



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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At our September Club Meeting, Noel Whitehead, David Law, Noel Findlay and Greg Lepp, after their talk of their experience at the World Champs' in Switzerland, David Law holding the winning trophy

**Next Club Meeting, and Coop AGM, Saturday 6th October 2018
At Burley Field, 1pm start**

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EDITOR'S BIT

Month Of the Mug ?

One very cold day, in the depths of winter this year, probably a Sunday

A group of our flyers were huddled around the wood burner getting warm, there was a good fire in the burner and it was glowing hot Or Robbo' (Ian Robinson), decided to get a bit warmer, so he sidled up to the burner, enjoying the radiated heat, there was a slight breeze blowing, then everyone noticed white chook feathers swirling around the place

Horror of horrors, Robbo's polyester jacket had melted and instantly opened up a large hole at the front, releasing the feather stuffing, Robbo' was not amused

As it turned out Robbo's Missus, Gwen' was also not amused, Robbo' cooked his lunch that day



Robbo' when he was in the good books

Frank McPherson Editor

WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2018

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NOTICES

CLUB DEFIBRILLATOR

The Club has purchased a good quality defibrillator, it is planned to install the defibrillator in the small alcove that houses the library

Don White (retired Ambulance Officer), will be providing a basic first aid course, including using the Defibrillator, at our Club rooms on 3rd November

Don White Social Officer

An oldie but a Goodie



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alan Foley President

We are all looking forward to the next big event, the Scratch-Built Scale Day on Sunday November 11th. Members are encouraged to bring along their models even if they are not completed.

This year the event falls on Remembrance Day and we will be honoring this at 11am with a ceremony officiated by Lieutenant Colonel Darryl Slade (Retired). He will be concentrating on the 100th anniversary of the cease of hostilities of WW1 so anyone who can bring along a WW1 model, that would be great. Hopefully we can get enough in the air for a fly-past. For those interested in classic cars, the West Gippsland Historical Automobile Club will be visiting the field on Sunday October 14th as part of their monthly club run.

Finally, a reminder that the club belongs to us all. No-one has the right to claim the sky to themselves to the exclusion of others. We all pay the same fees and have equal rights and it is definitely not OK to abuse other members who are taking off whilst you are flying.

If anyone wants to test fly a new model or has another specific reason, it is only a matter of courtesy and consideration to ask fellow members if they can fly solo for 5 minutes; members in this case would be happy to accommodate this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting Opened: 1300 hrs

Members Present: 27

Apologies: P. Harrison, D Glossop, N Parker

Visitors: Sharon and Noel Finlay

New Members: Trevor Garey

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion that the minutes of meeting of the previous be accepted Moved B Law Seconded, D White Carried

Business Arising: Nil

President:

- Advised the club of the passing Past president of the club Phil Langton.
- Advised member that David Glossop is in hospital recovering from a serious illness Doing well and should hopefully be out in a weeks' time.
- Reminded Members of some of our club rules. In particular;
 - No Re fuelling or fuel bottles in the "Hayshed" or on the surrounding pathways. Committee will most probably erect a sign to this effect as a reminder and for the benefit of visiting members
 - Badges must be worn at all times. Club Rule is No badge No Fly. This is particularly important with the number of new members to save the embarrassing question of "are you a member?"
 - If more than one person flying, then all flyers must do circuits, no hogging the runway
 - Now that we have a busier flight line remember to call if you enter runway, when doing low passes and when landing.

Secretary:

Corro In:

- Number of enquiries re-joining club
- Various invoices
- Email re members ignoring club rules
- VMAA advising of new VMAA Secretary Joe Finocchiaro
- VMAA also advise appointed positions of CD, Editor and Webmaster available to anyone interested.
- VARMS advise/ invite to 50th Birthday celebrations on 30th September 2018. 10am to 4pm

Corro Out

- Congratulations to new VMAA secretary

Invite to World Scale team to speak at September meeting

Treasurer:

The Treasurer provided report on club finances. Club is very close to achieving it budgeted income for the year

Registrar:

- 145 Membership renewals processed including 8 new members 5 resignations 17 still unpaid.
- Reminded non-members (those that haven't yet paid renewal that there is **No** period of grace for payment. If you haven't renewed, you are **not** insured and **not** able to fly at the club or at any other club.

