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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Wally Schubach's twin fuselage machine, looks like 2 off O.S 46 LA, at the Field September 2018
flew with assistance from Paul Somerville

No Club Meeting For July

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More Isolation Occupation

A while ago I assembled an ARF Stuka, a Phoenix model from Modelflight S.A, the model is semi – scale
Wingspan, 1910mm / length, 1522mm / flying weight around 5Kg / electric motor used E-Flite 90, and 160 amp Turnigy D-luxe ESC

The Junkers Ju 87 or Stuka was a German dive bomber and ground-attack aircraft. Designed by Hermann Pohlmann, it first flew in 1935. The Ju 87 made its combat debut in 1937 with the Luftwaffe's Condor Legion during the Spanish Civil War and served the Axis forces in World War II



Frank's Stuka in the back yard

Frank McPherson Editor

WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2019

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NOTICES

SAFETY PILOT *BARRIERS* & YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As members are aware the Flight Barriers are being upgraded. The new east barrier has been installed and is to be raised another 100mm. The construction of the replacement main East/West strip barrier is being supervised by Norm Morrish off site and will be installed in the near future. The construction of the final barrier on the West Strip will be the last barrier to be installed and will be relocated further north along the strip in a similar position to the relocation of the barrier on the Eastern Strip.

The Barriers are installed for your safety and you are expected to use them.

There is also an expectation from the insurance company that pilots would make use of the safety equipment that is provided by your club for your safety. In the worst scenario noncompliance could seriously affect a future claim.

Too often members are standing in front of the barriers, leaning back against them and even worse some members still stand on the edge of the flying strip.

- This increases the danger of being hit by a model by eliminating the chance of the model being arrested by the long grass protection strip or the barrier.
- It is very discourteous to other pilots with their line of sight to their aircraft being disrupted by having other pilots standing in front of them particularly during low passes and landing approaches.

It has been very difficult getting new members and the club's juniors to comply with the rules when experienced modelers are blatantly disregarding them.

When joining or renewing your membership to the club you are accepting to abide by the rules of the club and to accept the Committee's direction to comply.

Once the Field is back open there will be an expectation that all members will abide with the Flying Rules of the club. Quite honestly, I'm tired of telling members they need to stand in the designated Pilot Standing areas.

Further to this, members have also been negligent in allowing guests in the pilot area who are not directly involved in the flying of the aircraft. All people not involved in the flight of the aircraft should be 30 meter behind the flight area.

We already have enough rules in place to cover these situations, don't place the Committee in a situation where stronger action is required to ensure these requirements are enforced.

Peter Harris
P&DARCS Committee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, there has been a second easing of restrictions, giving our members bigger flight periods and larger numbers, which required some modification to the booking system. (thank you Daniel)

Our Booking and Recording application is working well, in spite of what some individuals are saying about it. The system allows members to reserve a flight time on any particular day without the worry of counting heads, as the booking chart on screen will tell you if the time slot is clear. There is also a record of persons present in case of future complications (covid wise).

Hopefully, the situation will not last too many more months before we can be back to "normal" whatever that is,--meantime, watch your time limit, pack up in time to leave the pit and hayshed area by the end of your time slot. If there are any hiccups be considerate of your fellow flyers, don't cause huge remonstrations, think how you would expect to be treated.

You probably all know by now that our hard working field manager Norm was struck down by the demon heart attack a week or so back and consequently underwent a quadruple bypass. My contacts tell me he is recuperating under the families' watchful eyes, and we all wish him every speed for a full and rapid (not too fast you log) recovery.-----all the best young fella

This is the second last newsletter for the club year so now is time to start thinking about who you want running the Club for you for the year 20/21. The choices you make should be carefully made as they will determine the overall function and efficiency of our Club, and how everyone else sees and regards us.

STOP PRESS !!!!!

Uncle Daniel (no not the Club one) has issued another edict.

