P&DARCS Calendar

## February, 2025

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## March, 2025

01 (Sat) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [Classic Aerobatics](#) Field Open: **Partial**

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## April, 2025

02 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

11 (Fri) - 13 (Sun) [ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## May, 2025

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## June, 2025

04 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## July, 2025

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## August, 2025

06 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## September, 2025

17 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## October, 2025

01 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM \(Online\)](#)

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Sat) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

## November, 2025

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## December, 2025

03 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

06 (Sat) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: **Partial**

10 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)



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