Facilities

- Been working on the assembling shelving in Big Shed and tidying up in there.
- Next project will be to fix and strengthen the sign at entrance gate.
- Roof Panel have all been refixed by roofing contractor.

Field

- Has been spreading lime on the runway with new club spreader.
- Will be getting in more Soil in to top dress and then sow grass seed to bare patches on runway.

Safety

No incidents to report this month

Editor

Advised that there are only 10 members receiving a printed copy of the newsletter now. He presented current costing and alternate costing and questioned if Hard copies should be sent at all. Suggestion came from club member to call the remaining 10 members to discuss. Club referred back to the committee to discuss, research and make decision on this.

Webmaster: Club email system is misbehaving but he hopes to have it sorted soon.

Social

- Has organised for another club outing to the Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club at Scoresby. Date set is Sunday 25th November. Gold coin donation for entry. Free BBQ for lunch
- Don also brought along the Defibrillator and alarmed storage cabinet purchased by the club via Dons connections. This will be installed over next month and most likely we will have some first aid sessions at upcoming club meetings. Topics may cover wound care as well as how the used the Defib.

General Business

- Reminder of the Scratch Build Scale day coming up in November. Date is November 11 which is Remembrance Day so there will be a service at 11 am as part of the event. As it is the 100th anniversary of WW1 organisers are hoping for a number to WW! Models to be present and may do a combined fly past as part of the ceremony.

Meeting Closed 1340 hrs

Our Special Guests, David law, Noel Whitehead Noel Findlay and Greg Lepp spoke on their experiences at the world champs in Switzerland and took questions from Members. This was an excellent session and highlighted the amazing effort and financial sacrifice they all made.

Once again, the club congratulates the team on a fantastic result of 1st place in team event made possible by the fantastic individual efforts they made in achieving very high individual placings.

Next club meeting 6th October 2018 Co-Op AGM will be run after this meeting.

David Walsh Secretary

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

If you don't understand tech talk, you'll may not want to read any further.

Due to the way Google Chrome & Mozilla Firefox now classify websites, they place a priority on sites using Secure Sockets Layer, or SSL. Websites without SSL are marked as unsecure & get a lower page ranking within search tools as well. So, to counter this, I have implemented SSL or encryption on the club website. What this means is when your computer requests a page from the website the server & your computer use an encrypted connection to ensure no-one else can see what your doing. (see I said, nerd talk).

I have also updated the tool that produces the weather gauges on the website. This was necessary to implementing the SSL mentioned above as well as fix some bugs. Please let me know if you experience any issues with either the site itself or the weather gauges. It's quite a technical change from a website point of view & I wouldn't be surprised if I broke something! One thing I could not upgrade to SSL was the webcams, so if your viewing those pages you will receive an alert saying the page is not secure.

The other main change I have made recently is to the tool I use to send club emails (like newsletters) to members. One of the issues with emailing to lots of people is email providers tend to think your mailing spam to people (because you've sent the same message to lots of people) & at a server level block emails from getting to the recipients. To counter this, I have now implemented sending using a commercial service, which is provided by Amazon Web Services.

Amazon, along with running a very large online store also provide one of the world's largest online servers which can be rented out, so to speak.

The advantage of this is Amazon services are well regarded by email providers and give a higher rating to email sent via Amazon servers. What this means for the club members is simply more mail gets through without being blocked or marked as spam. Obviously, these services cost money. Amazon charge \$0.10 for every 1,000 emails sent per month. As generally we send 150 emails a month, I felt the cost was worth it. I was going to put together a presentation & get the members to approve the expense, but I couldn't be bothered. I hope you don't mind. Nerd talk now ends. Happy Flying.

