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Keith Quiggs' Diana 2 scale sailplane by Baudis Models in the Czech Republic. At 1/3 scale it has a 5.5 metre wingspan, weighs in at 9kg depending on ballast used. Full composite construction.

Radio System, Jeti REX12 Receiver with 900 MHz Secondary Backup, Jeti DS-24 Transmitter.

Notes: A beautiful model, superbly finished in gloss white. Full span ailerons/flaps (3 servos per wing), retractable undercarriage. It's a high-performance thermal glider and capable of speeds in excess of 300 kph. Around 3 years old now. This photo was taken at the annual Jerilderie Scale Glider Event Easter 2022.

**Next Club Meeting and Coop AGM, Wednesday 5th October
7-30 pm, via Zoom**

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EDITOR'S BIT

Flying Something else

I got this thing for nothing a while ago and thought I would see if I can get it together and fly it. It's called an FPV 168 or something like that, from HK (discontinued).

Found some small servos in my odd servos box and pushrods etc, plus an ESC, an E-Flite Power 25 motor (from Model Flight SA) plus a Spectrum receiver.

It didn't have a canopy and I had to spend a lot of time fabricating it from balsa strips etc.

Time to set the C of G and it is grossly tail heavy (it is a fiberglass body). Turns out it is designed to carry an old style, large camera, battery, transmitter up front plus a LiPo for flight.

To counter this, I used 650gm of lead and a 4S 5000 LiPo up front to get it to balanced pretty close.

Test flight #1. The nose wheel folds under and the rear wheels fold to the rear. Small wheels and heavy grass and it will not lift off so back to the workshop. Beefed up the undercarriage big time, added larger wheels and a more rigid strut setup.

Test flight #2. This time with improved up undercarriage. Flew it last Saturday and it flies ok, although a bit sensitive on the elevator. More Expo fixed that. It floats in on landing and it can fly surprising slow.



My FPV thing, (prior to beefed up U/C)

Frank McPherson Editor.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting Darcfield Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Darcfield Co-operative limited will be held following the P&DARCS October club meeting by On-line Zoom Meeting subject to Covid restrictions at **on Wednesday 5th October 2022**.

Note: *Eligible Voting members will receive a Zoom meeting link by email.*

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 P Harris and Mr F McPherson are retiring as directors. Mr P Harris and Mr F McPherson offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations for election as Director to fill these vacancies are now closed

4. To appoint an Auditor for the 2022-2023 financial year
5. To transact any special business of which notice has been given to members in accordance with the rules.

Notice of Motion to be transacted at the 2022 Darcfield Co-operative AGM

It is proposed to increase Share package price by \$50 to a total of \$1450
Commencing with the 2023/2024 financial year.

David Walsh Secretary Darcfield Co-operative Ltd

WORKING BEE Saturday 22ND October 2022

Spring Clean and Maintenance projects

Time – 9am to 3pm.

Runways to be CLOSED while work is being carried out.

Field maintenance works will be supervised by **Craig Fitzsimmons**.

Works will include: -

- * Repairs to runways filling in remaining cracks that have developed.
- * Brush cutting – Members using brush cutter will be required to use required PPE equipment.

Facilities maintenance works will be supervised by **Norm Morrish** if he is well enough otherwise by Peter Harris.

Works will include: -

- * Spring cleaning of the clubrooms and ablutions block.
- * Cleaning up bird droppings around clubhouse and Hay Shed.
- * Painting of front entrance gate and veranda.
- * Other projects as deemed necessary.

The number of projects that we will be able to complete will depend on the number of willing workers prepared to assist, the condition of the runways and hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this time.

The aim is for our club to be presented in good condition for both our members and visitors at the upcoming Scratch Scale Event in two weeks.

Please Book In to assist with catering and to enable last minute updates to the project. This can be done at www.pdarcs.com.au/working-bee

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P&DARCS Scratch & Kit Built Scale Rally

Sunday November 6th 2022

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne) Vic



All Kit & Scratch Built Scale Aircraft welcome.

Construction Projects Most Welcome

Tell your friends to come and see some great model aircraft.

