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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Fabulous F86 Sabre, these saw service in the Korean War in the 1950s

**Next Club Meeting, Saturday 6th May
1 to 3 pm, At The Flying Field**

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EDITOR'S BIT

Well, seeing I don't have anything interesting or relevant to say, here's a nice aerial photo' of **Our Flying Field dated Late 2011**



Our Field certainly looks different now !

Frank McPherson Editor.

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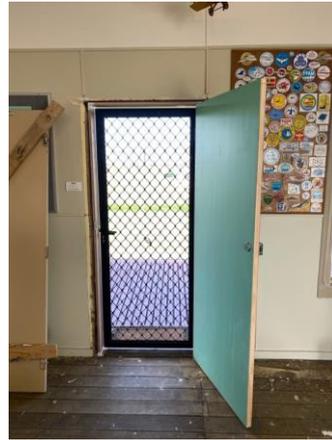
Clubhouse Doors Refurbishment

Many thanks to **David Law's Summit Builders team**, they responded at short notice, to make the Clubhouse secure, by replacing / refurbishing the Clubhouse external doors, and replaced old sub – standard internal doors.

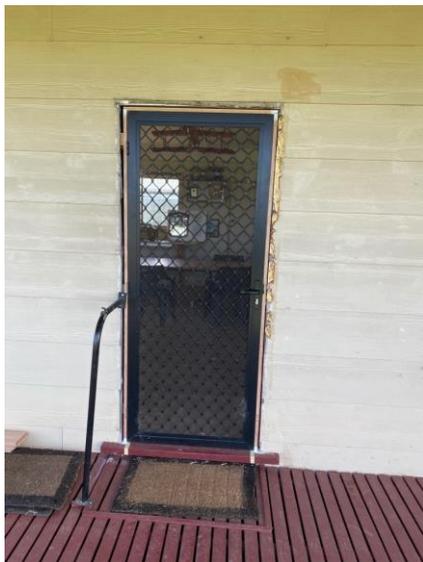
The work included both entrance doors, Cleaner's store, Computer room, and pantry. All doors are 3 hinge, solid, with security locks, and new jambs.



Jason resizing a door



Main entrance doors completed



Wire door onto veranda with new jamb



Rear entrance, new jamb and doors



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Notices

Membership Renewal

At the end of June, the P&DARCS membership renewal cycle will commence. There are a few changes members need to take note of this year prior to that.

Membership renewals forms

This year we will be moving to an email based renewal. Members will be sent their renewal information via email rather than Australia Post. The email will include a link to the P&DARCS website to complete their renewal. All members with an email address registered with us will automatically get their renewals electronically. If you do NOT want to get an electronic renewal, please let the P&DARCS Registrar know ASAP before the renewal cycle begins. If you have no email registered and wish to do so, also please let us know. Membership badges will still be posted out.

Paying VMAA/MAAA Fees

Some members pay their VMAA/MAAA fees via other clubs. If you wish to change that and pay your fees through P&DARCS please let the P&DARCS Registrar know.

Non-Flying Membership

Earlier this year the Committee introduced a new type of membership, Non-flying member. This is for existing full shareholding members who no longer fly but wish to continue their affiliation with P&DARCS. This new category of membership offers a discounted membership fee and no VMAA/MAAA fees. Contact the P&DARCS Registrar if you wish to change to this membership type

For the above three items, if you wish to make these changes, please contact Steve via registrar@pdarcs.com.au (preferred method) or mobile 0410 464 186

Club Locks

In the next week or so we will be moving to a keyless entry system for P&DARCS Members. The gate & club room front door locks will be replaced by combination locks, thus eliminating the need for keys for general members. Machinery sheds & secure areas will remain on keyed locks.

The codes to the locks will be sent to all members via an SMS message, those few members without mobiles numbers on record will be sent the codes via Australia Post.

To see how this will work, please have a read of the [Lock and Unlock Procedure](#)

Please look out for an email and SMS about this over the coming week.

