

The News

October 2009



P&DARCS



Next club meeting –
Co-op AGM and Club Meeting

Wednesday 7th October 8pm Start

Marcus Road Dingley Village

VFSAA Scale Rally @ P&DARCS Sunday Oct 18th

Shepparton Mammoth Scale 2009

Beautiful 1/3rd Scale Stearman
No dummy Cylinders on this motor it's the real thing.
There were actually 3 of these models in three very different colour schemes.

They all flew together each time and sounded and looked magnificent.

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Editor's Bit



Not much flying activity this month. Lots of wind and then lots of rain. If you think that the field is a bit soft and soggy underfoot that would be because we have had enough rain to collect 137,000 litres of water this week.

I finally finished a methanol powered model last week. Surprisingly it was April 2008 when I last flew one.

I surprised myself as well when I worked it out. Small electric models have been a convenience for me as they are quick to put together easy to chuck in the back of the car fully assembled and hassle free. Looking forward to flying an IC model again though. Hmm, better write myself a check list. After previous long breaks I have plugged the Glow plug leads into the starter motor outlets on the power panel. 12 volt doesn't do the plug a lot of good.

Actually it is probably about time that I retired my old power panel and moved into the modern cordless world. Michael Bogut was sporting a nice lipo powered geared starter the other day. Will start up to 50cc motors apparently. Very neat little unit by Align. Could cut the tool box down dramatically with one of these, and a bottle of fuel. Might be as convenient as electric. Looking at my 15 year old flight box I reckon I wouldn't have used 80% of the stuff in it so it was a waste of time carrying it all those years. No need for a fancy wheel tool box, just carry lest and leave a few things in the car for the rare occasion they are needed.

Having, said how great it is to have an IC model in the hangar again I am actually assembling another electric model at the moment. Another 5 days and I hope to be caravanning up the coast to Merimbula and Batemans bay. Two weeks away with out a flying fix wasn't acceptable so a tough little electric will solve that problem. The model I have chosen in a EPP foamy from SC Models. EPP is tough stuff so it should stand up to the battering it may get flying it around a caravan park. The model has gone together pretty quick and standard cyno seen to stick it quite well I have also use canopy glue and hot glue gun glue which also seem to stick to it well. I'll solder up the motor and battery plugs before I go and then just install the servos etc on the trip. Hopefully a relaxing holiday is ahead of me.

By the time I get back it will be time to newsletter again so please send me photos and articles of interest. It makes my life much easier and you get to see your model or article in print.

That's all Folks

Whats on October 2009

Info taken directly from the VMAA contest Calendar

Oct	3-4	Old Timer: Eastern States Gas Champs Hosted by SAM 1788 (02 6364 0264) Wangaratta	WAM
	16-18	Albury Seaplane Weekend Contact David Balfour on 0407 953 903	TCMAC
	17-18	Pylon Racing: Q500, F400, FA1. Stratford	
	17-18	Mallee Rally Warracknabeal	WMAC
	18	VFSAA Scale Rally Pakenham	P&DARCS
	24-25	Scale Aerobatics (ASAA) State Field	NFG
	25	ARF Scale Rally / Competition Ballarat	BRMFC



Presidential Address

Ivan Chislett

Well what a great auction night. The large number that attended had the opportunity to purchase lots of bargains. To top off a great night the club also made a tidy amount from the selling commission and the raffle. A big thank you to Fred of Hallam Hobbies for

donating the raffle prize. It is greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to those members that helped run the auction night. I was told that the accounting department of Don and Rolly balanced the books perfectly and were pretty happy about the fact. This is no mean feat given the amount of activity there is at their table during the night.

As there were no nominees at the AGM for the positions of Club Captain and Buildings Officer the committee have appointed Ivan Hancock as Club Captain and Wal Schubach as Buildings Officer. I welcome both of these members to the committee and look forward to working with them in the future.

For those that have ventured to the field recently it is in picture perfect condition. We all just wish the weather was the same. There have been some really strong winds over the recent month which has put the brakes on flying but fortunately did not do much damage to the field.

