



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



P&DARCS NEWSLETTER **APRIL 2016**



Brian Evans Fokker DR1 flying at the 2016 Monty Tyrrell



Andrew Mysliborski

Next Club Meeting, Saturday 2nd April
at Burley Field, 1 pm start

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Editor's Bit

Our editor, Frank requested leave due to family commitments. The P&DARCS Committee considered the request long & hard & eventually we have agreed to allow him one month's unpaid leave.

Therefore this month's newsletter has a temporary editor by the name of Daniel. Please direct all complaints to Frank.

Frank McPherson Editor



WHAT'S ON

At P&DARCS 2016

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

CLUB LATE PAYMENT FEES

Over the past few years we have had a situation developing whereby some members have not been paying their annual club fees on time. Last year we had members paying as late as October and still enjoy the pleasure of using your Flying Club facilities, but they are uninsured, which is a problem for all of us. This also causes a huge problem for our Registrar & Treasurer when they are processing renewals & setting budgets for the club.

Your Club Committee this year will be policing this & will be chasing members who have not paid by the date due. A notice will also be placed on the Club notice board.

2nd Visit by Pakenham Consolidated School

The first visit this year of students from Pakenham Consolidated School was so successful, a 2nd visit has been scheduled. They will be visiting the field Wednesday 27th April (weather and Fire Ban permitting) for an introduction to model flight. Times are between 9.30 and 2.00pm.

A number of members have volunteered their time to help out and conduct buddy-box flights. If any other members are available and willing to help please contact safety@pdarcs.com.au

In the event of bad weather or fire ban this will be re-scheduled to the following Wednesday.

Revised Club By-Laws & Notice of Special General Meeting

At the end of last year the Committee made changes to the P&DARCS Constitution to introduce different payment options for new members wishing to buy shares. Now that this change has been approved by Consumer Affairs, the Club By-Laws need to be changed to reflect this.

Therefore, a Special General Meeting will be held on the 7th May (after the General Meeting)

The purpose of this is to consider & adopt the document entitled The By-Laws of the Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society Inc (dated Sep-2015) as the P&DARCS Club's By Laws

Copies of the document can be found at www.pdarcs.com.au/proposed-bylaws, or by contacting Daniel Jenkins on 0412 44 55 09

PRESIDENT

Let it be known that your Club Committee fully approves our Field Manager having his caravan on site during the current major runway reconstruction works, as this allows him the opportunity to work longer hours without the additional time (and financial stress) of travelling to and from virtually every day.



The work he and his pitifully small group of helpers are carrying out would cost us literally many thousands of dollars if we had to employ an outside contractor for this operation. I see many members sitting back saying "ra ra" etc, but making absolutely no move to offer any kind of assistance.

One day last week I had to go to the field and whilst there I spent about an hour using a line trimmer. Now I don't claim to have achieved anything of major importance, but it made me think just how much might be achieved if every able member gave about an hour or so each month, the total result could be quite surprising and very satisfying. Just think about that!!!-----NO- don't just think about it -- GET OUT THERE AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bill' Reynolds, President

P&DARCS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

When : Wednesday August 31st
Where : The View Room at
The Dandenong Club
Address : 1570 Heatherton Rd,
Dandenong.
(close to N.E. corner Stud Rd)



To book, go to www.pdarcs.com.au/anniversary

SECRETARY

**General meeting held Saturday 6th
March 2016 at the Burley field
Wenn Rd. Cardinia**

Meeting opened at 1300hrs
Members 25

Apologies. A Foley, W Schubach, N Morrish, M Smith.

Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted. Moved F Webb Seconded C Nicholls -Carried

Business arising from previous minutes. Nil

President. At the club 50th Anniversary there will be tables of 10, members are requested to make up their own tables, payment of \$40 per head payable in advance to D. Jenkins.

Secretary. Correspondence in. Accounts. Correspondence out. Nil

Treasurer. The finances are good and within budget.

Field. Cracks in the runways are being filled with loam. If you see Norm Morrish on the runways doing some work, it would be appreciated if you would assist him.

Web-Master. You can book on line for the 50th Anniversary, also polo neck shirts and club mugs can be purchased on line.

