



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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**Going back a way with this one....
Keith Quigg**

Next Club Meeting On-Line 5th February Wed 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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Contest Director's Report:

As we approach the exciting horizon of 2025, the ASA is thrilled to announce the return of a **SCALE NATIONALS!**

Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.

We are also excited to support the **Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Controlled Society Monty Tyrrell 2025**, which promises even more extraordinary scale adventures at P&DARCS' premier event.

Additionally, we have exciting news regarding the 2026 F4 Scale World Championships; a team trial will be conducted, with further details to be revealed in the new year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the clubs that supported the ASA in 2024. A special acknowledgment goes to every competitor who ventured into the competition for the first time, as well as to the seasoned scale veterans who enrich this cherished aspect of the hobby.

Thank you also to our ongoing sponsors that have stood beside us as we have navigated through the last few years.

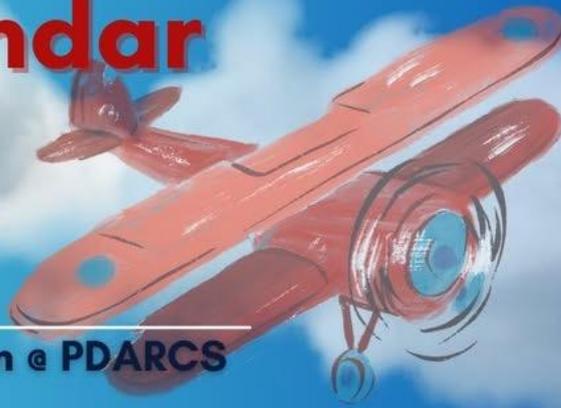
We also recognise the remarkable individuals working diligently behind the scenes, often without recognition; we thank you as well.

We eagerly look forward to reuniting with all of you in 2025!

With appreciation,

Mel - Contest Director

2025 Calendar of Events



1. **16 FEBRUARY 2025**
Scale competition @ PDARCS
2. **11-13 APRIL 2025**
Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally @ PDARCS
3. **24 MAY 2025**
VARMS - Foamy and flying only scale competition
4. **7-8 JUNE 2025 (VicScale Trophy)**
BRCAB - Bendigo Club
5. **TBC - AUGUST 2025**
NSW @



6.

SCALE NATIONALS

2025

BADMAC Bairnsdale Club

24-26 OCTOBER

Editor's Report:

Hi all,

Happy New Year to everyone. Looking forward to lots of contributions this year to ensure our newsletter remains interesting to you all.

