

P&DARCS News

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Lining up on Runway One Nine is Dave Chivers' Caribou a very realistic flying model. Get me on a good day and I might even credit the pilot for the beautiful way it flies.

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Editors Bit

Well this month you have a fill-in editor as Frank is not allowed out to play for a month or so. He is heavily involved in home renovations so is taking a month off from his official duties.

How was I lucky enough to score the fill in gig? Well when the call for a volunteer went out at the last meeting no one else put their hand up. That's how.

Unfortunately, or depending on how you look at it fortunately not a lot happened over the last month and as you now know the Monty Tyrrell has been postponed as have our club meetings. So, this issue will be short but hopefully normal service will soon return.

We did have the very successful STOL event last month which unfortunately, I couldn't attend. From what I see on Facebook though it was a very enjoyable event and an excellent intro for those nervous about competition. The event was extremely successful so I would think that it will become a regular event at P&DARCS. I'll find a photo or two to pop in here to remind you of the fun that was had. Check it out on YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/XvoTXjqdZMI>

Cheers
David Walsh
Editorial Fill In.

Whats On

Well the What's On list is a little short this month due to the Corona Virus. Event cancellations or rescheduling will be advised by the committee as and when they make the difficult decisions

At this stage the **Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally is postponed**, and **Club Meetings are also Cancelled**. The Committee meetings will be conducted by phone link to avoid any unnecessary contact.

Important Notices

- **Monty Tyrrell Event Postponed**
- **Club Meetings Cancelled until further notice**
- **May Working Bee put on hold**
- **Replacement of cattle yards**
- **Please check the Club website your email your letterbox or your texts for important messages and news from the committee.**

Presidents Report

Bill Reynolds

Last month when burbling on about our upcoming competition days, I got so carried away with the STOL day, I neglected to mention the Kit/Scratch day coming in November.- my apologies (lots)



Saturday Feb 29th —the STOL day was a really great event, a total success all round. One well known modeller was heard to remark “This competition must have been a good one, just look around, everyone is smiling” and they were too!!!!

Thanks again to Craig and his crew, and all those unnamed warriors who worked behind the scenes (again).

By the time you read this, the 'Monty' will either be over, or perhaps rescheduled, (Eds Note: Event rescheduled)

Your Committee is keeping a close eye on the current situation.

Any decisions of importance will be transmitted to members immediately.

All for now, take care, stay well.

Bill

Secretary's Report :

Meeting opened at: 1:00 PM

Chair for this meeting: President, Bill Reynolds
Minutes taken by D. Walsh; secretary Darcsfield Cooperative.

Members Present: 20

Apologies: D. Glossop, I. Chiselett McPherson

Visitors; Nil

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted
Moved; D. White Seconded: W. Schubach

Business Arising from Previous Minutes; Nil

Reports

President:

Reported on the success of the STOL competition sponsored by the Hobbyman Thanked Craig Fitzsimons for his efforts in organising.

Secretary:

Absent was helping with a model show at Sandown park so was unable to attend.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer updated the members of the club of the club's financial state.

Advised:

- Received Claims settlement for recent break in
- Received quote to replace the cattle yards (joint club and Co-op issue)
- Advised that to simplify legal position for future insurance claim and other dealings the Darcsfield Cooperative would formalise a written lease with the club charging a amount similar to what the club normally donates to the Co-op each year.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted.

Seconded, M. Norton

Registrar: Absent:

Membership currently at 170 members.

Prospective members announced.

Melissa Law, Warrandyte Spouse member

Facilities Manager: Absent

Field Manager: Absent.

Craig Fitzsimons reported that we haven't had any sign of black beetle this year. Hordes of midges seem to have taken their place at the moment.

We are preparing a MAAA Grant Application.

Safety Officer: Absent.

Peter Harris reported on the pilot Barrier projects.

