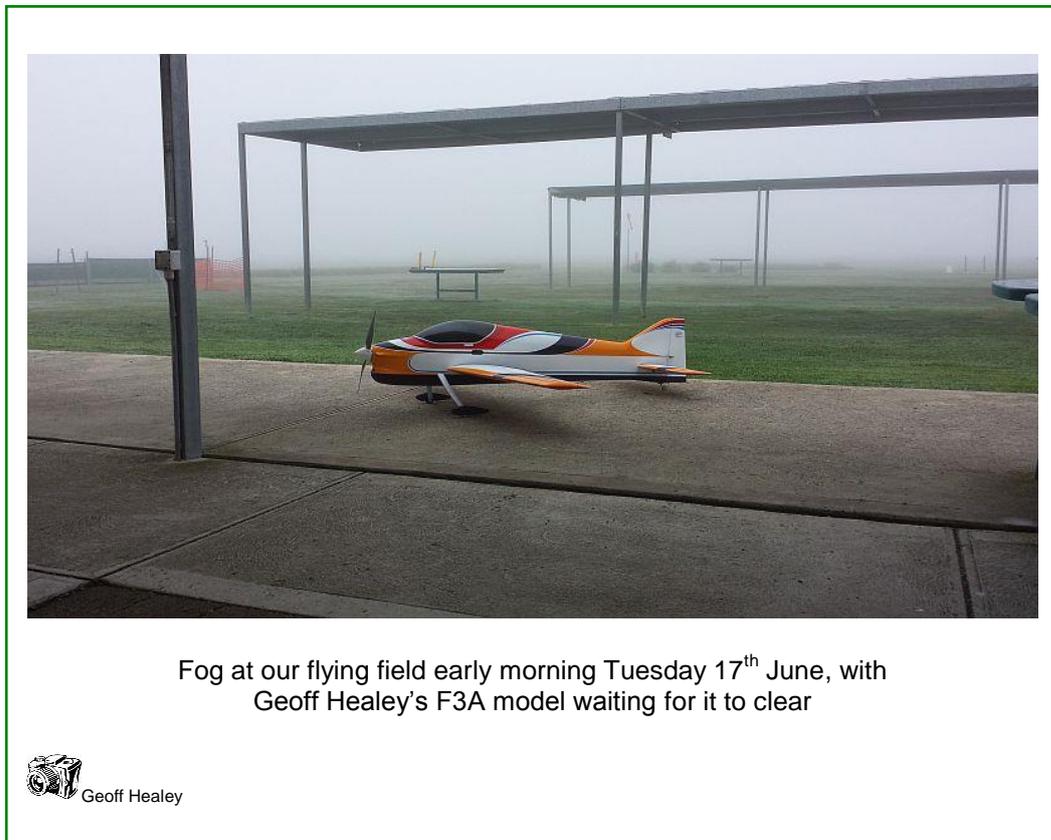


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Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society

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**Next Club Meeting and AGM, Saturday August 2nd
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Editor's Bit

Frank is on Holidays in U.K so there is no Editor's Bit for this month

Frank McPherson Editor



Note from Editor: As you can see from above Frank is off enjoying himself in Old Blighty, so this is a "Newsletter Lite" version compiled by Daniel Jenkins.

Normal service will resume next month.

WHAT'S ON

At P&DARCS 2014 / 15

Look in the Club Calendar on page 9

From the VMAA Events Calendar 2014

August

2-3	VPA Horsham	WMAA
17	VPA Classic Pattern State Field	NFG

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

- # IF YOU SEE LOCAL FARMER'S COWS ON EITHER WENN OR FOWLER ROADS, CALL THE LOCAL POLICE
- # NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, *NO BADGE, NO FLY.* (TO STOP FREELoadERS USING YOUR FLYING FIELD)
- # VISITORS MUST BE SIGNED IN, AND WEAR A "STICK ON" NAME BADGE
- # WHEN STARTING AN I.C POWERED MODEL, OR ARMING AN ELECTRIC POWERED MODEL IN THE PITS, THE MODELS MUST BE RESTRAINED
- # ELECTRIC POWERED MODELS SHOULD BE ARMED AT THE FLYING STRIP AND DISARMED AFTER LANDING
- # ALL I.C ENGINES MUST BE FITTED WITH AN EFFECTIVE SILENCER

PRESIDENT

This is the final news letter for the 2013/2014 club year. --or maybe it is the first news letter for the 2014/2015 club year. take your pick.

Because of the change over time and the fact that some retiring committee members may not be standing for re-election, there obviously not a lot to report on in some portfolios.

At this time I wish to thank all the members of the current committee for their efforts and their support through what has a reasonably busy, and overall, a quite successful year.

