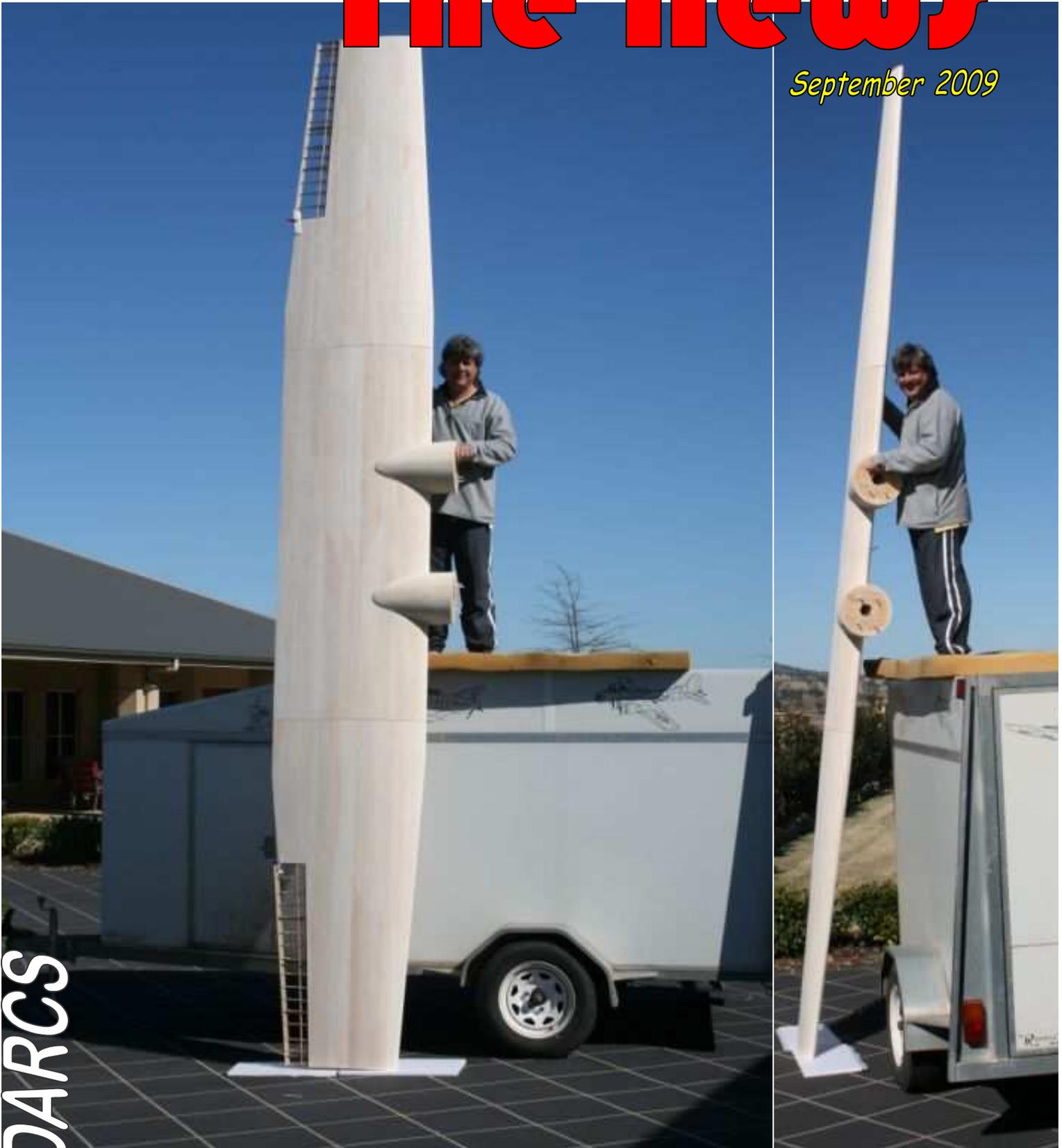


The News

September 2009



PDARCS

Next club meeting - Annual Club Auction

Wednesday 2nd September 8pm Start sellers come early to register

Dingley Community Hall

Marcus Road Dingley Village

Two views of Queenslander Steve Thomas' latest project. The model is a Catalina PB5

Steve recently built a very large scale B17 which you can see fly on U tube.