As members can see one have already been

replaced but is a little low. This will be corrected in

next few weeks. The other two runways will also receive new barrier over the next few months. Peter also commented that members are often not using the barriers and they are also being joined at the flight line by family and friends. Members must remember that they must use the Barriers and any person not actively flying should not be within 30 metres of the flight line.

Other club rules regarding circuit flying are also beginning to be ignored and, in some cases continuing to be ignored even when the breach has been highlighted to the person. This must stop.

A motion was put by Marc Smith to be published in the newsletter then voted on at a future meeting:

- Any Member who after a warning continues to breach the club flying rules will be asked to cease flying that day.

Motion proposed by Mark Smith seconded by Brian Raw.

Editor; Apology

Webmaster: Absent

Social: Nothing to report.

Club Captain:

Team is all ready and Peter asked for club members to come along and support our team on the day which is April 18th and 19th

General Business

Monty Tyrrell March 22nd.

The members were reminded to come along with models and to spread the word. There will be a working bee on the Saturday to prepare the field.

Events at the Field

The Committee have approved the following events at the field.

- Western Port Drifters – A caravan Group to camp at the field 23 to 26 April 2020.
- MAC 2-day comp for May 16th and 17th.

The F4C World Championship Team requested and were given permission to have a stand and have a fund raiser at the Monty

STOL Event. Craig Fitzsimons reported on the event. The event attracted 25 pilots and was very well received. You can see a short video of the event by Andrew Sills on You Tube. The plans are to make it an annual event and we may run a second one later this year.

Peter Harrison advised that the toilet door needs repair.

- He also reminded members that if you were previously a VMAA Instructor and you hadn't sat the new re-certification course than you are no longer an instructor. There will be one more course run this year at the Lilydale club. Check out the VMAA website for dates.
- He also highlighted that the Lilydale club instigated and compulsory check of the batteries of all its active members and found 25% faulty please be careful and regularly check you Ni Mh batteries.
- Peter also warned members of the danger of skin Cancer and advised members to wear wide brim hats rather than baseball caps.
- Mark Smith asked if the Old Timers had obtained a height increase for the Roy Rob event.

Peter Harris commented on our security and asked members to be careful when speaking to visitors etc Show them and talk about the flying areas and club house only.

Meeting Closed 1.46 pm

Registrars Report *Rob Till*

Loss of Wings and Qualifications

Recently we were alerted to a MAAA policy regarding qualifications previously held by those who have allowed their MAAA membership to lapse for more than 3 years. You lose your qualifications and have to be tested again. This usually applies to those who re-join after several years, perhaps once the children have left home!

This is the relevant MAAA policy (MOP027):

7. AUTOMATIC LOSS OF WINGS AND INSTRUCTOR RATING

7.1 In the event that a holder of any class or level of MAAA Wings and/or Instructor Rating ceases to be an Affiliate Member of the MAAA for a period of three continuous years, then these qualifications lapse and have to be regained in accordance with this MOP.

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New Member Applications:- New members this month

Craig Baverey, Berwick Probationary member
Jim Morianos, Knoxfield Probationary member
John Teather, Port Melbourne Probationary member

Any objections to this 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.

Reduced membership fees

We are now halfway through the membership year so new members pay only 50% of Club and MAAA fees. Remember that this only applies to **NEW** members, that is someone who was not a member in the last financial year.

Membership status

	Paid 2019-20	Unpaid	New 19-20
Associate	19	0	0
Full	100	5	0
Honorary	2	0	2
Junior	6	0	1
Life	3	0	0
Pensioner	22	3	0
Probationary	15	0	11
Prospective	3	0	3
Student	0	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
Total Paid	171	8	18

To all Club Members,

The Club Committee has made the difficult decision to suspend all official club activities. That includes all competitions, working bees, General Club Meetings and Committee Meetings plus other calendared activities until further notice.

The Committee have decided at this stage not to invoke total lockout.

We trust the sensible approach (no panics please) will be taken by all members and that visits to the field will be heavily restricted. Please follow the Governments advice on washing your hand regularly, social distancing, not shaking hands etc.

