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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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XF-84H "Thunderscreech" was based on the F-84F Thunderstreak but was fitted with a turbo prop on the front and retained its normal jet engine in the back. The Turbo prop had a supersonic propeller. Its name, Thunderscreech, is a reference to its extremely loud supersonic propeller which made it the loudest plane ever made.

**Next Club Meeting 23 May (Online)
Wed 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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Upcoming Events

22 May

[Committee Meeting](#)

22 May (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

23 May

[Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

23 May (Thu) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

19 Jun

[Committee Meeting](#)

19 Jun (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

24 Jul

[Committee Meeting](#)

24 Jul (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

7 Aug

[P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

7 Aug (Wed) 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Meetings and Motions

Good afternoon fellow P&DARCS members.

To facilitate the presentation of the 2025/2026 budget, the date for the next general meeting is being brought forward. This meeting will now occur on Thursday, May 23rd via ZOOM, starting at 7.30 pm. The ZOOM format will differ slightly this time, with all members automatically appearing on video. We are hoping this will make it a little easier for members to participate in the proceedings.

There will be discussion on the format for general meetings for the rest of the year, with members encouraged to express their views. Committee meetings will continue using ZOOM.

In addition, the following motions will be presented to the membership to be voted on:

Moved by the Treasurer of P&DARCS Peter Harris and accepted by the Committee for ratification by the Club Members

- That the budget presented in the file “Proposed Budget 2024-25” be accepted (this will be emailed separately to all Full Members).
- That the P&DARCS membership fee for Full Members of the Club be set at \$265.00 and the fees of the other Membership Types be set at the published percentage of the full fee as per the club rules.

NOTE:

- The recommendation is for no increase in Club Fees for next year.
- The fees for MAAA and VMAA are in addition to the Club Fees.

I would encourage as many members as possible register for the ZOOM meeting, as this is your chance to have a say in how your club is managed.

Regards

Keith Quigg | AUS22897
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Registrar's Report

Membership Renewal

At the end of June, the P&DARCS membership renewal cycle will commence. There are a few changes members need to remember, viz electronic renewal. However, If you notified us previously you wish to receive your renewal via Australia Post rather than electronically, that will remain the same this year

Membership renewals forms

Again, this year we will be continuing with email-based renewal. Members will be sent their renewal information via email rather than Australia Post. The email will include a link to the P&DARCS website to complete their renewal. All members with an email address registered with us will automatically get their renewals electronically. If you do NOT want to get an electronic renewal, please let the P&DARCS Registrar know ASAP before the renewal cycle begins. If you have no email registered and wish to renew electronically please let us know and advise the registrar of your email address. Membership badges will still be posted out.

Paying VMAA/MAAA Fees

Some members pay their VMAA/MAAA fees via other clubs. If you wish to change that and pay your fees through P&DARCS please let the P&DARCS Registrar know.

Non-Flying Membership

In 2023 the Committee introduced a new type of membership, Non-flying member. This is for existing full shareholding members who no longer fly but wish to continue their affiliation with P&DARCS. This new category of membership offers a discounted membership fee and no VMAA/MAAA fees. Contact the P&DARCS Registrar if you wish to change to this membership type For the above three items, if you wish to make these changes, please contact Trevor via registrar@pdarcs.com.au

Membership upgrades

The following members are eligible to be offered full membership to P&DARCS.

All full shareholding members are asked if they have any objections to these people being offered Full membership of P&DARCS.

If any member has any objection, please advise the Committee ASAP via email

Indy Bajwa
Glenn Campbell
Jim Dalianis
Jim Houdalakis
Greg Nield
David Perkins
Jan Pudewills
John Scott
Alexander Williams

Editor's Report:

Hi all,

A big thank you to all the contributions this month. It makes our club newsletter so much more interesting to be able to share stories and photos of events and competitions.

We will be looking at the maiden flight of David Laws' amazing Jet and the IMAC Grampians competition.

Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to editor@pdarcs.com.au

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Liz



Fully Restored Clock

Guess what time it is? Time for the lovely (and extra large) clock fully restored and kindly donated by Frank McPherson today. No excuses now for being late to the field eh! The old clock is being relocated to the west side too! Thanks Frank! (Words and pic: C Eeles)



Milestones

From Chris Eeles:

I was please to award Tuan Packeer his bronze wings on 7th May. He received a phone call from Les Mariner, the chief instructor for the MAAA this evening confirming his wings!

Congratulations to Tuan for this achievement.



Grampians IMAC Competition

Had a great weekend at the Ararat airport for the 1st Grampians IMAC Comp, kindly hosted by the Ararat and Grampians Model Flying Club and the Grampians Gliding Club.

There were 17 pilots in attendance with each one completing 4 double sequences and an unknown, flying in mostly crosswind conditions with occasional fog in the mornings.

Thanks again to the Grampians Model Club and Grampians Gliding Club for hosting, the facilities and food provided were fantastic and we hope to be back again next year!

As always, P&DARCS were very well represented taking home most of the prizes.

Results and Photos are listed below

Basic:

2nd Place - Bruce Smith

Intermediate:

1st Place - Balint Banko

2nd Place - Ant Sisley

3rd Place - Rob Barbuto

Advanced:

1st Place - Stevie Malcman

2nd Place - Harrison Ritter

3rd Place - Cameron Sexton

Pix and commentary by Harrison Ritter - thanks















JUST JETS

March 1st 2024. A picture perfect day at P&DARCS, with a light breeze down the strip and endless blue sky. A treat to be on hand to watch the maiden flight of David Laws' spectacular SkyMaster SU-30M. It's powered by two Swiwin 240B turbines. The radio gear is Powerbox Core. It also has Powebox receivers and power supply. It also has thrust vectoring, just like the full size, which make for some very interesting manoeuvres.