General Business.

The week end of March 12th -14th is the A.P.A international competition and the field will be closed.

The club radios now have a protective Tx. aluminium case, and thanks to M Farnan of Model Engines for donating a Boomerang trainer for club use(Electric)

Meeting closed at 1330hrs.

Next General meeting.

Saturday April 2nd 2016 at the Burley field 1300hrs.

Sunday May 1st 2016 at the Burley field 1300hrs.

Don White, Secretary

FIELD MANAGER

Further update about our Runways.

A New Zealand farmer ,with 800 Acres, Hamish Galloway, was competing at our APA Aerobatic Masters and said, without knowing about our soil test results, " Your runways are cracking because your peat clay is lacking calcium. Best solution is to use a solution of milk, molasses and humic powder and mix with water to spray with our large spray boom. " Browns Fertilizer stated in their report that our soil is lacking calcium and is the main reason for the cracks, hence the need to apply lime.

I had a long discussion with Hamish at the end of the comp and showed him the really bad cracks on our East runway. He could not believe how bad the cracks were and said he would do the milk solution 3 times, once per month when it is raining and then have the lime applied by Browns. The fresh milk is only 30 litres per hectare, mixed with 300 litres of water, hence we will not suffer from the smell of sour milk (my concern). The molasses and humic powder will help activate the bugs to break up the clay soil. He has done this at home with great results. He suggested we should do this to our pits and not apply lime as it is messy and will stick to our shade posts etc. I agree, as it was a question I intended to finalise with Browns. I plan to have the lime spread on our runways in June/July when heavy rain scheduled.

The couch seed is to be laid in a September. Have just spoken to a contractor who machine lays the seed. He will come on site to inspect but he recommends we kill off all grass and his machine will leave ruts. We have the VMAA Trophy in October and Ivan's large scale event in November, therefore I plan to seed in September 2017 and not schedule any events for September to end of December 2017. I will talk to other contractors to see if any alternatives. The seed specialist has a poison to spray the African beetle and I will do this a few times prior to September 2017. The couch seeds will be specially coated to help resist the African Beetle. It will take two summers for the couch to give a full cover.

I used instant Santa Anna couch panels to cover some pit drains 3 years ago. The East runway pit drain, near the pilot stand area is really good and is never watered. I have just laid more in front of the main runways, large model restraint pad. This couch on the runways will only need cutting once per month.

In Summary, we have 18 months to finish filling runway low spots, apply the milk solution, plus apply the Lime and to spray the beetle poison. This work should show a big improvement in our runways for next summer. We will then know if additional work is required prior to sowing the Santa Anna couch in September 2017.

We will poison the Kikuyu couch on our runways during the next few weeks. I will possibly leave it to continue to spread in the pits. It is very coarse couch and certainly not suitable for runways.

Continued...

A special thank you to our new member Rob Addison who has generously lent us his 3 tonne excavator. He, Daniel and I have moved a heap of our piled peat clay to fill in the deep spoon drain on the west runway and at the west end of our main runway. Rob kept Daniel busy using the 135 Fergie and our hydraulic tip trailer. Rob has offered to use the excavator to level off high bumps in our East runway. This work is preparation work prior to applying lime. Thank you Rob and Daniel.

Special thanks also to Norm Parker, Glenn Burgdorf, young Tom Burgdorf, Geoff Healey and John Brann for helping to fill the cracks on our Main and West runways. A huge job that I never ever want to do again, hence the need to do soil treatment this year.

Norm Morrish

SAFETY OFFICER

The mustang had now been elevated so it can be easily seen so please pay attention to it.

From time to time the Committee is advised of a breach of safety rules. Those who witness a lack of safety such as flying through/over the pits etc should in the first instance speak to the pilot concerned. It is also important to notify the Committee in writing or via email. Only then can the matter be followed up by Committee.

A reminder that under club rules policy and MAAA regulations no pilot is allowed to fly FPV (first person view) without an observer.

Alan Foley Safety Officer

DON HATELEY 1947-2016

by Wal Schubach

As you would have noticed on the news that a light aircraft crashed into the Bay earlier this year. The four occupants were killed. One of them was Don Hateley, a long time member of P&DARCS.

