

# P&DARCS

Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society

## THE NEWS MARCH 2013



*Model Engines Super Constellation on final approach over the West Bank*



Andrew Mysliborski

**VERY IMPORTANT**, WE WILL BE **VOTING** ON “ PROTECTION OF OUR EQUIPMENT FROM FLOOD, OPTION 2 “,( as detailed in the February Newsletter )  
**AT THE MARCH MEETING**  
**BE THERE**

REMINDERS:

# **NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, NO BADGE, NO FLY,**  
( TO STOP FREELoadERS USING YOUR FLYING FIELD )

**ALSO, VISITORS MUST BE SIGNED IN, AND WEAR A “ STICK ON “ NAME BADGE**

# **YOU MUST USE A RESTRAINT WHEN STARTING A MODEL IN THE PITS.**  
**ELECTRIC MODELS MUST ALSO BE RESTRAINED, OR ARMED ON THE FLYING STRIP**

Next Club Meeting, Sunday March 3rd  
At The Burley Field, 1-00 pm start

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## Editor's Bit

The last **BIG** flood at our Flying Field, disabled our expensive mowing equipment, for two months, and involved an Insurance payout of around \$ 35,000- and cost to our Club of around \$ 8,000- It created a massive amount of work for our Committee, Field manager, and Club Members

### Refer to our Field manager's report on page 5

Please review the Committees report " Protection of Equipment From Flood " that is in the February Newsletter, so you are familiar with the flood issues, and solutions offered in that report

At the February meeting ( 40 Members present ) the Members agreed in **principle** to vote for Option 2

At the March Meeting, we will be voting to accept option 2, of that report

Please attend the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting to discuss, and vote for this very important project

On a less serious note



Frank McPherson Editor



## What's On

### At P&DARCS 2013

### Look at the Club Calendar on page 8

### From the VMAA Events Calendar 2013

#### March

1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heli Heatwave Wagga	NSW WMAC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Old Timer. ½ A, Duration, Climb & Glide, Texaco, Burford Bendigo	BRCAC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Classic Pattern" Aerobatics for 'early' .60 size models VMAA	NFG
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Scale Ballarat	BRMFC
9th-11 <sup>th</sup>	F3A Aerobatics. APA Australian Masters and World Championships Team Trial	Parkes NSW
10 <sup>th</sup>	Pylon Racing, Q500 & EF1 (TBC) Bacchus Marsh	BMMAA
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Tyrrell Annual Scale Rally	P&DARCS
17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day and Fly-in Keilor	K&DMAS
23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Pylon Racing ( at Baz's Paddock)	VMPRA
24 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Display Day Ballarat	BRMFC
24 <sup>th</sup>	F3A Aerobatics (Tates Trophy) At Dog Rocks Road, Geelong	GMAA
29 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup>	Old Timer. Canowindra Champs	SAM 1788 N.S.W
30 <sup>th</sup> -01 <sup>st</sup>	Display weekend Warracknabeal	WMAC

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## PRESIDENT

March is an important month in our club calendar, the high light being the Monty Tyrrel , (to some of us ,just-- The Monty).

I was hoping to present a comprehensive and fairly detailed run down on "Just who was this Monty bloke". however, as always seems to happen, time beat me again.

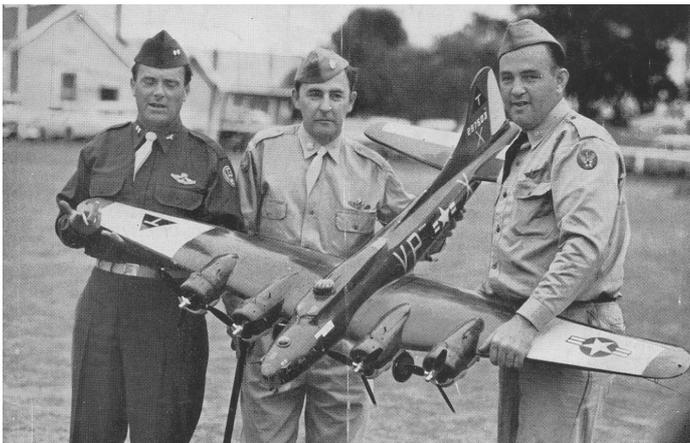
Suffice to say, he was a dedicated club member, known all over Australia, in the U.K. and in the U.S.A. for his modeling prowess, particularly in the sphere of control line scale, and control line stunt (which he won at the British Nationals in --I think-1952 or53)

He also made his presence felt in Old Timer and other fields of R.C. through the 60's 70's and 80's.

