



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Because I can...

**Next Club Meeting On-Line 22 May (Thu) 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Committee to present 2025/26 Budget**

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

Committee Meeting

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Club Meeting Online

22 May (Thu) 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Committee Meeting

19 Jun (Wed) 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Committee Meeting

23 Jun (Wed) 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

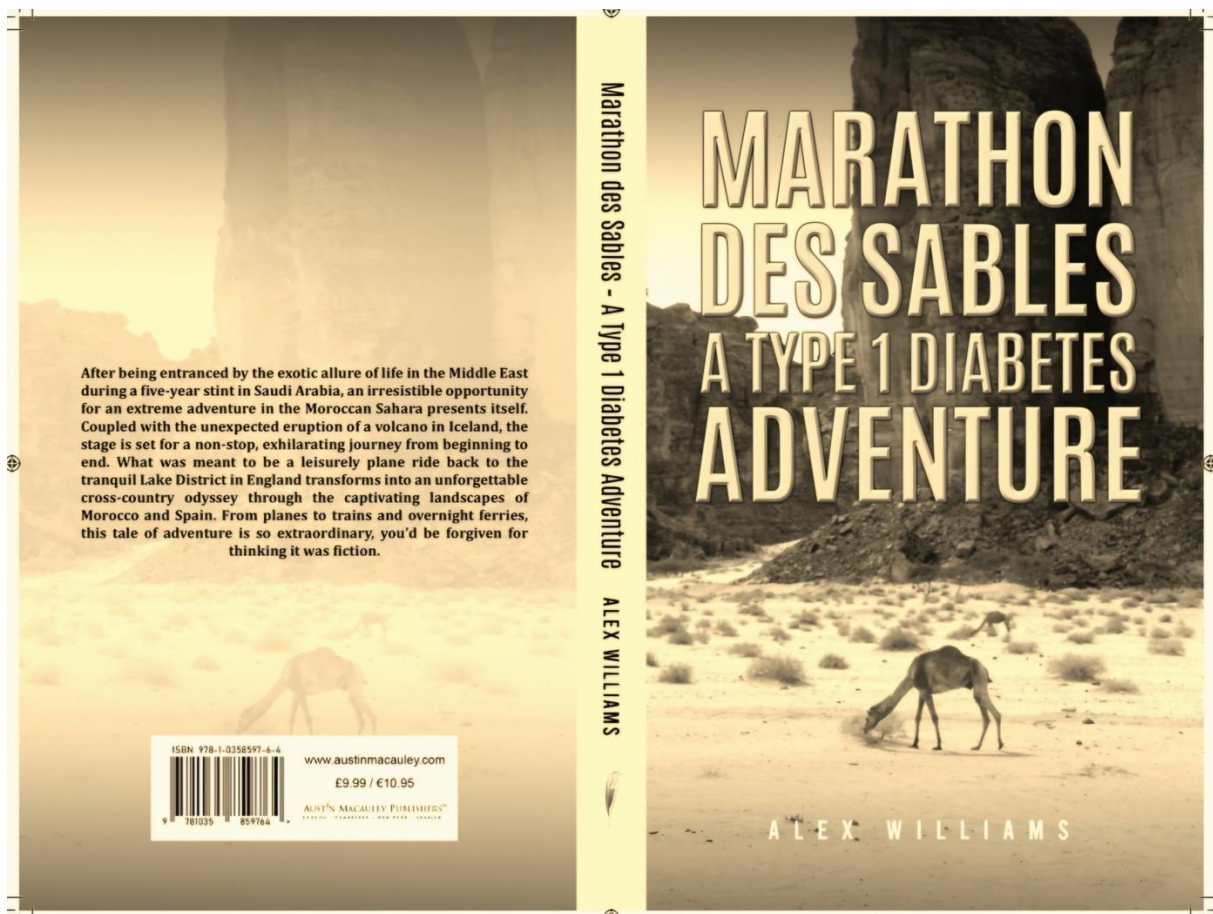
Welcome to another edition of the newsletter.

Alex Williams was chuffed to see the article about him in the last newsletter.

He forgot to mention that he may be the only current member of the club to have published a book. Many of the members enjoy a good read, so might be interested in reading his book.

They can find the book at the following google search - [alex williams marathon des sables a type 1 diabetes adventure - Google Search](#)

Here is a copy of the cover.