Some Monty Photos from the day





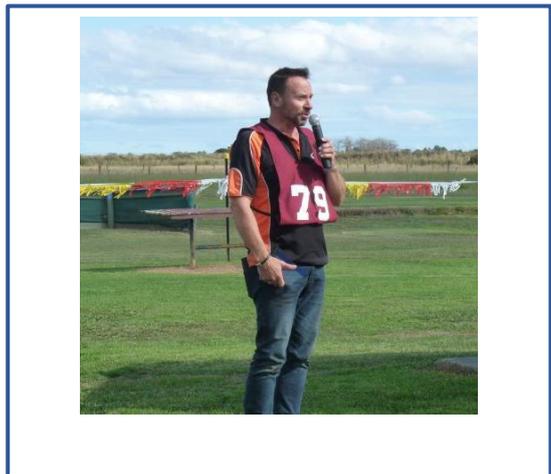
The Hulk RC display and sales



The Ladies running the catering van,
" The Coffee Burger "



A busy Western car park



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents Report April/May 2023

Members have no doubt noticed the lack of newsletter for March. Put simply, lots of us on the committee had a pretty busy month with several issues forcing the newsletter to take a back seat. The work that Frank and others put into the monthly newsletter publication is not insignificant, so at times the deadlines will win. At our next general meeting at the club, we will be discussing the commencement of bi-monthly general meetings and a similar timetable for newsletters.

Over the weekend of April 1st and 2nd, we held the highly anticipated Monty Tyrrell Scale event. As members would be aware, we scheduled the event over two days and it was a great success. These events are made possible thanks to the support of our valued sponsors, Model Flight in Adelaide, Austars Models Sydney, XC RC in Blackburn, the MAAA, and the VMAA. I would also like to acknowledge the support and effort that the ASA (formerly VicScale) put in to getting the event running along with their sponsors Scale Aeroproducts and Holk RC.

The Monty Tyrrell Scale Event has been an annual event that celebrates the art of scale modelling, and it provides a platform for model aircraft enthusiasts to showcase their skills with other like-minded individuals. Saturday was by no means perfect with a cool breeze and some showers late in the day, but Sunday was perfect conditions. This year's event attracted around 47 registered pilots and some 65 model aircraft crowding our pits area. A few of those models were on static display, but most were airborne during the weekend. Frank has included a series of photographs from the weekend further into the newsletter.

Our next general meeting (1pm, Saturday May 6th) at the field will cover our fee structure for the 2023/2024 year, so I encourage as many members as possible to attend this meeting. We need to have this in place so that once the MAAA fees are set in May at the national conference, we will be able to begin our renewal process without delay at the end of June.

The general meeting will also coincide with a working bee from 9am to continue the runway repairs on the western strip. Please let Peter Harris know if you are attending the working bee.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897
P&DARCS President 2022/2023

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2023

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday March 4th 2023 at Burley Field.

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present; 17

Apologies: Steve Malcman, David Law, Melissa Law, Fred Webb & Darryl Slade.

Visitors. Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by Bill Reynolds seconded by Craig Fitzsimmons

Business Arising from Previous Minutes. Nil

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary: As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer: : The Treasurer updated the members on the financial state of the Club. Treasurer moved his report be accepted. D Walsh **CARRIED**

Registrar: As printed in Newsletter.

Field Manager: Craig reported that the runways were in good condition but there was a little cracking at the sides. He is organizing a couple of working bees to get the field ready for the Monty.

Facilities Manager: Norm reported that the floor of the club rooms had dried out and now required the nails to be punched in and sanding. He thanked David Law for organizing his men to repair that damage done by the thieves. This involved installing 2 new doors. There was still more repair work and this will be completed shortly but with the doors fixed the club rooms are secure. The window broken by the thieves is still to be repaired but the window is secured.

Safety Officer: Absent.

Editor. Asked for articles and pictures for the Newsletter.

Webmaster: Daniel reported that the break in occurred very early morning on Saturday. He has forage of the thieves, but they all had their faces covered. The damage caused was about \$2000. The thieves moved most of the cameras to view the sky to cover their "work". The items that were stolen will be about \$2000.

