



P&DARCS

March 2005



Talk about Character.

Don't you just love those Golden Era Racers ?

This Gee Bee R-1 belongs to Alan Holloway and was born from A Great Planes ARF kit.

And I can certainly attest to it's great flying characteristics as Al let me have a go.

Landings are a B*!!*!! though.

Pretty soon this will be Al's small R-1 as he currently has a quarter scale one nearing completion.

Cant wait for that one.

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**DEADLINE for the Newsletter is
the 15th of the Month preceding
the Meeting**

Editor's Notes

The year is starting to run away already !
March will soon be upon us and before you know it, we will
be running into Easter and April.

I did at least get my workshop into order over the Christmas New Year break.
After a long search, I found all the space that I had lost. It seems that it was
always there, in amongst all of the junk. I just had to collect all of the small open
areas and put them into the one spot. So now I have no excuses not to assemble my
park flyer & ARF and finish a couple of building projects. No excuse of course
except home maintenance, the day job & newsletters to produce that is! Might
halve the newsletter problem mid year though.

After reading this edition of the newsletter you had better get out to your
workshop and polish up your favourite scale model as the Monty Tyrrell is on this
weekend, or last weekend if this is delayed. Please don't do the usual thing and just
come to look. Make sure you participate. After all it is your club field and it isn't a
competition so there is absolutely no reason to be nervous.

We have a break then during March as that is filled with Grand Prix's, long
weekends, Avalon airshow and Easter. Then of course April will bring the VMAA
Trophy and the long awaited Helicopter Spectacular. The chopper weekend is
shaping up to be a real show stopper. It will also be a great opportunity for the
club to improve its funds somewhat so please make sure you chip in and lend a hand.
We will need plenty of gate guards and help in the canteen. Please don't leave it all
up to the usual bunch. You all enjoy our improved facilities so all should chip in to
help pay for a continuing improvement to them.

That's all Folks

Don't Forget

Club Meeting (at the Field)

Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

Avalon Airshow

Club Meeting (at the Field)

VMAA TROPHY

Helicopter Spectacular

Saturday

Sunday

Fri,Sat Sun

Sunday

Sat & Sun

Sat & Sun

5th March

27th March

18th,19th 20th March

3rd April

9th -10th April

23rd -24th April

Next Meeting

Saturday 5th March 2005

The usual Barbie lunch will be provided And we can have a great days flying

See you there. !!





Derek's Dialogue

President's Report

Firstly this month I'd like to congratulate our CD, Glen Cossor, on an excellent day last Sunday.

In the first place he organized an interesting day featuring a lot of very expensive model airplanes flown by some very competent pilots. Secondly I'd like to congratulate him on a credible performance himself flying in his very first comp. Where were all P&DARCS other fliers?

At our last committee meeting we had a presentation from the organizers of the Helicopter Extravaganza which is going to be held at our field in April. The upshot of this was to present to us a unique opportunity for our club to profit from this event. Given the expenses incurred this year and the number of very deserving projects continually being presented to your committee for consideration, this could be an ideal opportunity to add some needed dollars to our coffers.

However, the only way this can be accomplished is to have the whole hearted support from all of our members, this will be a two and a half day event and there is far too much work involved to be left just to the members of your committee as usual. It's up to you. We either get your support and grab the opportunity, or do nothing and blow our chances to give our club a real boost.

End of sermon, back to flying. Please have fun and do it safely.

Derek

Secretary's Report

General meeting held 6th February 2005 at Burley field, Cardinia

Meeting opened at 1300hrs.

Apologies: R Main D Glossop D Walsh N Parker B Swift P Schubach P Langton P Harrison .

Correspondence in:

- V.P.A Thank you letter
- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the Secretary be accepted: Moved P Somerville Seconded W Schubach Carried
- Business arising from previous minutes: Nil.

Secretary: The last few weekends have been busy talking to prospective new members, and checking aircraft. Thanks to Brian Raw for the Printing of more application forms.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report in the newsletter was a little small in the printing, larger print copies were available at the meeting.

Currently 192 members.

CD: Next week end Sunday 13th is the Scale Aerobatics day, should be a good event. The VMAA trophy 9th 10th April, dust off your planes and have a go, the club needs pilots for the event, contact Glen or Derek for more info.