Daniel Jenkins Webmaster

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

It has been drawn to the attention of the safety officer that some individuals have been seen to be taking off and landing in the pits. Whether this is because they are too weary to walk on to the strip, or because they are handicapped in some way, it is nevertheless a clear contravention of the club flying rules and is potentially dangerous.

If you are physically handicapped, there are plenty of fellow fliers who will put your model on the strip for you or help to recover your model after landing. Don't hesitate to ask for help if this is the case.

However, please be aware that models must be placed on the strip before take-off, and must be landed on the strip, not in the pits.

Alan Coleman Safety Officer

FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi Everyone, **PLEASE READ THIS REPORT.** A huge amount has happened for our runways since my last report in June this year and for those who have been for a fly during the past month will notice how lush our runway grass is. It will only continue to get better from now on.

First, I will again outline my strategic planning for improving our runways, for those who may have forgotten plus also for our new members. Two years ago I had the soil tested by Browns Fertilizers soil expert who said it will be a simple task to stop the runways from cracking and has a lot of experience with peat clay sports grounds. The test revealed we needed lime spread over the runways, pits and car parks, so they used a large spreader truck to spread 2 tonne per hectare. The truck was very heavy and left deep wheel marks that we had to repair. I decided we would not use the heavy truck again on our runways. The lime certainly worked and stopped most cracks. The East runway and the far side of our main runway did have cracks early this year so I had Elders do another soil test in late June.

Elders soil expert said we need to apply more lime at a rate of 200kg per hectare and they can supply it in 20kg bags for easier handling. Instead of paying somebody to spread it I decided to buy a small spreader that is towed behind our ride on mower. I spread the lime a month ago and only took 2 hours to do the runways and pits. A fantastic unit that we will continue to use on the reserve car parks and also for spreading fertilizer. It will also be used if some parts of our runways develop cracks where we still require more lime in that area. The eventual result will be a much more stable soil, that will allow us to commence filling low spots to make the runways more even, especially for jets and large models. I look forward to seeing how our runways look at the end of this summer.

Two years ago we found the African Black beetle was eating our grass, leaving bare ground. We solved this problem by spraying a beetle poison in spring each year and last year we did not see a beetle. We will continue to spray each year because they will be still in the soil adjacent to our runways that is slashed for hay. Also during the past two years we have been spraying an ingredient mix onto the runways and these nutrients have made the grass lush. Leaving the cut grass on the runways as we mow also improves the soil nutrients.

Two months ago I killed off the large areas of kikuyu couch on our runways because it is too coarse for models. It certainly made the couch die off back to bare soil. On the 17th and 18th of September Daniel and I spread 10 cubic metres of turf mix soil, courtesy of the MAAA grant, onto the dead areas where Kikuyu was. All our terrific equipment was in use. Daniel used our front end loader to load our hydraulic tip trailer that he pulled with our 135 Fergie. He spread the dirt into small piles where I used our Front Deck Mower to then spread the soil evenly. This worked so well that we did not require helpers with rakes. Hooray I hear many of our older members say who spent many hours in the past on rakes and shovels. Thank you Daniel for your terrific help.

On the 19th and 20th I spread grass seed onto the newly spread soil and raked it in. Very easy to do with this excellent turf mix soil. The seed is a mix of a fine hardy Sahara couch and rye grass. The rye grass protects the couch as it grows then the couch will overtake the rye so we should end up with a fine couch similar to Santa Anna which is used on all top golf courses.

This is a trial and I will keep a close eye on it so we can use it again as we level off the runways in the future. It will take 2 years to mature.

Early October we will again spray the ingredient mix onto the runways, especially the newly sown areas.

Members, when taking off and landing on the runways, please try to avoid the newly sown areas, I will not be cutting this new grass short until it has established.