Social Secretary. Position vacant

Club Captain: Nil

Chief Flying Instructor. Nil

Future Planning Sub Committee. Nil

General Business

- **Monty Tyrrell Fly-in Report.**

Keith advised that the pre-registration system was in operation and some registrations had already been received. He asked members to registrar as soon as they can.

He noted that the club had received \$1000 from MAAA and \$500 from VMAA in sponsorship to promote model aviation. He has also obtained a raffle prize of an aircraft valued at about \$1300 from Model Flight at a very good price.

- **Bunyip Scouts Visit.**

The committee approved a request for a visit to the field by the Bunyip Scouts. This was agreed to with them expected to bring about 10 scouts. The committee would welcome assistance from members. They will be arriving at about 7-00pm on March 16th. Members were asked to assist with flight training at the evening.

- **Advice of Motion.**

New Member Category. The committee approved the following motion to be put to the members for ratification.

"The Committee amend the Club By-Laws to create a new category of Full Member called Non-Flying Member. This rate would be set at 50% of the Full Club Fee and no MAAA/VMAA Fees.

This motion will be put to the Members at the April general Meeting.

- **Change of Date of April General Meeting.**

Due to the normal date of the April General Meeting, i.e. first Saturday of the month, clashing with the Monty Tyrrell Fly-in, the date of the "April" meeting has been rescheduled to March 25th at the field starting at 1-00pm.

Meeting closed at 1:55pm

March 15th 2023 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met on Wednesday night March 15th via Zoom.

Some of the items considered are noted below;

- There were no Prospective Members to be voted on this month.
- There were two Prospective Member applications received, John Scott and Alex Williams .
- Melissa Law was voted to be offered Full Membership.
- Consideration of what to do with repairing the club house floor. It was considered that the floor has dried out sufficiently to allow further work to be done. Currently still investigating how to get the floor sanded in preparation of installing floor covering.
- The Club received a bill of \$50-00 from Stephen Green for copyright payments in that the Club Editor inadvertently used an old cartoon in the Club Newsletter without his permission. The committee were very disappointed at the action taken by the member of our club but paid the account to minimize the fuss.
- An "Events Registration System" has been installed on our web site for the Monty and has been working well. Members are encouraged to use this system.
- Work to start soon on fixing in place the benches in the West charging station.
- Quotes will be obtained on the installation of better gates into the adjacent properties to enable access of our "fire wagon".
- Mark Smith requested to provide the Committee with advice of what is proposed for the CL Circle.
- Committee thanked David Law for his speedy action in repairing the damage caused by the recent break in.
- Due to the recent break in in which some of the club's special keys issued to members were stolen, we have had to completely overhaul our locking system. To issue new "special" keys and locks would have been a very large expense. The committee have decided to go with "numeric coded" locks. The members will be advised of the 2 codes to open the gate and club room. A system will be set up where members can get the code should they forget it. The instructions and details will be circulated to members prior to introduction which is planned to be just after the Monty.
- Field Manager will have topsoil delivered to do general runway maintenance leading up to the Monty. He asked for members to volunteer for working bees to be held shortly. Weed spraying has also been recently done.
- It was agreed that when the Eastern Pilot barrier is moved, a better location could be identified. A suggested location will be pegged out to enable members to comment on the proposed location. This to be done after the Monty.

- Several serious safety issues were identified regarding a turbine aircraft. The committee agreed that the Safety Officer issue the member a “Club Safety Violation Notice” due to; over-flying the mower crew, not complying with Turbine starting rules, and flying practices.
- New Member Category. The committee approved the following motion to be put to the members for ratification at the next General Meeting.
- The President noted that the Club needs to do better with how we do Safety. We need to better record and close out safety matters. We are already doing quite well with regular safety audits but we can improve.

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting held on Saturday March 25th 2023 at Burley Field.

Meeting to opened at: 1:00pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present; 17

Apologies: David Glossop

Visitors. Nil.