Safety: Pilots are once again asked to observe the "Mustang" for the Take off direction to avoid accidents.

Machinery: Mower men, would you please inform Paul Somerville when the fuel and the oil for the tractors is getting low so as he can buy more.

Building: Alls well, no major problems to date.

Social: Will need some assistance at the "Monty Tyrrell" event

General

P Harris is revising the history book of the club and would like members to have look for old photos etc. to include in the book. F Webb thanked D White for the resurrection of the old pylon trophy , that was on top of the "Roy Rob" case.

P Harris presented a diagram of the layout of our field with the view to moving or relocating part of the two Nth/Sth runways. This was discussed by the members at length.

The owner of the bike training track is interested to talk to us, hopefully the next few weeks, more on this later .

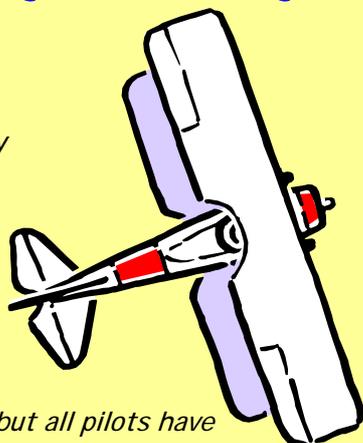
For those members who attended the "Roy Rob" trophy on Sunday the 16th January 2005, saw great flying on quite a windy day P.&DARCS Mark Collins had a great day by coming first Texaco and Duration, this gave Mark the 5th year in succession of winning this event, a record.(previous record 3 years) Congratulations from the committee and members of this club.

Meeting closed at 1415hrs. Next general meeting at the "Burley" field Cardinia Saturday 5th March 2005 at 1300hrs.



P&DARCS Presents the 2005 Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

Sunday the 27th February
Start 10am



No formal competition but all pilots have the chance to win some great prizes.

Lets see a record turn out of members !

Volunteers wanted

to assist on the at the Helicopter Spectacular

We won't be running the event but we will be manning the gate, canteen and possibly a P&DARCS stand.



Please put up your hand and volunteer

Safety Officer's Feb Report

Paul Somerville

The New Year is well and truly here now. For all those who I've not yet seen, Happy New Year to one and all.

Just a reminder to everyone.

- Could you all please pay attention to the direction of the Mustang. Only use the runway / runways that correspond with its indicated direction. We don't want any incidents either on take off, landing or midair's caused by using intersecting runways.
- Keep on using the aircraft restraints or get your mate to help out by holding by your model whilst you are starting up. We don't want to see or hear about fingers or limbs been mashed due to unrestrained models running away.
- The aircraft restraints in the pound have now had new foam rubber fitted to them. We also found a number of restraints were missing. So if you have one of the club restraints in your possession, it would be nice if you would return it back to the pound so other members could use them when you are not there.

Till next month

Machinery Manager's Report

Paul Somerville

It's me again this time wearing a different hat. Before I start this month's report I will jump in before our editor starts spreading rumours about me once again.

The Chiselett construction crew and myself took it upon ourselves to repair the shade hut roof next to the right hand side of the radio pound. The wind had ripped the shade cloth off the roof once again. We quickly reopened the P&DARCS Construction Company and repaired the damage. Our editor seems to think that it's rather amusing that I still seem to be conducting the building manager's job instead of doing my elected position of machinery manager. Little does he know what's going on. I have also got my spies in deep undercover, monitoring his every movement. So soon as I receive any information I will pass it on. I'm sure we could fill a Mugs column with it. (*tread carefully Paul, the editor always has the last say !*)

It's been a busy month so far. I've raised the club house water supply pump off the ground and also installed a water filter to it so we shouldn't get any more floaties in the drinking water or blockages to the refill system in the toilets.

I have also re-stocked our mower fuel for the year. At the same time I went through the Kubota and Fergy and completed the following:

- 1.cleaned and blew out the air filter
- 2.cleaned and blew out the radiator grill filter
- 3.cleaned the mower deck top and bottom
- 4.greased the mower deck
- 5.replaced missing lift pins and bolts
- 6.replaced broken and missing grease nipples
- 7.replaced the missing PTO shaft cover sleeve on the fergy.