Sad news. The gent who built the DHA-G2 glider that won the best static award yesterday passed away just before the trophies were presented. The model and award now hold a very special place in my collection.

Glen Salisbury

Vale Ron Hickman

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Ron Hickman passed away midday on Sunday 13th April.

We are all extremely grateful for the huge contribution Ron made to VARMS for so many years. He will be missed by all.

No details are available regarding his funeral, but nothing will happen until after Easter. We will keep you informed of any further arrangements.

VARMS Committee



Also Brad Crossman asked me to include this piece about the passing of Ian Cole

I would like to note the passing off Ian Cole from Bass passed away In February.

Ian was flying a model at a football ground and had a heart attack and passed away.

I do miss him; he was a good friend of mine for 20 years and was a member off many clubs in the hobby

Brad Crossman SWAMPS Club

There are so photos from the Monty Tyrell which was very successful and enjoyed magnificent weather especially on the Saturday. The Moon put on a beautiful show for us all as well.

Wings Over Wangaratta was also held at the same time and in our next edition there will be some photos and results.

Alex Williams has also supplied a very droll, albeit painful, encounter with a very naughty steer which is well worth a read.

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

Cheers

Liz

Milestones

A turbine with a difference at P&DARCS, in March, with Ken Madill gaining turbine certification (thanks to Greg Lepp) on his unique, scratch built Lockheed U2 aircraft. A very sinister looking model in the air, and a little difficult to get some nice photos of it given the all black, weather paint finish.

This model had several flights on an aerotow prior to the turbine being installed, and so this certification was always going to go well. Very well-done Ken, and expertly flown as well.

Keith Quigg









VPA "Basics" Aerobatics

Magic weather today at our wonderful field for the VPA "Basics" aerobatics information and coaching event !

Congratulations to our trainee pilots, John, Noel, and George as well as attendee Alex (who came along to listen in despite a recent serious injury)

Many thanks to all the VPA pilots who came to assist and share their knowledge and demonstrate with both current F3A models and classic airframes.

We introduced some elements of both the old "Sporty Forty" and current Sportsman schedule but for today we concentrated on "flying the line " and turn-arounds such as procedure, half Cubans, split S and Immelmann turns.

More to follow in the future! Chris Eeles





Monty Tyrell Scale Rally

11-13 April 2025

Hey team! For anyone that attended the Monty on the weekend... and would like a photo from SkyBoyde Photography.

Please reach out for payment to [Jayden Boyde](#) for his time over the weekend for his amazing photos of your models. !! TA















BAD STEER!

There are legends to be told, both old and young, as we sit around the campfire on this magical, starry night.

But first, let's mention a comical story that happened closer to home, both in time and place.

It was the Saturday morning and the weather was flying glorious. When what did we spy? A cow over yonder by the main runway. Gasp.

And four of the Musketeers rose to the occasion, to guide said bovine from whence it came and away from flying foam.

One of the Musketeers, the most handsome and brave, quickly noted that the rogue bovine was both teetless and hornless, so the shooing activity continued.

Twasn't until said bovine was about to exit stage left through the front gate that he chose to turn and lock eyes with the most handsome and brave Musketeer, one Alex of the Flying Field. Then, as will be told in fables and camp side yarns for eons to come, hell was loosened, and mayhem ensued.

Our gallant Musketeer found himself on the ground and in a level of agony rarely experienced by his brethren.

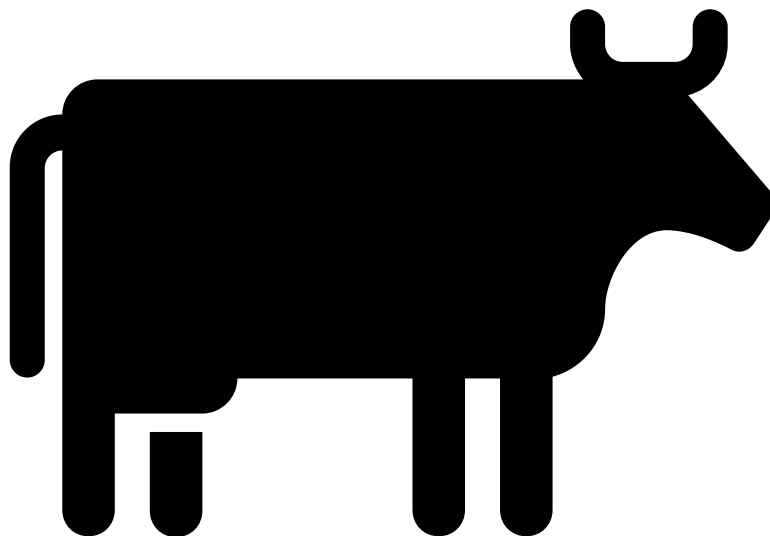
Alan of Foley called for the ambulance chariot, from which time the picture clarified. Our hero, it seemed, had suffered what the doctors say in quietened voice, a fractured pelvis.