We also had a diesel fuel problem, early September, for our tractor and front deck mower, which required new fuel filters on the machines and on the storage tank. The problem for the mower was wasps crawling inside the dispensing nozzle, then when we began to fill the mower tank they were flushed into the tank blocking the suction line. We will make a nozzle holder that will not allow wasps to crawl inside it and we will dispense via a meshed funnel. Thank you Paul Somerville and Daniel for removing the mower fuel tank and cleaning it out



Our new spreader, made the job of spreading much easier and faster, two hours to do the lime on the runways and pits
A fantastic unit that we will continue to use on the reserve car parks and also for spreading fertilizer

Norm Morrish Field Manager

REGISTRAR

Registrars Report – September 2018

New Member Applications

- Bill Bloodworth, Mitcham Probationary
- Kevin Chiselett, East Burwood Rejoined Full Member
- Trevor Garey, Listerfield Rejoined Full Member
- William Lombard, Parkdale Provisional

Any objections to these 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.

Inductions/Orientation

This is an important process as it ensures that new members are aware of how the Club operates and is intended to save future problems for both the new member and the Club. Club badges and keys will not be issued to new members until they have attended an induction.

Awards

Congratulations to **Brendan Elliot** on being awarded his Bronze (P) Wings

Memberships

Membership renewals have been completed for all those who have returned forms. A list of unfinancial Members has been posted on the Club Noticeboard

Everyone flying now should display their 2018/19 Membership Cards

	Paid 2018-19	Unpaid	New 17-18
Associate	13	0	0
Full	89	11	0
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	3	1	0
Life	3	0	0
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	24	0	0
Probationary	13	6	1
Prospective	3	1	4
Student	0	1	0
Spouse	0	1	0
Total Paid	148	21	8

Resigned – 5, Unpaid - 16

Rob Till Registrar

Notice of Annual General Meeting Darcsfield Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the **Club Field** at **1pm on Saturday 6 October 2018**.

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, Mr B. Law and Mr R. Till are retiring as directors. Mr P Harris and Mr B. Law offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations for election as Director to fill these vacancies are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing on the form available at www.pdarcs.com.au/nomination. Forms to be submitted at least 21 days prior to the meeting. (*Rule 41 (3)*) No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

4. To appoint an Auditor
5. 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

IMAC One Day Competition

P&DARCS - Sunday 21st October 2018



Following on from the success of the IMAC Come and Try Day held in July, the P&DARCS club have allowed a "One Day" Come and Try IMAC Competition to be held on the third Sunday in October.

The aim of the day will be to allow those who are wanting to have a go at IMAC to enter the competition, under IMAC rules and judging criteria.

We will run Basic and Sportsman classes, so there will be plenty of opportunity for those wanting to have a go in either of these classes. We will have experienced pilots available to assist on the day.

There is no need for large IMAC planes. Any sports plane will do the Basic IMAC sequence.

For those that were unable to attend the IMAC Come Try Day, but are keen to participate, please be sure to register your interest via my below contact details.

Entry is open to MAAA affiliated members.



Cost: \$10 and will include lunch.

When:

Sunday 21st October 2018

9am Start

Where:

Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society

30 Fowler Rd, Cardinia 3978

Please register your interest with either:

Steve Malcman

Email: smalcman@bigpond.com

Mobile: 0410 464 186

Or

Michael Andrysik

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Club's **Kit & Scratch Built Scale Rally** is on November 11th and we desperately need members to assist in running the event.

We need **gate attendants and parking directors** for Sunday. We will be running 1 hour rosters so it will not be too difficult to help out on the day. There will also be a small working bee on the Friday before the weekend to get the field up and ready. You are welcome to attend.

If you can help on either or both days please contact Ivan Chiselett at monty@pdarcs.com.au or on 9898 4379 advising what days, and how long you can give.

We really want this to be a great success for the club and we need your help to run it.

Kit & Scratch Built Scale Rally November 11th 2018

Don't forget the Club's big event. There are great trophies to be handed out in two categories as well prizes handed out by lucky draw during the day.

