



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



**Read more about Andrew Smallridge's completely scratch built Sabre F86D. What a fantastic build. Congratulations.**

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

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## Upcoming Events

Committee Meeting

*19 Mar (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm*

Club Meeting (Online)

*02 Apr (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm*

ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

*11 Apr (Fri) - 13 Apr (Sun)*

Committee Meeting

*23 Apr (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm*

Committee Meeting

*21 May (Wed) 7.30pm – 9.30pm*

# President's Report

Dear Members,

## **First Stage of Major Runway Upgrades**

It's taken a while to get here, but the first steps in upgrading our runways took place today. After engaging the expert assistance of Graham Sullivan (from VARMS), he has put us on the path we need to be on. We are very grateful to Graham for his help to date.

For a few hours this morning, we had a John Deere Precision Cut machine carry out a demonstration on the main runway with outstanding results. This machine allows us to cut the grass to a much lower level that is needed to encourage the right grass coverage. This is the type of machinery that we need to maintain the standard on our runways that we are seeking.

Further updates as they come, but our next step is to document the project costings and further upgrade plans to our members at a general meeting.

Thanks to David Law today for his assistance in the Field Management role and to Norm Morrish for sourcing the commercial John Deere equipment for us at short notice.

Keith Quigg





# Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter.

This edition we report on Adam Smallridge's amazing scratch-built Sabre F86D.

We are also charging towards the Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally in April which is always a huge success.

As always, please send me anything you think members might be interested in.

Cheers

Liz



# Milestones

A massive congratulations to Andrew Smallridge on his successful maiden flights of his F86D model Sabre today at P&DARCS.

What is so special about this model is it is a complete scratch-built aircraft, right from design, moulding through to detailed finish.

This is a massive achievement, and I might add it needed no trim whatsoever.

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# Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

## 11-13 April 2025

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

**NOTE: to pay click on the link - fill in the registration form and send to Mel Law - details below**

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 - found in the attachment section at the bottom of this link - [www.pdarcs.com.au/monty](http://www.pdarcs.com.au/monty)
2. **Click and pay via the links below** for your choice of Monty Fun!
3. **3 DAY FLYING ONLY PASS (ASA & PDARCS MEMBERS ONLY)** a pre-paid discounted entry for ASA and PDARCS members - <https://square.link/u/b3QL4L5d>
4. **3 DAY FLYING ONLY PASS (GENERAL ENTRY)** a pre-paid discounted entry - <https://square.link/u/w1iZKkKJ>
5. **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) - <https://square.link/u/K3lqe5fW>
6. **3 DAY CAMPING PASS** - <https://square.link/u/NB1ONY2q>  
**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**



# Memories

Some old photos of the great man, Monty Tyrrell. He went to school with my father at St Kevin's College and were great friends their whole life's.

A great character, loved socializing with the aero model fraternity, loved a beer with his mates and loved having fun with his scale aircraft's.

Nothing too serious, just fun and enjoyment with his aero modelling mates.  
Mike Farnan









# Spotlight

Name: **Alex Williams**

Age (optional): **67**

*Any particular discipline?: As I am relatively new to model flying, I am still finding my feet. So far I have been predominately destroying battery powered scale planes, but have also dabbled with losing 3 gliders. My new focus is EDF jets. I get the feeling that a combination of scale, gliders and jets will be my ongoing mix.*

*Preferred type of aircraft?: EDF jets. I hope to progress to turbine jets.*

*Do you prefer scratch building or ARF?: As I am relatively new to the hobby, I still prefer BNF*

*Do you have a favourite model plane?: The 1.5m Timber is a very forgiving plane to fly.*

*Electric/Gas/Turbine preference?: Electric is my preference*

*What radio gear do you use?: I have a low end Spektrum DX6E*

***What do/did you do for a living?: I have worked with mainframe computers in banks for most of my working life, but am now close to retirement.***

***When and how did you get into the hobby?: I got into the hobby in December 2022 when my wife came home from lunch with her friends and told me that I needed a hobby for when I retired.***

***Do/did you fly in competitions?: No***

***If so, have you won or placed in them?: n/a***

***What other hobbies or interests have you got?: I have spent many days and nights over the years doing endurance walking through rain, heat and everything in between. I have walked across the Sahara Desert in the Marathon Des Sables.***