Monty loved to dress for the part as evidence in the **photograph below**, taken at the Nationals in Melbourne in 1964----they won C/L scale.

Left to right Monty (pilot),-Eddie Keegin (captain), and John Elliot (flight engineer). By the way, the uniforms were authentic.

When I can find more time I would like to expand on this colorful character, but meantime the above will give the younger members some idea of "Just who was this Monty bloke"



**Bill' Reynolds**, Pres'

## SECRETARY

**General meeting held Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. February 2013 at the "Burley field Wenn Rd. Cardinia**

Meeting opened at 1300hrs Members present 42

**Apologies.** P Harrison, N Parker, P Langton, A Coleman, W Schubach, S Malcman.

**Guests.** B Swift, J Harris.

**President.** Three new members welcomed to the club.

**Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted.**

Moved B Law, Seconded M Norton, Carried.

**Business arising from previous minutes.** Nil

**Registrar.** At present 162 members.

**Social.** Last Sunday the Roy Robertson trophy was held, **Texaco** 1<sup>st</sup> S. Gullick (Ballarat), 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Fry (P&DARCS) 3<sup>rd</sup>. C McIver (P&DARCS)

**Duration.** 1<sup>st</sup> B. Laughton (SWAMPS), 2<sup>nd</sup>. D. Grant.(Warragul) 3<sup>rd</sup>. S. Gullick (Ballarat)

**Overall winner** S. Gullick (Ballarat)

We need pilots for the VMAA Trophy see Steve Malcman. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for the Twi-fly

**Field.** Cracks developing on the runways, they are being watered regularly.

**Building.** Tx Pound gutters have been replaced. 2 new doors to be purchased for the inside of the club house.

**Treasurer.** Still on budget for this year.

**Safety.** Members and visitors must wear appropriate identification to fly at this club.

**General.**

Lengthy discussion on the flooding of the field and the saving of the machinery from flood waters by raising the machines on hoists and the building of a new machine shed to accommodate this equipment, as it was the members present had a show of hands to the positive for this improvement

**Motion**, by N Morrish, **Seconded**, by B Law "That the voting for these items in the news letter be deferred from the March meeting to the April meeting.

**Amendment** to this motion put forward by B Green Seconded by M Norton "That the voting on these items in the news letter be voted in the March, and not the April General meeting" Carried.

The above items in the news letter are recorded in the minutes as part of this meeting.

Attached at the end of these minutes.

Club member Terry Dodds addressed the meeting & objected to the letter sent to him by the committee regarding non-compliance with a club safety rule. The President read said letter to the meeting.

T Dodds became heated which resulted in a verbal attack on the Vice President & the Safety Officer for doing his job.

The President quickly called the meeting to order and no further discussion was allowed. T Dodds then immediately left the meeting.

The VMAA Chris Caulcutt presented Brian Andrews with his **Helicopter Bronze Wings**.

A Scout Group has requested a visit to our club on 28<sup>th</sup> February for a session on flying as part of their proficiency badge on aircraft. President to contact them to make arrangements.

Thank you from members to Paul Webber for the great effort in maintaining the web site, and computer system at the club.

Meeting closed at 1410hrs

**Next General meeting** , Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at the Burley field Wenn Rd. Cardinia 1300hrs

**Don White** Secretary

## TEAM CAPTAIN

The VMAA Trophy is approaching fast and I am thankful to those members that have agreed to fly for our club at the event.

Please mark the event in your calendars, it is on the Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of April.

I still require pilots for these events.

Thermal Soaring

Electric Glider

Combat

If you would like more information on any of these events please refer to this link at the VMAA website

<http://www.vmaa.com.au/vmaa-trophy-weekend.html>

For those members who may be interested in participating in the above events, please feel free to contact me either via email [teamcaptain@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:teamcaptain@pdarcs.com.au)

**Steve Malcman** P&DARCS Team Captain



## WEBMASTER

As mentioned last report the PC was unstable and giving us grief with Windows updates and crashing, so as most members know I pulled it out this month to do maintenance on it.

- \* Blew out all the collected dust
- \* Upgraded the Windows operating system to Windows 8.
- \* Installed and configured a new version of the Weather Station.
- \* Installed and configured a new version of the Webcam server.
- \* Installed the UPS software
- \* General configuration due to the new operating system.