As it will be Remembrance Day and the centenary of the end of WW1 we will be having a short service at 11 AM and it is hoped that we can have a fly-by of WW1 scale aircraft. If you have a hand built scale WW1 model please bring it along and be part of something special. Please tell your friends from other clubs of the event and fly-by as we need modelers to attend.

Why not get out one or more of your "hand built" scale models and come along and be part of the weekend. It does not have to be spectacular, just hand made from a kit or scratch. If you only have a project on the go, please bring them. The weekend is all about celebrating building models a sort of show and tell. If you do not have an aircraft that qualifies just come and have a look at the models that will be there.

Please tell your friends about the weekend, we have a Public Display Permits so the public is OK to attend and enjoy looking at great models.

It is only \$5-00 per car. No additional registration fee, just the \$5-00 is all it costs. All profits go back to our great club. Please get behind the rally and come and enjoy the weekend.

See the club website www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerally for details and entry forms.

Ivan Chiselett at monty@pdarcs.com.au or on 9898 4379

FROM OUR FLYING FIELD SOME PEOPLE AND MODELS



Peter Harris concentrating on his model



Ian Robinson, about to retrieve his model after a successful landing



Balint Banko with his "bitser" model, it had serious problems remaining airborne, Brian Evans tried in vain to correct its performance, but a lot of fun



The big Bomber team doing a test assembly, on the apron beside the main car park, the test flight looks to be imminent, Pearl Shubach in the red jacket, nice to see her back on deck



Dave Chivers big "Ag Truck"

FROM OUR FLYING FIELD SOME PEOPLE AND MODELS



David Law's "Pitts Special" scale model



Geoff Healy's F3A model on the main strip on a very cold (-4 C) morning, notice the frost



Dave Law's Jet fighter ready for take-off



The fighter Jet on take – off run, Dave flew it well



Brian Evan's twin rotor "tango" ornithopter ?



The twin rotor on take – off run, Brian flew it well

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2018

October 2018

- 06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)
- 18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
- 21 (Sun) [IMAC Come and Try Competition](#) Field Open: **Partial**
- 20 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)
- 27 (Sat) [Spring Clean & Working Bee](#) Field Open: **Partial**

November 2018

- 03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 06 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#) Field Open: **Partial**
- 11 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**
- 15 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
- 25 (Sun) 10:00 am - 10:30 am [Tour National Steam Centre](#)

December 2018

- 01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
- 02 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **No**
- 08 (Sat) [P&DARCS Christmas Dinner & Twi-Fly](#)

P&DARCS Calendar can now be viewed online at www.pdarcs.com.au/calendar

The logo for SC Models features the letters 'SC' in a large, red, stylized font above a blue silhouette of a fighter jet. Below the jet, the word 'models' is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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Quality at the Right Price

The Motrolfly logo consists of the word 'MOTROFLY' in a blue, italicized, sans-serif font, with a yellow lightning bolt graphic to its right.The Dura-GRIT logo features the text 'Dura-GRIT' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a yellow gear icon to its right.An advertisement for Dragon R.C. showing a quadcopter drone on a blue grid. The text includes 'www.dragonrc.com.au', 'Dragon R.C', and 'Dragonrc.com.au'. There is also a small red circular logo with a dragon in the top left corner.

www.dragonrc.com.au
Dragon R.C
Dragonrc.com.au

An advertisement for Addies Hobbies with a yellow background. It features the text 'Addies HOBBIES' in a stylized font, 'RC world of fun' in a blue font, and 'AIRCRAFT BOATS KITES HELIS CAR!' at the bottom. It also includes the address '641A Nepean Hwy Carrum 3197 Victoria' and phone number '03 9773 3955' along with the website 'addieshobbies.com.au'. Small icons of a drone, boat, kite, helicopter, and car are shown at the bottom.

An advertisement for My Tool Store with a wood-grain background. It features the text 'MY TOOL STORE' and 'Make it YOUR tool store too!'. Below this is a blue banner with 'MTS' in large, metallic letters and 'mytoolstore.com.au' in smaller white letters. A wrench is shown on either side of the banner.

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