"Ignore the new easing, --stay as is for now"

No change to restrictions.

Till next month

Bill Reynolds President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

P&DARCS AGM - Deferment

It is normal that the P&DARCS AGM is held on the first Saturday of August.

However, in these days of COVID-19, and keeping in mind the age of many of Club members, the committee has decided to postpone the AGM for approximately 3 months.

This is permitted under the Victorian Government regulations in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have formally applied to the Department of Consumer Affairs for permission for an extension of time, up to 3 months to hold the P&DARCS AGM and submit our annual returns.

Please be advised that you will be given notice of the date, time and location of the P&DARCS AGM when it has been determined.

Please consider standing for positions in the P&DARCS Committee.

Nominations will be called for the following positions;

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Officer, Editor, Registrar, Web Master, Field Manager, Facilities Manager, Social Secretary, and General Member.

Nomination forms will be on our web site prior to the AGM being called.

Revised COVID-19 Regulations

It would appear that the revised regulations coming into force on Monday June 22 do not alter what we are currently doing. Hence please continue using the booking system and follow the instructions on the web site. Please read them all again as it would appear that some are not conforming to them.

Keep an eye on the Cub Web site as any alterations will be noted there.

Safety at the Flight Line – Pilot Barrier

The Club has provided Pilot Safety barriers for your safety. They are not for decoration. It is a requirement of the Club that all pilots stand behind the safety barrier when flying their models. This means everyone. Many of us have seen the result of pilots being hit by a model and we do not want to see it again, and neither do you.

Therefore; Always stand behind the Safety Barrier when flying your model. Yes that means you, everyone.

Scratch and Kit Built Scale Rally 2020

At the moment we are still planning to hold our big Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally on Sunday November 8th 2020. If all goes well it is guaranteed that we will have some terrific models at the event. I know of several modellers who have been very busy during the lock down and have models pretty much ready to strut their stuff.

Why not get the balsa out and build a scale model and be part of a great day. It can be any size, it just has to be scale and hand built from a kit of bits. For those of you that have scale model dust them off and get ready for the big day.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT

We had a big clean up after the recent flooding.

A call was put out via the PDARCS Facebook site.

It was good to see a great response from our members.

We all got together on the Saturday 16-05-20 at 9am , we had a quick briefing with the guys and the clean up got under way.

The first job was to empty out the club in readiness for the carpet cleaner.

Second job was to clean out the old tractor shed.

Once these two tasks had been completed the guys broke into separate groups and the clean up commenced again.

Morning tea and lunch was supplied by my lovely girlfriend Lynne

A wonderful spread of mixed sandwiches for entree and then a selection of salads and a barbecue lunch and an endless supply of soft drinks.

Before you ask I brought my own barbecue from home and had it running on my trailer.

It was wonderful to have a chat with all the guys during lunch , it was like a normal Saturday at the club, all the guys chatting and hanging it on each other, lots of laughs were had.

After Lunch the clean-up commenced again.

The clean-up finished about 3pm.

I must thank my clean-up crew so much, they were an awesome team.

The club house carpet hasn't looked so clean in years, if you're looking for a great carpet cleaner if pass on he's number if you like.

Here's the guys who attended the clean up

Michael Smith

David Walsh

Gavin Sexton

Trevor Garey

And my wonderful girlfriend Lynne

Me of course as well

Again a big thanks to this awesome crew.

Russell Doyle

Chris Caulcutt

Andrew Smallridge

Simon Ventivogel

Peter Harris

Paul Somerville Facilities Manager

FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

Firstly I would like to wish Norm best wishes and a speedy recovery.

Well the field is still very wet and soft, very little mowing has been done.

Our field has been well under water due to the recent floods but is slowly drying out.

The western strip is still un useable and is still out of bounds, this copped a huge amount of flood water, areas of water are still lying around.