I still have some things to do, but everything is back for the members use except for the Hayshed Cam, this webcam would not reconnect, so I have taken it down to have some serious words with it.

During all this, our security system died. The Video server used to record the security cameras failed. This system has been in for a long time and there are newer technologies available now at a reasonable price.

I came up with a solution that would reduce the load on the PC and bring the system up to current technologies available without replacing the Cameras. The new solution works very well and the images are far better than before.

Thanks go to Alan Foley for sourcing and arranging a new Video Server for the security system and saving the Club dollars.

As this is a longer report, I will provide the Website stats next month,

**Paul Webber**, Webmaster

## REGISTRAR

### Membership Renewals

No much to report this month. Just a reminder to those members who have not had their inductions yet. Please call me to book in a time.

### Newsletter

Note the newsletter will be emailed to your currently provided email address. I have noted that there are still emails that bounce when sending the newsletter out. Please help me get the newsletter to you by keeping your email address up to date.

### Badges.

All members will now be flying with their new 2012/13 Badge, remember no badge no flying. Make sure you bring your Club Badge.

A reminder again, lost keys will cost you \$30.

If you lose your Club Badge the cost of replacement is \$5.

This is what it cost the Club, so please look after your Key and Badge.

### Changes to your contact information

Let me know of any changes of your details by email [registrar@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:registrar@pdarcs.com.au) (preferred) snail mail (Club mail address) or least preferred by phone (my mobile).

Membership to date, refer to the spreadsheet below

**Paul Webber**, Registrar

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	Paid 2012-13	Unpaid	New 12-13
Associate	6	0	1
Full	99	0	1
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	36	0	0
Probationary	13	0	8
Student	2	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
Resigned		17	
Lapsed		12	
Re Joined	2		
Passed Away	2		
Sub Total	162	29	11



## SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Just a couple of notices this month.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March we have the Monty Tyrell. This is being organized with great fervor by Darryl Cope & he's been speaking with our club sponsors & getting all sorts of great prizes for the day. We also have the Annual OS Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. This and the Monty Tyrell are our two biggest events in the year, so make sure you are in attendance.

Nothing more to read here, please move along.

**Daniel Jenkins**, Social Director

## UPDATE TO ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM ACT 2012

On November 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 new legislation covering Associations came into force which effect P&DARCS.

The committee are working on incorporating these new changes into our club constitution & will present members with these changes in due course.

One change that the committee will be presenting to the membership for their approval at the April General Meeting is as follows:

***Under the new Act, the role of Public Officer has been replaced with that of Secretary. The role of Public Officer was performed by Rob Till. The committee now nominate Don White as Rob Till's replacement***

## BUILDINGS OFFICER

No report for this month

**David Glossop**, Buildings Officer

## FACILITIES MANAGER

Facilities Manager's Position is Vacant

## FOR SALE

**HEARN'S HOBBIES**  
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## FIELD MANAGER

Hi guys, the runways are just surviving this long hot spell and are still suitable for take off and landings.

The couch is growing and spreading in this heat. We owe it all to those members who years ago selected the lawn seeds which included the fine couch and to those involved in the 500,000 litre water tanks for the sprinklers. The cracks are smaller where the sprinklers operate.

Sincere thanks to you for that great work, and planning for the future.

Members, we are now asking for your support to attend the March meeting and be involved in voting for, or against the 18 metre x 9 metre machinery shed which includes car hoists to raise the machinery above the Feb 2011 flood level.

The mowers and equipment will be parked on the hoists and raised after each use. I am certainly in favor of this proposal because the runways and volunteer mower men require good equipment to use. If they are damaged by floods again then we may not get insured again.

When they were damaged last time we were without mowers for 2 months,

After that flood, we built the high ground near the dam, so that we could go to the field and place the equipment safely on the high ground.

Soon after we had 100mm of rain. Normally we would have 18 hours before that amount of water would build up and start to flood our field.

In June last year when the Kooweerup floods occurred we were flooded in only a few hours, and this happened overnight. At 7am we were only able to get into our field by using a contractors large tractor and we just got the machines onto high ground, working in 600mm deep very cold water for 2 hours. We saved the mowers from damage but I do not want to ever do that again.

Hope to see many of you supporting us at the March meeting.

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## SAFETY OFFICER

Following a complaint by a member at the last club meeting, I must stress that restraints must be used at all times when starting an IC motor.