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Editor's Bit



Well I have an excuse again this month. Fortunately, though I got most of the newsletter done before succumbing to a nasty respiratory infection which knocked me flat for the best part of a week . So you will have to excuse any typos as my brain isn't quite up to steam again and this is my first day upright again. Hopefully, from now on thing will get back to normal again .

Can't think of anything clever or witty in my present condition so this month editors bit will be short and sweet.

Well, last month we held our AGM and the new committee is pretty close the old one with only a couple of positions changing. The most notable of those being that we have a new president, Ivan Chislett . Now if It wasn't for me being struck down with this ailment I would have found a carton graphic for Ivan by now, there a lot of character there for a good graphic. Until I do you will have to put up with the photo I have used in which he is actually wearing a suit !!! How's that for a classy president.

Your new committee is listed across to the left . With one possible addition flowing our committee meeting .

Before I go I just remembered something . Keep your eye out for a bunch or Greensborough club members on the 12th September (Saturday) as they will be visiting the field on their way through to Tyabb. They will be having a fly with us for the morning followed by a bbq lunch. Following that they will be continuing on the tour at Tyabb. Please make them welcome.

That's all Folks

Late news. It's official Ivan Hancock has offered his services to the committee and has been accepted as Club Captain. Welcome on board Ivan.

Next Meeting

Dingley Community Hall, Marcus Road Dingley

Annual Auction

Wednesday 2nd September 2009



Presidential Address

Ivan Chislett

Firstly, thank you to those members who have passed on their congratulations to me on being elected P&DARCS President. It is indeed an honour to be President of such a great club. Unfortunately, it did not require much effort on my part to get elected to the position, which is a little disappointing. Especially considering that we are no doubt the best club in Australia and well up there with the best in the world. All clubs require elected officials to ensure that they continue to function and whilst a lot of people are quick to criticize there is sadly not the same enthusiasm to put up hands and actually get involved with the running of a club.

I would like to thank outgoing President Allan Coleman for his great leadership over his term, in particular in his handling of the recent difficult situation. Let us hope that all of that is well behind us. With Alan's leadership the club is in a very good position with many projects being planned, completed or well underway. I am sure all members will join with me in thanking Allan and the other members of the committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months.

For those that do not know me, my modelling experience goes back to my days as a kid in Merbein, near Mildura. Building and flying control line models with my brother and lots of other kids. I then did some full size glider flying whilst in the Air Training Corps before getting into radio-controlled models in 1971 while working at an iron ore mine in the Pilbara.

I jointly set up the DKRAC club, now SEMAC, with Glen Burgdorf and was its Secretary for a number of years. I was V.M.A.A. Secretary for 9 years, then was elected to the MAAA Sec position in 2001 which I held for 6 years. I also established and still run the V.M.A.A. Video Library. I have been a P&DARCS member for about 9 years.

I have yet to attend a committee meeting so am not quite up to speed with what is in the pipeline no doubt my first committee meeting will sort this out quickly. I gather that there are a number of projects in the pipeline and these will proceed as funds become available.

I would like to thank Wally Schubach and his team for their work in putting up the swing and also to those that helped Paul repair the pump in the Wenn Road sump. Both sumps are ready and willing to pump any rain run off into our storage tanks ready for the summer. Let us hope that we can fill the tanks before December to ensure that the field stays in the great condition that it is.

I understand that the Kubota tractor will be returning to the club shortly with its new mower deck and front-end loader attachment. I am sure that the front-end loader attachment will be used often and greatly appreciated by Paul and his maintenance team for the ongoing field maintenance. I know that Paul has obtained the new sprinkler heads and these will be installed over the next few weeks. The front-end loader attachment will be of great help during these works. If you see guys working on projects why not go over and help.

Well let us hope that the weather improves so that we can all get in some flying.

Secretary's Report

Don White

General meeting held 5th August 2009 at Marcus Road Dingley
Meeting opened at 2000hrs

Apologies: N Parker, F Mcpherson, D Trusler, F Connelly, I Robinson

Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted: Moved M Norton Seconded D Glossop Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:
Nil

President: There was a discrimination allegation from a former member against the club, The President A Coleman met with the member on a one-to-one discussion and resolved the issue.

The field is in good shape and one of the water tanks appears to be ½ full

Secretary: Have taken a few phone calls from prospective new members also have been contacted by E-mail

Treasurer: Have sufficient membership renewals to cover next years budget. A copy of the finances was distributed to the members present at the meeting.