Some of you may have seen the new mower deck and front end loader attachments that have been added to the tractor. From all reports the new mower decks works really well and its extra width will hopefully shorten up the time taken to mow the field. The committee has agreed that all members must receive training before using the new mower deck. Also only members who have been nominated by the committee are permitted to operate the front-end loader attachment. Both of these pieces of equipment have cost the club considerable funds and require training in its operation to ensure that they do not get damaged or damage a person.

The "good" flying season has supposedly now started so we expect to see lots at the field enjoying themselves. Please keep in mind that we have some events coming up in the near future. Make sure you keep your eye on the club calendar to make sure you know when these are on.

Our big event, the Monty Tyrell Scale Rally, is again on Sunday March 21st 2010. Darryl Cope has again agreed to be the CD for our main event for the year. Once again we will be having space available for "Boot Sale" sites. Last year we had a couple of sites which by all accounts sold lots of stuff and were quite successful. So if you have "stuff" you want to unload why not come along and get a site and sell it. Site will only cost you \$10. Details will be published in the Newsletter closer to the date.

The V.M.A.A. Trophy event is again to be run at the State Field in April. Last year we did pretty well but our aim is to win the Trophy. Club Captain Ivan Hancock will be coordinating the team so please contact Ivan to let him know you are interested in being part of the team. The event is a lot of fun and it is well worthwhile to be part of the team.

Well that is it for another month, hope to see you at the field.

Secretary's Report

Don White

There was no official club meeting last month as we ran the annual auction. Consequently there were no minutes to be taken.

Instead here is a report on the auction by our tireless Auctioneer Peter Harris

The Annual P&DARCS AUCTION

A very successful auction considering the lack of pre promotion this year.

Auction Receipts
\$3,013.00

Club commission
\$348.40

Raffle Proceeds
\$197.00

Profit from the Auction night \$545.00

Coffee Receipts
\$25.05

Many thanks to Daniel, Don and Rolly for their assistance at the receipts counter. For the third year running the proceeds balanced to the cent.

And special appreciation to Robert Brian and Paul for assisting with bringing forward products and helping in the background. Thanks also to Wal and Pearl for once again providing refreshments and to all that helped with setting up and putting everything away at the end of the night.



Scale Rally

Sunday 18th October At the field.

The field will be closed to other flying but if you have a scale model then obviously you can bring it along and fly all day. All types of scale models welcome including ARFs.

Day will be run by the Victorian Flying Scale Aircraft Association. (VFSAA)

Facility Managers Report *Paul Somerville*



Well that time of month comes around quickly again, so here we go.

Over the next few weekends we will be digging up the old sprinklers and replace them with a more modern pop up sprinklers that sit flush with the ground. They will also have a stainless steel disc

attached to the top of the sprinkler as well to help it remain level with ground and also help provide a visual marker of were the sprinklers are.

I will be hold a few working bees over the next few Saturdays to get this project completed, you will notified via email of which weekends that I will having the working bees. I will require a number of helpers and equipment to help out. I will require at least four trailers to cart top soil and cart away the horrible black day, Also require a number of post hole shovels/spades and rakes. The holes to be dug around the sprinklers will be 600mm square by 450mm deep.

I will have a brief meeting at the field before we start the working bee as we have to be careful of the low voltage wiring that runs the solenoids for the sprinklers and the tubing for the sprinklers.

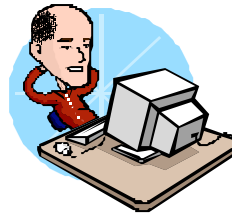
This month so far we have had 58.2mm or 2.29inches of rain this month as of the 23-09-09 so the water tanks should be looking more healthy again.

I will perhaps also put water tank level information on the club web site, I will ask Daniel if it can be done as well.

I have also installed a better tank gauge on the large tanks as well which provides a better reading than those silly string gauges that read upside down and the other the right way up which doesn't make any sense.

Registrars Ravings

Rob Till



Membership List

The new Membership List will be published in November 2009 (not October as announced in the last newsletter). The list will be distributed by mail to members,

The membership list will not be published on the web site.

New Members

No new members processed this month!

New Member Orientation Sessions

None planned for October as no new members! I will arrange sessions as required for new members.

