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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Winner of the APA World Cup Masters, Glenn Orchard

**Next Club meeting, Saturday 7th April 2018
At Burley Field, 1pm start**

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EDITOR'S BIT

- Frank will not be able to put the April Newsletter together as he will be on a Bus tour of N.Z for two weeks
- Newsletter compiled by Daniel Jenkins

Frank McPherson Editor

WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2018

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NOTICES

Congratulations to Glenn Orchard for winning the APA Masters World Cup and to John Brann won the Expert class

Meeting Date: Please note the April Club Meeting has been rescheduled to the 7th April (from the 1st).

Wanted: The club has two model trainers, but someone has stolen both the receivers. If you have any spare Hitec 2.4Ghz receivers (we need two) your willing to donate, please see Daniel Jenkins

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Club's **Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally** is on Sunday April 8th and we desperately need members to assist in running the event.

We need **gate attendants** and **parking directors**. 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 Saturday the 7th 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 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have just seen the running of the APA World Masters over 4 days at our field with 45 entrants from around the country and some from overseas. See Norm's report on this event.

Speaking of events don't forget the Monty April 8th and come along to support your club at the VMAA Trophy weekend 21/22 April where we hope to win it for a record 3rd time. We now have a revised Visitors book. Please make sure any visitors and guests are signed in and include their printed name and address.

SECRETARY

**General Meeting Held Saturday 3rd March 2018
At Burley Field Cardinia.**

Meeting Opened: 1305 hrs

Members Present: 27

Apologies: D.Glossop, A. Coleman

Visitors: We had a visitor Matthew White who is keen to become an Aeromodeller. He received a warm welcome by the Hay shed gang and has since wrote to thank us and will be back very soon. Evan Bellamy who has just put in an application was welcomed during the meeting

New Member Graham Catchpole introduced himself and was welcomed by the members.

Minutes of previous Meeting: Motion that the minutes of meeting of the previous be accepted Moved B. Law, Seconded; B. Reynolds Carried

Business Arising: Nil.

Reports:

President:

Reminder members the bring in the chairs at the end of each day.

Secretary:

Corro out:

- Invites to car club to attend Monty event

Corro In

- Invite to club members by APA for Friday evening of event
- MAAA advising Grants Scheme now open
- VMAA copy of financial re our current grant from MAAA
- Email form club member re visitors Book

Treasurer:

The Treasurer provided report on club finances. Now above budget with recent influx of new members. Peter also mentioned that we have spent considerable funds over the last 3 years on new shed, windmill and water supply and new fuel shed to comply with OH&S requirements.

Registrar:

Advised that membership is at 154. All new member have now attended inductions and are actively flying.

Facilities

- Fuel Shed is now Secure and only minor items need to be finish
- Hot Water services replaced in o shower and kitchen
- Reminder Refuelling is not allowed on the concrete or paved areas. All refuelling to be done on the grassed areas.
- Please don't park cars on the concrete under the Hayshed.

Field Norm was absent, but report given by Daniel Jenkins

- More soil purchased to be used to fill cracks on runway and pits
- Mowers to get their annual service next month
- Big thankyou to Brian Raw for taking old concrete pipes away at no cost to the club

Safety

 No recent incidents

- Peter Harris pointed out that now the skies are becoming more crowded again with multiple pilots up at once. Members need to stick to the same circuit as each other as indicated by the Mustang.
- The secretary also pointed out that we also need to get back into the habit of calling when taking off, landing doing low passes and stepping onto or crossing the runway.
- It was also mentioned that members using the side runways are starting to cross the active runway. The Active runway ALWAYS has priority. If using the side runways, you MUST turn away before reaching the edge of the Active Runway.

Editor

- Newsletter is out.
- We still mail 16 hard copies out to members so if you are one of those and have access to email now please let us know as the cost to mail is quite substantial for the few newsletters issued.

Webmaster:

- The club calendar on the website is always the most up to date. Please don't rely on the one printed in the newsletter as the Web one is live and regularly updated. Having said that we acknowledge there was a mistake in the latest newsletter with next month's meeting. The change to the 7th April was overlooked.
- Facility to pay and half year by Pay Pal for new members joining mid-year now running on website.

Social

- Next outing may be to the Victorian Steam Engine Club of another visit to Judy Pays hangar at Tyabb. More info next meeting.

Club Captain

- VMAA team all organised and will be practicing prior to the big day. 21st & 22nd April
- Peter has asked for member to come along to support the P&DARCS Teams on the day and also is after volunteers to act as pit crew.