Registrar: 180 renewals processed (83% on last year) 20 members have elected not to have their details published in the membership list

New members will be required to attend an orientation session, the first to be held Saturday 8th September at 1030hrs and Sunday 9th September at 1430hrs this is to ensure new members have the correct information about the club and ask any questions. New members should have their cards on or carry a letter denoting they have paid their fees.

Club Captain: Looking for volunteers to help dig holes for the erection of the new swings, the disabled toilets to be sub-let to a builder as volunteers are scarce

Editor: The news letter was a little shorter this month due to work commitments

Facilities: Dug holes and found a broken pipe in the sprinkler system, new sprinklers to be installed which will be level with the surface, no problems with the mower going over them, these sprinklers will be adjustable.

Web-Master: Security system is working fine with the exception of one camera needing some adjustment

General:

Make sure the lid on the dump master is securely shut as the wind blows it open allowing the rubbish to blow out.

P Harris proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing President Alan Coleman for a "Well done" for the past 2 years, also a vote of thanks to Paul Somerville for the work he has done at the club.

Meeting closed at 2020hrs

Next General meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at Marcus Rd. Dingley at 2000hrs

Registrars Ravings

Rob Till



Membership List

The new Membership List will be published in October 2009. The list will be distributed by mail to members, **it will not be published on the web site.**

Renewals

Membership Renewals were distributed in June.

Members who have not returned their forms and paid their subscription are now Non Financial and are not covered by the MAAA insurance.

Non Financial members (Purple Cards) can no longer use the club facilities. 2009/10 membership cards are GREEN.

New Members

The following membership applications have been made. Names are published in accordance with section 7 of the Club Constitution. These applications will be considered by the Committee at the meeting on 30 September and any objections to membership are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 2 days prior to the committee.

Trevor Anstee, Mulgrave – new Provisional Pensioner member

Richard Kinnaird, Berwick – new Provisional member

Constantinos Lambrou, Highett, new Provisional member

Hayden Morin, Beaconsfield – new Junior member

New Member Orientation Sessions

will be held at 2:30 pm on Saturday 5 September and 10:30 am on Sunday 6 September. New members of the club are required to attend an Orientation session at the field which will be conducted by a member of the committee. This is intended to ensure that you are familiar with our flying rules and that the great safety record of the club is maintained. New Member packs,

including your membership card and club cap, are distributed at these sessions.

Facility Managers Report Paul Somerville

Here I'm thinking I finally got off the committee, silly me. Well I'm back again for more punishment, however I'm no longer the safety officer as I didn't want to be the sheriff any more.

So I'll just be running the facility side of it for now on, however I would like it tremendously if all club members would help out from time to time as I'm not going to be the club slave either, I also like to participate in flying at our great club.



There are a number of projects that we will want to get done this year. So this year we will announce via the internet/email on what weekends we will be having working bees. If a working bee is announced please come on down and help out as it makes my life much easier. Even if it's a crappy day weather wise come on down and help out as many hands make light work. The majority of working bees taken place over the past years have been great days catching up with your flying buddies and having a great time as well.

Note: The following below is a concept/idea only!!!! I've visited other club web sites out there, I noticed that some have a field levee of \$50.00 on all members. However, before you get up and start getting all negative, sit back down and read on. For every working bee attended \$10.00 is taken off the levee until you reach \$00.00 So all you have to attend is five working bees during the year, its not really all that much to ask for is it? For those who don't attend working bees all funds go back into the club and funds are strictly used on club infrastructure let me know what you think of the concept and please pass on your comments .

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

Ugh!

Some of the ugliest aircraft ever made!

Richard (Dick) Ryland

Handley Page Heyford

I actually have very mixed feelings about calling this aircraft ugly. It is not so much that it looked ugly as that it just looked wrong, very wrong! This, the last large bi-plane British bomber, had its engines attached to the upper wings rather than the usual practice of having them on the lower wings. Then the lower wings were located a long way below the fuselage, definitely not the norm! The undercarriage was streamlined with huge fairings which looked very utilitarian to put it politely. They were in fact utilitarian in that they did reduce drag by a remarkable amount and enclosed the fueling and oiling points which made servicing the aircraft so much easier than others.