New Aircraft at the Field

Two new scratch-built models were unveiled and flown at the field recently. Andrew Smallridge's Turbine powered Turbinator and a 1/3 Fly Baby from Balsa USA plans by Ivan Chiselett.

Andrew's Tubinator was based on the 80" span Zioli plans but he went the extra yards by designing a modified fuselage using 3D CAD. He made several changes to the original design, adding "plug-in" wings rather than the 1 piece of the original design, and also rounding some of the sharp areas/lines.

Once he had the design in the 3D CAD system, he "divided" up the fuselage into 3D printable blocks which he did "printed" on his 3D printer. The blocks were joined up and prepared and then used to make a "plug" from which he made a fibreglass fuselage. The wings design was modified to allow 2 Aluminium tubes for the "plug" in action.

Greg Lepp did the inspection and the model flew extremely well. With the "plug-in" wings it certainly makes it much easier to transport. It is powered by a Kingtec turbine.

The other new model was built by Ivan Chiselett using Balsa USA plans. It is 112" (2.85M) Span. The plans were modified by Ivan to incorporate "plug-in" wings, rather than the complex true scale folding system shown on the plans. He also changed the fuselage to incorporate a removable hatch to give better access to the internals. HOLK RC did the laser cutting of the kit.

Ivan made a fibreglass cowl for it and the model is powered by a 50cc OS Gemini 4 stroke engine.

Greg Lepp did the inspection and it flies extremely scale like and is very easy to control. Being such a large model, it looks really scale in the air. Ivan is trying to source a 1/3 scale pilot to finish it off.

No doubt both models will be at the P&DARCS Scratch Built Rally on November 10 2024. We hope that members are getting into scratch building something to bring to the Scratch Built.

Ivan Chislett





P&DARCS Scratch Built Rally

November 10th 2024

Just a reminder that the Scratch Built Rally will be held on November 10th 2024.

This year the format has been slightly changed to allow non scale scratch/kit built models to participate.

The prime focus of the rally is promoting building models. ARF's are not permitted. It is all about the skill of the builder.

Get your building boards dusted off and join us on Sunday November 10th for a great day of flying.

Tell your flying friends to bring their models and have a good time.

Part built projects are model welcomed and there will be a trophy for the best project along with trophies for other categories.

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When ambition exceeds my talent. Sukhoi SU-26 with DLE55 and ignition
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Trev



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Traditional Cornish Pasties

There is nothing simpler to make than homemade pasties. This recipe is the real deal from The Cornish Pasty Association and is delicious. Enjoy.

Tips:

Usually the vegetable to use is the yellow-fleshed swede, not a white turnip. This is known commonly in Cornwall as the turnip. It's also known as the yellow turnip/Swedish turnip in some places and in North America it is called rutabaga. They are delicious and taste like the centre of a carrot. But we have included some white turnip as well and it gives an additional fabulous flavour.

The best meat to use is skirt steak as it cooks very quickly and has little or no fat.

The short crust pastry can also be done in a food mixer if you prefer.

You can also use bought puff pastry, whilst not traditional, is quick and easy to use if pressed for time.

Make sure you season the meat and vegetables very well before adding to the pastry.

Traditionally the pasties with a frill on top are from Devon and the ones with the braid down one side are from Cornwall.

Do not pierce the pasties as the meat and vegetable filling actually steams inside the pastry.

Lard is usually used in the pastry but vegetable shortening such as Copha can be substituted. Vegetarians can also omit the meat and add extra root vegetables such as carrots, celeriac or sweet potato.

Amounts shown will make six large pasties.



Ingredients:

Shortcrust pastry:

500g bread flour

120g lard

125g butter

1 teaspoon of salt

175ml of cold water

Filling:

500g good quality beef skirt, cut into cubes

300g potato, peeled and diced

100 swede, peeled and diced

100g turnip, peeled and diced

150g onion, peeled and diced

1 teaspoon of salt

1/2 teaspoon of pepper

Beaten egg or milk to glaze

Method:

Add the salt to the flour in a large mixing bowl

Rub the two types of fat lightly into flour until it resembles breadcrumbs

Add water, bring the mixture together and knead until the pastry becomes elastic

This will take longer than normal pastry but it gives the pastry the strength that is needed to hold the filling and retain a good shape.

Cover with cling film and leave to rest for 3 hours in the fridge. This is a very important stage as it is almost impossible to roll and shape the pastry when fresh.

Roll out the pastry and cut into circles approx. 20cm diameter. A side plate is an ideal size to use as a guide.

Layer the vegetables and meat on top of the pastry, adding plenty of seasoning.

Bring the pastry around and crimp the edges together.

Glaze with beaten egg or an egg and milk mixture.

Bake at 165 degrees C (fan oven) for about 50 – 55 minutes until golden.

P&DARCS Calendar

May, 2024

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

23 (Thu) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

June, 2024

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

July, 2024

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

August, 2024

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

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

31 (Sat) - 01 (Sun) [ASAA Victorian States Titles](#) Field Open: **No**

September, 2024

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

October, 2024

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

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

26 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November, 2024

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

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

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

December, 2024

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

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



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