- Open to the public, invite all your friends.
- No documentation required. Just fly and have fun, starting from 9am.
- Dust off your scale, scratch built or kit models and come along.
- Unfinished projects are more than welcome.
- Pilots must be current MAAA affiliates – MAAA cards and model permits must be sighted.
- See web site, www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerally , for information & entry forms.
- Great Trophies.
- Car boot sale for your spare stuff lying around. Make some \$\$ for the next project!

\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators

Ivan Chiselett

Assistance Required

SCRATCH AND KIT BUILT SCALE RALLY Sunday November 6th 2022

One of the club biggest events is on Sunday November 6th and we need your assistance to ensure that the day goes well and all that attend have a good day.

There will be a working-bee held at the field on Saturday November 5th to get the field ready for the big day. We would appreciate as many as possible to attend the working bee to get it done quickly and reduce the effort for those that attend.

Sunday: We need helpers at the gate and to assist with car parking. We generally organise the helpers into a one-hour period generally with a “buddy”. If you are able to assist by giving an hour or so, please e-mail the Secretary at secretary@pdarcs.com.au and advise your ability to help and a preferred time as well.

Dust off those scratch built or kit scale models and come along for a good day. There will be trophies for several categories as well as for the best unfinished project.

We have a public display permit for the day so please invite your friends and neighbours to come along for a great day out. Tell them to bring a chair.

Car Boot Sale at the Scratch Built Day

If you wish to set up a stall to sell off your surplus gear, please contact the Secretary secretary@pdarcs.com.au to reserve a site.

Vendors at the Scratch Built Day

Some Sponsors will be setting up stalls so bring some cash and pick some bargains.

Ivan Chiselett

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hard to believe that we are racing towards the end of the year, but here we are with the October newsletter.

The big news this month was our very successful social function held at the Settlement Inn a few weeks ago. With the efforts of our new Social Officer, Alex Subotsch, we had a very pleasant evening with a few drinks and a hearty meal. Our club members present all enjoyed each other's company despite a bit of cloud threatening to darken the evening. That front proved to be a mere blip and all the club members present agreed that this type of event should be on our club calendar more often. Many thanks Alex, great job and we are looking forward to the next one.

For me, the highlight of the social event was the presentation of an appreciation award to our hard-working IT Manager, Daniel Jenkins. The amount of work that Daniel does behind the scenes to keep our club operating smoothly is no small effort and I am proud that our current committee has recognized this.

Daniel is currently trialing the next step of upgrading our club membership renewal process. As it progresses, we will have a smooth transition to the online renewal process for next year, and fewer steps for our registrar and treasurer during a very busy part of the year.

Congratulations as well go out to Chris Eeles for his win and promotion to the Expert Class at the recent VPA Competition held at the Echuca Moama State Field. The F3A discipline has always been strong at the P&DARCS and it looks like the trend is set to continue.

We must mention our good friend Don Klien (The Hipster Don) who is recovering from some surgery this week. All the best Don and we hope to see you at the field very soon.

As well as that, we have had some fantastic flying weather in the past few weeks and with Craig keeping the field in top condition, it has been great to be able to gather in numbers once again at our field.

As you read this newsletter, spare a thought for our club editor as well, Mr Frank McPherson who puts in numerous hours to put these words into a readable format each month. Thank you again Frank, this newsletter is an integral part of keeping our club members informed each month.

CFI Report

From a flying perspective this month, we congratulate Melissa Law following the successful completion of her MAAA Gold Wings endorsement along with Jayden Boyde who completed his Silver Wings endorsement. Congratulations to both our club members on reaching these personal milestones.

That's enough from me folks, over to the rest of the team. I hope everyone is fit and well and as always if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897
P&DARCS President 2022/2023

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Wednesday September 7th via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Meeting to open at: 7:30pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present; 31

Apologies: Mike Smith, Norm Morrish, Craig Fitzsimons, Alex Subotsch, Trevor Garey & David Law.

Visitors; Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by Daniel Jenkins seconded by Steve Malcman **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes; Nil

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter. Keith welcomed Phil Singh to the committee as the second Ordinary Committee Member.

Secretary: Reminder of the Club's Scratch & Kit Build Scale Rally on Sunday November 6th and the working bee on Saturday 5th to get the field ready for the Rally.