Till next month

HAPPY LANDINGS

Don't you just love Window shopping ?

At the recent Scale Aerobatics comp down at the field I could not help but notice some gorgeous models on display.

Further investigation revealed that they are part of a new range of kits and ARF's being imported by Davin of the HobbyMan.

I must admit I was really drooling over the Pitts, but I did show great restraint and kept my wallet in my pocket.

If you guys don't possess the same power of restraint that I do then you had better rock on into the Hobbyman and check these models out.



Davin is also importing a range of Brisson petrol engines. Very nicely built, electronic ignition and very reasonably priced. I think that the 98cc model is under a \$1000.

CD's Report

Scale Aeros

Hi everyone and welcome to another edition of our wonderful publication. The last month and the next couple of months are busy times at the field. With a number of special interest groups holding competitions there.

February 13th saw the Scale Aerobatic contingent descend upon us and a very successful day it was. We had perfect weather conditions (unlike last year!) and a field of 15 entries. The first of three rounds started at 9.30 am and we flew all the way through till 4pm. Due to time restraints there were no unknown or freestyle schedules flown but still some very good flying was seen, especially in the unlimited class. Scores were that close between Glen Orchard and Paul Marlan that a winner could not be determined until the last flight of the day. A big thank you goes out to Steve Richardson from Bendigo for doing the CD work on the day and also to Glen Orchard for driving down from Mildura for the third time in recent months, Warren Leach and Neville Glew also made the long journey from Albury. There were also plenty of new products on display from The Hobbyman and Tates Hobbies.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

Plans are already underway to make this event bigger and better next year.

That's all for now *Glenn Cossor.*

Results scale aeros

BASIC

- 1ST- Matt Curry
- 2ND- Andrew Dunne
- 3RD- Glenn Cossor

SPORTSMAN

- 1ST- Stuart Davies
- 2ND- Barrie Fox
- 3RD- Neville Glew

INTERMEDIATE

- 1ST- Tony Driver
- 2ND- Steve Richardson
- 3RD- Warren Leach

UNLIMITED

- 1ST- Paul Marlan
- 2ND- Glen Orchard



PILOTS WANTED

To fly in this years VMAA Trophy.

If you feel you would like to help out by participating in this event please contact either myself or Derek Trussler asap.

This is a fun weekend and you could be part of history by stopping Doncaster winning for the fifth consecutive year.



Proposed Changes to the Field Layout

Several concepts were put to the club at the last General Meeting. Most being based on the possible impact the development of the motorcycle training area, on the property immediately to our north, will have on our safe operation. However, no major changes are to take place until the impact of the motorcycle development is absolutely clear, based on the use of the track and the conditions of their permit.

It was generally accepted that we didn't want to lose our main North South Runway as this caters for a lot of the prevailing wind direction.

This decision also being based on the knowledge that most of our members are capable of flying their general sports models within our northern boundary and generally do so. For members flying larger, faster or Pattern models that often extend their flight path past the Northern boundary, it was agreed to make the following changes to the North-South Strip on the West side of the clubhouse, to keep the flight area within our northern boundary: -

- Move the strip further to the South by shortening the North end by 35 metres and extend the South end by 18 metres. This leaves a distance of 30 metres to the fence.
- Relocate the Pilot standing areas further to the South and restrict members that don't wish to use the barrier to only operate on the South side of the barrier.

During periods that the motorcycle track is in operation it is important for us not to be flying over their area. If pilots flying F3A practice are standing near the Wind Direction Mustang then their 60° box is inside our fence line by some 15 metres. The only part of their flight outside this box is the procedure turn on take-off. If pilots wish to continue to complete this procedure turn in their training sequence then they will need to angle their flight path in such a manner that it heads towards the corner of Wenn and Fowler Roads when taking off to the North. This angled flight path would also apply to other pilots of very fast or large models or anyone else that intends flying distances beyond the extremities of our Northern Boundary.

If the motorcycle track is only to be used by 3 or 4 people at a time and not on weekends then this measure may be sufficient.

If there is more regular use of the motorcycle training area then it may be necessary to provide an additional diagonal strip as indicated in the diagram.