The location of the lower wing gave the gunners an excellent field of fire and a retractable 'dustbin' gun turret guarded against attack from below. The bombs were assembled on a rack on the ground and winched up into the mid lower wing as a unit greatly improving the rate of rearming a bomber and this could all be done quite safely with the engines running making this one of the quickest bombers to turn around between sorties. A set of dual controls could be fitted in thirty minutes, movement within the fuselage was excellent, folding seats and tables were cleverly incorporated into the design, light ladders were carried on board to access the engines, there was provision for electrically heating the crew's flying suits and many, many other features both large and small mark this as a particularly carefully designed aircraft.

The Heyford was a true 'missing link' between the bombers of the two world wars. An all-metal monocoque forward fuselage and metal framed wings were signs of things to come. Experiments were carried out with an enclosed cockpit but it was not adopted. The Heyford was very popular with its pilots and it was remarkably maneuverable. At one Hendon airshow the crowd was simply stunned to see one looped! Several squadrons operated the Heyford but it was a frontline bomber for a very few years in the Thirties. It carried a small bomb load a long way but at very low speed and all were retired by the late Thirties. One carried on for a short while as an experimental machine and became the first aircraft in the world to carry radar.

Good and practical aircraft though it was the Heyford looked obsolete from the beginning and with its extraordinary lower wing location and heavy looking wheel spats it always looked wrong, so very wrong.....almost ugly!



V.M.A.A. DVD Library

Special P&DARCS News Flash

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 only 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.** The joining fee of \$10 remains the same.

Some of the older titles are not available on DVD, which is a little unfortunate, but generally the majority of titles are available on DVD. If you do not have a DVD player and you wish to join the Library then I **strongly** suggest that you purchase one that can play all the "regions" as the DVDs in the Library are sourced from all over the world. I have a Panasonic DVD player and it seems to play all of them OK.

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

- 1323 WARBIRDS OVER THE ROCKIES 2008** From Fort Collins Colorado. Lots of great war birds featured from the 300 that attended this big fly-in. **105 Mins**
- 1324 BALLET OF THE SKY 2008** From Tucson Arizona the no-holds barred free style aerobatic routines from the \$100,000 Tucson Aerobatic Shootout. Lots of great flying from the very large scale aircraft. **92 Mins.**
- 1325 BALLET OF THE SKY 2008** From Tucson Arizona the set aerobatic routines from the \$100,000 Tucson Aerobatic Shootout. **102 Mins.**
- 1326 FLORIDA JETS 2009** All the action from the 13TH annual Jet fly-in. Lots of great jets. **103 Mins.**
- 1327 SEFF 2009** The 2009 Southeast Electric Flight Festival the premier electric event in the US. Features both indoor and outdoor flying with the latest innovations in electric flight including new RV9 and SU34 with twin thrust vectoring tail nozzles. **100 Mins**
- 1328 JOE NALL 2009** From the Triple Tree Aerodrome in South Carolina, the 27th Joe Nall Fly-in, the largest Fly-in event in the world. Lots of great aircraft featured from the 810 registered pilots. **100 Mins.**
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- 1330 2009 EXTREME FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS - AIRPLANES**
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- 4005 MASSEY FERGUSON TRACTORS 1956 TO 1976** A look at the famous tractor that many model clubs use to look after their flying fields. **70 Mins.**
- 4006 FERGUSON TRACTORS** A look at the famous Ferguson tractors with their hydraulic controlled 3 point linkage. This film looks at the very early TE20 to the FE35. It includes the "grey fergy" that many model clubs use to look after their flying fields. **65 Mins.**
- 5157 THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL Vol. 1** **113 Mins.**
Mr. Scale, Dave Platt, shows you how to add that special detail to your scale models. This Volume includes upholstery, control surface flutes, overlapping panel joints, tip lights and much more. (DVD format)
- 5158 THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL Vol. 2** **112 Mins.**
Mr. Scale, Dave Platt, shows you how to add that special detail to your scale models. This Volume includes control sticks, Instrument faces, making leather seats, making windows and much more. (DVD format)
- 6146 OSHKOSH REMEMBERS** **26 Mins.**
This focuses on the Tuskegee Airmen, WW2 Glider Pilots, Aces of the 357th Fighter Group and the Doolittle Raiders. Donated by Wal Schubach
- 6147 FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT – THOSE DARING YOUNG MEN** **55 Mins.**
The history of flight from the start with the Wright Brothers to era of the Zeplins and Sopwith. 1903 to 1918
- 6148 FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT – THE GOLDEN AGE** **53 Mins.**
The history of flight in the "Golden Age" from 1918 to 1941.
- 6149 FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT – REACH FOR THE STARS** **110 Mins.**
The history of flight looking at the Space flight achievements from 1961 to 12005.
- 6150 AVALON 2009** **60 Mins.**
All the action from the 2009 Australian International Airshow at Avalon.
- 6151 RED BULL AIR RACE WORLD CHAMPS 2008** **148 Mins.**
All the fabulous flying action from the 2008 Red Bull air race season.
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- 6153 KIWI RED** **48 Mins.**
The best of the 1990 season of the 6 A-4 Skyhawks of the NZAAF display team.
- 7208 DOGFIGHTS** **188 Mins.**
A documentary on aircraft Dogfights using interviews, real footage and animation. Kamikaze ; Jet Vs Jet ; Thunderbolt ; Gun Kills of Vietnam . Donated by Steven Alaimo