Treasurer: The Treasurer updated the members on the financial state of the Club.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded Steve Malcman **CARRIED**

David Glossop asked if the cost of the Zoom meeting were included in the Club Budget. Peter noted that currently it is not but if it is determined that we will continue with Zoom meeting in the future then next year's budget should reflect this.

Registrar: As printed in Newsletter. Steve reminded members if they have problems with their MAAA card, contact him so that he can assist.

Field Manager: Absent. Keith reported that the field was still very damp as are sections of the pits. Ian Jacques has completed a repair on the Kubota front deck mower.

Facilities Manager: Absent

Safety Officer: Glen noted that he had investigated the recent battery fire and determined that it was caused by equipment failure. He noted that the fire extinguisher was inaccessible during the fire due to the flames. Daniel noted that he had relocated the fire extinguisher to make it better accessible.

Editor: Request for articles and pictures.

Webmaster: Daniel noted that he was currently preparing an electronic system to make it easier to rejoin. He will be working with the Treasurer and the Registrar to ensure the system is OK.

He also noted that due to software going out of date he has to totally rebuild the Club's web site.

Social Secretary. Absent. Daniel reminded members who are attending the social event to register so that a venue booking can be made.

Chief Flying Instructor: Keith advised that there is one member under instruction by Peter Timms.

Planning Sub Committee: Keith noted that as published in the Newsletter Neil was stepping down as Chair due to other commitments and he was going to take over the Chair. He noted that he would prepare a report for the committee to be published in the newsletter.

General Business

- Tim Moreland asked if the Scratch Built Rally was only for Scale aircraft. Ivan noted that as one of the organizers the event it was always intended for Scale Aircraft.
- Keith reminded members that if they sign in a visiting, non P&DARCS member, you are responsible for that person. You must ensure that they are aware of our rules and fly in accordance with them. They must be in attendance with the visitor. If the person who signed in the visitor leaves, then the visitor must also stop flying.
- Peter thanked those 20 plus members who volunteered for the recent working bee. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but it was extremely pleasing to have some many volunteered.

Meeting closed at 8:02pm.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

September 21st 2022 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met on Wednesday night September 21st via Zoom. Some of the items considered are noted below.

- 1 new member application received this month.
- Two new Probationary Members voted into the club.
- Planning Committee gathering information.
- Draft Club flying rules have been prepared and are being reviewed by committee.
- Committee investigating repair of car parks and driveway. Quotes for the car park work (east & west) is \$13 167 and the driveway is \$3 866.50 making a total of \$17 033.50(inclusive of GST).
- Committee investigating better access to adjacent paddocks.
- Working with Melbourne Water trying to improve drainage of area.
- Repairs and installation of safety gear on club mowers.
- Safety Officer investigated recent LiPo fire and determined it was caused by equipment failure.
- Fire extinguisher was relocated for easier access.
- CFI identified that records indicate that several heavy models required new certification.
- Sponsorship from Austar has been obtained for CFI member achievement award.
- Approval for Boot Sale to be held as part of Scratch Built Scale Rally.
- The VFSAA (scale association) proposed a partnership between the club and themselves. The committee is currently considering the proposal and will be in discussion with the group.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

REGISTRAR'S REPORT September 2022

Membership Renewals

At the time of writing this report the club has 160 financial members.

I will be arranging an induction session soon for those new members who have not yet completed their induction. Please keep a lookout for your email for this invitation.

New Member Applications

Jan Pudewills – Northcote – Probationary member

Any objections to any member application may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.

Membership statistics

	Paid 22-23	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	18	1	17
Full	109	2	108
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	4	0	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Pensioner	1	0	-
Pensioner	14	1	16
Probationary	5	12	26
Prospective	3	0	3
Student	2	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	160	25	180

Steve Malcman Registrar

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FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT

Our field is currently in growing season with the mowing crews are working extra hard to keeping our field looking awesome.

Plenty of rainfall and the soil temperature is starting to rise. I would like to thank our crews for all your work and long hours.

The runways may need double cutting each week.

The western side car park has re-opened although is still quite soft. Please be mindful of any heavy rainfall as you may get bogged while parking over there.