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by Bill Reynolds seconded by Craig

Business Arising from Previous Minutes. Nil

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary: As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer: The Treasurer updated the members on the financial state of the Club. Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Mike Smith **CARRIED**

Registrar: As printed in Newsletter.

Field Manager:

Craig reported a very successful working bee today with about 24 members present. He noted that the West runway was quite bad and in need of some attention. It was agreed that we have a working bee on the West runway prior to the next General Meeting, May 6th.

Craig requested that there must be no overflying the mower men when they are working on the field. This point was reinforced by the President.

Facilities Manager: Absent

Safety Officer: Absent

Editor.

Frank advised that the Newsletter would be a little late due to the early scheduling of the General Meeting.

Peter Harris noted that Daniel has done considerable work on preparing a security locking scheme for the club following the break in and theft of some of our personalized keys. Unfortunately, Daniel has been called away but he will advise members of the new system very soon. It is likely to be implemented after the Monty.

Webmaster: Absent

Social Secretary. Position vacant

Club Captain: Nil.

Chief Flying Instructor.

Future Planning Sub Committee. Nil.

General Business

• **Monty Tyrrell Fly-in Report.**

Keith advised that there would be a small working bee on Friday to prepare the field for the Monty. He asked for anyone to turn up and assist. He advised that things were going together well and advised those attending to register early.

• **Change of Membership Category - Motion.**

New Member Category. The committee approved the following motion to be put to the members for ratification.

"The Committee amend the Club By-Laws to create a new category of Full Member called Non-Flying Member. This rate would be set at 50% of the Full Club Fee and no MAAA/VMAA Fees."

The Secretary advised the members of the motion and that notice had been given in accordance to the constitution and the reasons for the motion.

Bill Reynolds moved the motion, seconded by Fred Webb **CARRIED**

• **Watering system.**

The Secretary advised that the deferment motion of the watering system had expired and that he had accepted the task of constructing it. Work would begin after the Monty and when the materials were sourced. He noted that the cost of the project would be more than the original quote due to recent price increases.

• **Next General Meeting – May 6th at the field.**

Meeting closed at 1:30pm

April 19th 2023 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met on Wednesday night April 19th via Zoom.

Some of the items considered are noted below;

- There were four Prospective Member applications received,
 - John Scott – FOREST HILL – Probationary Member
 - Alex Williams – OFFICER – Probationary Member
 - David Turner – PAKENHAM – Probationary Member
 - David Perkins – COLLINS STREET WEST – Probationary Member
- Consideration of what to do with repairing the club house floor is still under discussion.
- Work on the CL Circle was discussed and approval subject to the committee being continually informed of progress and works.
- New locking system has been delayed due to health issues with a committee member.
- The Field Manager has requested more topsoil to do maintenance on the Western runway. A working bee will be organized to do the work.

- The 2023/24 draft budget and fee structure was agreed to by the committee and will be submitted to the members for approval at the next general meeting.
- It was considered that the Monty event very well. It was agreed that the 2 day format be continued. Several other matters were discussed with the view to improve the future events.
- Work on the watering system will commence shortly.

The poor attendance at the General meetings has been observed and the committee has asked that this matter be discussed at the next General meeting to try to address this matter.

Agenda for the P&DARCS General Meeting to held on Saturday May 6th 2023 at Burley Field.

Meeting to open at: 1:00pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present.

Apologies: David Glossop

Visitors.

Minutes of previous Meeting: Moved by _____ seconded by _____

Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

Reports

President: As printed in Newsletter.

Secretary: As printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer:

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. Seconded by _____

Registrar: As printed in Newsletter.

Field Manager:

Facilities Manager:

Safety Officer:

Editor.

Webmaster:

Social Secretary. Position vacant

Club Captain:

Chief Flying Instructor.

Future Planning Sub Committee.

General Business

• **2023/24 Budget and Fee Structure**

The Treasurer will table and answer questions of the 2023/24 proposed Budget and Fee structure as recommended by the Committee for approval.