As a boy he graduated from gliders to control line to radio and joined the club when we were at Brady Road, Dandenong, then to Pakenham. He was well liked member and a great radio flyer and had visited the club earlier this year to catch up with some of his old mates.

Well some 12 or 15 years ago the full size flying bug caught him and from this was his fulltime hobby. I believe he had a full instrument rating.

As far as it is known the owner of the aircraft was the pilot and Don and friend were only going along for the ride. It is assumed that the pilot became disorientated and lost control in the stormy weather.

Angelo Favaloro, Fred Webb and I went to the funeral to represent the club and I estimate that there would have been over 400 people at the funeral.

Well I guess that Don is now in that great aerodrome in the sky with his "L" plates on being tested for halo and wings.

Australian Precision Aerobatics Australian Masters, PDARCS March 2016

PDARCS kindly agreed to host the Australian masters for 2016 and it was a resounding success. Norm Morrish did a sterling job in the field preparation. However we did get off to a worrying start for the Friday practice session. After a lull for a few years the flying ants were out with a vengeance and were so bad it was feared the competition was at risk. Fortunately they came and went in a day and weren't seen again. Most of us still have the welts to remind us though.

38 competitors from Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands competed across all classes. PDARCS was well represented with 7 entries which was the largest single club representation.

The masters covers all classes from Sportsman through Advanced, Expert, F3A and finally Masters level. The competition is structured so all pilots have six flights and their lowest scores are dropped. The weather was good but dull Saturday, very good on Sunday and become windy on Monday. Fortunately we got through the 3 days with no midairs. Except for the masters rounds we flew with 2 models in the air throughout.

The local school and PDARCS kept us all well fed with the canteen pumping out food at a furious rate. Many thanks to all those involved. I was also nice to see some of our members coming out to support the PDARCS team, it was very much appreciated.

Saturday night saw the club house host a sit down roast dinner for 38 people with not much room to spare. It was a terrific night that included the APA AGM and some pretty wild night flying from our Dutch guest, Derk Van Der Vecht and a surprise cameo appearance from Paul Summerville flying the best lit plane I have seen. Live music was spontaneously provided by Russell Edwards on guitar and Sax with some politically incorrect singing from the rest of the crowd- It was a lot of fun.

While the flying was of a very high grade, the feedback for a field and facilities was no less positive. All whom attended praised what we have here and most agreed it was the highest quality field they have been to. This was the icing on the cake for such a successful competition, especially for one as significant as the Australian Masters. The facilities were world class, we should be very proud of what we have.

On behalf of the APA I would again like to pass my thanks to PDARCS for the opportunity to have the Australian Masters there in 2016. And congratulations to team PDARCS... Norm Morrish, Glenn Burgdorf, Tom Bloodworth, Peter Hill, John Brann, Glenn Orchard and myself.

Geoff Healey APA Secretary

Some pictures from the event can be found on page 9

REGISTRAR

Silver Wings

I now have the new Silver Wings to issue to eligible members with the old Bronze wings. If you have Bronze for two or more disciplines, i.e. Power and Glider, one Silver Wing badge covers all. I will be issuing these on the day of the April & May Club meetings. As proof of membership, please bring your PDARCS member badge. This will be your only opportunity to collect Silver Wings.

NOTE:- If PDARCS is not your primary Club, then your primary Club will issue your Silver Wings, not PDARCS.

Membership Renewals

Not much to report here as renewals are now pretty much done. Working on a new Badge design for this year in line with our anniversary year.

New Member Application None for this month
Member Upgrades None for this month



Inductions / Orientation

Please give me a call or email to arrange a time. I now have Frank to give me a hand if you wish to make a time during the week.