The new mowing roster has been distributed to our crews, it's also on the club page under the Field heading.

A lot of spraying will be taking place soon in drains, on the runways and the pits area once the weather gets a bit warmer.

Club working bee is coming up 22nd October. It would be great to see new members attending as well. There are plenty of jobs to be done from runway maintenance to cleaning windows. Remember to book in for catering numbers.

Please remember if the crews are mowing a runway, it is closed until we are finished. Flying is not permitted off that runway while mowing is operation. Please be patient, usually the field is mowed on Thursdays or Fridays.

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

P&DARCS Inaugural Social event At the Settlement Inn Cranbourne

Thanks to all that attended and those who didn't attend our first P&DARCS Social Event ..

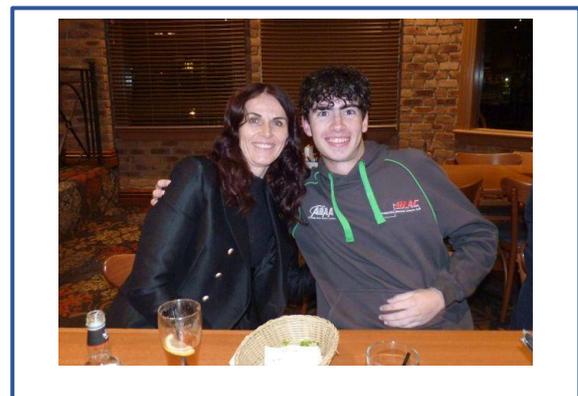
The membership was well represented and enjoyed by all.

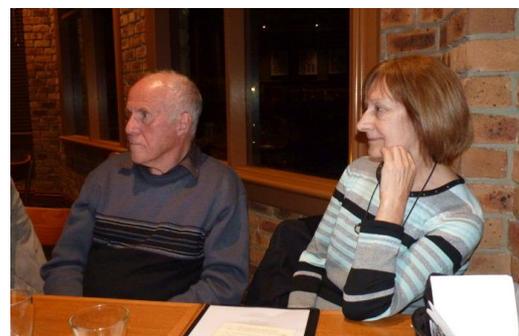
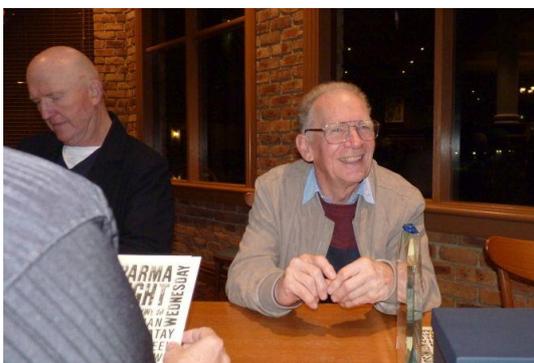
There were many highlights on the evening but one Key Highlight was the presentation of a well deserved award presented to Daniel Jenkin for his services o the P&DARCS Club as Webmaster

Following are a few photos of people in attendance on the nite

Regards

Alex Subotsch Social Officer





From Our Flying Field





P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2022

October

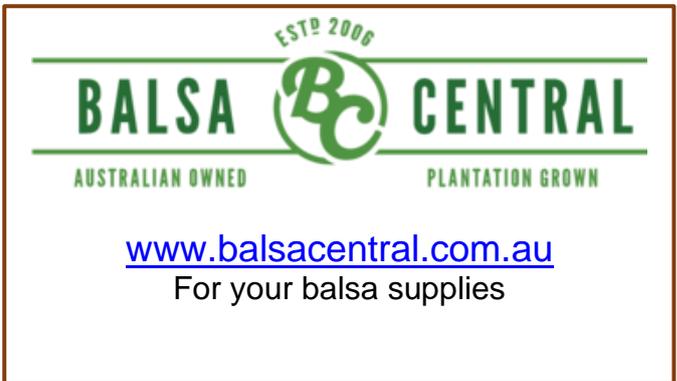
- 01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)
19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
22 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November

- 01 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#)
05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)
05 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: **No**
06 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**
16 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

- 03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)
04 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **Partial**
10 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Christmas BBQ](#)



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