The main and eastern strips are in use, eastern being the driest at the moment, hopefully with this bit of dry weather we can get a mower on the main strip, It's just a waiting game at the moment.

I've done a lot of spraying around our sheds and clubhouse, also brush cutting as well.

Trying to keep our field looking nice, even if we can't mow.

I've also cleaned up the sheds doing a bit of housekeeping sorting out equipment and putting things away in the right place, not just left lying around.

Finally I spent a Saturday with others maintaining all the machines, greasing, checking oils and giving them a good clean under the decks.

Hopefully our field will dry out soon but it's just time.

Enjoy your flying and keep your wings level.

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

REGISTRAR

Registrars Report – July 2020

New Member Applications

There were no new Member applications this Month

Membership Renewals

The membership renewals were mailed out to everyone on Saturday 30 May, however Australia Post is experiencing mail delivery problems so we have no idea how long it will take to deliver to you. This really is beyond our control.

If you want to exclude the mail delay when you pay your fee then either pay by PayPal or drop the renewal form into the mailbox in the clubhouse.

The new membership cards have arrived so I will be able to send your card as soon as Peter has received your payment and has advised me of the renewal.

Any problems – contact me on registrar@pdarcs.com.au

MAAA Insurance Cover

A reminder that your insurance cover expires on 30 June 2020. **No insurance no flying!**

The insurance for 2020/21 starts as soon as you pay your membership fees so pay on time to ensure your cover is unbroken.

Loss of Wings and Qualifications

Recently we were alerted to a MAAA policy regarding qualifications previously held by those who have allowed their MAAA membership to lapse for more than 3 years – you lose your qualifications and have to be tested again. This usually applies to those who rejoin after several years, perhaps once the children have left home!

This is the relevant MAAA policy (MOP027):

7. AUTOMATIC LOSS OF WINGS AND INSTRUCTOR RATING

7.1 In the event that a holder of any class or level of MAAA Wings and/or Instructor Rating ceases to be an Affiliate Member of the MAAA for a period of three continuous years, then these qualifications lapse and have to be regained in accordance with this MOP.

Membership Status

None so far for 2020/21

Rob Till Registrar

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CONTROL LINE FLYING SITUATION

We have a control line circle installed on the left side as you enter the Club through the front gate, Designed and built by Mark Smith, It need some more work, but is flyable in it's present condition

Control line models cannot fly in a strong wind, as line tension is lost as the model flies upwind, and usually the model is lost as well

Here are some photos of control line models that are waiting in the wings for access and good weather, a motley collection

Frank McPherson



This is a control line trainer, called a UKI, it has a foam wing, elevator control only, 46 LA power, stick fuselage, all ready to go



This is a stick fuselage stunt model, wing flaps plus elevator, another O.S 46 LA power, it will be very nimble and a handful to fly, I will be leaving this one for later after some practice,



An unusual model, called " Heavy Flatulence " **Heavy**, as the whole thing is made from 3 ply, **Flat** as the wings have a flat profile, the **Uulence** refers to the motor exhaust piped to the rear of the model, O.S 46 LA power, plus many other unusual features, should be fun



Little red biplane, model of a 1940s " Currie Wot "46 LA, extended exhaust, control lines storage roll sitting on inside wing

FROM OUR FLYING FIELD



Roly Gauman with his Wilga at the Field March 2018



Greg Lepp starting his scale model march 2018



Balint Banko with his experimental design model at our Field May 2018



At the 2018 VMAA Trophy, battle of the Musical Landings, at our Field, April 2018



A number of Skyflex models, "flying tents" according to Paul Somerville, March 2018

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2020

July

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM](#) - POSTPONED

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

24 (Sat) [Spring Clean & Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

31 (Sat) - 01 (Sun) [Twi-Fly](#)

November

03 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#) Field Open: **Partial**

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

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

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

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

06 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **No**

12 (Sat) [P&DARCS Christmas Dinner & Twi-Fly](#)



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