Please note that I will not chase you to make an appointment. There are five Members that have still not **Arranged an induction session**

Changes to your contact information

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

Happy Flying, Cheers

Paul Webber, Registrar

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Paid 2016-17 Unpaid New 16-17

Associate	4	0	0
Full	98	0	0
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	26	0	0
Probationary	12	0	2
Student	1	0	1
Spouse	1	0	0
Honorary Member	1	0	0

Probationary - Associate	1
Probationary - Full	1
Associate - Full	8

Re Joined - Full	0
Re Joined - Probationary	1
Total Re Joined	1

Passed Away	0
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Resigned	0
Lapsed	0

Sub Total

146	0	3
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These figures only include forms processed by the Registrar

MONTY TYRRELL 2016

Pictures from 28th February



Andrew Mysliborski



PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL VISIT

P&DARCS hosted students from Pakenham Consolidated School on Wednesday 2nd March as part of the school's technology elective program.

15 students attended and spent the day learning from club members the theory of flight.

The students were thrilled to see a heli demonstration flight by Paul Webber. The students went on to fly both fixed-wing with Peter Harrison, Norm Morrish and Bill Reynolds, and helicopters with Paul using a buddy box transmitter system.

Frank McPherson installed a flight simulator in the clubhouse where a number of students learnt the art of taking off, flying and landing an aircraft.

Other models they were introduced to included multicopters, gyrocopters, ornithopters and gliders.

Andrew Mysliborski showed the students how a multicopter can be programmed via computer using GPS and Google Earth to fly an automated 'mission' within the club's boundary.

A popular feature was Franks Iron man drop and Andrews many lolly drops.

The weather was sunny with light winds and both the students and club members had a wonderful day and look forward to the next visit by a new generation of aero modellers.

Technology teacher Basil Kehayas said the students had learnt a great deal and looks forward to doing it again with another group this year.

A big thanks for all members who assisted on the day, especially Paul Webber who took the day off work.

P&DARCS encourages schools who wish to be involved in an introduction to aero modelling to contact them.



APA MASTERS HOSTED AT P&DARCS

March 12-14th

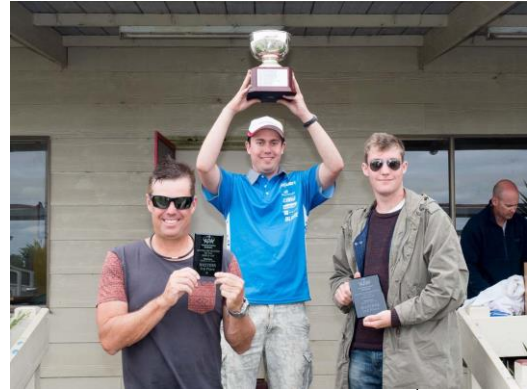


APA MASTERS HOSTED AT P&DARCS

more pictures from the event



PDARCS Members Geoff Healy and John Brann - 2nd and 3rd Expert Class



PDARCS Member Glenn Orchard, 3rd Masters.
Derk Van Der Vecht (from the Netherlands) wins the Masters



Overnight parking at P&DARCS



Geoff Healy, Glenn Burgdorf & Daniel Jenkins

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2016

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Comments
March					
6 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
12-14 th	Sat-Mon	Yes	Burley Field	APA Masters	
24 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
April					
2 nd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 st	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
30 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
May					
7 th	Sat	No	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
19 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
29 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VFSAA Sports Scale	
June					
4 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
23 rd	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
July					
3 rd	Sun	No	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 st	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
August					
6 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
18 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
31 st		Yes		50 th Anniversary of 1 st Meeting P&DARCS	
September					
3 rd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
22 nd	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
October					
1 st	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
8-9 th	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VMAA Trophy hosted by P&DARCS	
20 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
29 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
29 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
November					
1 st	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow	
5-6 th	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	P&DARCS Scratch Built Scale	
17 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
December					
3 rd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Spring Cleaning of P&DARCS	
3 rd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
4 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VPA Pattern	
10 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	



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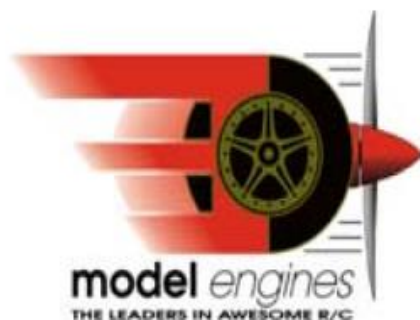
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