Events

- Next event at club is APA Masters and world cup events Friday 9th to Monday 12th March. Field will be closed but members have been invited to Friday night dinner and Twi fly.
- Monty Tyrrell Event Sunday April 8th. Organised would like to see more club members to support the club event. Any type of scale model is welcome. No cost to fly. \$5 per person gate entry including members (Volunteers Free)
- Ivan will be contacting volunteer to let them know they have volunteered. If you would also like to help let Ivan know.

General Business

One member asked for assistance with test flying some scale models and it was suggested that he bring them down prior to the event so they can be flown and trimmed prior to the event itself.

If any members are nervous and lack confidence in test flying a new model, please don't be afraid to ask one of the more experienced members for assistance. Also keep in mind that some members may not be comfortable test flying your pride and joy so don't be offended if they decline.

Meeting Closed 1358 hrs

David Walsh Secretary

WEBMASTER REPORT

The Committee has decided to implement an SMS alert solution to SMS messages to club members.

The plan is to use this feature to notify members of important events. These include the following:

- To notify members of an imminent change to the calendar (like events & club meetings)
- Reminder of upcoming events with status of field (open/closed etc)
- Field closed due to fireban
- Reminders of overdue club fees

We don't want to be bombarding members with SMS messages, the idea is to use this feature to notify our members of imminent activities that might for example effect their ability to fly on an upcoming weekend.

We would not imagine sending more than 5-6 messages a year to members via this service.

An email will be sent out this weekend outlining this service and will include details on how to subscribe or unsubscribe from this service. If you have any questions, please direct them to myself, Daniel Jenkins at webmaster@pdarcs.com.au

Daniel Jenkins Webmaster

CLUB TEAM CAPTAIN

VMAA TROPHY Weekend

It's at Burley Field this year on the weekend of 21-22nd April 2018 and once again we will be defending the title. Being at our field this year it will be great to see a large backing from our membership to support the team. A lot of work has already been done in preparation of the event. Numerous members have assisted in the preparation of models and the donation of preloved parts. A special thanks to Frank McPherson for the manufacturing of corflute models for the crash and burn events. We have now have five models prepared and tested for the Combat, Musical Landing and limbo events. There have been some changes to the events again this year with the addition of an additional fun fly event and the withdrawal of the Old Timer event and as per last year the Helicopter events continue with a single timed hover event.

The Program of events will be as follows: -

Saturday	Events	Pilots
	Combat	Chris Caulcutt
	Helicopter	Rameesha DeSilva
	Scale Aerobatics	Cliff McIver
	Bomb Drop	Paul Somerville
	Thermal Glider	Steve Malcman
	Fun scale	Roly Gaumann
Sunday	Electric Glider	Glenn Orchard
	Fun Fly(Loops & Rolls)	Cliff McIver
	Sports Limbo	David Chivers
	Musical Landings	Norm Morrish

The events listed for each day will not necessarily be in the order as listed, they may alter according to the weather conditions.

At this stage we have a full team of pilots that have volunteered to represent the club and have been practicing over the past couple of months.

As well as pilots we need mechanics, time keepers and judges. Members interested in representing and supporting our club at this event please contact:-

Peter Harris Club Team Captain 0425 857 152

REGISTRAR

Registrars Report – April 2018

New Member Application

- No new applications

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.

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.

MAAA Qualifications

None this month !!

Changes to your contact information

Please remember to keep me up to date with changes for contact details, especially **email** changes as this is our preferred method of keeping in touch with you. As we approach membership renewals make sure that I have your correct snail mail address

Membership status

These figures only include forms received by the Registrar

	Paid 2017/18	Unpaid	Last Year
Full	94	6	96
Associate	8	6	10
Junior	4	1	3
Life	3		3
Pensioner	25	1	26
Probationary	17		13
Prospective	2		
Student	0		
Spouse	1		1
Honorary	0	2	2

Total	154	16*	154
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* includes 7 resigned

Rob Till Registrar

REPORT ON APA WORLD CUP MASTERS Norm Morrish.

A very sincere thankyou to all our members for allowing your field to be used for 4 days. A huge amount of praise was posted on Facebook complimenting our field and members. I will include an extract further in this report. The pits looked a picture with all the flags, banners and \$200,000 worth of models occupying all our shade areas. Will include some pics in the next newsletter.

Our Glenn Orchard has again won the prestigious Australian Masters Cup for F3A Precision Aerobatics. He also won in 2015. Our John Brann won the Expert class. The Masters began in 1977 and Brian Green and I competed. Never thought I would still be competing in the top class 41 years later. Huge congrats Glenno and John.