The usual regular highlights included of course, the "Monty", and the revamped OS day, now expanded and renamed "Model Engines Day".

For me, probably the most rewarding outcome was the final agreement from Melbourne Water, allowing us to proceed with our shed project. A special thanks to Ivan for his work on this project.

Also to Norm, Daniel and the "outdoor crew", for without their endless efforts we would not have a field to fly from, let alone one as great as ours.

Think about this at election time and think about what YOU may be able to do or to help.

Bill R

Bill' Reynolds, President

SECRETARY

We did not have a club meeting last month due to the Annual Club Auction.

Last month Dick Ryland informed the P&DARCS Committee that he would not be renewing his membership due to ill health. For many years Dick has provided a huge number of interesting articles for our newsletters. Due to this support the P&DARCS Committee provided Dick with honorary membership for one year.

Below is a letter from Dick.

Dear Don

Thank you for your letter of July 11th. I am immensely grateful for the Honorary Membership which the committee has given me for the coming year and in particular the thought behind it.

This gesture confirms for me what a great club P&DARCS is. I am very pleased to still belong to it for another year and I look forward to visiting while my health allows me to.

Please pass on my thanks to each of the committee members. I was quite stunned by their gesture. It was so totally unexpected but very, very gratefully received.

Dick Ryland

Don White, Secretary

TEAM CAPTAIN

Nothing to report this month

Steve Malcman P&DARCS Team Captain

BUILDINGS OFFICER

No report for this month

David Glossop, Buildings Officer

SAFETY OFFICER

No report for this month

Alan Foley Safety Officer

FACILITIES MANAGER

No report for this month

Paul Somerville Facilities Manager

REGISTRAR

Renewals are going well and I try to process renewal forms ASAP when I get them. The MAAA/VMAA have an online renewal process this year and that has given me some extra challenges, but it is a much better way. Just takes time to learn how to drive it properly. There was a db corruption issue and I had to re process 23 members again, that was fun.

Please remember to follow the instructions on the form and ensure that you return your renewal form. We have already had a mystery renewal and I posted to a member card to a incorrect address as the form with the changes came in late.

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.

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).

New Member Applications

Graeme Pentland has applied to renew as a Full member of the Club

Any objection to this member application can 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.

ANNUAL REPORT

Well another fiscal year coming to an end, where has the time gone!

I have hopefully fulfilled Member / Committee member's expectations as Registrar in the year past. Of note was the change of the badge design for 2014/15, and the new Online registration for the MAAA / VMAA. Many an email between the VMAA and I, but it is going to be a great system and stream line the process in the end, just more work for me!

If the Membership wishes for me to continue as Registrar in the New Year, then I would be happy to be re elected for the role of Registrar

Regards,
Paul Webber

Paul Webber, Registrar

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Membership to date

Paid 2014-15

Unpaid

New 14-15

Associate	2	1	0
Full	80	18	0
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	28	3	0
Probationary	16	3	1
Student	0	2	0
Spouse	1	0	0
Honorary Member	1	1	0

Probationary - Associate	0
Probationary - Full	0
Associate - Full	3

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

Passed Away	0
Resigned	3
Lapsed	24

Sub Total

131	27	1
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FIELD MANAGER

Hi guys, had forgotten what winter is really like. Next year plan to head North like Glen Burgdorf and Peter Hill.

While preparing the base for the new shed we have laid new pipes along the main east west drain and this will allow our main carpark to be connected to the larger carpark on the North side without navigating the on crossover. The Vee area in North side of the new shed, will also be levelled for additional carparking and to give access to the North side Roller Door of the Shed.

Sincere thanks to Bill Randell, Peter Hill, Geoff Healey and Daniel Jenkins for their great help doing this civil works.

Had Anco Turf meet me on site to discuss what we need to do to prepare the runways for them to sow Santa Anna Couch. They do not level the runways so it will take us at least 12 months to level the Western runway and the outer areas of the Main and East runways where the cracks have occurred. They agree with me that Santa Anna is the best couch for us to use. It requires minimum water and my trial areas survived the summer without water. The fine couch will bind the peat clay runways to stop cracking.

The best time for them to sow Santa Anna is September so I am planning for September 2016. Will keep you informed. It is possible that the fine grass we have on large sections of the main and east runways will be well established on the other areas by then and we may not need to plant Santa Anna. Wishful thinking. I have presented a budget for Anco Turf to do this work in 2016.

I have ordered two large truck loads of sandy loam soil to be delivered at a very cheap rate and we will use this to begin filling in the runway cracks and to begin levelling prior to the growing season. We will be looking for volunteers to use rakes to help fill in the cracks. Please give me a ring if you can help on 0418 586 406.