Vice Prez Checks in

Joe Tortorella

It's already mid September but on the positive side the days are getting longer so there's more daylight to fly

We have definitely seen our fair share of windy days and I can only hope that its puffed itself out. The bad weather got me thinking about Projects we build in the colder months. How many club members still build ? I know I do. I'd like to hear from members that are building I'd also like to hear from members that have bought their aircraft and are fitting it out getting ready for the better weather .

Great idea Joe. Come on guys send us in some details and photos of your projects so that we can share them with the members . Ed

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Darcsfield Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the **Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Road, Dingley at 8pm on Wednesday 7 October 2009.**

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 F Connolly, Mr B Law and Mr R Till are retiring as directors as required by the rules and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint an Auditor

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
58 Baker Road HARKAWAY VIC 3806

The Honourable and Distinguished Order of Mowermen.

Frank Dibble

This year it was decided at the AGM that committee members would present written reports in the Newsletter. I think this is an excellent idea, especially if the report can summarise what has happened over the past year. However this meant that the Mowermen missed out on getting their annual vote of thanks at the AGM and so I write to fill the gap. I have nothing but thanks and praise for them, particularly as they do something which I and lots of you can't or wouldn't want to do.

My job is simply to organise the roster and try to see that the mowing does get done because people go sick, the weather is not too clement or something else happens to stuff it up. The Mowermen are all so willing and easy to get on with that my job is pretty hassle free. It is not compulsory for them to do it and I am very thankful that they do it.

Because of the kind of weather we have had for the last few years, i.e. pretty dry, there has been generally no great pressure, as there was a few years ago when around Christmas time we needed to do two lots of mowing per week. That required the Mowermen to mow on pretty precisely chosen days. I now roster for, "the week ending" on the basis that mowing pretty well any time during that week will be adequate. Indeed, the Mowermen are so reliable and obliging that I often think that the mowing would go on anyway whether I did a roster or not. I have on my list of Mowermen several who I don't roster because I know that if there is a problem they will hop in and do any necessary mowing without being asked.

Most of the Mowermen are between retirement and death. This generally means that they prefer to mow during the week. I encourage all the Mowermen to mow in pairs for safety and company and most of them do. I also assume a lot more fliers at the field at the weekend and they are people who do not have the flexibility of being able to fly during the week. Having to move for the mower and fit in with its requirements on the one day when they can fly can I expect be a bit frustrating. Accordingly, when looking for new Mowermen I know that problems of matching and synchronisation are likely if I choose somebody who has a regular weekday job.

As most of you are by now aware we have a new mowing machine and Daniel Jenkins has started training Mowermen to use it. A dozen or so Mowermen have been inducted into its mysteries and the remainder, which as far as I can see consists of Mowermen unable to attend at the weekend, away or out of commission. At the time of writing Daniel has suddenly had to take time off from fun to do some work and so further training will have to wait a bit.

If I, Wally Schubach and one or two other old hands got together I think that from our recollections we could write quite a lengthy story of the club and its many mowers since we spent about three hours one evening in 1966 arguing over the proposed purchase of a second-hand strange looking, apparently home built but wide cut mower* for some enormous price of over £100. That one was too simple to have many problems but I think that every mower we have purchased since has had them. I am informed that a problem with the latest mower is that it simply scatters the cuttings instead of pushing them to one side as did the old deck. In addition it looks as if the grass has recently started to really take off more than we have seen in recent years. The result is that it looks as if mowing will need to be done weekly, at least for the near future, which will put a bit more pressure on the ever willing Mowermen. I am sure that we will find a solution to the cuttings problem in due course but if it does bother you, at least complain quietly.

Because of the weather pattern I get a little concerned that Mowermen can be rostered to mow a couple of times within a few weeks as the warm weather approaches and then in a dry winter not be rostered for quite a few months. I haven't any answers to that problem -- and they are too gentlemanly to complain. Nevertheless, if we are looking at more frequent mowing or operation of the tractor because of the cutting problem, and because one or two Mowermen every year find themselves getting a bit past it, I may well be looking for more to join the Honourable and Distinguished Order of Mowermen. As mentioned members who have just retired are ideal, so

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My e-mail address is fedibble@optusnet.com.au and my telephone number is 9584 9090. I can't remember my mobile number.

*It worked well and served us many years.