I called the manoeuvres for Glenno and the finals are not relaxing because one wrong call loses the championship.

Friday was official practice, Friday night Pizza night and some of our members attended. The competitors were blown away by Alan Foleys demo with his birds, especially the husband and wife from France. Saturday saw 2 rounds flown in perfect conditions then we had a fabulous spit roast under the hay shed. Struggled to find a seat.

Sunday another 2 rounds flown then the top 10 were selected to fly in the Finals on Monday. Our Tom Bloodworth made the top 10 and did not believe me when I rang to tell him. Tom finished 9th. Great effort Tom. Geoff Healey 15th and I was 17th.

An extract from Facebook. " I would like to thank all at P&DARCS for hosting the APA Masters. Your field and facilities are first class, but surpassed by the support and enthusiasm of your club members in undertaking every conceivable task to ensure that those involved had a cracking time. All of your volunteers were welcoming, provided awesome food and great companionship. I really look forward to attending further events with you in Pakenham. " Cheers, Phil Spence, Canberra.

The competitor from France was blown away with what we have. Has never seen anything like it and is very jealous. We had 12 groups camping in caravans, trailers and tents and our shower was in constant use. I had to make a roster for it.

A special thanks to Peter Harris for providing his magnificent hamburgers on Monday and to our local school for providing beautiful bacon and egg rolls for breakfast and great food for Saturday and Sunday lunches. The campers did not need to leave our field.

What a fantastic 4 days made very special by those members who came down to have a look, or to help out in the kitchen. Special thanks to Peter Harris, Peter Harrison and Ted Knowles for all their cleaning and maintaining the clubhouse and the toilet / shower facilities. Great effort by Russel Doyle and Peter Hill cleaning up the site with all the whipper snipping. I am very proud to be a member of this great club.

PICTURES FROM THE APA WORLD CUP MASTERS 2018 AT P&DARCS



2018 APA Masters Winner Glenn Orchard, Caller Norm Morrish & Accuracy Bipe.



Our Members competing in 2018 Masters L-R. Norm Morrish, John Brann, Geoff Healey, Glenno, Tom Bloodworth. Missing Ted Knowles



Enjoying Friday night's Pizza's



Norm ensuring our guests are looked after

Monty Tyrrell Memorial Scale Rally

Sunday April 8th 2018



The annual “Monty” is the Club’s biggest event and we need all members to get behind and make it the success that it should be. The event is just an enjoyable day at the field watching and flying any model that is “scale”. It does not have to be a “competition” class model, just a scale of a full size aircraft. All types of scale models are most welcome. Big or small, jet or prop, ARF or handmade, all are welcome. Part built models are also most welcome, they help to stimulate.

The majority of modelers have a scale model tucked away so why not get them out and bring them along and have an enjoyable day at the field and make the “Monty” the great event that it was in the past and should be now.

There is a \$5-00 entry fee per car, spectators and entrants alike. No additional registration fee, just the \$5-00 for as many models as you want to bring is all it costs. All profits go back to our great club. Please get behind the “Monty” rally and come and enjoy the day.

From what we have heard there are some very interesting models there so come along and be part of a great day.

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

MODEL CHECKLIST

One of our members who is an MAAA instructor thought it would be a good idea put together a checklist of items to be used by other people on how to pre-flight a new model for a student. This can also be used by anyone to help check they've setup their model properly.

- Check flier is a member, or is signed in for insurance purposes
- Check if radio is Mode 1 or 2
- Check C of G with fuel tank empty (fuel model)
- Check C of G with LiPo in model (electric model)
- Check balance is 25% - 35% from leading edge of wing
- Check direction of throws
- Check response of throws (ie. enough rates and expo to suite pilot's skills)
- Check controls return to neutral position
- Set rudder to have slight right trim
- Range check (power down)
- Check full throttle power can be achieved (fuel model)
- Check model idles reliably (fuel model)
- Check all batteries are charged (especially electric models)
- Does receiver have separate power, or use BAC (are batteries charged)
- Arm electric model on runway with throttle at idle and use throttle lock/cut
- Take off into wind
- Teach student pilot level flight circuits with 180° turns at each end
- Land into wind

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2018

April 2018

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
08 (Sun) [Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally 2018](#) Field Open: **No**
19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun) [VMAA Trophy](#) Field Open: **No**
21 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

May 2018

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
17 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
20 (Sun) [VFSAA Sports Scale](#) Field Open: **Partial**

June 2018

03 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

July 2018

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August 2018

05 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & AGM](#)
16 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September 2018

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)
20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October 2018

07 (Sun) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)
18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)
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](#)

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](#)

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