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Yep something for everyone. So try it out there is something for every one in there.

These page just contain the latest update. For a full list email the VMAA Librarian at videoliberalian@vmaa.com.au

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7211 DOGFIGHTS	A documentary on aircraft Dogfights using interviews, real footage and animation. Dog Fights of Desert Storm ; Tuskegee Airmen ; Mig Killers of Midway. Donated by Steven Alaimo	141 Mins.
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7213 LAST SUNDERLAND FLYING BOAT	A documentary on the last airworthy Sunderland.	55 Mins.
7214 SEAFIRE & SEA HURRICANE AT WAR	A documentary on the Naval versions of these famous aircraft.	82 Mins.
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7217 GERMAN JET FIGHTERS	A documentary on the Luftwaffe jet fighters, including the ME-262, ME-163 & ME-162	48 Mins.
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7219 SPITFIRE FRONTLINE FIGHTER	Another documentary on the fabulous Spitfire. This one includes the daily walk around inspection, rearming plus lots more.	72 Mins.
7220 METEOR – CLASSIC BRITISH JETS	A documentary on the RAF's first jet fighter. It includes film of the prototype's first flight.	63 Mins.
7221 HANDLEY PAGE HERALD	A look at the lesser known, similar to the Fokker Friendship, feederliner that never gained the success it deserved.	57 Mins.
7222 SPITFIRE – THE PILOT'S VIEW	Experience the pilot's perspective of this famous fighter. Lots of in-cockpit filming revealing what it is like to fly this great aircraft.	61 Mins.
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7224 BEAUFIGHTER	A look at the Beaufighter in RAAF service	110 Mins.
7225 VICKERS VC-10	A look at this very famous British aircraft in its civil and military versions as a tanker and transport aircraft.	65 Mins.
7226 HURRICANE – THE PILOT'S VIEW	Experience the pilot's perspective of this famous fighter. Lots of in-cockpit filming revealing what it is like to fly this great aircraft.	60 Mins.
7227 DE HAVILLAND MOSQUITO	A look at this very famous British WW2 aircraft.	56 Mins.
7228 DESERT EAGLES – TORNADO F3	Experience the training and active service of the Tornado F3. Lots of in cockpit of this aircraft during active service in the Middle East.	44 Mins.
7229 B-2 STEALTH BOMBER	Learn about this amazing aircraft including details of actual missions.	60 Mins.
7230 TRIJETS	This DVD takes a look at 4 famous tri-jets. The Boeing 727, Douglas DC10, Lockheed's L1911 Tristar and the McDonnell Douglas's MD-11 in action. It also covers the history of these airliners.	90 Mins.
8046 STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND	A good guys 1950's movie but has great actual footage of B-36 and B-47 bombers.	90 Mins.
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8049 BOMBER HARRIS	The story of RAF Bomber Command Commander "Bomber Harris". One of the most controversial leaders of WW2. It stars John Morse as Bomber Harris.	90 Mins.
8050 PATHFINDERS – Episodes 1 - 4	The BBC produced series on the WW2 Pathfinder Squadrons of RAF Bomber Command.	180 Mins.
8051 PATHFINDERS – Episodes 5 - 8	The BBC produced series on the WW2 Pathfinder Squadrons of RAF Bomber Command.	180 Mins.
8052 PATHFINDERS – Episodes 9 - 12	The BBC produced series on the WW2 Pathfinder Squadrons of RAF Bomber Command.	180 Mins.
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