This is for the safety of both the pilot and fellow members.

This is a club rule that was voted on and approved by the club members.

Failure to abide by this will result in the member being told not to fly.

Armed electric models should be treated with the same care

**Alan Foley** Safety Officer

## FOR SALE

### QUAD COPTER

Complete DJI NAZA setup that includes GPS dome, DJI 30A fast speed controllers, DJI motors, DJI frame and spare frame is for sale. It cost me \$670 all up but it is available for \$400. Just need a receiver and away you go but of course it will come back and land itself if required. Flies with 3S 3000MA.

Contact Geoff Healey 0418352705 for details.





## 2013 Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

The Member's and Committee of P&DARCS warmly welcome all scale modelers, from expert to beginners, to the 2013 Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally. The "Monty", as it is warmly referred to, is being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 at the P&DARCS field.

The prizes will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> for Kit or Scratch built aircraft, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> for ARF models.

The overall trophy for the Monty Tyrrell will be decided by you, the pilots. This will be for the pilot that you believe represents the true spirit of the rally!!!

Registrations will start from 08.30 am, flying will start at 10.00 am  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED !**

You can download an entry form from the P&DARCS website by clicking [here](#), and then bring it along with your payment on the day. This will greatly assist us with registrations.

The Boot Sale is on again at the Monty. A site charge of \$10 is required. To reserve a site contact Ivan Chiselett at [montycarbootsale@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:montycarbootsale@pdarcs.com.au) You will need to bring your own tables.

Full catering will be provided!

If you have any questions you can email us at [monty@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:monty@pdarcs.com.au)

Hope to see you there!

Kind Regards,

The Members and Committee of P&DARCS

## VMAA DVD Library Update.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS – 4 DVD's for only \$5-00;**

Effectively immediately the VMAA has increased, from 3 to 4, the number of DVD's you can borrow from the Library for no additional cost. Yes the cost remains at only \$5. This means that for only \$5-00 you can select 4 DVD from VMAA's huge library of over 1200 DVD on aviation topics and have them posted to you with the return postage included for you to send them back. No doubt a great bargain.

The V.M.A.A. has a very extensive DVD Library. It contains over 1200 titles covering models and full size aircraft as well as aviation movies. Please note that the library sources DVD's from all over the world so you will need a DVD player that can play DVDs from all regions. There are many excellent instructional tapes/DVD that provide you with excellent information that will assist you in this great sport. There are also lots of titles covering many of the big model shows and competitions from all over the world as well as a huge selection of full size aircraft documentaries. You are really missing out on something if you are not a member of the library. It only costs \$5-00, which includes the return postage, for **4 DVDs**.

Full details of how to join the V.M.A.A. Video Library is in your V.M.A.A. Directory. Alternatively you can e-mail me at <videoliberalian@vmaa.com.au> and ask for details of how it operates, joining form or a list of DVDs available or all of the for mentioned and I will send them to you.

More new titles have been added to the library list. Please add those below to the list in your V.M.A.A. Directory starting at page 141. To join the library, fill in the membership application form on page 192 of the Directory and send it to the Librarian who will send your membership card back. Please note that there is a \$10 joining fee. If you would like to borrow titles when you apply to join then send \$15 and a list of at least 6 titles you wish to borrow.

The video library is a great resource, if you are not using then it why not, particularly now that you get 4 DVD's for only \$5-00, which includes return postage.

Several new DVDs have been added since the last V.M.A.A. Newsletter. These are listed below. Please add them to the list of titles in the Directory.