Have also ordered a truck load of crushed rock to fill drive potholes and low spots in main carpark.

Sincere thank you to all our mower men for their great work over the past year. They are a great group of dedicated volunteers for our club. Some do not fly very much (Ian Rolf and Rob) but still turn up to mow.

Thanks also to all members for your support to approve the new shed and the installation of one hoist in our existing shed. This hoist will be moved to the new shed but it has well and truly proved what a great idea it was by Ivan and Paul Somerville to use them. They are easy to use and make it very secure. Great also for maintenance and blade sharpening.

Am looking for additional mower men who are available during the week. We try to avoid mowing on weekends and only do this when too wet during the week. Please give me a call on 0418 586 406 if you can help.

Norm Morrish Field Manager

WEBMASTER & SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Webmaster

The more observant amongst you will have noted that the club computer has been a right pain I the a@\$e over the past month. The computer just took it upon itself to crash about 5 times a day for no apparent reason.

An update of all webcam, weather station and video driver software fixed the problem with the crashing. Of course that was not the end of it. Then the east/west webcams refused to reconnect. I contacted the software manufacture & it turns out it was their fault. When they release a newer version of the software they put the wrong configuration files in for Pixord cameras. So a workaround was provided whilst they release a new version.

Hallelujah, everything was working. I went home a happy man. Later that evening the computer was offline again. So, next visit to the club I discover for some reason the ADSL modem was constantly cycling, or in technical terms, was bugged. A new modem has now been purchased & another trip down the club saw it installed & everything is OK in the computer's world again. Until the next time.

We are also looking at upgrading some of the security cameras & also the east/west webcams. These cameras were purchased in around 2007 so their showing their age. Technology has moved on a lot & higher resolution cameras are now available that would suite out purposes better. Watch the webcams for changes!

Social

Last month we were approached by the VSFAA asking if they could hold the Annual VMAA State Championships at P&DARCS. Apparently their original venue had fallen through. This is a 2 day event in November. The P&DARCS Committee do not normally allow 2 day events at the field as this causes too much disruption to our members. However, In order to help out our fellow fliers, the Committee approved this request on the understanding that this is a one off & the proviso that the field remain open. Our members can still fly small aircraft on the non-active strips on the days in question. Dates are in the club calendar

On the 5th July we held our annual auction at Dingley. The event was well attended & we had a number of nice aircraft find new homes.

As always these events would have been impossible without willing helpers. A big thank you to all those who donated their time.

Unfortunately the weather got the better of us last month & the VSFAA Scale event & and our first Fun Fly & Twi Fly events were cancelled. We will however not been beaten. The next fun fly is scheduled for the end of August. The details of the maneuvers are on the club notice board, so get practicing.

Daniel Jenkins, Social Director & Webmaster

DIGGIN DIRT

If you've been down the field recently you will notice we've been digging up some dirt. We wanted to improve the water drainage out of the car park areas and along the drains to the two sumps.

We have also enclosed a number of pipes to allow us to convert those areas into more parking spaces.

This work was carried out over 3 days by Norm Morrish, Daniel Jenkins Bill Rendall, Peter Hill & Geoff Healy



The new base for the shed



These pipes will allow us to create more parking areas



JUST FOR FUN



Andrew M demonstrating the latest in FPV fashion



The P&DARCS Sky Mule formation team. We just have to learn how to fly in formation

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLUB RULES

The P&DARCS Secretary has received a proposal from Brian Dowie & Seconded by Cliff McIver to amend one of the P&DARCS Flying rules.

The proposed amendment is to rule 4.10 which is "Effective silencers are to be used on all engines where necessary."

The proposed amendment is as follows:

All IC Engines must be fitted with an effective silencer except where there is no silencer stipulated in the engine design. Any person using these design engines must remove themselves from the general group of members to try and eliminate undue discomfort"

The P&DARCS Committee proposes an amendment to this proposal (in bold) to read:

*"All IC Engines must be fitted with an effective silencer except where there is no silencer stipulated in the engine design **(Vintage motors only)** Any person using these design engines must remove themselves from the general group of members to try and eliminate undue discomfort"*

These motions will be put to the members to vote on at the September Club Meeting

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2014

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details
July				
5 th	Sat	Yes	Dingley	Annual Club Auction
24 th	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting
August				
2 nd	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM
21 st	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting
30 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly
September				
7 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting
18 th	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting
October				
4 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM
23 rd	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting
23-26 th	Thu-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Western Port Drifters
25 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly
November				
2 nd	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting
4 th	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow
8 th & 9 th	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	VMAA State Championships
20 th	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting (Summer)
December				
6 th	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting
7 th	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	APA Pattern
10 th	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly



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