The Committee is recommending a Senior Member fee of \$265, an increase of \$22. The fees of the other member categories are calculated from the Senior Fee. The fee rise being due to large cost increases over a range of services, fuel etc used by the club. It should be noted that the club fees have not increased for about ten years.

The motion" the 2023/24 budget and fee structure as tabled at the meeting be approved" Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

• **Monty Tyrrell Fly-in Report.**

• **Frequency and location of General Meetings**

Due to the relatively poor attendance at the recent general meetings the committee is seeking a comments as to the frequency and location of the meetings to try to increase number attending.

Next General Meeting – June 3rd at the field.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

REGISTRAR'S REPORT April 2023

We have been fortunate to have some great flying weather as we move into Autumn, and I hope you are all taking advantage of it while it lasts.

Some of you may have noticed that we have a new Pilot Profile column in our club newsletter. This was an idea I had put forward to committee as I wanted to help bring our members closer together, so we can get to know each other better. Some of us aren't able to attend the club as much as we'd like to, so the idea of this column was to help us get to know each other, as members better.

How we were intending this to work is, our editor Frank (and or myself), will reach out to ten or more members at a time emailing through the questions. As you all now have seen these questions first Pilot Profile column in the previous newsletter, please feel free to submit your answers to Frank via email and also include if possible a photo of yourself (this can include one of your model aircraft).

This month we have two new membership applications. Please make the below two new members welcome.

John Scott – FOREST HILL – Probationary Member

Alex Williams – OFFICER – Probationary Member

Any objections to a 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.

Membership statistics

	Paid 22-23	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	18	1	17
Full	110	2	108
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	5	0	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	1	0	0
Pensioner	14	1	16
Probationary	9	11	26
Prospective	2	0	3
Student	3	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	166	15	180

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New Member Applications

We have four new member applications. Please make the below new members welcome.

John Scott – FOREST HILL – Probationary Member
Alex Williams – OFFICER – Probationary Member
David Turner – PAKENHAM – Probationary Member
David Perkins – COLLINS STREET WEST – Probationary Member

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Membership Upgrades

The following members will have completed their 12 months Probationary membership and are entitled to be offered Full membership at the upcoming renewal period.

Jayden Boyde, Joshua Ellingham, David Loudon, Tuan Packeer, Ihab Saleh and Mark Sheldon.

Any objections to these membership upgrades may be raised by sending an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.

New Membership Category - Social (Non-Flying) Member

The committee put a motion forward to the members at the March club meeting, for a new social category of membership. This category has been created for members whom are unable to fly anymore, but would like to still be a part of the club. The membership fee is half the price and excludes the VMAA/MAAA component. This category will be made available from the next upcoming renewal period. Please contact me if you would like more information or would like to change your membership to a social membership.

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Probationary	9	11	26
Prospective	4	0	3
Student	3	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	168	15	180

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FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT April 2023

Our field is in excellent condition for this time of year, apart from the usual cracking. It's not as bad as other years in the past. Slight cracking on the main, only on edges, nothing down the middle at this stage.

The Eastern runway has a bit more but mainly on edges, the Western has a lot of cracking all over as this took the brunt of the flooding and took ages to dry out.

Be Cautious when flying on the West.

A lot of Spraying has taken place on our new carparks, drains, around buildings and field. Also please remember our Mowing crews have priority when we mow the runways.

Absolutely No flying on the runway that is getting mowed at the time.

We don't want to cease all flying while the field is getting mowed if incidents keep happening. So please be patient while mowing takes place.

Our mowing crews work very hard to keep our field looking immaculate.

Working Bee in preparation for the Monty' Event

A working bee was held at the field on the weekend prior to the Monty' Event, mainly to fill in cracks in the runways created by recent dry weather.

Around 20 Members arrived, and made short work of the task, the Club Cook provided sausages in bread for lunch, and there was a General Club Meeting in the Clubroom after.