- 1383 2012 GATHERING OF EAGLES 96 Mins.**  
All the action from this warbird fly-in held in Georgia. Lots of great warbirds of all sizes.
- 1384 MONSTER PLANES USA 2012 90 Mins.**  
Lots of very large models at this big fly-in held at the Lakeland airport in Florida.
- 1385 TOP CRASHES 60 Mins.**  
Lots of crashes from Europe. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1386 CRASH ACTION #1 60 Mins.**  
More crashes from Europe. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1387 LEHRTE 2001 90 Mins.**  
Lot of very nice very big models at this big German fly-in. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1388 LA FERTE 2002 & 2003 120 Mins.**  
All the action from this world famous monster size models fly-in. Includes Hadley Page Victor and very big Gee Bees plus lots more. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1389 LA FERTE 2008 110 Mins.**  
All the action from this world famous monster size models fly-in. Includes a very big 65 Kg Corsair, 70 Kg PT-19, 98Kg DC-3 plus lots more. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1390 EURO – FLUTAG 2008 108 Mins.**  
170 Pilots at the big European War Birds fly-in. Lots of very nice aircraft. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1391 LA FERTE 2010 65 Mins.**  
All the action from this world famous monster size models fly-in. Includes a very big 126 Kg Bucker Jungmeister, a fabulous very big SR-71 plus lots more. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1392 KERKEN WARBIRDS 65 Mins.**  
Beautiful big war birds at this big fly-in Please note commentary is in German.
- 1393 U.A.E. TOP JET 2010 52 Mins.**  
All the action from the United Arab Emirates Top Jet competition. Please note commentary is in German.
- 1394 GLOVELIER AIRSHOW 52 Mins.**  
Lots of very big models including a 80Kg C-130 Hercules, a 85 Kg SE-5A plus many more. Please note commentary is in German.
- 5201 JET PILOT 90 Mins.**  
All the information you need to get into jets. Includes a discussion on suitable models and then highlights other important information
- 6239 AIR TATTOO 2012 – PART 1 110 Mins.**  
Lots of great aircraft on display at this famous event.
- 6240 AIR TATTOO 2012 – PART 2 110 Mins.**  
More of the action including behind the scenes footage.
- 6241 AIRSHOW ACTION 110 Mins.**  
Highlights for UK airshows in 2010 & 2011.

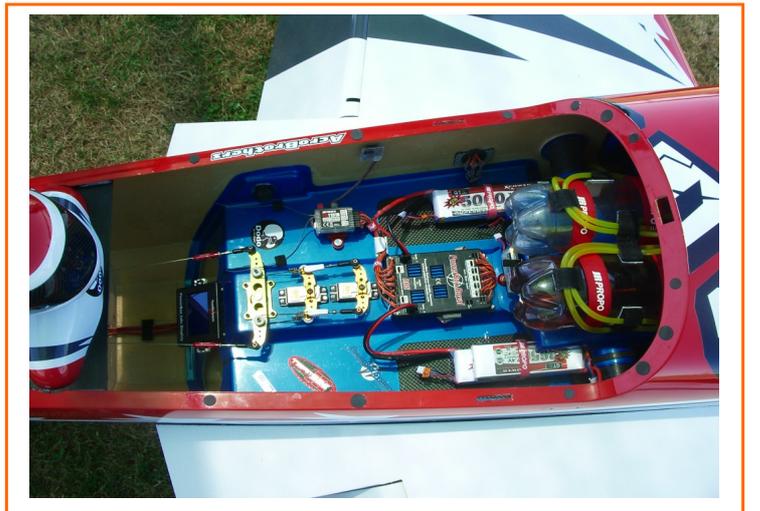
# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2013

Date	Day	Confirmed ?	Location	Details	Comments
<b>February</b>					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>March</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Monty Tyrell	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>April</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	OS Day	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Model Engines	Model Engines Open Evening	
13-14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	State Field	VMAA Trophy	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VFSAA Scale Competition	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>May</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting (Winter)	
<b>June</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	IMAC 50cc Competition	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>July</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Dingley	Annual Club Auction	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>August</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>September</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>October</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>November</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting (Summer)	
<b>December</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	

# From our Flying Field

On a fine Thursday in January

Frank McPherson



U.S Air Force Hercules LC130, equipped with skis for Antarctic service



 U.S.A.F

## ANTARCTIC MEDIVAC

From the Amundsen – Scott South Pole Station, October 16 1999

### A first - person account

As soon as I cleared the entrance tunnel of the Accommodation Dome, I was engulfed in a swirling ground blizzard, a total whiteout. I could not imagine how a Hercules pilot could land in such terrible conditions. The temperature hovered around minus 60° F (- 51° C) Even if the Hercules pilot could thread the needle and land on our skiway in zero visibility, there was always the danger that the aircraft's hydraulic systems would rupture or freeze and lock up the landing gear or worse.

Due to the altitude at the Pole, the air is so thin that the four 3,750 horsepower turbo prop engines are robbed of nearly 25% of their usable power.

I assumed the pilot would not make it, and have to circle and turn back to McMurdo Field.

Suddenly I heard a noise rising above the howling wind. It was the roar of all four engines of an LC-130 powering in for a landing. I could hardly believe it was happening.

Then the noise changed in pitch and grew louder as the pilot selected reverse pitch. The plane was on the ground.