- It was agreed to realign the North-South Strip on the West Side of the clubhouse to give a more acceptable safety distance from the current car park. If members parked their cars either head or tail in towards the barrier on the East side of this parking space, as shown in the diagram, then a full 30 meters from the edge of the runway would be maintained.

It was also agreed to reduce the width of this strip to 25 meters in an endeavour to reduce the visual impact of the fenced off Dam area on the realigned runway during landing approach.

The realignment also provides space to allow the development of a car park extension to the North maintaining a 30 metre separation from the extended line of the edge of the runway. Refer to diagram.

- The development of a tree plantation along the drive and back of proposed extensions to the car park, as shown in the diagram, was accepted.
- The concept of extending the car parking areas to the North along both sides of the driveway, as shown in the diagram, was accepted. This allows for the provision of an additional 60 car parking spaces while allowing both the North-South strips to be operational.
- It was agreed to stop mowing the area known as Meehan's Depression at the East end of the East-West Runway.
- The development of a plan to provide for the needs of handicapped visitors or possible new members was accepted. This would require the construction of acceptable toilet facilities, a ramp to the clubrooms, additional pathways and reserved car parking space.

The Cooperative has been tasked with establishing the facts about the operating permit for the Motorcycle Training Area. After this has been truly established then we can implement the planned changes as deemed necessary.

Mug of the Month



Please do not form the impression that the lack of Mugs in last months newsletter inferred that we are all top flight pilots now. The truth was, I ran out of time to organise and type up the huge list of muggy activities that the club members had engaged in and so put it off to this month.

Good news is I have time this month so let the Shoooooowwwww Begin !!!!

To be fair, and I always am, I may just start by dobbing myself in. Last weekend I thought that I would slip in a quick flight or five on Saturday morning. I made this decision only a few minutes before I was due to drop my daughter off at her part time job. Consequently I was in a bit of a rush to organise myself.

On arrival at the field I became engaged in the obligatory hour long chat. Then it dawned on me that if I didn't fly soon it would be time to go home. So, of to the car I trotted. Firstly, I realised that I left the fast charger sitting on the boot of my wives car so a quick call home saved that from any passing thieves. That settled I assembled the model and went into the back of the car to grab my spanner. Hmmm? Where is my tool box and fuel ?.....
"Hello, me again did I leave my tool box next to that charger?"

Now for a few quickies:

First person of the year to land in a hay bail.....Wal Schubach
First person of the year to Bog the tractor.....Our machinery officer Paul Somerville
First, Second, third, Forth, only Person of the year to jam his money in the coke machine.....Don Klein
First person of the year to turn up at the wrong place for our committee meetingFred Webb
First person of the year to reverse into our new 'hayshed'.....Mal Caesar
First person of the year to attempt take off with elevator back to front.....Doug Page

At our TwiFly meeting last year Paul Somerville was suffering very badly from lack of attention disorder. Whilst flying his Electrafun he was distracted momentarily and the model ended up landing in the long grass somewhere in the distance.

And as for our computer transmitter sales consultant of the year, Glen Cossor. Well, he was seen scratching his head rather vigorously when he turned his new TX on and the model responded by sticking full throw on all controls. One elevator half up and one down, aileron sick moved elevators, elevator moved something else and I am sure that when he advanced the throttle the canopy popped off.

One of the better Mug efforts so far would definitely have to go to Fred Web. Late last year he was assisting Peter Harris to locate the sprinkler heads that had become overgrown with grass. They had located most by isolating each section and turning the water on. This popped up the head. During this process Fred had the uncanny ability to stand right over the sprinkler just as Peter turned on the water So the water shot up Freds shorts to water his fruit and vegies. This happened two times in a row.



I won't even mention the club member who dropped his dacks to show everyone his hip operation scar.

Then of course I could dob in Frank Dibble who rolled up at the field had the usual chat, prepared his model for flight then realised he couldn't see.

"Where did I put those glasses? "

A thorough search of the field turned up nothing. So he thought that he would fly anyway. Flew much better than usual. Obviously being able to see the plane is a disadvantage for some!

Bill Hawkes has been ploughing a bit of money into his garden of late. Apparently when he leaned over to put some garden clippings into his mulcher quite a bit of his loose change fell in there also. He has since spread the mulch on the garden and will report back when the money tree starts to grow.

It's not often that I have to roll over into a second page of mugs but you've been so good to me of late that I even have a photo section.