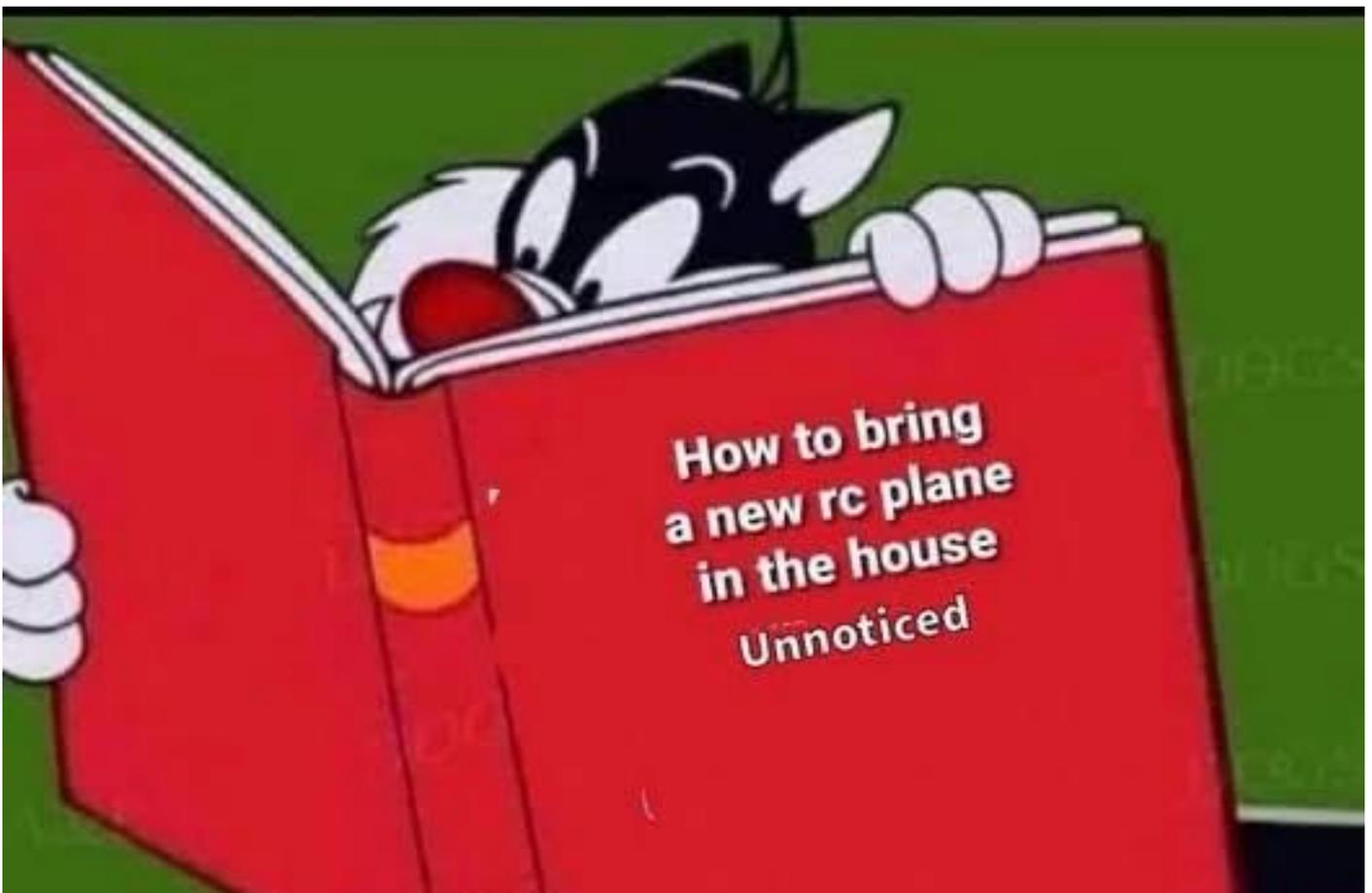
Sincere thanks to everyone who sent messages via social media and Simon regarding my wobbly over Christmas. Unfortunately I developed pneumonia and atrial fibrillation and was in hospital for six days, four of those in ICU. Obviously 2024 wasn't quite finished with me yet. I have recovered well thanks to Simon's care.

This month we have some photos from the Christmas Party which looked like a fabulous day.

Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to editor@pdarcs.com.au

Cheers,

Liz



Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

11-13 April 2025

Mark the date in your calendars... the Monty is back for 2025! 3 fun packed days of flying, camping, night flying, food, and fun! whether you are a seasoned Monty Rally pilot or your first time, we welcome you all to come along. further details coming soon on camping, dinner, and MONTY polos!



MONTY TYRRELL
Scale Rally
11-13 April 2025

Proudly supported and run by Australian Scale Aerosport

Prizes

- Best Civilian/Military Aircraft
- The Monty Tyrrell Award
- Best Turbine Aircraft
- Best Junior Pilot
- Best Scale Built Aircraft
- Best Static Model
- Best New Comer

\$40 pre-entry
\$50 on the day
P&DARCS & ASA Members
receive \$5 discount on entry
*All pre-entries receive a free raffle ticket

Non Powered camping sites available
No certification flights permitted at the event
Permits required for models in accordance with MOP's
*to be eligible , pilots need to complete two flights



P@DARCS Christmas Celebrations

A big thanks to all our members and families attending the P&DARCS Christmas party today, with a great turn out enjoying some warm (but not too warm) summer flying conditions.

Shout out to all those who gave a hand to set up for the day, and especially to the lovely Lynn for helping out with the cooking today.

P&DARCS also thanks our sponsors for the day, with some fantastic prizes handed out during the raffle, including the E-Flite UMX Waco biplane (MODEL FLIGHT) and the FlyFans Model Stand (AUSTARS MODEL AUSTRALIA). Many thanks guys.