Slaving away on the Eastern runway



The other crew working on the Main runway

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager



Mark Smith busy on the tractor / trailer delivering fill

WORKING BEE Saturday 25TH March 2023

A special thanks to the twenty five members who assisted with the working-bee held on Saturday 25TH March. Without your help we would not been able to do the project.

We started work at 8am and by 11am had used all to the 7 meters of soil that was delivered. We managed to repair the cracks on most of the East and Main Strips.

In order to maximise the effectiveness of the days program, we split into 3 team. The first team loaded the soil into the trailers and deliver it to the runways. Two other teams repaired the cracks on the runways.

PROCEDURE

Locate cracks and use shovels to cut a wedge in the soil.

Push/Pack the wedge over the crack to prevent the top soil from falling a metre down the crack.

Fill with top soil provided and rake smooth.

I am happy to report that the project has been very successful and the vast majority of the cracks are still sealed four weeks after the repair. Also thanks to Craig, these runways have now been rolled after the 38mm of rainfall and are significantly improved.

We still have the West Runway, the ends of the other two runways and some of the Pit area that are in need of repair.

Kind Regards.

Peter Harris

ROY ROB Memorial Trophy February 26th 2023

Competitors arrived for The Roy Robertson Event facing strong wind conditions but it was decided by the flyers to press ahead with the competition consisting with 3 rounds 2 to count and see what happens.

Texaco was the first event of the day with 7 entries consisting of a mixture of models not all bombers, a pleasant change, the wind caused some dramas on takeoff and landing with Pat Keeley almost losing it on takeoff and Steve Gullock's model having to have a prop change as it didn't move forward at all into the head wind but it worked well as he came home 1st in this event and Don Grant lost his model downwind on the other side of a canal. The model was later located by Peter Timms using his drone and has been recovered with minimal damage to the covering. I think most competitors were glad when this event was over as it was very nerve raking. Ian Robinson had an altercation with his prop and came off second best. He was rather more concerned with loosing working time which cost him the round.

After lunch was the fast-climbing Duration event, again I/C only, the wind didn't create as many problems as the previous comp as they have much better penetrating power, the only casualty being Steve Gullock with his Dooling 29 playing up. There were 4 competitors in the flyoff with the event being dominated by the 2 wind loving Cumulus's with Lyn Clifford 1st and Kevin Fryer 17 seconds behind him coming 2nd with our visitor from N S W Peter Van De Waterbeemd flying his Bomber coming in 3rd.

Not realizing the unofficial 1300 Texaco event had not been run in conjunction with the other events I asked the competitors to clear the runway after the Duration event was completed, as there were a number of members waiting to use the main strip.

Kevin Fryer, Steve Gullock and Peter Van De Waterbeemd



Kevin Fryer and Cliff McIver
Sometimes it all just gets too much



The Contest Director couldn't split the score to get an outright winner so it was decided to declare Lyn Clifford and Steve Gullock equal Champions for this year's Roy Robertson Memorial Event.

All in all it was a very good comp despite the strong wind, Steve thank P&DARCS and the canteen staff for making this very good event possible and making them feel so welcome.

Peter Harris



DURATION

Place	Name	Model	Engine	CC/Sec	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	F/O	TOTAL
1	L Clifford	Cumulus	Y S 63	21	420	420		558	1398
2	K Fryer	Cumulus	McCoy 60	24	420	420		541	1381
3	P Van De Waterbeend	Bomber	McCoy 60	24	L/O	420	420	O/R	840
3	P Keeley	Bomber	O S 56	24	420	L/O	420	L/O	840
4	I Robinson	Playboy	Saito 65	24	277	374			651
5	C Mc Ivor	Bomber	O S 40	15	198	107	267		465

TEXACO

	Name	Model	Engine	CC/Sec	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	F/O	TOTAL
1	S Gullock	Bomber	Irvine 40 D	12	600	600		930	2130
2	P Van De Waterbeend	Bomber	Irvine 40 D	14	600	600		781	1981
3	K Fryer	Cumulus	Foster 99	18	L/O	600	600	635	1835
4	D Grant	Bomber	Anderson Spitfire	18	600	600		L/O	1200
5	I Robinson	Bomber	O S 60	14	404	600			1004
6	L Clifford	M G 2	A S P 61	12	435	470			905
7	P Keeley	Airborne	O S 61	12	522				522

Bunjip Scouts and Cubs Visit for Flight Training Experience 16th March

The visit was a very successful night with approximately 10 Scouts, half were girls, and 8 cubs. All had a 3 minute flight and many had 2 flights.