With the plane on the taxiway, I knew I had only a few minutes to get everybody on board and disembark the arriving passengers before the extreme cold created problems with the aircraft.

It was the earliest ( in the year ) and coldest landing ever at the South Pole.

Having assisted with loading the evacuee, I then walked back to the safe area to watch the takeoff. I knew it would be a good one when I saw the flight engineer go to the rear of the plane and arm the ATO (auxiliary take off ) rockets.

ATO are rockets attached to the rear of the plane. I don't know if they are solid or liquid fuel. There are four on each side.

The pilot attempted to taxi the Hercules, the engines were at full throttle and the plane wouldn't budge, the skis has become frozen to the ice To release the skis from the ice, the pilot had to retract them, and rest on the tires.

The pilot then put the skis back down on the ice and increased power. This time the plane moved. The pilot taxied out and went to the far end of the skiway. I could not see them, but I could hear the engines.

As soon as I heard the aircraft turn around, the pilot selected full power, and activated the ATO rockets.

**What a show**, the fastest moving LC-130 that I have ever seen. They were off the deck by the time they came into view in front of the accommodation Dome.

I got to see the last five seconds of the ATO rockets burn. A very deep blue pointed flame. The rockets then flamed out, not all at the same time, and sputtered lazy yellow flames. The plane did the normal go around. As they came over the accommodation Dome, the pilot waggled his wings, and they were off to McMurdo Field, and New Zealand

## Yet Another Recovery from the Eastern Badlands, by Peter Harrison ( Rubbish Cop)

Ernie goes Five Times back into the Badlands.

The picture shows our Ernie with his recovered electric PC-9 Model rescued after a 3-day video search of the Badlands.

Five times our Ernie missed seeing the model stuck relatively undamaged high overhead in a Box Thorn Bush, because of the large sun hat Ernie is wearing to protect the head from wood and twigs that were flung in all directions by the powerful Kennards Hire Scrub Cutter.

The Badlands are really dense, just ask Ernie, not a good place to crash.

See Ernie's rescue kit, Machete (Army Issue 1945), Scrub Cutter (Kennards Issue 2013), big hat, safety glasses, CB radio, spare petrol can, aerial photo map, boiler suit, thick gloves, strong boots, water bottle in pocket.

He is literally dripping sweat from effort under the boiler suit, it was really hard work.

Ernie was exasperated to learn from the Club 'Rubbishcop' the PC-9 was stuck up in the overhead foliage of the box thorn bushes he couldn't see it past the brim of his hat.

Another successful Club 'Rubbishcop' rescue effort.

The rescue gear supplied by your friendly Club 'Rubbishcop' includes, CB Radio, Prado Landcruiser with adjustable rear air suspension, Sun Roof for standing up in to look out of, Toyota in-dash Sat Nav, Tom Tom Sat Nav, HD Wing Cam, No. 11 HD Video Cam, No. 18 HD Video Cam, Laptop Computer, Hobby King 3-Axis Gyro Stabilizer, Classic Trainer Glider Tug search plane, Hitec Radio Gear, O.S. .55 AX engine.

If you loose your plane in the Badlands, be nice to Harry the Farmer in the South East house, and he may let you search his land.

Avoid dumping your model in the Badlands at all costs, it is not good in there, turn back around early says Ernie.

### **Yes, believe it or not, it's Ern' Hancock, doing some bush bashing in the Eastern Badlands Shows you how bad it is in there, looks like tropical Jungle**



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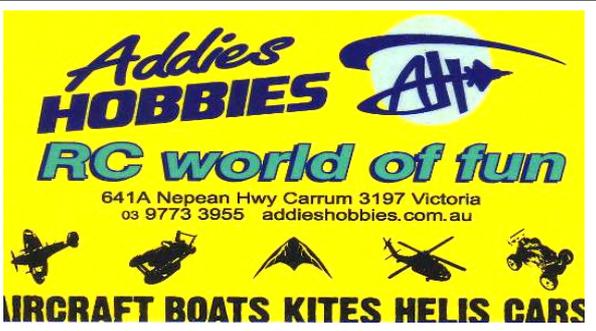


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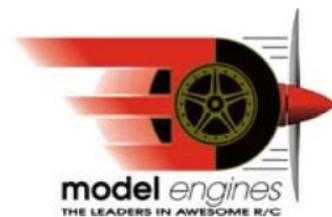


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