Shepparton 2009





Mug of the Month

It's been a while and I bet you all thought that as I was too busy I would forget all of the incidents relayed to me over the last few months. Well , some of you are lucky because I have forgotten some of them. Fortunately though not all are forgotten.



I'm not a Plan Reader I'm a Plan readers son and I'm only reading plans till the Plan reader comes.....

Our trusty treasurer was concentrating on a little project with the sprinklers as there appeared to be a leak in the system. Peter had analyzed the facts and concluded that the leak must be near the first solenoid. But he couldn't find the solenoid. It seem to have disappeared from its designated spot on the plans. The plans were clear it was located just in front of the first sprinkler in the group. Peter had poked and prodded the ground but couldn't locate it. The plan was we would have a team effort the following Saturday morning. When I arrived David Glossop was merrily digging around what Peter had designated the number one sprinkler head. Paul , Myself &, Andrew were all looking on letting David , the oldest one there do the digging. Well, pensioners like to be useful ☺

Two square metres of turf later nothing was found. Peter retreated to the shed to check his plan. While he was over there he turned on the sprinklers briefly. Didn't bother to warn us of course. THAT'S when he realized that for the past two weeks he had been looking at the wrong sprinkler. The problem was in fact two sprinkler heads back from where we (well David) had dug up half the runway. What good is a plan if you don't read it right !! Within seconds at the correct location we found the solenoid and the disconnected water pipe !!!

Splash Back

Now this guy is much bigger than me so I won't mention his name. The father of a well known basketballer was relieving himself / Powdering his nose. What he discovered was that it is not a good idea to have your club membership card dangling off the bottom of your coat. Particularly, if you have one of those nice $\frac{3}{4}$ length coats. Well no easy way to say this but the Membership card dangled in the way and well the splash back came right back at him .

I didn't know there was a model event on !!!

Bumped into Keith Randall at Shepparton. Keith apparently took his wife up there for a weekend away. Having dinner Saturday evening night they noticed a number of model club logos on the clothing of a number of the diners.

Keith claims that he asked them what was happening up here and was told that the Mammoth Scale event was on this weekend. Keith flung his arms in the air in surprise !

Keiths lovely , caring wife suggested they check it out the next day.

I will leave it to the readers.:

Is Keith a Mug of the Month for not knowing Shepparton was on or..... a genius for getting his wife to say lets go to a model event on their weekend away ?

Our New Front End Loader Attachment

Well our new Modified Kubota is up and running . The new front end loader attachment should prove very useful around the field. Digging out models etc

I know it cost a few grand but it will be money well spent. Just take a look at it**WOW !!!**



Ugh! *Some of the ugliest aircraft ever made!*

Richard (Dick) Ryland

Fairy Gannet

This aircraft was developed as an anti-submarine aircraft after WW11. Australia operated thirty eight of them from shore bases and HMAS Melbourne. They were powered by the Armstrong Siddeley Double Mamba turbo prop engine, a twinned version of the Mamba, each section of the engine driving one of the counter rotating propellers. I find it rather awe inspiring to imagine several of these aircraft on a carrier deck with a gale howling down the deck, the Double Mambas screaming and multiple sets of propellers thrashing around in different directions. It must have been a sight and sound to behold!



Typical of torpedo carrying aircraft, the Gannet was very dumpy in appearance. It had bi-folding wings to keep the height of the aircraft to a minimum in ship's hangars. When the need for more fin area became apparent the fin height could not be increased so additional fins were added to the tail planes. A 'dustbin' radar unit could be lowered when necessary just adding to the overall sense of a not particularly suave looking aircraft. The later AEW Gannets had ugly radomes, like some grotesque growth, fitted under the forward fuselage.

The three crew were housed in separate cockpits with the third one facing aft. I well remember a former RAN man telling me that, although not aircrew, he was occasionally able to get a ride in the second seat in a Fairey Firefly off HMS Melbourne. He too was facing aft and he said that on every launch as the initial acceleration stopped he had an overwhelming sensation that the aircraft had stopped still in the air and was about to crash! I wonder how that third crewman in the Gannet coped with that?