I'd also like to acknowledge the members of our committee and thank you for the hard work and the time you give during the year.

We wish our members and their families a very merry Christmas, and a safe and happy new year. Look forward to seeing you all again at the club next year.

Clear skies to all.
Keith Quigg































Memories

Great plane, but what about the car!

What my parents could fit in that monster, four kids and the model planes.

Keith Hearn (Hearn's Hobbies fame) with my Dad and his sea plane.

Around 1972 Bonnie Doon.

Mike Farnan



From Booma RC

10 Reasons you know you're a RC Modeler or you are married to one.

Do you ever feel like you spend too much time flying? Or you disappear into the garage for 10mins and emerge several hours later.

Below is our list of 10 things modelers do on a regular basis, and their families usual responses.

Do any of these sound familiar?

1: You have been asked more than once to remove the model from the dining table.

Sometimes you run out of build space, or you want to share this amazing hobby with your family. What better way to get everyone involved than to make your model the centre of the room.

Your partner is the one doing the asking, usually more than once.

2. You try to explain that they aren't just toys to your non modelling friends,

Usually, this conversation comes up at dinner or the occasional lunch, but you may find yourself trying to justify the size and skill RC models actually require.

Your partner then explains that they are toys.

3. You try to go flying every weekend.

Nothing better than heading out to the field on a perfect spring or summer day, powering up your transmitter and catching up with other members of the club.

Your Family has been twice, once to check it out and the other because they had too.

4. How fast do they go, how high do they go, can I have a go?

To any modeler these are probably the most common questions you get asked outside of the local flying club.

By now you should have mastered the default responses.

Answers. Really fast, high and not without an active credit card.

5. Your week looks like this, Monday, think about last weekend's flying, Order parts Tuesday Watch tracking Wednesday, Thursday installing them, Friday charging, Saturday Flying again.

Nothing better than getting everything ready the night before, the weather looks good for the weekend, and you're all set to go at the crack of dawn.

6. You get overly excited when a huge box turns up. :)
Your family doesn't. :(

Waiting at home for that knock on the door or refreshing the page to check if it has been delivered is a common practice for most RC modelers.

7. Your garage has more planes in it than cars, in fact cars get parked outside now.

Over the years you have collected many models of many types. Some of them are still in boxes. Some in need of repair and others are your go to models. But all of them are collectibles to you.

8. Your clothes and garage always smell like Jet fuel, Diesel, Nitro or Gas. Or a mixture of all three.

Like a great aftershave, or a nice Cologne. The smell of model fuel, paint, glue etc holds a special place in your heart and on your clothes. You probably have many stained shirts that were once... nice.

Your partner has stopped commenting on the smell.

9. You have more photos of planes on your phone than anything else.

You have a stack of photos of models on your phone, your news feed is filled with sounds of RC planes, crashes or build videos. You sometimes go to events and other flying fields even if you're not a member.

10. Your ideal holiday or long weekend is going flying, maybe camp at a big RC event. Relaxing, hanging out with like-minded people.

Nothing more relaxing than, setting up camp for a few days at an event, charging some batteries to go fly and catching up with like-minded people you don't see every day.

Your family's ideal holiday is anything but that.



Spotlight

Name: *Anthony (Ant) Sisley*

Age (optional): *59*

Any particular discipline? *Not really. I enjoy mostly scale and currently flying IMAC.*

Preferred type of aircraft? *Scale*

Do you prefer scratch building or ARF?: *ARF. Neither the space nor time to scratch build.*

Do you have a favourite model plane? *Loads, but the TopFlite Beechcraft Bonanza sticks out.*

Electric/Gas/Turbine preference?: *All. I have models powered by all three types.*