***I have recently had a book published based on one of my walking adventures.***

***You can find it at this link - [Link to google](#)***

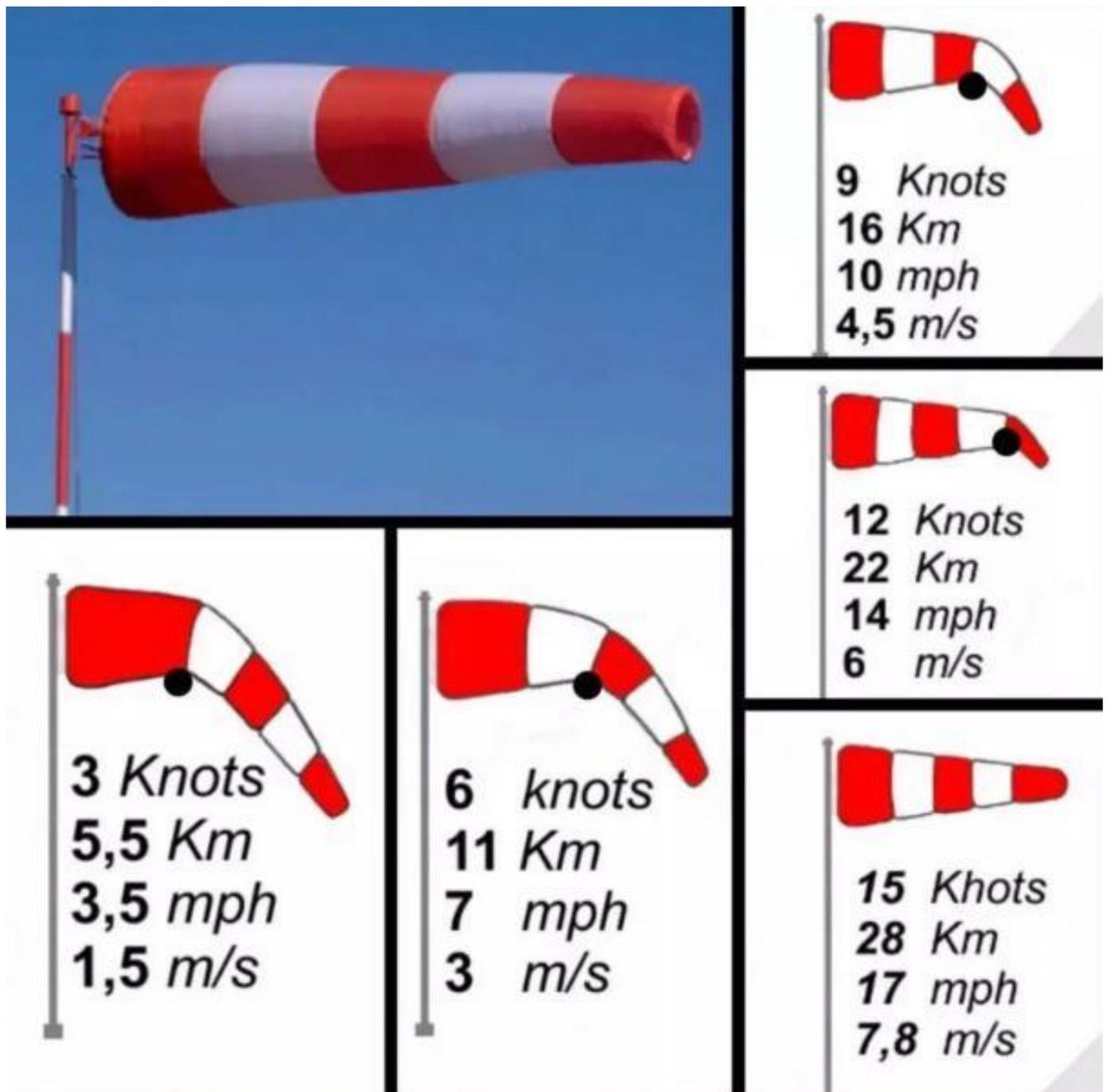
***Do you have pet?: No***

# Know Your Windsocks

Did you know that the white and red stripes on a windsock are not for decoration?

They actually indicate precise wind speeds.

Here's how:



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Crumbed Lamb Cutlets

These crumbed lamb cutlets are so crunchy and delicious. We always have them on Australia Day, and they are sensational eaten hot or cold. Enjoy.

Tips:

You could “French” the cutlets by trimming the meat that runs down the bones, but I never do. I don’t want to waste any part of what have become a pretty pricey cut of meat. Also, nibbling all the crumbs and meat from the bones is the best part.

Amounts shown will feed four people. We could only manage two each as they were quite large. It just depends on how greedy you are feeling.

We enjoyed ours hot with a side of vegetables, but they are fabulous eaten cold at a picnic.





### Ingredients:

8 Lamb Cutlets

Salt and pepper to taste

1 cup of panko breadcrumbs

1/2 of finely grated parmesan cheese

1/4 cup of plain flour

1 egg

Olive oil, for shallow frying

## Method:

Cover each lamb chop with plastic wrap and, using a rolling pin, gently flatten meat on each cutlet

Generously season each side with salt and pepper

Combine breadcrumbs and cheese on a plate

Place flour on a plate

Whisk the egg in a shallow bowl

Coat one cutlet in flour, shaking off excess

Dip in egg

Coat in breadcrumb mixture, pressing the crumbs in

Place on a plate

Repeat with remaining cutlets, flour, egg and breadcrumb mixture

Cover with plastic wrap

Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until required

Pour oil into a large frying pan until base is covered

Heat over medium heat

Cook cutlets, in batches, for 3 minutes each side for medium or until cooked to your liking

Place on a plate lined with paper towel to drain

Sprinkle with little sea salt

# P&DARCS Calendar

## March, 2025

12 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Special General Meeting](#)

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](#)