But this twas nothing for our hero who, after 3 days in the Dandenong House of Healing, was sent home with well wishes and flowers ensuing from the still aghast House of Healing staff.

Never before had a bull fighting hero such as he graced their meek establishment.

With walking frame in hand for 6 to 12 weeks, our hero will again display both his flying prowess and his bull repelling skills whence he can again actually stand firm on this mortal coil.

Alex Williams



Spotlight

*Name: **Harrison Ritter***

Age (optional): 18

Any particular discipline?: I fly IMAC and used to fly F3A

Preferred type of aircraft?: Scale Aerobatic IMAC Style Planes

Do you prefer scratch building or ARF?: ARF, although my building/assembly skills admittedly are quite limited so I don't tend to deal with them often.

Do you have a favourite model plane?: My Extreme Flight Extra NG that I use for IMAC. It flies awesome and looks the part as well

Electric/Gas/Turbine preference?: I'm a fan of all 3 and couldn't pick a favourite between them. They all do their own job and do it well and I'd love to add a turbine to my collection of electric and gas planes.

What radio gear do you use?: Futaba 18MZ. Been flying Futaba since day 1 and wouldn't consider switching to anything else as I feel it provides me with the best reliability, build quality and overall ease of use and setup.

What do/did you do for a living?: Just working at the moment, however am considering starting studies soon

When and how did you get into the hobby?: Started flying late 2017 thanks to fellow member Balint Banko convincing me to buy a small rtf

foamy. Have loved it ever since and have been flying regularly since then.

Do/did you fly in competitions?: Yes, I compete in IMAC comps

If so, have you won or placed in them?: In 2022 I was National Champion in the Intermediate class. I've since moved up to Advanced and have been flying it since last year, with my greatest successes coming this year since upgrading to my new plane, placing in every comp (all 5 I have flown in) and winning 4 of them

What other hobbies or interests have you got?: On Wednesday nights I race RC Cars at a track/club in Boronia called BRCCC. I have only just started recently and am in the beginner class however my results have been turning out quite well lately and I am soon looking to promote into the next, more advanced class.

Do you have pet?: Yes, we've got 2 cats at home, one of which is mine.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pork Chipolatas with Onion Gravy

This is truly comfort food at its best. Only takes around 20minutes to make and is delicious with mashed potato or cheesy buttery noodles. Enjoy.

I buy pork chipolata sausages in a pack of sixteen. I always have a pack in the freezer for emergencies. They are a cheap and cheerful meal.

Feel free to use any favourite sausages. Chipolatas are available in chicken or beef as well.

Amount shown will feed 4-6 people.



Ingredients

2 teaspoons of olive oil
2 brown onions, halved, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon of beef stock powder
1 tablespoon of plain flour
16 lean pork chipolatas
Salt and pepper to taste
Sprig of fresh sage
2 cups of water (more or less)

Method

Preheat the oven to 180c fan force
Place the sausages in a roasting tray and spray lightly with oil
Roast for 20 minutes until nice and coloured
Set aside until needed
Heat oil in a large frying pan over moderately low heat
Add onion; cook and stir for 8 minutes or until soft
Add in the beef stock powder and flour and cook for a minute
Add in balsamic vinegar and 1 cup of water
Simmer for a few minutes until thickened

Add in additional cup of water as needed until your gravy has the consistency you like

Add in the sausages and gently combine them with the gravy

Simmer for a few more minutes until the sausages are cooked through

Finely slice the sage leaves and add to the gravy keeping some aside to garnish the top

Taste for seasoning

Serve piping hot on creamy mashed potatoes or cheesy, buttery noodles



(FIRST DAY AS A PILOT...)

CONTROL

**TOWER: Can you give me
your position?**

**ME: I'm next to a cloud that
looks like a lion.**

CONTROL

TOWER: Can you be more specific?

ME: Simba.

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April, 2025

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

May, 2025

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

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

June, 2025

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](#)

