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Fellow P&DARCS Members

Well, not a lot of great news to announce and everyone will be aware of our current lock down restrictions here in Victoria along with the impact it has on our sport.

Is there an upside? Well yes of course, we must all look for positives in times of negatives. My workshop has never been so clean, and I think I have now sorted out each nut and bolt I own into strictly allocated plastic boxes, with equally decorative, custom-made labels. Matching lids as well.

Models are clean and batteries are in storage mode, even a few dodgy servos from well flown models have been laid to rest. I've perfected the art of cleaning spark plugs from my petrol engines (not gas, gas is for the BBQ). Plug gaps have been double checked to align with the manufacturer's recommendations. Yes fellow modelers, I have read the manual.....the things you do under COVID.

I have found a few more programming tricks in my radio that I did not know existed and I now know how long the transmitter battery will last if I leave it turned on for hours on end. It is actually longer than I thought.

Whilst we are not flying, I hope you are tackling some of those model projects that you have had in mind for ages and putting them on the bench. Or at best, conjuring up some ideas for the next one. Whether or not they get finished is irrelevant, a workshop is not an aero modelers workshop without at least one un-finished project gathering dust somewhere. A quick look through the VFSAA Facebook pages will reveal there is plenty of new models getting built with the RAAF Convair 440 by Tim Dehaan a beautiful example.

Your new committee has our first meeting this Thursday evening, so there is still time to get a quick note to myself or the secretary if there is anything you want raised for discussion.

I wish all our members and their families the very best during this current lock down period and look forward to the not-to-distant future when we can all once again enjoy the sport we love and start flying. As always, as soon as the regulations allow us, we will open the gates at P&DARCS. Until then, stay safe one and all.

Thank you again for your support.

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