What radio gear do you use? *Spektrum IX20SE and PowerBox Atom.*

What do/did you do for a living?: *X-ray Field Service Engineer.*

When and how did you get into the hobby?: *I have always been interested in flying. I started building plastic models when I was 7 (I still do). My dad used to take me to the local RC club, but we never had the money to get into it. There was a model club at high school which did control line and I got into that in a big way. Work, partying and girls then took my focus for a while. Decided to learn to fly full size but met an airline pilot at a model air show who gave me some sound advice and I decided to give RC a go. My first model was a cheap 4 channel rc plane which lasted about 30 seconds. I then bought a little nitro 2 channel which taught me the basics and finally went all the way with a 4 channel Ugly Stik. That was back in 1993. I did all disciplines, scale, fun-fly, gliding, sport flying and pattern. I always wanted to fly helicopters though and it was only when we moved to the UK from Zimbabwe in 2002 that I got the chance. I taught myself to fly a little fixed pitch electric model but quickly moved up to 60 (600) and 90 (700) size sport models. Mainly nitro powered and I owned a lot of Graupner scale heli's. We moved to Australia in 2012 and this was where I got into the bigger petrol-powered stuff going from a 30cc Yak to my current 120cc Extra NG.*

Do/did you fly in competitions? Yes. Once I arrived in Aus, I flew helicopter F3C until 2019. Currently competing in IMAC but flew in pattern comps back in Africa. I also flew helicopter scale at the British Nationals in 2009 placing 3rd in static and 5th overall.

If so, have you won or placed in them? I have placed fairly consistently in the top three in IMAC and F3C. I was Basic Champion at the MAAA Nats in 2019.

What other hobbies or interests have you got?: Karate. I am also a qualified scuba diver. I used to spearfish and have competed at national level in underwater hockey.

Do you have pet? Yes. A green cheek conure.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken and Leek Filo Scrunch Pie

This amazing pie uses the simplest of ingredients and is absolutely delicious. Don't be afraid of filo pastry – it is so easy to use and very hard to mess up as not matter how it's presented; it always looks amazing when baked. Enjoy.

Tips:

I used a large cast iron frypan which was suitable for the oven or stove top.

I used frozen filo pastry as I always keep some in the freezer for emergencies. Just leave it in the bottom of the fridge overnight then take out to come up to room temperature while preparing the filling.

We used leeks, bacon and chicken but feel free to add in mushrooms or spinach to the mixture.

Amounts shown will feed 4-6 people.



Ingredients:

1 packet of Filo Pastry

150g of butter, melted

4 tablespoons olive oil

1kg of chicken thigh fillets, chopped into 2-3cm pieces

4 rashers bacon, chopped

2 leeks, sliced finely, dark green section discarded

2 cloves of garlic, minced

2 tablespoons of plain flour

1 cup of chicken stock (or a stock cube with a cup of water)

1/2 cup of thickened cream

Salt and pepper to taste

1 tablespoon of black sesame seeds

Method :

Before you begin, take your Filo Pastry out of the fridge or freezer to bring it up to room temperature in its packaging

Preheat your oven to 180C fan forced

You will need a 30cm deep frypan or you can use a baking dish to bake the pie

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in the frypan over high heat

Add the chicken in two separate batches, cooking until lightly browned

Remove chicken from pan and reduce heat to medium

Add the bacon to the pan and cook until it starts to brown then remove from pan

Add another 2 tablespoons of oil to the frypan and add leeks

Cook until the leeks are soft, approximately 5 minutes

Add garlic and cook for another minute

Add flour to the pan and stir until well combined

Add the chicken and bacon back to the pan, followed by the stock and cream

Season with salt and pepper

Mix everything and allow to cook for 10 minutes on a gentle simmer, uncovered, or until the mixture thickens slightly, stirring occasionally

Remove from heat to cool slightly

Lay one sheet of Filo pastry onto your workspace and brush with butter

Using your hands, scrunch it loosely into a ball and place it on top of the chicken filling

Repeat with remaining Filo pastry, creating a spiral pattern of Filo balls

Pour any remaining butter over the Pastry and sprinkle with sesame seeds

Bake for 40 minutes or until golden and crunchy



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January, 2025

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

February, 2025

05 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

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

March, 2025

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April, 2025

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May, 2025

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

June, 2025

04 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

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

July, 2025

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

August, 2025

06 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

September, 2025

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

October, 2025

01 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

25 (Sat) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: No

November, 2025

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

December, 2025

03 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

06 (Sat) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: Partial

10 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)



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