During this undefined period, there will be NO supplies for the kitchen, so anyone who desires tea or coffee or a snack, I suggest you bring your own everything, including crockery and cutlery, then take it home with you and put it in the dishwasher on hot double rinse cycle.

The Committee has an obligation to our members, and we feel this action, although seemingly drastic, is the necessary one to take in this period of global pandemic.

The Committee has made provision for telephone conferencing so that we may still be able to handle the Club's normal day to day operations without the need to meet in person.

We have made what we feel is the best decision for the Club and its membership, so now it is basically up to each one of us to take that little EXTRA bit of care to look after ourselves and those close to us.

Will be in touch again soon,

Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally Cancellation

It was truly unfortunate that we have had to cancel the “Monty”. It was looking like being a great rally with some really good and new models being planned to be trotted out.

Unfortunately, with the situation as it is, we really do not know if we can re-schedule the Rally later in the year. My intention is certainly to reschedule if possible.

I would just like to thank all the Members who had willingly agreed to man the gate and assist in running the event. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors, Hobbyman, Balsa Central and My Tool Store for their generous support.

Please support these businesses as they support our club.

Ivan Chiselett



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Important Notice to Club Membership

Reference – Replacement of cattle yards

The club has been notified by our tenant of the dilapidated state of the cattle yards on our property. On inspection his concern is totally justified with posts and railings being totally rotted out and unsafe for their intended purpose. We purchased the property in 1978 and the yards were not new then, so they have served us well over past 42 years.

The tenant is getting a little desperate to move some of the cattle but it is rather dangerous at the moment with the condition of the yards.

We have received 2 quotes to replace the cattle yards and propose to accept the quote for the wood constructed yards at a cost of \$12,700.00. The wood constructed yards is the cheaper option but is the preferred option as metal yards have the tendency to creak and spook the cattle.

The replacement of the cattle yards is essential for the viability of the property as a feasible rentable grazing property.

This would normally be an expenditure of the Darcsfield Cooperative, but due to the diminished and limited funds held by the cooperative, as a result of the recent new bore and windmill cost of \$30,000, the club will need to meet the cost of the yards. The club has paid for many capital items in the past and those assets end up being the property of the Cooperative. For example, the new machinery shed and many other improvements at Burley Field.

With the increase of membership, using the funds set aside for the depreciation fund and delaying of some of the proposed projects to next year we should get very close to covering this additional cost in this year's surplus.

The committee recommends that the club replaces the cattle yards by accepting the quote for \$12,700.00.

Peter Harris
Treasurer P&DARCS

P&DARCS Calendar 2020

March

22 (Sun) Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally (CANCELLED) Field Open: No

April

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting (Cancelled)

18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun) VMAA Trophy Field Open: No

23 (Thu) - 26 (Sun) Western Port Drifters (CANCELLED)

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

25 (Sat) Twi-Fly (CANCELLED)

25 (Sat) 11:00 am - 11:30 am Anzac Day Ceremony (CANCELLED)

May

02 (Sat) - 03 (Sun) Working Bee Weekend (CANCELLED)

16 (Sat) 9:30 am - 4:00 pm IMAC Competition Weekend Field Open: Partial

17 (Sun) 9:30 am - 4:00 pm IMAC Competition Weekend (Day 2) Field Open: Partial

21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

June

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting

18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

July

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting

23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

August

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm P&DARCS AGM

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

September

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting

17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

October

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting & Coop AGM

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

24 (Sat) Spring Clean and Working Bee Field Open: No

31 (Sat) Twi-Fly

November

03 (Tue) Melbourne Cup Aero Tow Field Open: Partial

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting

07 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mini Working Bee for Rally Field Open: No

08 (Sun) P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally Field Open: No

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Committee Meeting

December

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting

06 (Sun) VPA Pattern Field Open: Partial

12 (Sat) P&DARCS Christmas Dinner & Twi-Fly

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April Club Meeting, Cancelled

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