Even More Mug,

Thommo !!! No words required really, the pictures say it all.

This sequence was taken over two days and all the action happened at the Greensborough field. See guys I told you that you can't escape, no matter where you fly.



Day one Thommo executes a perfect three point landing at the top of a tree.



The crew gathers to contemplate a course of action,

An intense brainstorming session came up with the following retrieval tactic

Lets chuck rocks at it!!



Gee look at this they are even posing for the mug column.

Reserved.

This space is reserved for you dum stunt. Let me know what it was and you will enjoy your 5 minutes of fame next month.

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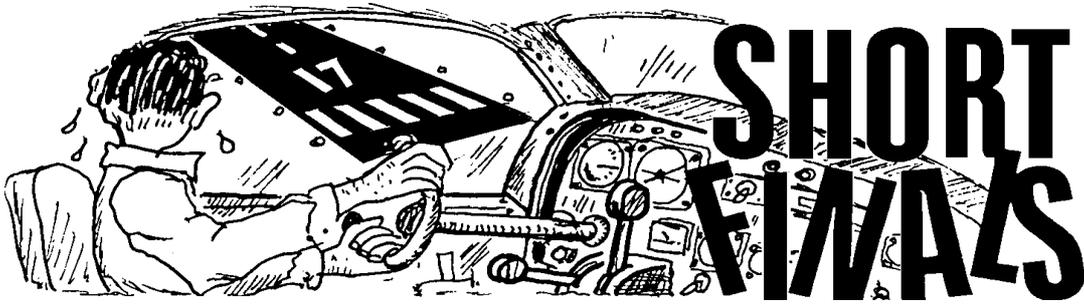
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Come on Guys you are starting to make it too easy for me. Are you doing it just to get in the newsletter ?

Action Ahoy





Some British Signs

Spotted in a toilet of a London Office:

Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

In a Laundromat: Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothing when the light goes out.

In a London Department Store: Bargain basement upstairs.

In an Office: Would The Person Who Took The Step Ladder Yesterday, Please Bring It Back Or Further Steps Will Be Taken.

In an Office: After Tea Break, Staff Should Empty The Teapot And Stand Upside Down On The Draining Board.

Outside a Secondhand Shop: We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?

Notice in a Health Food shop window:

Closed Due To Illness.

Seen during a Conference: For Anyone Who Has Children And Doesn't Know It, There Is A Day Care On The First Floor.

Notice in a field: The Farmer Allows Walkers To Cross The Field For Free But The Bull Charges.

Message on a leaflet: If You Cannot Read, This Leaflet Will Tell You How To Get Lessons.

On a Repair Shop door: We Can Repair Anything (Please Knock Hard On The Door) - The Bell Doesn't Work.

Hints 'N' Tips

Went to Bunnings to get a couple of packets of Dremel accessories. Sanding drums \$10 to \$12 a packet, grinding stones about the same price.

If you look carefully you will find an accessory pack which contains 150 accessories for under \$20 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
You find them in the power tool dept.

Thommo

I was also in Bunnings recently with the intention of buying a flexi drive for my dremel. GEEZZ \$80 !!!

I ended up buying an Ozito dremel copy complete with flexi drive stand and accessories for \$35.

How satisfying when you get a bargain... Ed

Towels And Tea Towels,

Members, please ask your wife /partner if they have any old but still useable bath or tea towels that they would like to donate to the club kitchen as we are desperate for some and can sure put them to good use .

Thanks in anticipation , Pearl

Ever wondered what the bad kids get for Christmas ?



Our Very own Roy Rob Winner

I went to press last month before I had this info so I guess it's getting a little old now. But That is certainly not going to stop me Congratulating Mark Collins on winning the Roy Robertson Trophy for the 5th time running.

Fantastic effort. Mark By the way you don't look like an Old Timer in the photo you look relatively young



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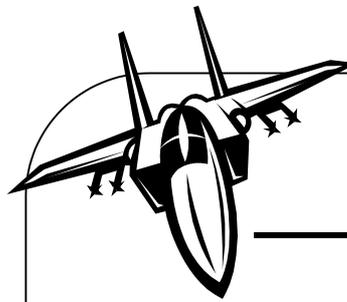
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