Great effort by **Peter Timms, Steve Malcman and Peter Harris**, on the buddy training transmitters, working in very difficult conditions, with wind gusting to 40 + km

Frank McP and myself kept them in small groups waiting their turn.

We started at 7pm and was dark 45 minutes later.

Then they then went into the clubhouse to take it in turns on Franks simulator.

Stevie then flew his night flying glider, in total darkness, also in 40 + km wind, which looked spectacular.

Finished at 8.45pm with questions in the hay shed. Very good questions and a very well behaved group of youngsters.

This is the 5th visit organised by their leader Ashley.

I said to him for the next visit make it mid Feb' to get more daylight, and flying time

Norm Morrish



In the Clubhouse on the Sim'



Under the Hayshed, finishing up, a Q & A session + goodbye, conducted by **Peter Harris**

Lost and Found, A large piston engine starter and 12 V battery were left in the pits area lately, if these is your goodies, they are stored in the Clubhouse Kitchen, for you to retrieve.



P&DARCS PILOT PROFILE

The idea of the Pilot Profile, is to help us all to get to know more about each Club Member, and their R/C flying experiences.

Some members are more active than others, so the intention is to be inclusive for all our members.

The Pilot Profile for the Month of April is about **David Glossop**



David at our Clubhouse

David's Profile

Q1 - approx. 36 years

Q2 - power planes and gliders (some with electric motors)

Q3 - World Models Super Stunt 40 (ARF) It just flew beautifully within my abilities, it put action to the thought and just went where it was supposed to, and it lifted my skills considerably

Q4 - the Citabria which I built from plans with an OS 56 FS; it flew nicely, looked great but unfortunately met its doom too soon!

Q5 - a successful landing. Also inverted figure eights

Q6 - getting my Bronze Wings from Angelo Favaloro who was CFI at that time

Q7 - Granath "Waggle Wing" which has been seen by some members and Barry Law successfully flew it, if only briefly, and which is captured on a very brief mobile phone video.

Also Barry May's sports plane, which I enlarged 50% and of which I built six over the years with experimental amendments (some good, some not so!)

Q8 - approx. 36 years, (and from about 8 years old!) but as you know Father Time is snapping at my heels and it would be irresponsible of me to continue but I will stay on as a non-flying club member. I first saw "them" flying at the Police Paddocks and then met Monty Tyrrell at the hobby shop in Caulfield

Q9 - Two of many come to mind.

(A) I was being tutored into vertical wingovers but after several manouvres, one particular vertical down leg was met by elevators going on strike, and my beloved Super Stunt 40 (refer to Q3) went in like a tent peg!

(B) While doing inverted figure eights away from the runway area my timer buzzer warned me of low fuel time, so what did I do? - I pulled full up while inverted. The remains covered a cricket pitch, and the ground being rock hard at that time of the year did it's best to reduce everything to "dust" including my beloved OS70 FS (we never did find the carburettor) Farewell one of Barry May's planes; only the undercarriage and one wing servo was worth salvaging, the rest went in the dump master

Q10 - I am regretfully no longer building.



David's Tomboy close up



David's "Waggle Wing" with wings straight



Wings waggled one way



Wings waggled the other way



David's nice Citabria Pro

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2023

May

06 (Sat) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm [Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

17 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

June

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

July

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [P&DARCS AGM](#)

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

21 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

07 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#)

11 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

12 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

03 (Sun) 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: **Partial**



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Next Club Meeting, Saturday 6th May
1 to 3 pm, At The Flying Field