When the dunking sonar buoy came into use helicopters became the preferred vehicle for anti-submarine work so Airborne Early Warning (AEW), Carrier on Delivery (COD) and Electronic Counter Measures (ECM) versions of the Gannet were developed and the Gannet continued in service with the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm into the late Seventies. Australia's Gannets were replaced by Grumman Trackers in 1967.

One of our Gannets is on display in the nearby Moorabbin Air Museum. I urge you to go there to see it. It is a truly extraordinary sight. A great mass of engines, propellers, bulges and bumps, cockpits, multiple wing joins, a massive 'bomb' bay etc. all crammed into a very compact shape....certainly ugly but, I'm sure you will agree, absolutely delightfully ugly!





I seem to be running this section a lot less regularly than I had hoped. But better to do it occasionally than not at all. For all of you who wonder what happens at the VMAA meetings keep reading. I have summarized the more interesting points below. Of course on top of this there is the more boring stuff they deal with such as model inspector renewals, Permits for displays, incident reports, etc etc .

September VMAA meeting :

- Request from the Sale club for the VMAA committee to visit.
These visits are known as country meetings and other clubs in the region are usually invited. At a dinner in the evening the VMAA guys explain what each of their positions entail and the clubs can ask question on VMAA /MAAA procedure and policy etc.
- Display Applications received from, Hamilton & Greensborough
- The registrar advised current club and member numbers (65 clubs and 2337 members)
- The Editor reports that the next newsletter will be out just after Shepparton and the latest VMAA Directory should be out later this year.
- The education officer advised the Croydon club will be putting a static display on at the Coldstream display, He will also be running training/education session at the Scouts Jamboree in October.
- The state field will be hosting a Jet meeting on the 22nd November.
- The VMAA are still working towards purchasing the State field from the MAAA.
- The Euroa Club is winding up due to lack of members.

The VMAA committee, with the assistance of the special interest groups is also spending a lot of time organizing and running the National Championships which will be run over the Christmas New year period. 2009 -2010

If you are thinking about going to the next Australian Nationals jump on to the VMAA website and follow the link to find out more info on the event

www.vmaa.com.au

Important News: With imminent publishing of the latest edition of the V.M.A.A. Directory, the Library has now changed over to only having DVDs available. This has the big advantage of halving the post and handling costs of sending out the DVDs.

So effective now; **three DVDs will only cost \$5-00. This includes postage both ways.** The joining fee of \$10 remains the same.

If you would like a full list of the titles available and/or a joining form please e-mail me at videolibrarian@vmaa.com.au and I will send them to you.

Here is a list of the new DVDs that have been added during the past month.

1332 LARGE MODEL AIRCRAFT IN ACTION

See some very large models in highlights from a large model fly-in at RAF Cotsford. Lots of very large models

1333 WARBIRDS OVER THE DELAWARE 2009

From Delaware in the USA, see all the great warbirds, with lots of very big ones as well. Including a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, a huge six engine B-36 Peace Keeper, a CARF Corsair with folding wings plus lots more.

1334 IMAA RALLY OF GIANTS 2009

All the action from this fly-in of very large models including a very big Gee Bee R2 also an F-82 Twin Mustang, a 60% Cub plus many more.

6154 THE BRITANNIA TRAGEDY

Documents the tragic crash into a suburban environment of the Bristol Britannia airliner in November 1957. on a test flight.

7231 NIGHT STALKERS

The story of stealth aircraft including the F117, B1, B2 and SR71.

7232 P-51 MUSTANG

The story of this famous WW2 fighter aircraft.

7233 P-38 LOCKHEED LIGHTNING

The story of this famous WW2 fighter aircraft.

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and ask for a complete list of titles available and joining form.

There are over 600 great aviation titles to look at including lots of great "how to do it" titles.

Darwin Awards

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us.

Here is the glorious winner:

1. When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And now, the honorable mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to

give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 am., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away. [*A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER]

10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

Short Finals

Just to show you a little of what goes on behind the scenes. Here are some photos of some of your committee and some fellow club members attending to maintenance and a bit of new work as well.



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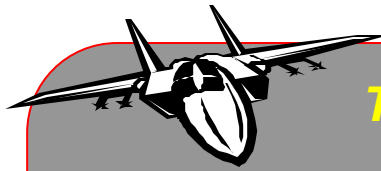
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